

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Seven Hills

Parish  
Directory  
2021



*“Still a wonderful place to pray and stay”*

## Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy,  
health of the sick, refuge of sinners,  
comfort of the afflicted,  
you know my needs,  
my troubles, my sufferings;  
cast on me a look of pity.

By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes,  
you were pleased to make it a  
privileged sanctuary,  
from which you dispense your favours,  
and already many sufferers have obtained  
the cure of their infirmities,  
both spiritual and physical.

I come, therefore, with the most  
unbounded confidence to implore  
your maternal intercession.

Obtain most loving mother, my requests,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

# From our Parish Priest

## Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran



My dear friends,

As we enter 2021, I would like to introduce you to this new edition of Our Parish Directory, whose aim is to provide to our parish community members the most basic information about our parish history, structure, activities and most importantly prayer life.

Despite unprecedented issues we have encountered due to COVID-19, we have managed to deal with them successfully, and remain positive in most areas. Thanks to the ongoing support of our community, our volunteers, and our staff.

As usual, this booklet highlights items essential to our parish life, such as our general information, parish history, sacramental program, sacramental and liturgical celebrations (e.g. Baptism, Marriage and Funerals) Parish Committees and groups, Planned Giving Envelope Program (first & second collection), Mass offerings, hall booking and parish calendar.

According to our tradition, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who generously contributed to our parish ministries and also Planned Giving Envelope Program. Your much-needed contributions have enriched our parish enormously and kept it robust in many ways.

For all new members of our faith community, know that you are always welcome in this place, and your active participation in our Parish Ministries and the Planned Giving Envelope Program is truly appreciated.

Thank you for your readership, and may Our Lady of Lourdes continue to intercede for us before the Lord, and inspire us in our mission to make Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills 'Still a wonderful place to pray and stay'

Yours in Christ,

Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran

# General Information

## Parish

Address:	7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills, NSW 2147
Postal Address:	PO Box 944, Seven Hills, NSW 2147
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Website:	<a href="http://www.olol7hills.org.au">www.olol7hills.org.au</a>
Office Hours:	9am – 3pm, Monday – Friday
Parish Priest:	Rev Henry Huu Duc Tran
Parish Team:	Erika Hien, Alison Issanchon, Kim Dang, Sarah Lenthall
Sacramental Coordinator:	Artelle Lenthall
Pastoral Care for the aged and sick:	Bathista Emmanuel

## School

Address:	7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills, NSW 2147
Telephone:	02 88696800
Email:	<a href="mailto:ololshills@parra.catholic.edu.au">ololshills@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>
Website:	<a href="http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/olol">www.parra.catholic.edu.au/olol</a>
Principal:	Keiran Byrnes
OOSH:	02 96767293

# Our weekly and monthly schedule

Sunday Mass: Saturday 6pm Vigil, Sunday 8am, 9:30am

Weekday Mass: Tuesday – Friday, 8am

\*Communion Service: Monday and Saturday, 8am

\*Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of each month, 8am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays (School Terms) at the 9:30am Mass

Baptisms: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month, 11am. Please contact the parish office for further information.

\*Parish Morning Tea: Every Sunday following the 9:30am Mass

Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes: Friday, 8am until 9.00am

\*Exposition, Divine Mercy And Mass First Friday of each month, 7:00pm-8:15pm except during Lent.

Our parish church is open weekdays from 8am to 3pm for personal prayer and reflection. Please feel free to come and spend time in our parish church.

\*Postponed until further notice

# Parish History

On Christmas Day in 1951 and 1952, Rev Bernard Massey from Blacktown celebrated Mass in the Memorial Hall, Seven Hills. By June 1953, numbers had increased to such an extent that he was obliged to use the Memorial Hall as a regular Mass Centre. Rev Hugh Law was appointed Priest-in-Charge at Blacktown, following Rev Massey's death in 1957. To cope with the development of Seven Hills and Lalor Park, he formed a Seven Hills Parish Committee, which welcomed Rev Bill O'Connor as Parish Priest of Seven Hills on 12 February 1959. The previous day had been the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the name bestowed on the new parish.

