

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."*

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 10th November 2019

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

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

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

**Children's** Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only

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

**Flowers** 10 November Lucinda & Orlindo

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

**Morning Tea** 9.30am Malayalee Community

**Church Cleaning** 14 Nov Elodia Colussi, Elizabeth Mead

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

**16/17 November**

**Acolytes** Vigil 8am Derick Soares  
9.30am Louis Fernandes  
**SWAP REQ**

**Ministers** Vigil 8.00am Jemma Sarmiento  
Rosey Soares  
Andrew Millar  
**SWAP REQ**

**Readers** Vigil 9.30am Barbara Chandler  
Paul Gow  
Dawn Manamperi  
Carole Brooks  
David Christian, Mariane Descombes  
8.00am Priya Joachim, Benno Motha  
9.30am Maricel Santos, Megan Michael

**Altar Servers** Vigil 8.00am Majerin Pieris, Zachary Osborne, Thomas  
9.30am Osborne, Christian Milicevic, Dominic  
Sant  
8.00am Chrisha Gonzales, Jayden Cortis  
9.30am Samuel Thoms, Crystal Miretta, Larissa  
Leary, Saoires Costello, Sebastian Costello

**Musicians** Vigil 8am Deanne  
9.30am Couples for Christ  
Folk Group

**Children's** Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only

**Rosary** 17 November Menezes Family  
39 Winnipeg St, Seven hills

**Flowers** 17 November Fennie & Angela

**Bookshop** Vigil 8am Mariane Christian  
9.30am Shelia  
Erika Hien

**Morning Tea** 9.30am Parish Pastoral Council

**Church Cleaning** 14 Nov Elodia Colussi & Elizabeth Mead

**Welcomers** Vigil 8am Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS  
9.30am Olivia Cortis, Joyce Hilbrick, Chandra  
Sampanthan  
Kathy Chamberlain, VOLUNTEERS

NOVEMBER		
10	Family Mass	9.30am
13	Tai Chi	10.30am
13	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
14	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
14	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
18	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7pm

**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

**TAI CHI & QIGONG** for health and well being  
Wednesday 10:30-11.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. Cost:\$10.



**Parish Priest:** Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran  
**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Bathista Emmanuel 0405833655  
**Parish Office Team:** Mrs Erika Hien, Alison Issanchon  
Kim Dang, Sarah Lenthall  
**Parish Office Email:** secretary@olol7hills.org.au  
**Sacrament Co-Ordinator:** Mrs Judy Barden  
**Catechist Coordinator:** Mr Bob McNally 96241015

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday:** 9am - 3.00pm  
**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: Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14  
The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5  
May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38  
He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

**READINGS 17/11/2019**

1st Reading : Malachi 3: 19-20  
The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19  
Your endurance will win you your life.

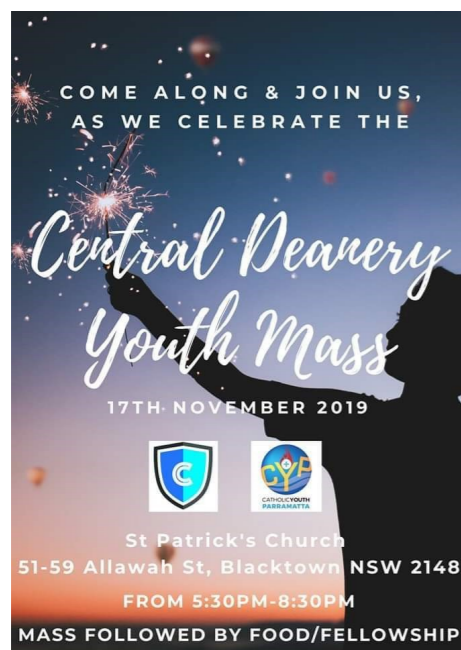
**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.. 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:** *Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.*



**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, Nazzareno Gatt.

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, Roseline Ratnam, YA Francis, Shanti Fernando, Errol Fernando.

**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., Natalia Prahinog, Carolina Borg, Jesurade Adin.

**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, Lourda Motha, Lakshman Perera.

### 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 \$ 2446.00**  
**Loose \$ 676.00**  
**TOTAL \$ 3122.00**  
**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 CHAPTER FOUR

#### Christ saves you

The second great truth is that Christ, out of love, sacrificed himself completely in order to save you. His outstretched arms on the cross are the most telling sign that he is a friend who is willing to stop at nothing: "Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1).

