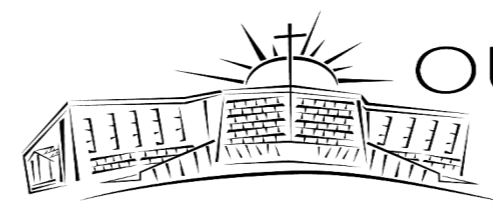


Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass.

25/26 January
Acolytes Vigil 8am Ernie Gartner
 9.30am Terry Jordan
 VOLUNTEER
Ministers Vigil 8.00am Abel Do Rosario, Michael Mifsud
 9.30am Anne McNally, Bob McNally
 Mercy Aquino, Adrian Walker
Readers Vigil 8.00am Jemma Sarmiento, Noreen Rosario
 9.30am Maricel Santos, Priya Joachim
 VOLUNTEER, Stefanie Menezes
Altar Servers Vigil 8.00am Juan Burgess, Cassandra Laus, Lucas Laus
 9.30am Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Ethan Neish,
 Jayda-Leigh Neish
 Cloe Attard, Mary-Rose Mejalli, Diana
 Park, Philip Park, Sean Park
Musicians Vigil 8am Fr Henry
 9.30am Fr Henry
 Maria Balatbat
Children's Liturgy School Term ONLY
Rosary Rosary Stambouliah Family
 18 Oakwood Road, Toongabbie
Flowers Priya, Mary B & Annette
Bookshop Vigil 8am Greg
 9.30am Edith
 Carole
Morning Tea 9.30am Couples for Christ
Church Cleaning 1st Feb Judith Deloso, Adrian Walker, Andrew
 Fedrigo, Cicilia Hoo
Welcomers Vigil 8am Mary Bonnici, John Jordan, Ram Ugre
 9.30am Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEER, Joyce Hillbrick
 VOLUNTEERS

1/2 February
Acolytes Vigil 8am 9.30am Abel Do Rosario
 Terry Jordan
 (Noel Emmanuel-Swap request)
Ministers Vigil 8.00am James Dinnin, Louise La Guidara
 Christine Menezes
 Benno Motha, Jemma Sariento
 Marinela Simic
 9.30am Winnie Marcello, Anne McNally
 Jeanine Nonanto, Erika Hien
Readers Vigil 8.00am Stefanie Menezes, Crystal Menezes
 9.30am Marciel Santos, Bob McNally
 Megan Michael, Ian Epondulan
Altar Servers Vigil 8.00am Shaun Baptist, Chrisha Gonzales,
 Alex La Guidara, Caitlyn Rambukwella,
 Ruby Sultana
 9.30am Jayden Cortis, Zachary Osborne,
 Thomas Osborne
 9.30am Victor Da, Erica Da, Larissa Leary
 Ashely-Louise Tenn, (D.Tenn -Swap Req)
Musicians Vigil 8am Youth For Christ
 9.30am Grace Notes
 Christine Clarke
 (16th Febraury)
Children's Liturgy HuiHui Family
 69 Seven Hills Rd, Seven Hills
Rosary Fenty & Mimi
Flowers Vigil 8am Volunteer
 9.30am Suzy Nemorin
 Edmund
 Tongan Choir
Church Cleaning 5th Feb Judith Deloso, Adrian Walker, Andrew
 Fedrigo, Cicilia Hoo
Welcomers Vigil 8am John Jordon, Helen Gonzales, Judith
 Deloso
 9.30am Olivia Cortis, Joyce Hillbrick, Annette
 Peatman
 Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A • 26 January 2020 •



WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil 6pm
 Sunday 8am & 9.30am
WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am
PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE Monday & Saturday 8am
RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30pm-5.30pm
Church Open Monday-Friday 8.30am-3pm
 (for prayer and reflection)
HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK
 1st Thursday of the month at 8am. **6th February 2020**
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 18th March 2020 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
 Friday 7 February 2020 7.00 pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS 1st Reading : Isaiah 8:23-9:3
 26/1/2020 In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.
 Australia Day 2nd Reading : 1 Cor.1:10-13, 17;
 I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you
 Gospel : Matthew 14 ;12-23 He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.
READINGS 1st Reading : Malachi 3:1-4
 02/02/2020 The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple
 Presentation 2nd Reading : Hebrews 2:14-18
 Of the Lord He had to b made like us in all things.
 Gospel : Luke 2:22-40 My eyes have seen your saving power.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty and ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works.
 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 is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