1960 was a memorable year for the parish. In February a church-school, St Bernadette's at Lalor Park was opened. A temporary presbytery was purchased at 10 Federal Road, Seven Hills and in December, Rev Murphy was appointed Assistant Priest. In February 1961, after only two years, Seven Hills Parish was split in two, Lalor Park and Seven Hills. A new presbytery was purchased for Seven Hills in September 1964 to replace the temporary house in Federal Road.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church was blessed and opened on 11 February 1962 and the first three classrooms of our school were completed in 1962 for classes to begin in January 1963. The glass and timber walls of the church were replaced by brick walls in the early 1980s. When Rev Bill O'Connor retired on 1 April 1991 he had served as Parish Priest for 32 years.

In 1991 a Parish Centre was provided by converting the house at 4 Olive Street, into offices and meeting rooms. The Parish Centre was moved to its present position in 1996.

Rev Edward Sequeira served as the second Parish Priest from June 1991 to June 2000. Rev John Boyle was appointed as Parish Priest in July 2000. Rev Henry Huu Duc Tran was appointed Parish Priest on 5 October 2006 and installed on 11 March 2007. Early in January 2009, the very old and deteriorated roof of the Church was replaced with a modern insulated roof. Easter 2009 marked a significant step in the Parish in its cyber-mission as the Parish Website was officially launched to help people keep in touch with the Parish via the Internet.

By October 2010, a major school building project, part of the Diocese "Project Genesis", fruit of the Australian Government's stimulus package, provided the

school with a brand-new library and refurbished and reconfigured learning spaces suitable for 21st Century learning. The Parish now has a new Parish Meeting Room formerly used as a Kindergarten classroom.

What a wonderful and exciting year 2012 was for us when we celebrated our Golden Jubilee which included Our Parish Dinner/Dance, Youth Talent Quests, and finally our Thanksgiving Mass and Garden Party. It was a marvellous year full of many blessings and joy.

In September 2013, a new set of glass doors was installed at the rear of the church to allow the church foyer to remain open after the weekday Mass. The church has now become more accessible to all, who would like to drop in for a prayer at any time throughout the day.

Towards the end of 2013 and throughout 2014, meetings between the Parish Pastoral Council and interested members of the Parish helped develop a pastoral plan for our community focusing on the area of liturgy, welcoming ministry and youth ministry inspired by the Faith in the Future Program of the Diocese.

From the first Friday of December 2014, the first Friday of the new liturgical year, due to the spiritual need of our parish, the first Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Novena began to take place in our Church.

In November 2015, the Parish Office had the ceiling renovated and the lighting was updated to LEDs as a result of water damage. As a community the Parish officially welcomed the ministry of Wardens. 2015 also marks the birth of the Welcoming Group as a part of our implementation of the Pastoral Plan. Early in the year, members were installed and have begun to carry out their welcoming ministry both in welcoming parishioners to the Church and providing information at the Information Desk located in the foyer of the parish.

From early September 2015 works began to upgrade the Church and car park lights into LEDs, and new cabinets were installed both in the Church's Sacristy and Parish Meeting Room. The Parish Meeting Room in the future is to be re-named 'The Cregan Room' in the memory of Mr Cregan a generous parishioner who bequeathed his estate to the Parish.

True to its name, the Holy Year of Mercy, 2016 was packed with mercy-orientated devotions. These included First Friday Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and Mass. Parish Projects throughout the Year of Mercy included the Way of Mercy Weekend for Seven Hills, Lalor Park and Toongabbie Parishes

and our Mercy Box project to raise funds for a remote community in East Timor to provide a reliable water supply system. 2016 saw a new Colorbond fence erected to replace the old, worn out and badly damaged fence line.

Our Youth Ministry has enjoyed a flourishing year with the birth of the Four2Eight Youth Group, where a dozen of children in school years 4 to 8 come together on the first Sunday the month. We look forward to its future development.

Thanks to the efforts of the School Principal Kieran Byrnes and Fr Henry, the upper carpark was fully upgraded in October 2017. As well, the Parish Hall and Meeting Room lights were changed to LEDs. A basic PA system was installed in the Parish Meeting Room and the upgrading of the Parish Hall PA system was completed.

