

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."

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 3rd November 2019

2/3 November

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

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

Readers 9.30am **Anna Bellissimo, Laura Bellissimo**
Vigil **Karen Eleazar, Perpetual Fernandes**
8.00am **Andrew Millar, Kathy Walker**

Altar Servers 9.30am **Ian Eponlulan, Ryan Epondulan**
Vigil **Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello,**
Yxaak Dino, Jesseline Franco, Alex La
Guidara
8.00am **Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park**
9.30am **Sofia Culili, Eric Da, Victor Da, Diya**
Dsouza, Rynan Michael

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

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

Flowers 3 **Fenty & Angela**
November

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

Morning Tea 9.30am **Filipino Choir**
Church **Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Suzy**
Cleaning 6 Nov **Nemorin**

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

9/10 November

Acolytes Vigil 8am **John Jordan**
9.30am **Eugene Miu**
VOLUNTEER

Ministers Vigil 8.00am **Cathy Hutchings**
Charmaine Jansz
Fennie Balatbat
Edith Gartner
Helen Gonzales
Anne McNally
Bob McNally
Maricel Santos
9.30am **Mercy Aquina**
Artelle Lenthall

Readers Vigil **Marinela Simic, Alison Punch**
8.00am **Erika Hien, pepito Ferriols**
9.30am **Anna Lopeti, Kamela Huihui**

Altar Servers Vigil **Alexander Bateman-Paul, Caron Cyril,**
Noah Ebb, Alex La Guidara, Jayden
Rambukwella
8.00am **Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg, Lewis**
Savic
9.30am **Chole Attard, Carl Gallema, Marc**
Gallema, Ashley-Louise Tenn, Daniel Tenn

Musicians Vigil 8am **Magnificat**
9.30am **Lolesio Choir**
LOLOL School

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Rosary 10 **Milicevic Family**
November **10 Grantham Road, Seven Hills**

Flowers 10 **Lucinda & Orlindo**
November

Bookshop Vigil 8am **Marinela**
9.30am **Edith**
Fenty Saputra

Morning Tea 9.30am **Malayalee Community**
Church 14 Nov **Elodia Colussi, Elizabeth Mead**
Cleaning

Welcomers Vigil 8am **Judith Deloso, VOLUNTEERS**
9.30am **Annette Peatman, VOLUNTEERS**
VOLUNTEERS

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

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am

PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE Monday & Saturday 8am

Church Open 8.30am-3pm
Monday-Friday (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: Wisdom 11:22-12:2
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.
The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.
The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

READINGS 10/11/2019

1st Reading: Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.
May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.
He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!*

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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: *I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.*

DIOCESAN NEWS

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

Reflection Day for Women: 23 November

Preparing our hearts for Advent - Reflection Day for Women. Saturday 23 November 9.30am – 3.00 pm. Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Facilitator: Sr Mary Louise. Cost \$25 BYO own lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Take some time out for prayer and reflection! To register or for more information info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone: 4773 8338.



NOVEMBER		
3	Four2Eight. Jr Youth Group	10.45am
4	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
4	St Vincent de Paul (1 st and 3 rd Mondays)	7.00pm
5	Over 50's Melbourne Cup Lunch	10.30am
6	Tai Chi	10.30am
7	Healing Mass	8.00am
7	Christ Community Prayer group	9.00am
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 between 8.30am-3.30pm Mon to Fri.

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@lol7hills.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: Lawrence Apap, Jovy Blando, Deacon Robert (Bob) Carroll, Leslie D'Souza, Shanti & Ferrol Fernando, VA Francis, Mary & Frank Gatt, Letitia Haines, Gordon McLandsborough, Denis Morrissey, Joseph Oliveira, Romeo Magada-Palmos, Roseline Ratnam, Lois Ray, Maria Lorena Troncoso, Lucille Alexandrine Wilson, Adriano Zunatta.

