

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

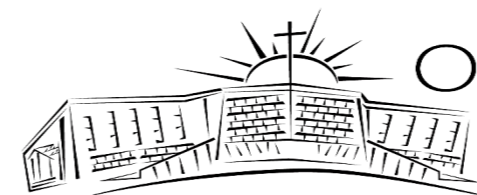
7 March / 8 March	
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Gerard Marcello 9.30am Killifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: Mariane Descombes, Jemma Sarmiento 8am: Fennie Balatbat, Lorraine Fernandes 9.30am: Noel Emmanuel, Ian Epondulan
Readers	Vigil: Crystal Menezes, Stefanie Menezes 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Ryan Epondulan, Janine Nonato
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, Shaun Baptist, Noah Ebb, Thomas Osbourne, Zachary Osbourne 8am: Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish 9.30am: Carl Gallema, Marc Gallema, Rachel Lobo, Ashley-Louise Ten, Daniel Tenn
Musicians	Vigil: Magnificat 8am: Fr. Henry 9.30am: Tongan Group
Children's Liturgy	8th March Von & Alison
Rosary	8 March Menezes Family 39 Winnipeg St, Seven Hills
Flowers	Lucinda & Orindo
Bookshop	Vigil: Marianela 8am: Edith 9.30am: Fenty Saputra
Morning Tea	9.30am Malayalee Community
Church cleaning	12 March Tongan Choir
Welcomers	Vigil: David Christian, Karen Eleazar, Judith Deloso 8am: Rita Rita Paolini, Annette Peatman, Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Adrian Walker, Lena Falzon, Volunteer

14 / 15 March	
Acolytes	Vigil: David Christian 8am: Gerard Marcello 9.30am Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil: Helen Gonzales, Christine Menezes 8am: James Dinning, Suzy Nemorin 9.30am: Carole Brooks, Barbara Chandler
Readers	Vigil: Crystal Menezes, Stefanie Menezes 8am: Priya Joachim, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Rob Simpson
Altar Servers	Vigil: Juan Burgess, Chrisha Gonzales, Riley Sultana 8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am: Larissa Leary, Sarah Lenthall, Alexandra Simpson, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy
Musicians	Vigil: Deanne 8am: Couples for Christ 9.30am: Folk Group
Childrens Liturgy	15th March Judith, Mariane & David
Rosary	15 March Soares Family 33 Pretoria Rd Seven Hills
Flowers	Fennie a& Angela
Bookshop	Vigil: Mariane Christian 8am: Shelia 9.30am: Volunteer
Morning Tea	9.30am Parish Pastoral Council
Church cleaning	21 March Helen Gonzales, John Mitchell, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Johnson Rozario, Maricel Santos.
Welcomers	Vigil: Benno Motha, Mariane Descombes, Ram Ugre 8am: Rita Paolini, Annette Peatman, Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Adrian Walker, Maria Michael, VOLUNTEER

	MARCH 2020	
11	Sacramental Program Meeting 3—Reconciliation	6.30pm
11	Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
11	Tai Chi	10.30am
12	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
12	Over 50s Meeting	10.30am
12	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
13	Young Adults Group Meeting	7.00pm
13	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm
14	Sacramental Program Meeting 3—Reconciliation	4.30pm
16	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm

**LEGION OF MARY:** Meeting Thursdays 1.30pm. All welcome.

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



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

*"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."*

**Parish Priest:** Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran  
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**Principal:** Ms Keiran Byrnes  
**Parish Church:** 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147  
**Postal address:** PO Box 944, Seven Hills 1730

## Second Sunday of Lent Year A • 8 March 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. **2nd April 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

**Stations of the Cross** Friday 13 March 7.30pm

*A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses*

**READINGS** 08/03/2020  
1st Reading : Genesis 12:1-4  
2nd Reading : 2 Timothy 1:8-10  
Gospel : Matthew 17:1-9

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people. God has saved us, and called us to be holy. His face shone like the sun.

**READINGS** Next week  
1st Reading : Exodus 17:3-7  
2nd Reading : Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Give us water to drink. The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

15/3/2020  
Gospel : John 4:5-42

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** *O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard; this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: listen to him.*

### NAGLE COLLEGE, BLACKTOWN -OPENING EVENING

**Tuesday 10 March 4.00-7:30pm**

Nagle College, Blacktown will be holding their Open Evening for Year 7, 2021 on Tuesday 10 March from 4.00 pm till 7.30 pm. Enrolment packages will be available on the evening and tours of the College will be conducted. Prospective parents and students are warmly invited to attend.



College Open Night **Patrician Brothers' College,** Blacktown 100 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 7pm Everyone Welcome!