2017 was a big year for the parish with the major project of the upgrading of our carpark. Thanks to the support of the Catholic Education Office in Parramatta and the school, we were able to have the top car park completed in due time. In this year, we also saw the establishment of the Lourdes Young Adults group which continues to grow and thrive with the dedication and commitment of our parish youth leadership team.

In 2018, the last piece of our car park puzzle was finally put together with the reconstruction of the driveway and the resurfacing of the lower carpark. We are truly grateful to the Catholic Education Office for its generosity to absorb all of the costs for this part of the works. Apart from the lower carpark, the rest of the church fence was also erected, and a new garden established.

On February 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 our Parish Church was installed with air-conditioners. The installation was complete Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.30pm

In the first week of September 2019, the old bitumen footpath connecting the Church to Olive Street and Parish Office was replaced with a new safe concrete footpath. This footpath was completed on 9<sup>th</sup> October in time for the last term of school.

2020 has proven to be a year of mixed blessings, presenting our parish with both unprecedented challenges and opportunities due to the Pandemic.

In term of challenges: from Palm Sunday to the Pentecost, we were forced to cease all physical group meetings and Masses.

During this lockdown period, Seven Hills Nursing Home remained a no-go zone and all monthly visits to our house-bound parishioners had to be cancelled.



Also, during this very challenging time, two funerals took place with the attendance of less than 20 people allowed.

However, it was not all bad news for our community, as we were able to adapt and thrive under such extraordinary circumstances. Right from day one of the shutdown, we managed to move most of our services on-line, and keep Sunday Masses available to as many as we could through live-streaming. This is thanks to the efforts of our Parish staff, our volunteers, our Young Adults group headed by Ian Epondulan, whose dedication and generosity are truly beyond words.

For three precious months, the lockdown handed us a rare opportunity to concentrate on some major upgrade projects. The upgrades started with the installation of new cupboards for our parish hall kitchen in the last week of March, then the re-painting of the parish meeting room and office roofs in mid-April. This was followed by work on the parish hall roof and finally the Church ceiling was thoroughly fixed and painted, and the Church roof was given a good clean up.



# Sacramental Celebrations

## Baptisms

### Infant Baptism

**Preparation:** Please ring our parish office to make a booking for Baptismal preparation. Parents are required to attend a preparation session prior to their child's Baptism.

**Presentation Ceremony:** Your child will be presented to the parish community during one of our Sunday Masses, preferably at the 9.30am Mass prior to the celebration of Baptism.

**Baptismal donation:** Due to the invaluable nature of a Sacrament, there is no set fee for Baptism. However, it has been a custom for people to offer a donation on the occasion of the Baptism of their child. This donation is not retained by the priest or parish but goes into a Pastoral Revenue Fund which is used to support priests throughout the Diocese.

### Adult Baptism (RCIA) Program

All adults who wish to join our Catholic tradition are invited to take part in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) starting in early September and finishing with Baptism at the Easter Vigil. The process also includes scope to cater for adults who were baptised into another Christian tradition and would like to become Catholic. Please contact the parish office for more information.

## Marriages

People living in the Parish who plan to have their wedding at Our Lady of Lourdes will need to contact the Parish Office at least six months before the intended date of the wedding. Those who live outside our parish boundaries are welcome to have their wedding in our church on condition that they are able to provide a celebrant approved by the Diocese. A stipend is required. This is not retained by the Parish but is forwarded to Pastoral Revenue Fund. All couples are required to complete a pre-marriage course prior to the wedding.

## **Sacramental Program**

Our Parish-based Sacramental Program takes place every year preparing children in years 3 and over, for the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion commencing in January and finishing in September. Parents, as the primary people responsible for the faith formation of children, have an integral role in the process of children preparing to celebrate the sacraments. Further information can be gained from our parish website:

<http://www.olol7hills.org.au/sacramental-celebrations/>

or by contacting the parish office.

Children in year 6 or over are also welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation which takes place on in \*May. The parent information meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place early next year. All interested parents are welcome to attend, please contact the parish office 96222920 or email your interest secretary@olol7hills.org.au

## **Anointing of the Sick**

Healing Mass: 8.00am every first Thursday of the month in which the Sacrament of Anointing is administered.