CAN YOU HELP? We are in need of volunteers to assist with Morning Tea after the 9.30am Mass. March 29th, May 31st, August 30th, & Nov 29th. If you can help please contact the Parish Office 96222920 / secretary@olol7hills.org.au

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!!
Next Sunday 2nd February
 After the 9:30am Youth Mass.10:45-12pm
 Int he Parish Meeting room

JANUARY 2020		
26	Australia Day	
28	School Resumes	
29	Music Liturgy Meeting	7.30pm
30	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
30	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
FEBRUARY		
1	Men's Group Meeting	8.30am
2	Four2Eight	10.45am
3	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
6	Healing Mass	8.00am

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, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace & Rommel Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, 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: Neville J Byrnes, Maureen Thelma Carter, John D'Silva, Shanti Fernando, Bhanu Padmasiri, Jim Vella Lucille Alexandrine Wilson.

Anniversaries: Sashin Patrick, Fredy Alphonse, John Bonello, Rosario Cabasa, Dennis Clarke, MA Fernando, Benjamin Gonzales Jnr, Mary & George Joseph, Anton Motha, Stephen & Louis Anton & Paul Mula, Teresa Bui Thi Muoi, Fr Bill O'Connor, Elizabeth Pinter, Gena, Albert, Abet & Felini Randall, Roseline Ratnam, Elena Zoratto Cini & Mangiong Families, Elizabeth Caruana,

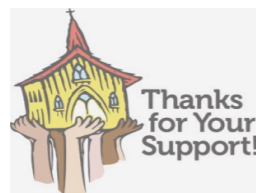
Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul & Josephine Borg, Paul & Simon Cyril, Sinfarosa Dias, Bonosa Enfesto, VA Francis, Roderick Garcia, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, William & Emilia Mifsud, Lourda Motha, Louis Mula, Felix, Adriana, Josephine, Charles, Mary & Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Vlado Petrunic, Rosaline Ratnam, Amalia & Dominga Usman, Joe & Anne Menezes., Joy Vella

PRAYER FOR DEVOTION TO THE HOLY NAME

Oh Jesus, grant to me and those I love, as well as to all the faithful the grace of eternal salvation through your holy name. Bestow on us a most ardent love for you that will imprint your sacred name upon our hearts. May it be always in our minds and frequently on our lips, that it may be our defence in temptation, our refuge in danger, and our consolation and support in the hour of death, Amen.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 2018.00
Loose \$ 944.00
TOTAL \$ 2962.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



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.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

Paths of fraternity

Your spiritual growth is expressed above all by your growth in fraternal, generous and merciful love. Saint Paul prayed: "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all" (1 Thes 3:12). How wonderful it would be to experience this "ecstasy" of coming out of ourselves and seeking the good of others, even to the sacrifice of our lives. There are times when all our youthful energy, dreams and enthusiasm can flag because we are tempted to dwell on ourselves and our problems, our hurt feelings and our grievances. Don't let this happen to you! You will grow old before your time. Each age has its beauty, and the years of our youth need to be marked by shared ideals, hopes and dreams, great horizons that we can contemplate together. God loves the joy of young people. He wants them especially to share in the joy of fraternal communion, the sublime joy felt by those who share with others, for "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). Fraternal love multiplies our ability to experience joy, since it makes us rejoice in the good of others: "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" (Rom 12:15). May your youthful spontaneity increasingly find expression in fraternal love and a constant readiness to forgive, to be generous, and to build community. As an African proverb says: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together". Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of fraternity

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

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

232 years have gone by, since Governor Arthur Phillip landed at Port Jackson and raised the flag of Great Britain at Sydney Cove to mark the beginning of the European settlement in this land, where many local custodians had been taking care of for thousands of years. This weekend we pause and reflect upon such a very significant moment of our country paying respect to the pioneers both local and overseas, who had enriched this country in many ways.

