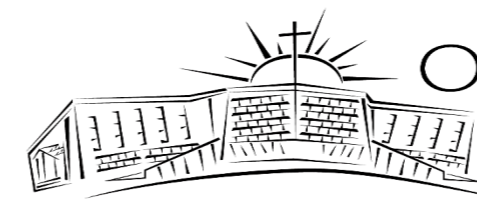


Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 27th October 2019

26/27 October

Acolytes Vigil 8am **John Jordan**
9.30am **Terry Jordan**
Ernie Gartner

Ministers Vigil **David Christian**
8.00am **Jemma Sarmiento**
Fennie Balatbat
9.30am **Suzy Nemorin**

Readers Vigil **Eugene Miu**
Nancy Shami

Altar Servers Vigil **Mariane Descombes, Marinela Simic**
8.00am **Kathy Walker, Priya Joachim**
9.30am **Noel Emmanuel, Rob Simpson**

Musicians Vigil **Alexa Bagatella, Makayla Dalmati,**
8.00am **Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil, Arynan Roy**
9.30am **Chrisha Gonzales, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, VOLUNTEER**
Larissa Leary, Crystal Miretta, Umesh Samara-Sekera, Alexandra Simpson, Mikayla Simpson

Children's Rosary 27 October **2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only**
Morris Family
45 James St, Seven Hills

Flowers 27 October **Priya, Mary B & Annette**

Bookshop Vigil 8am **Greg Edith**
9.30am **Carole**

Morning Tea 9.30am **Couples for Christ**

Church Cleaning 2 Nov **Judith Deloso, Adrian Walker**

Welcomers Vigil 8am **Mary Bonnici, VOLUNTEERS**
9.30am **Helen Gonzales, VOLUNTEERS**
Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS

2/3 November

Acolytes Vigil 8am **Lawrence Falzon**
9.30am **Louis Fernandes**
Ramzee Michael

Ministers Vigil **David Christian, James Dinning,**
Louise La Guidara
8.00am **Christine Menezes, Stefanie Menezes**
Crystal Menezes

Readers 8.00am **Lorrain Fernandes, Ernie Gartner**
9.30am **Anna Bellissimo, Laura Bellissimo**
Vigil **Karen Eleazar, Perpetual Fernandes**
8.00am **Andrew Millar, Kathy Walker**
9.30am **Ian Eponlulan, Ryan Epondulan**

Altar Servers Vigil **Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello,**
8.00am **Yxaak Dino, Jesseline Franco, Alex La Guidara**
9.30am **Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park**

Musicians Vigil 8am **Youth for Christ**
9.30am **Grace Notes**
Christine Clarke

Children's Rosary 3 November **Liturgy**
2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only
Falzon Family
2 Wallpark Ave, Seven Hills

Flowers 3 November **Fenty & Angela**

Bookshop Vigil 8am **VOLUNTEER**
9.30am **VOLUNTEER**
Edmund

Morning Tea 9.30am **Filipino Choir**

Church Cleaning 6 Nov **Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Suzy Nemorin**

Welcomers Vigil **Mariane Descombes, Ram Ugre,**
8am **VOLUNTEER**
9.30am **Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEERS**
Lena Falzon, Maria Michael, VOLUNTEERS

OCTOBER		
28	St Vincent de Paul	7.00pm
30	Tai Chi	10.30am
30	Legion of Mary (This week only Wednesday)	1.30pm
31	Christ Community Prayer group	9.00am
NOVEMBER		
1	All Saint's Day (Exposition, Divine Mercy at 7pm)	8.00am, 9.15am, 7.30pm
2	All Soul's Day	8am
5	Over 50's Melbourne Cup Lunch	10.30am
7	Healing Mass	8am
10	Family Mass	9.30am

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL is currently accepting enrolments. information pack available to download from the school website or contact Beth in the school office on 8869 6800 be-



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Parish Office Email: secretary@olol7hills.org.au
Sacrament Co-Ordinator: Mrs Judy Barden
Catechist Coordinator: Mr Bob McNally 96241015

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Telephone: 9622 2920

Parish Website: www.olol7hills.org.au
Parish School: Our Lady of Lourdes
Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes
Parish Church: 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147

WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am

PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE Monday & Saturday 8am

Church Open Monday-Friday 8.30am-3pm (for prayer and reflection)

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK 1st Thursday of the month at 8am. 7th November 2019

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 20 November 2019 at 7:30pm

YOUTH MASS 1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes Every Friday after 8am Mass until 9am

Exposition, Divine Mercy & Mass 1st Friday of the month 7.00pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS This Sunday 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19 The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.
2nd Reading: St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.

READINGS 3/11/2019 1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2 You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.*

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty ever living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE TO PSALM: *The Lord hears the cry of the poor.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.*

Four2Eight

■ **Junior Youth Group** for kids from year 4 – year 8 ■
Get together with friends from the parish for an hour of faith formation and Fun!!
First Sunday of every month,
After the 9:30am Youth Mass. 10:45-12pm
In the Parish Meeting room

McCarthy Catholic College will be known as Penola Catholic College Emu Plains. In 2020. As you may know, McCarthy Catholic Trade Training Centre will become the McCarthy campus of CathWest Innovation College from 2020. Penola Catholic College will continue to serve students from Year 7 to Year 12 in the Penrith and Lower Mountains areas. Further information about enrolments can be made through the College on (02) 4728 8100.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? WELCOME!