If a person wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion in the hospital, please indicate on the hospital form that you are Catholic and that you wish to receive these Sacraments, so that hospital staff may be able to make the necessary arrangements for either the clergy or lay people to attend to your sacramental needs.

## **Funerals**

Below are a few practical points that you may find helpful regarding funerals in our parish:

Contact the funeral director of your choice to arrange the funeral.

Contact Fr Henry as soon as possible to begin preparations for the funeral Mass or service. Our parish is also able to prepare booklets and/or prayer cards for funerals. Please let Fr Henry know if you would like to make use of this service.

Funeral offerings: Although there is no set fee, it has been a custom for people to make an offering on the occasion of a funeral which, as required by our Diocese, is put into a Pastoral Revenue Fund for the support of all priests throughout the Diocese.

# Devotional Celebrations

Our parish has a very rich tradition of celebrating numerous devotions regularly and you are most welcome to come along and join us for the following:

## Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes

The Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes takes place on every Friday at the end of the 8.00am Mass. You are most welcome to fill out our green Novena Petition form and place it in the blue box at the Altar of the Statue of Our Lady at any time during the week.

## \*Exposition, Divine Mercy Prayer and Mass

These devotions to the Divine Mercy take place on the first Friday of the month at 7:00pm, outside of Lent.

## \*Exposition and Benediction

Every Friday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after our 8am Mass and ending with Benediction at 9am is held to pray for vocations.



\* Postponed until further notice

# Parish Youth



**CATHOLIC YOUTH  
PARRAMATTA**

## Young Adults Group

Our Young Adults Group gathers from 7-9pm on the second Friday of each month in the parish meeting room for young adults aged between 18 and 35. The group provides an opportunity for like-minded young adults to gather for faith formation in a fun and welcoming environment.

Please visit the group's Facebook page for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/youthlol7h/>

## \* CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

It takes place within the 9:30am Sunday Mass  
(2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)

All children of primary school age are invited to attend.

We ask that pre-school children remain in the church with their parents.

The Children's Liturgy is not a catechetical class nor Sunday school.

It is a celebration of the Word of God at a level appropriate for young children.

They listen to the Gospel reading of the Sunday and share prayers and reflections. The children leave the church after the Opening Prayer and return at the Preparation of the Gifts. The Children's Liturgy is held in the parish meeting room. We look forward to seeing familiar-and new-faces!



\* Postponed until further notice

# Parish Committees and members

## Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Henry  
Keiran Byrnes  
Fennie Balatbat  
Evelyn Beed  
Jo Jo Cabasa  
Pepito Diosda  
Daniel La Guidara  
Kamela Huihui  
John Jordan  
Mary Jordan  
Donald Kennedy  
Artelle Lenthall  
Sarah Lenthall  
Eugene Miu  
Robert Simpson  
Christine Woodward

## Finance Committee

Fr Henry  
Eugene Miu  
Andrew Wanandy  
Fennie Balatbat  
James Said  
Kim Dang

## Other Parish Groups

Ministry of Communion	Fr Henry	
Ministry of Acolyte	Fr Henry	
Ministry of Altar Servers	Robert Simpson	
Ministry of the Word	Fr Henry	
*Children's Liturgy of the Word	Sarah Lenthall	
Wardens	Fr Henry	
RCIA	Artelle Lenthall	
Children's Sacramental Program	Artelle Lenthall	
Baptism Preparation	Fr Henry	
Pastoral Care of the Sick and Elderly	Bathista Emmanuel	
Catechist Coordinator	Bob McNally	
Legion of Mary	Thursdays 1:30pm	Maryse Angseesing
Christ Community Prayer	Thursdays 9:00am	Olivia Cortis
St Vincent De Paul Society	Every second Monday 7:00pm	Reno Abela

*Men's Group	1st Saturday of every second month	Adrian Walker
*Lourdes Over 50's	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 10:30am	Lena Falzon
Lourdes Young Adults	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, 7:00pm	Ian Epondulan, Laura Bellissimo
Josephite Association		Anne McNally
Piety Stall		Carole Brooks
Church flowers group		Angela Sarino