While Governor Phillip was busy settling in with his entourage in the first fleet on 26 January 1788, I am sure he wasn't aware of a massive battle between the Chinese soldiers of Qianlong Emperor and the 60 thousand-men army led by a Vietnamese farmer called Nguyen Hue taking place around the same time in the North of Vietnam. Hue took the invaders by total surprise due to his decision to skip the traditional Lunar New Year celebration of 1788. He started the offensive right on the New Year instead, and reaped the sweetest result of a big success in wiping out of Vietnam the entire foreign army in such a short time.

I can't help highlight these two events this weekend, because not often we have our Australia Day and the Lunar New Year almost coincide with each other. Just like the rest of the world, the seed of Christian faith did follow the footsteps of Christians to come, grow and bear fruits both in Vietnam and Australia, and this evangelical mission, perhaps, began with Jesus' call of the first disciples to help bring the light of faith to all people and nations as we see in the Gospel story this Sunday.

Here Matthew recalls the moments when Jesus offered Peter, Andrew, James and John the invitation to join him in a new way of life that he called 'fishers of men', and all four of them had no hesitation to do so.



In fact, they were keen to be of Jesus team, as they left their families, their boats, their nets, their fish, and all at once to start their new journey with the Lord.

The disciples' call of old, perhaps, reminds us all of our call to share the light of Jesus, the light of our Christian faith with all dwellers in this land today. We are called to make Jesus proud in this country by our exemplary lives, by the ways we say and do things all bore the marks of his signature teachings, the ones of love and humble service.

Let us commit ourselves to make Jesus always proud of us as his true disciples in this land by the way we genuinely care and humble serve each other.

Have a happy Australia Day and a wonderful Lunar New Year.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

YEAR OF THE RAT On this joyful occasion of the Lunar New Year of the Rat, I would like to wish everyone a New Year full of joy and happiness. May the Lord always bless you all and keep you ever proud and faithful disciples of his.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, PARISH FEAST DAY

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, our Parish feast day is approaching, and this year we are going to celebrate it on Sunday 9 February at our 9.30am Mass. Please bring along a plate for a special Morning Tea after Mass.

Mens' Breakfast - All men of the parish are invited to join us for bacon, eggs and a chat on the topic "**Wounded Shepherd - Pope Francis and his struggle to convert the Catholic Church**". You'll find us in the Meeting Room at **8.30am** this coming **Saturday, 1st February**. This year we'll also be meeting on the first Saturday of April, June, August, October and December. Looking forward to catching up with old and new faces. Enquiries: Adrian 0408 649 327

ALTAR SERVER ROBES: Thank you to all who assisted with the washing of the Altar Server Robes. It was greatly appreciated.



Music Liturgy Meeting –THIS Wednesday 29th January 7:30pm We ask that at least one member of each of the music group to attend please.

OUR PARISH 'TAP AND GO' SYSTEM

It has been a normal and popular practice in various parishes in our Parramatta Diocese and other ones in the country to have the TAP & GO system in place, known under different names in different churches. Anyway, whatever it is called, it mainly means to upgrade the way we make donations to the parish far easier, especially for those, who haven't yet joined our Enveloped Program.

We are thinking of installing the system shortly with a five dollar limit at two different locations in the church: One at the main entrance, and the other at the side door to carpark. If you have a good suggestion for naming our system, call our Parish Office or email; secretary@lol7hills.org.au we look forward to hear from you.



DIOCESAN NEWS



Australian Church Bushfire Response

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at www.vinnies.org.au. Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.

We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources can be found at www.parracatholic.org/bushfires.

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT:

**Eternal God,
In wisdom and love
You created our earth
To sustain us and give us life.**

**We turn to you now in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look in favour
on our fire-ravaged and drought-stricken land,
on our starving and
displaced animals,
on our failing crops and burning farms,
towns and forests.**

**Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to
our farmers
and to all who are affected by drought;
Be with those who support them.**

**Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires,
those who have lost family, friends, property and
stock.**

**Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of
essential services.**

**In your loving providence,
send abundant rain to quench the fires
and to restore our parched earth.**

**Father of all compassion, hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom the promise of new life has dawned,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
The Lord the giver of life:
Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.**

**Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, help of Christians-
Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop-
Pray for us.**