If you would like to register with our parish or receive a visit from Fr Henry or a parishioner, please give your name and contact number to Fr Henry after Mass or contact the parish office on 9622 2920

or email secretary@olol7hills.org.au. We look forward to hearing from you!



Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, Frank Azzopardi, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Maureen Daley, Paul Daniel, Andrew Fedrigo, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Rosalinda Marcelo, Maria V, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace & Rommel Panlilio, Debra Price, Rose & Tony Stambouliah, Josette Sultana, Denis Symon, Sue Tipaldo.

If you would like to add to our Sick List or know of any Parishioner that is unwell please contact Father Henry or the Parish Office on 9622 2920. We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Deacon Robert (Bob) Carroll, Lawrence Apap, Jovy Blando, Leslie D'Souza, VA Francis, Letitia Haines, Gordon McLandsborough, Denis Morrissey, Joseph Oliveira, Romeo Magada-Palmos, Roseline Ratnam, Maria Lorena Troncoso, Lucille Alexandrine Wilson, Adriano Zunatta.

Anniversaries: France Angseesing, Toni Attard, Mary Cini, Maria, Gasper & Reggie Dalgado, Lourdes F de Venecia, Lazaro C Fernandez, Evangelina Garcia, Vicki Glashower, Herbert McKertich, Pauline Meilak, Wilfredo Mendoza, Bertu Mula, Joseph Nguyen, Don Slater, Roy Barney, Brian Rolfe

Remembrance: Elvina & Giovanni Barnaba, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul, Simone, Cyril, Nevis Fernando, Patrick John Fischer, Sheena Landagan, Sharon & John Lawrence, Tomasa Maepayo, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Manuel Mendiola, Lourda & Anton Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Felix & Andriana Muscat, Josephine, Charles, Mary & Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Milica Petrunic, Amalia & Dominga Usman.

PRAYER TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS

O God, bless my dealings with all those I encounter this day. Teach me to greet everything that occurs with peace of soul and the firm conviction that your will governs everything. Instruct me to act with firmness and wisdom, without embittering others or embarrassing them. Grant me the strength to endure the weariness of the approaching day, and all that comes with it. Teach me to pray.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 2110.00
Loose \$ 1031.00
TOTAL \$ 3150.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PARISH PROJECTS

As part of our efforts to raise funds to meet the costs of Parish maintenance and improvements, all members of our parish are invited to join a Direct Debit program by donating the cost of a cup of coffee or a glass of beer either weekly, fortnightly or monthly for this good cause. Keep in mind that though we have some limited funds, we have to meet a long list of costs, including the carpark, the Olive St. pathway, our buildings and properties.

Please add a reference of "Donation". Banking details are below:

DIRECT DEPOSIT:

BSB: 067 950;
Account Number 000552;
Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

A way out

If the years of your youth are to serve their purpose in life, they must be a time of generous commitment, whole-hearted dedication, and sacrifices that are difficult but ultimately fruitful. As a great poet put it:

"If to regain what I regained,
I first had to lose what I lost;
If to achieve what I achieved,
I had to endure what I endured;
If to be in love now
First I had to be hurt,
I consider what I suffered well suffered,
I consider what I wept for as well wept for.
Because in the end I came to see
That we do not really enjoy what we enjoyed
Unless we have suffered for it.
For in the end I realized
That the blossoms on the tree
Draw life from what lies buried beneath".

If you are young in years, but feel weak, weary or disillusioned, ask Jesus to renew you. With him, hope never fails. You can do the same if you feel overwhelmed by vices, bad habits, selfishness or unhealthy pastimes. Jesus, brimming with life, wants to help you make your youth worthwhile. In this way, you will not deprive the world of the contribution that you alone can make, in all your uniqueness and originality.

Yet let me also remind you that, "when we live apart from others, it is very difficult to fight against concupiscence, the snares and temptations of the devil, and the selfishness of the world. Bombarded as we are by so many enticements, we can grow too isolated, lose our sense of reality and inner clarity, and easily succumb". This is especially the case with young people, for whenever you are united, you have marvellous strength. Whenever you are enthused about life in common, you are capable of great sacrifices for others and for the community. Isolation, on the other hand, saps our strength and exposes us to the worst evils of our time..

[Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, CHRISTUS VIVIT —to the young people and the entire people of God]



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Recently I read a beautiful story shared by a Vietnamese bishop about a conversation between a Catholic priest and a Buddhist monk, who happened to sit next to each other at an Inter-faiths meeting.



While listening to talks, the monk's hands never stopped rolling his Buddhist beads, and his clergy neighbor was thinking that his friend kept on praying and paying no intention to the speaker.