## **\*Choir Groups**

Youth For Christ Choir	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month	Rajah Barcelon
Christine Clarke	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, 9:30am	Christine Clarke
Magnificat Choir	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month	Lydia Byun
Tongan Choir	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 9:30am	Fakauo Uhatafe
Deanne's Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month	Christine Woodward
Couples for Christ Choir	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 8am	Pepio Ferriols
Folk Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 9:30am	Christine Woodward
Perry's Angels	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, 8am	Nina Arambulo
Maria Balatbat Group	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, 9:30am	Maria Balatbat

*To arrange contact with any of our parish groups,  
please contact the parish office.*

\* Postponed until further notice

# General Information

## Parish Planned Giving Programs

By taking part of OLOL Planned Giving, you are helping the parish budget for all the costs involved in maintaining our active parish.

Part of the *1<sup>st</sup> collection* is set aside to support Parish clergy in his day today needs, such as food and drinks, and housekeeping. The rest is forwarded to the Diocese. The *2<sup>nd</sup> collection* donations help cover the costs of pastoral expenses, insurance, electricity, maintenance, staff salaries, loan repayments, renovations, and clergy transport. This program is vital to further our parish development.

If you would like an envelope number for regular donations, please fill in the card available at the church doors or complete the page at the back of this booklet, detach it and return it to the parish office.

Other ways to donate to the Parish planned giving program is on-line (bank details below) or through 'Matt's Point' (Donation Tap Point) found at the church entrance doors, which makes it easier to donate a fixed amount, just by tapping a contactless credit card or debit card, smartphone or wearable.

### **ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS**

**BSB: 067 950;**

**Account Number 000552;**

**Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.**

(please include your NAME and ENVELOPE NUMBER in the reference description, or write DONATION)

### **IN-PERSON BANK DEPOSIT** (at a Bank Institute/Branch)

**Seven Hills Catholic Church**

**BSB: 062 315**

**Acc Id # - 00901486**

**AGENT # - 660**

***Your generosity is greatly appreciated.***

## Mass Intentions and Offerings

Masses may be offered in the parish for special intentions. If you would like to participate in this, please collect a Mass Intention envelope available at all church entrances, complete the intention and return it to the parish office, or place it on the collection plate at Mass. It is customary to make a donation with the envelope.

## \*Hall Bookings

We have a beautiful air-conditioned parish hall which is available to hire for functions. The hall seats approximately 350 people in banquet setting and the facilities include tables and chairs, fully equipped kitchen, mirror ball and disco lights, sound system and food warmers. Further information can be gained from visiting our parish website: <http://www.olol7hills.org.au/parish-hall-photographs/> and to check availability, please contact Alison in the parish office on 96222920.

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# The Liturgical Year

The Catholic Church sets aside certain days and seasons of each year to recall and celebrate various events in the life of Christ. In its Roman Rite the liturgical year begins with Advent, the time of preparation for both the celebration of Jesus' birth, and his expected second coming at the end of time. This season lasts until 24 December (Christmas Eve). Christmastide follows, beginning with First Vespers of Christmas on the evening of 24 December and ending with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

## Advent

Advent (from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "arrival" or "coming") is the first season of the liturgical year. It begins four Sundays before Christmas, the Sunday falling on or nearest to 30 November, and ends on Christmas Eve. Traditionally observed as a "fast", it focuses on preparation for the coming of Christ, not only the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas, but also, in the first weeks, on the eschatological (final coming) of Christ, making Advent "a period for devout and joyful expectation".

This season is often marked by the Advent Wreath, a garland of evergreens with four candles. Although the main symbolism of the advent wreath is simply marking the progression of time, many churches attach themes to each candle, most often 'hope', 'faith', 'joy', and 'love'. *Liturgical colour: violet or purple; blue in some traditions*

## Christmas

The Christmas season immediately follows Advent. The traditional Twelve Days of Christmas begin with Christmas Eve on the evening of December 24 and continues until the feast of Epiphany. The actual Christmas season continues until the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, which in the present form of the Roman Rite is celebrated on the Sunday after 6 January, or the following Monday if that Sunday is Epiphany. *Liturgical colour: white*

## Lent

Lent is a major penitential season of preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and, if the penitential days of Good Friday and Holy Saturday are included, lasts for forty days, since the six Sundays within the season are not counted.