Anniversaries: Samuel Cavallaro, France Anseesing, Toni Attard, Eduardo Aure, Carolina Borg, Mary Cini, Gina Albert Felino, Maria, Gasper & Reggie Dalgado, Lourdes F de Venecia, Lazaro C Fernandez, Evangeline Garcia, Vicki Glashower, Martha Joseph, Herbert McKertich, Pauline Meilak, Wilfredo Mendoza, Bertu Mula, Joseph Nguyen, John Portello, Brian Rolfe, Jose Sanchez, Don Slater, Carmena Vella, Aloysius Welangoda, John Spiteri.

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, 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 \$ 1713.00
Loose \$ 648.00
TOTAL \$ 2461.00
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;

FROM POPE FRANCIS CHAPTER FOUR

A great message for all young people
Putting all else aside, I now wish to speak to young people about what is essential, the one thing we should never keep quiet about. It is a message containing three great truths that all of us need constantly to keep hearing.



A God who is love
The very first truth I would tell each of you is this: "God loves you". It makes no difference whether you have already heard it or not. I want to remind you of it. God loves you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen to you in life. At every moment, you are infinitely loved.

Perhaps your experience of fatherhood has not been the best. Your earthly father may have been distant or absent, or harsh and domineering. Or maybe he was just not the father you needed. I don't know. But what I can tell you, with absolute certainty, is that you can find security in the embrace of your heavenly Father, of the God who first gave you life and continues to give it to you at every moment. He will be your firm support, but you will also realize that he fully respects your freedom.

In God's word, we find many expressions of his love. It is as if he tried to find different ways of showing that love, so that, with one of them at least, he could touch your heart. For example, there are times when God speaks of himself as an affectionate father who plays with his children: "I led them with cords of compassion, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks" (Hos 11:4).

At other times, he speaks of himself as filled with the love of a mother whose visceral love for her children makes it impossible for her to neglect or abandon them: "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you" (Is 49:15).

He even compares himself to a lover who goes so far as to write his beloved on the palm of his hands, to keep her face always before him: "See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands!" (Is 49:6).

At other times, he emphasizes the strength and steadfastness of his invincible love: "For the mountains may depart, and the hills be shaken, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be shaken" (Is 54:10).

Or he tells us that we have been awaited from eternity, for it was not by chance that we came into this world: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you" (Jer 31:3).

Or he lets us know that he sees in us a beauty that no one else can see: "For you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you" (Is 43:4).

Or he makes us realize that his love is not cheerless, but pure joy, welling up whenever we allow ourselves to be loved by him: "The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory. He will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing" (Zeph 3:17).

For him, you have worth; you are not insignificant. You are important to him, for you are the work of his hands. That is why he is concerned about you and looks to you with affection. "Trust the memory of God: his memory is not a 'hard disk' that 'saves' and 'archives' all our data. His memory is a heart filled with tender compassion, one that finds joy in 'deleting' from us every trace of evil".[63] He does not keep track of your failings and he always helps you learn something even from your mistakes. Because he loves you. Try to keep still for a moment and let yourself feel his love. Try to silence all the noise within, and rest for a second in his loving embrace.

His is "a love that does not overwhelm or oppress, cast aside

or reduce to silence, humiliate or domineer. It is the love of the Lord, a daily, discreet and respectful love; a love that is free and freeing, a love that heals and raises up. The love of the Lord has to do more with raising up than knocking down, with reconciling than forbidding, with offering new changes than condemning, with the future than the past".[64]
When he asks something of you, or simply makes you face life's challenges, he is hoping that you will make room for him to push you, to help you grow. He does not get upset if you share your questions with him. He is concerned when you don't talk to him, when you are not open to dialogue with him. The Bible tells us that Jacob fought with God (cf. Gen 32:25-31), but that did not keep him from persevering in his journey. The Lord himself urges us: "Come, let us argue it out" (Is 1:18). His love is so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue. Seek the closeness of our heavenly Father in the loving face of his courageous witnesses on earth!