<http://www.patsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/>

### POSITIONS VACANT CHURCH CLEANING

Volunteers are needed to help with the church cleaning for one hour on the Fourth Wednesday of the month starting at 8.45 am. Please fill out form at the back of church or call the Parish Office 96222920.



### 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, Cristina Apolinario, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Maureen Daley, Paul Daniel, John Doraisamy, Andrew Fedrigo, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Maria V, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Debra Price, Susanth Sennayake, Ernie Sivapatham, Rose 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:** Frank Abela, dely Almodovar, Emilio Caperal, Herman Chelliah, Shanti Fernando, Flordeliza Limguangco, Rosalinda Marcelo, Luciano Marcelo, Larry O'Connell, Bhanu Padmasiri, Rommel Panilio, Margaret Radford, Nalini Ravindren, Sem Mangahas Serna, Fung Chok Sze, John Wallis.

**Anniversaries:** Irene Moroney, Victoria Vella, Maximo Porpeda, Rosie & David Alfano, Brian Brooks, Rosario Cabasa, Paul Commarmond, Anna Barbara, Marcel Diab, Barbara Dodd, Conception, Dominic & Monica D'Souza, Teresa Thran Thi Mai Dung, Joe Falzon, Josephine Gomez, Apolonario Maglaya, Tom Morrissey, Paula Mula, Mile Perak, John Ratnam, Rosary Silva, George Stambouliah, Helen & John Tanti.

**Remembrance:** Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Joe, Spiro, Charlie and Sam Borg, Paul & Simon Cyril, VA Francis, Sharon & John Lawrence, Felina Maglaya, Rosa Mancina, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary & Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Roseline Ratnam, Joe Spiro, Amalia & Dominga Usman, Alison Vella.

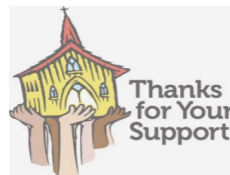
### PRAYER FOR DEVOTION TO THE HOLY NAME

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 \$ 2243.60**  
**Loose \$934.00**  
**TOTAL \$3177.60**  
**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 Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, 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

#### CHAPTER SIX

#### Your relationship with the elderly

*At the Synod, we heard that "the young are focused on the future and they face life with energy and dynamism. But they are also tempted... to give little attention to the memory of the past from which they come, in particular the many gifts transmitted to them by their parents, their grandparents and the cultural experience of the society in which they live. Helping the young to discover the living richness of the past, to treasure its memory and to make use of it for their choices and opportunities, is a genuine act of love towards them, for the sake of their growth and the decisions they are called to make".*

*The word of God encourages us to remain close to the elderly, so that we can benefit from their experience: "Stand in the assembly of the elders. Who is wise? Cling to him... If you see an intelligent man, visit him; let your foot wear out his doorstep" (Sir 6:34.36). In every case, the long years they lived and all they have experienced in life should make us look to them with respect: "You shall rise up before the hoary head" (Lev 19:32). For "the glory of young men is their strength, but the beauty of old men is their grey hair" (Prov 20:29).*

*The Bible also tells us: "Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old" (Prov 23:22). The command to honour our father and mother "is the first commandment to carry a promise with it" (Eph 6:2, cf. Ex 20:12; Deut 5:16; Lev 19:3), and that promise is: "that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth" (Eph 6:3).*

*This does not mean having to agree with everything adults say or approving all their actions. A young person should always have a critical spirit. Saint Basil the Great encouraged the young to esteem the classical Greek authors, but to accept only whatever good they could teach.[103] It is really a matter of being open to receiving a wisdom passed down from generation to generation, a wisdom familiar with human weakness and not deserving to vanish before the novelties of consumer society and the market.*

*The world has never benefited, nor will it ever benefit, from a rupture between generations. That is the siren song of a future without roots and origins. It is the lie that would have you believe that only what is new is good and beautiful. When intergenerational relationships exist, a collective memory is present in communities, as each generation takes up the teachings of its predecessors and in turn bequeaths a legacy to its successors. In this way, they provide frames of reference for firmly establishing a new society. As the old saying goes: "If the young had knowledge and the old strength, there would be nothing they could not accomplish".*

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

### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Throughout his public ministry, Jesus was often accused by his opponents as preaching and doing things against the Law and the Prophets, and Jesus was probably busy in countering their claims through many of his wondrous works and teachings.

It was quite obvious especially in the Sunday Gospels in the weeks leading to Lent this year. Perhaps many of us might wonder what the evangelists meant when they used the term 'the Law and the Prophets?'

From a technical perspective, the Law refers to the regulations handed down by Moses, and the Prophets to the messages God sent to the people of Israel through his prophets, and when put together they stand for the Jewish scriptures, whose purpose was understood as to



help prepare Jewish people for the coming of the messiah, a strong leader who will lead the fight to liberate them from foreign dominions.