Saint Paul said that his life was one of complete trust in that self-sacrificing love: "I now live by faith in the Son of God who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20)

The same Christ who, by his cross, saved us from our sins, today continues to save and redeem us by the power of his total self-surrender. Look to his cross, cling to him, let him save you, for "those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness". And if you sin and stray far from him, he will come to lift you up by the power of his cross. Never forget that "he forgives us seventy times seven. Time and time again, he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love. With a tenderness that never disappoints but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew".

"We are saved by Jesus because he loves us and cannot go against his nature. We can do any number of things against him, yet he loves us and he saves us. For only what is loved can be saved. Only what is embraced can be transformed. The Lord's love is greater than all our problems, frailties and flaws. Yet it is precisely through our problems, frailties and flaws that he wants to write this love story. He embraced the prodigal son, he embraced Peter after his denials, and he always, always, always embraces us after every fall, helping us to rise and get back on our feet. Because the worst fall, and pay attention to this, *the worst fall, the one that can ruin our lives, is when we stay down and do not allow ourselves to be helped up*"

His forgiveness and salvation are not something we can buy, or that we have to acquire by our own works or efforts. He forgives us and sets us free without cost. His self-sacrifice on the cross is so great that we can never repay it, but only receive it with immense gratitude and with the joy of being more greatly loved than we could ever imagine: "He loved us first" (1 Jn 4:19).

Young people, beloved of the Lord, how valuable must you be if you were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ! Dear young people, "you are priceless! You are not up for sale! Please, do not let yourselves be bought. Do not let yourselves be seduced. Do not let yourselves be enslaved by forms of ideological colonization that put ideas in your heads, with the result that you end up becoming slaves, addicts, failures in life. You are priceless. You must repeat this always: I am not up for sale; I do not have a price. I am free! Fall in love with this freedom, which is what Jesus offers".

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

### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

After a presentation about astronomy not long ago, I asked the speaker about the stand of scientists working in this field in regard to the question of God's existence, and his answer was that there has been a mixed response. Some have their faith in God strengthened due to their findings, and others have gone to the opposite way. I am no scientist, but I am confident to utter that what our



science has got so far is just a discovery of elements out there, which have been created by the One we call God. I wonder whether it makes real sense for them to claim that, since it is quite childish. Our scientists, I think, are no more than children playing the Treasure Hunting game, for all what they have done is more or less like kids proudly show other children piece and pieces of treasures they found hidden by parents in the garden. It's totally naive and wrong for them to claim that the treasures have been there by themselves with no parental works.

In the Gospel this week, the Saducees, who had no belief in the next life obviously were very childish and over confident for thinking that they could beat Jesus with the fancy story about a woman, who, according to Moses' law, was eligible to marry all seven brothers due to their deaths, and their trump question to Jesus was to whom of those seven brothers the woman will belong to wife.

From a human perspective, such a question seemed to be quite thorny to deal with, since no judge would satisfy seven brothers for their claim to be her lawful husband, but Jesus was quick to let them know that what is going to happen in the post resurrection life will be beyond what they think, consequently it is useless to apply what they experience here and now to that. Jesus makes it very clear that things will not be the same, because those to be given a membership of that world known as heaven to us shall be like the angels and enjoy an endless life.

As Jesus' disciples, we believe in the resurrection and the life to come, and profess it at every Sunday Mass, let pray that this earthly and passing life of ours today may help prepare us to gain membership for the coming life Jesus has promised to us, the one that will never ever end.

In the spirit of the communion of Saints, let us also offer our special prayers before God for all the souls throughout this month, pray that they shall soon be given a share in the world of the resurrection

Have a heavenly-oriented 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.

**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.**

**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.



### 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

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



No CHILDRENS LITURGY of THE WORD today, (2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month)

### HAVE YOU VISITED OUR PARISH WEBSITE LATELY??

Our parish website is updated regularly with news and upcoming events - everything from youth news to social justice to Mass times, bulletins, hall hire information and much more - a great way to stay up to date with what's on in our parish! Visit [www.olol7hills.org.au](http://www.olol7hills.org.au)



### DIOCESAN NEWS

#### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM EVENT

**Aim:** To advocate for Religious freedom in Australia.

**When:** Monday November 18, 2019

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Bowman Hall, 35 Campbell St, Blacktown.

**Speakers:** Michelle Rowland MP, John Anderson, Michael Quinlan, John Steenhof, and Rev Mark Tough hosting.

**Requirement:** An entry ticket, participants can get from <https://www.trybooking.com/BFRMK>



#### Walk with Christ: 24 November

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the

Feast of Christ The King on Sunday 24 November at 2.30pm. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city.

Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24. More details through the

Archdiocese of Sydney.

#### 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](http://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](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or phone: 4773 8338.