## **Passiontide**

In the pre-1970 form of the Roman Rite, the two weeks before Easter form the season of Passiontide, a subsection of the Lenten season that begins with Matins of Ash Wednesday and ends immediately before the Mass of the Easter Vigil. In this form, what previously was officially called Passion Sunday, has the official name of the First Sunday in Passiontide, and Palm Sunday has the additional name of the Second Sunday in Passiontide.

In the post-1969 form of the Roman Rite, "Passion Sunday" and "Palm Sunday" are both names for the Sunday before Easter, officially called "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion". The former Passion Sunday became a fifth Sunday of Lent. The earlier form reads Matthew's account on Sunday, Mark's on Tuesday, and Luke's on Wednesday, while the post-1969 form reads the Passion only on Palm Sunday (with the three Synoptic Gospels arranged in a three-year cycle) and on Good Friday, when it reads the Passion according to John, as also do earlier forms of the Roman Rite.

## **Holy Week -the week before Easter**

*Liturgical colour: violet or purple.* The colour rose may be used, where it is the practice, on Laetare Sunday (4th Sunday of Lent). On Palm Sunday the colour since 1970 is red, by earlier rules violet or purple, with red being used after 1955 for the blessing of the palms.

**Easter Triduum** consists of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Each of these days begins liturgically not with the morning but with the preceding evening. The triduum begins on the evening before Good Friday with Mass of the Lord's Supper, celebrated with white vestments, and often includes a ritual of ceremonial foot washing. It is customary on this night for a vigil involving private prayer to take place, beginning after the evening service and continuing until midnight. This vigil is occasionally renewed at dawn, continuing until the Good Friday liturgy.

During the day of Good Friday Mass is not celebrated in the Catholic Church. Instead a Celebration of the Passion of the Lord is held in the afternoon or evening. It consists of three parts: a Liturgy of the Word that includes the reading of the account of the Passion by John the Evangelist and concludes with a solemn Universal Prayer.

**Holy Saturday** the day during which Christ lay in the tomb. In the Catholic Church, there is no Mass on this day; the Easter Vigil Mass, which, though celebrated properly at the following midnight, is often celebrated in the evening, is an Easter Mass.

The **Easter Vigil** is held in the night between Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

## **Easter season**

Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. The date of Easter varies from year to year, according to a lunar-calendar dating system. In the Roman Rite, the Easter season extends from the Easter Vigil through Pentecost Sunday.

*Liturgical colour: white, but red on the feast of Pentecost.*

## **Ordinary Time**

"Ordinary" comes from the same root as our word "ordinal", and in this sense means "the counted weeks". In the Roman Catholic Church and in some Protestant traditions, these are the common weeks which do not belong to a proper season. In Latin, these seasons are called the weeks per annum, or "through the year".

Ordinary Time consists of 33 or 34 Sundays and is divided into two sections. The first portion extends from the day following the Feast of the Baptism of Christ until the day before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent).

*Liturgical colour: green*

## **Ordinary Time is divided into two sections: Time after Pentecost and Time after Trinity.**

This season, under various names, follows the Easter season and the feasts of Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. Ordinary Time resumes on Pentecost Monday, omitting the Sunday which would have fallen on Pentecost. This season ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. Feasts during this season include:

- *Trinity Sunday*, the first Sunday after Pentecost.
- *The Body and Blood of Christ*, on the second Sunday after Pentecost.
- *Sacred Heart of Jesus*, Friday in the third week after Pentecost.
- *Feast of Christ the King*, last Sunday before Advent.

# Our Parish Calendar – 2021

\* Subject to Change

## January

7	*Healing Mass	8.00am
8	Fr. Henry visits Nursing Home	
10	Baptism	11.00am
14	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
20	Baptismal Preparation Meeting	7.30pm
21	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
21	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
24	Baptism	11.00am
26	Australia Day	
27	School Resumes – Term 1	
28	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
28	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
28	Finance Meeting	8.00pm
31	Sacrament Program – Enrolment Mass	9.30am