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

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

For two weeks in a row, we have two Gospel accounts dealing with the same scriptural character, who could be the least popular to Jesus' contemporary, namely tax collectors. Last week, Jesus singled out the tax collector, who he saw praying in the temple as a man at rights with God when he returned home from the place of worship, and this week, Zacchaeus is honored with his visitation to bring him salvation for his true repentance from a sinful past. In Jesus' time, tax collectors were unpopular within the community, because they didn't simply work for the Romans as their collaborators to fill up the empire's coffer, and worse, had they even made themselves rich with throat - cutting extra charge. It's worth to keep in mind Luke's description of Zacchaeus, that 'he was one of the senior tax collector and a wealthy man.'



These tax collectors of old remind me very much of modern day tax men back in my native country, who have been the nightmares to lot of people, especially those in the business world, for their power to pardon or charge due to the lack of transparency of the tax system. A few business men told me that sometimes they were called by tax officials to get up from sleep to join their party at night just for one reason, which was to pick up the bill. We are truly blessed, because such a story has never happened in this land.

This Gospel story, in no doubt, highlights two important points: number one, Jesus came to save us all, particularly sinners, and number two, sinners must have no fear but trust in Him, because they have a special place in his merciful heart, and are capable of being saved by his grace. Perhaps, due to this twofold nature, this Gospel has been widely used in lot of celebrations of Reconciliation in the Church worldwide, since it helps people both to reflect well upon God's forgiving love, and to have the courage to ask for it. Inspired by this profound Gospel today, let us give praise and thanks to God for his love and mercy, and pray that as sinners in this vale of tears, we will always treasure his forgiving grace given to us through the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the I Confess we pray every time at Mass.

Have a mercy-filled week.
Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

BOOK OF ETERNAL LIFE IN THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE. Please remember to enter the book of Eternal life the names of all the deceased you like to pray for throughout this month of November. It is placed at the baptismal font before Mass for your registration, and moved to the front of the Altar during Mass.

THE LAST LETTER OF ST MARTYR, JEAN THEOPHANE VENARD, The letter dated 20 Jan 1861 was originally penned by St Venard to his father from a prison cell in Vietnam, while waiting for his execution to come. Danh Vo, the renown installation artist, Vietnamese born and Danish educated, discovered it during his residency in Paris in 2009, and has endeavoured to bring it back to life as an art object by commissioning Phung Vo, his Dad to calligraphically transcribe it under the title, 2.2.1861, the date of St Venard's martyrdom.

Copies of 2.2.1861 are displayed on our church wall throughout November this year to remind us of our inseparable connection with those who have gone before us through the bond of the Communion of Saints.

Let us reflect upon the multiple connections between St Venard and his Dad, between Danh Vo and his Dad, and between us and the martyr, and so on, while reading the letter, and pray that it may help to enhance our prayer for those who have gone before us.

Lourdes Over 50's next meeting on Tuesday 5 November (Melbourne Cup Day) will be held in the Parish Hall from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm. Please bring a plate for shared lunch. Parishioners are welcome to join us. Bring your party hats and join in the sweeps for the horses. Please finalise payment for the Christmas lunch (21 Nov) and the Pittwater Cruise and RSL lunch (2 Dec) at this meeting.

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.

LEGION of MARY Meeting Will be held next week on **Wednesday** November 6th in the Parish Meeting Room at 1.30pm. All welcome.

Four2Eight Jr. Youth Group is on today (Sun 3rd Nov) In the Parish meeting room after the 9.30am Mass.

Carmelite Nuns from Goonellabah, have recently designed a vocation brochure to give people an idea of their life and charism and to provide information to those who may be discerning a vocation to the religious life. Brochures are available at the back of our Church.

November Mass Donation Envelopes can be placed in Collection plate during mass or brought to the parish office. Please do not put in Parish Letterbox.

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. For more information, please contact Mary Jordan on 0447 676 371