Anyway, during the break, they were engaged into a chat about into prayer, very typical of religious people! The monk started asking the priest, 'I just wonder how you people pray?' 'There were times I prayed to God through my Masses, said the priest, and other times I used my Rosary beads to pray just like you.' 'Oh no, you got it wrong, the monk tried to explain, these beads are not for praying. They are just a tool to keep me remain focused on the present moment.' What a great idea that we, I think, can adapt it by turning our Rosary beads into a twofold object, both as a traditional prayer medium and a self-awareness object to remind us of the present moment when we pray.

In the context of prayer, Jesus brilliantly utilizes two contrast images of a Pharisee and a tax collector to highlight two different ways of prayer: one is pleasing to God and the other is not.

It is helpful to keep in mind that Pharisees often regarded themselves holy and righteous, and tended to look down on

others, especially tax collectors, whom they considered as sinners for their collaboration with the Romans in collecting taxes for them and pocketing the extra for themselves, and they became filthy rich, of course.

The way the Pharisee sings praise of himself as a perfect human being before God speaks volumes about who he really is, that he is everything, but someone who is in God's favour.

On the contrary, the tax collector sincerely beats his chest from the distance, have no courage to look up to heaven, and humbly makes the confession that he truly is a sinner and really in need of God's mercy. Jesus has nothing but praises him as the one, who 'went home again at rights with God', while the Pharisee fails to have it.

Jesus then concludes the story with the rule of thumb, that the self-exalted will be humbled, and the humble exalted. So, today, let us embrace the message about humility that Jesus encourages us to take up in the Gospel, and bring that humble spirit into our prayer, and hope that those humble prayers we bring before God will help to gain us credits and favour with God as the tax collector of old did.

Have a meek-filled week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

MASSES FOR THE FEASTS OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

Friday 1st November - All Saints: 8am, 9.15am & 7.30pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 7pm
Saturday 2nd November – All Souls: 8am & 6pm Vigil as usual.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2019

All our parishioners are invited to join members of the Parish Pastoral Council in a meeting on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. This meeting aims (1) to create a listening and discernment forum on the six themes coming out from the first phrase of Plenary Council 2020, and (2) to help our Parish Pastoral Council mapping out a Pastoral Plan for our Faith community based on recent feedbacks from our parishioners. Please put your name down on the clipboard for registration.

Social Justice Group meeting in Parish meeting room this Sunday 27th October 12:30pm. Thank you to all who participated and attended Cultural Fusion. It was a great event full of fun and \$200 raised for cancer council.

LEGION of MARY Meeting Will be held next week on Wednesday October 30th in the Parish Meeting Room at 1.30pm. All welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING 2020: extra volunteers are urgently required to help clean the church for one hour, on a Wednesday, Thursday OR a Saturday, once a month. Many of our cleaners have been cleaning the church for over 15 years and are unable to continue doing so. Please contact Mary Jordan on 0447 676 371 if you can assist.



Five Hours with Nuns Discernment Retreat:

9 November The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are offering a discernment retreat "Five Hours with Nuns" for women aged 18 to 35 at the Holy Spirit Convent, Plumpton on 9 November at 3pm. This retreat is one-to-one encounter and includes prayer times, talks and accompaniment. To RSVP, contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or vocationscsfn@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN NEWS



A Profoundly Rewarding Mission

Palms is preparing our latest mission applicants at our January Orientation course and there are five places left for parishioners who can share their skills in an overseas community next year and beyond. This is a great opportunity to life our faith in response to the mission call as expressed by Pope Francis and Bishop Vincent.

"Our Church supports those who take up a global mission placement in these ways:

1. The Diocese will support the preparation costs of its participants at Palms' Orientation course and a re-entry weekend on their return from mission placement.
2. Catholic Bishops support a Lay Missionary Gratuity Fund that provides a payment of \$2,500 for each year one is on this mission.
3. Catholic schools offer great support and benefits to teachers giving up to two years for this mission. Teachers should talk with Palms about the details."

Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! There are five places left on Palms Australia's January 4th – 12th Orientation Course. You must apply now for a [position](#) beginning any time in 2020.

Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F). palms.org.au

Listening & Discernment Plenary 2020 Opportunities

provided by the Central Deanery Pastoral Council The Central Deanery Pastoral Council has offered three opportunities for members of our Parishes to be involved in this very important activity of our Australian Church. The following two opportunities are still available at:

Mary Queen of the Family Parish (St Patricks Church) 2nd November commencing at 6:30pm for 7:00pm
Plumpton The Good Shepherd Parish 16th November commencing at 7:00pm for 7:30pm

More details of your local opportunity will be provided in appropriate time, but you are welcome to attend any of these sessions. Where mass times are appropriate, you are invited to attend Mass and then proceed to the discernment opportunities.

Contact Bill Ryan 96363120/0408613281 or Danielle Gardner 0414607180 for more detail

National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people

affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

Alpha Program Weekend Training: 8-10 November

The Pastoral Planning Office is running a training course in the Alpha Catholic program at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. A sample Alpha evening will be held on Friday 8 November from 7pm to 9pm, before full-day training sessions on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be provided. To register, and for more information, please contact Lisa in the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3497 or lisa.bright@parracatholic.org