In the Gospel for this second Sunday of Lent, we have the account about Jesus' transfiguration, an unprecedented transformation of his face and clothes, allowing his closest disciples to have a briefly ecstatic encounter with Jesus in his divinity, a beatific vision if you like to call.

The presence both of Moses and Elijah is especially significant in this particular narrative, since Moses was seen as the symbol of the Law and Elijah the one of all the prophets of old, and their company with Jesus seems to verify Jesus' identity as THE MESSIAH foretold by the scriptures, in other words, he enjoys the full support of the scriptural tradition to consolidate his position as the Saviour whose mission is to save all from the dominion of sins, instead of a political and military one as often misconceived by people.

Let us pray today for a good and solid preparation of our life here and now on earth, worthy of a beatific encounter with the Son of God in the future just like Peter, James and John when we are called to go before him.

Have a forward-looking week.

Fr. Henry

### PARISH NEWS...

#### Fr. Henry's Silver Jubilee Dinner.

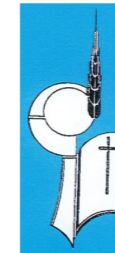
Friday May 1st

Tickets are on sale after Mass for \$30 each.

Tickets are LIMITED so we ask that

4x Tickets per family.

Enquiries please call Evelyn 0437 572636



**FR HENRY'S SILVER JUBILEE** Tickets for the Jubilee Mass and formal Dinner on Friday 1 May are for sale in the church foyer.— limited tickets, 4x per family

All children are invited to join the special family 9.30am Jubilee Mass. Stay after to join in for some fun outdoor activities. **Sunday 3 May.**

#### PARISH RETREAT THANK YOU

Our Parish community would like to thank Fr John Sullivan so much for sparing his precious time to come and help us once again with our annual retreat, and our Parish staff and volunteers for their kind help to provide food and drinks.



**Over 50's** are meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am

**STATION OF THE CROSS** 7.30pm every Friday night Lent.

#### OUR PARISH PRACTICAL STEPS TO PREVENT THE CORONA VIRUS THREATS

As advised by the Church authority, our parish has begun to take these following steps:

- 1/ There is no exchange of peace during Mass,
- 2/ There is no Holy Water available at Church doors,
- 3/ There is no distribution of the Blood of Christ,
- 4/ and there is Communion by hands only.

Thank you so much for your understanding and co-operation in our efforts to keep our parish community safe through this very uncertain and difficult time.

### THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

has been going from home to home in this parish since almost the beginning of the parish. The people on the list to have this Statue always look forward to the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes coming to them from Sunday to Saturday but now only a small number of Parishioners are using this very efficacious method of receiving helpful graces from Our Lady. It only involves picking up Our Lady from the church then praying the Rosary each night and returning the statue to the church on the following Sunday or delivering it to the next family. It is customary to invite neighbours to the rosary if it is convenient for you. Please sign up on the Form at the back of the church to have the Statue of Our Lady of Lourdes as a regular visitor to your homes.



**PROJECT COMPASSION BOX** Please remember to take home a Project Compassion Box as a tangible way to help us to show our care for the needy.

**CAN YOU HELP?** We are in need of volunteers to assist with Morning Tea after the 9.30am Mass. March 29th, if you can help please phone the Parish Office 96222920 / secreary@olol7hills.org.au



### DIOCESAN NEWS

#### Office for Worship Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses are being held again 2020 commencing March and April. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org).

#### MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT DAY Notre Dame Broadway

On Saturday, April 4 from 9am to 4:00pm. The day will include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, and will be guided by Fr Edmond Travers msc. Lunch and morning tea included. The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Broadway campus. Event is free, registration essential: [sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au) or (02) 8204 4189 or [trybooking.com/BIJFM](http://trybooking.com/BIJFM)

#### Pilgrimage with Fr Paul Marshall: 18 September – 11 October

Fr Paul Marshall, from Greystanes Parish, will be leading a pilgrimage stopping at Fatima, and Lourdes with visits to other sites of notable saints such as Teresa of Avila and Ignatius of Loyola in Spain, Therese of Lisieux and St Vincent de Paul in France, then to Padua, Florence, Assisi (being in Assisi for St Francis' Feast Day on 4 October), Rome and return to Sydney on 11 October. For more information call Harvest 1800 819 156 or [www.harvestjourneys.com](http://www.harvestjourneys.com) Tour Code PV5120

#### Sisters of the Holy Family Bible Sharing:

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are inviting youth aged between 18 and 35 to join them for Bible sharing on Thursday 19 March 7pm at Our Lady Queen of Poland Convent, Marayong. RSVP contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com).