## February

1	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
3	Sacrament Program - 1st meeting - Recalling Baptism	6.30pm
4	*Healing Mass	8.00am
4	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
4	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
5	Fr. Henry to visit Nursing Home	
6	Sacrament Program - 1st meeting <b>RPT</b> - Recalling Baptism	4.30pm
7	OLOL Parish Feast Day	9.30am
8	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
10	Sacrament Program – 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting – Recalling Baptism	6.30pm
10	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
11	Over 50's meeting	10.30am
12	Fr. Henry visits Nursing Home	
12	*Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass	7.00pm
13	Sacrament Program – 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting <b>RPT</b> – Recalling Baptism	4.30pm
14	Baptism	11.00am
15	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
17	Ash Wednesday	8am, 9.15am 7.30pm
19	Young Adults Group	6.45pm
20	Parish Retreat	9.30am-3pm
22	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
24	Sacrament Program – 3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting - Recalling Baptism	6.30pm
25	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
25	Legion of Mary	1.30pm

25	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm
27	Sacrament Program – 3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting <b>RPT</b> - Recalling Baptism	4.30pm
28	Baptism	11.00

### March

1	St Vincent De Paul	7.00pm
3	Sacrament Program – 4 <sup>th</sup> meeting - Reconciliation	6.30pm
3	Baptismal Preparation	7.30pm
4	*Healing Mass	8.00am
4	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
4	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
5	Fr. Henry visits Nursing Home	
6	Sacrament Program – 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting <b>RPT</b> – Reconciliation	4.30pm
10	Sacrament Program – 5 <sup>th</sup> meeting - Reconciliation	6.30pm
10	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
11	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
11	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
11	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
12	Young Adults Group Meeting	7.00pm
13	Sacrament Program – 5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting <b>RPT</b> – Reconciliation	4.30pm
14	Baptism	11am
15	St Vincent De Paul	7.00pm

17	Sacramental Program - Sacrament of Reconciliation Group1	7.00pm
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18	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
18	Legion of Mary	1.30pm

21 **Catholic Foundation Appeal** **All Masses**

24	Sacramental Program - Sacrament of Reconciliation Group2	7.00pm
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25	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
25	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
25	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm

28 **Palm Sunday**

29	St Vincent De Paul	7.00pm
30	Parish 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite Reconciliation	7.30pm
31	Chrism Mass – St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta	7.30pm

### April

1	*Healing Mass	8.00am
1	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
1	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
1	Last Day of School Term 1	
1	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> Confession	8.30-9.30am
	Practice for Acolytes, Altar Servers, Readers	3.00pm

1	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Night Prayer after Adoration until	7.30PM 11.00pm
2	GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS Practice for Acolytes, Altar Servers, Readers GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LORDS PASSION	10.00am 11.30am 3.00PM
3	EASTER SATURDAY Confession Practice for Acolytes, Altar Servers, Readers HOLY SATURDAY MASS - EASTER VIGIL	9.30-10.30am 2.00pm 6.00PM 8.00AM,
4	EASTER SUNDAY MASS	9.30AM
8	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
8	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
8	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
10	Fr. Henry's Birthday	
11	Baptism	11.00am
12	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
14	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
19	School Resumes -Term 2	
21	Fr. Henry's Silver Jubilee Anniversary	
22	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
22	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
25	Anzac Day Mass	8.00am
25	Baptism	11.00am
26	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
29	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm
29	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
29	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
30	Fr Henry visits Nursing Home	
30	*Fr. Henry (delayed) Silver Jubilee Mass & Dinner	6.30pm

### May

2	*Fr. Henry Silver Jubilee Celebrations	
6	*Healing Mass	8.00am
6	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
6	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
7	Young Adults Group	7.00pm
9	Mother's Day	
9	Baptism	11.00am
10	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	6.30pm
12	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
13	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
13	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
13	Legion of Mary	1.30pm

19	Baptismal Preparation	7.30pm
20	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
20	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
22	Planned Giving Weekend	All Masses
23	Baptism	11.00am
24	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
27	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm
27	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
27	Legion of Mary	1.30pm

### June

3	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
3	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
	Father Henry Annual Leave	
7	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
9	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
10	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
10	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
10	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
11	Young Adults Group	7.00pm
17	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
17	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
21	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
24	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
24	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
24	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm
25	Last Day of School Term 2	

\*26 **Peters Pence** **All Masses**

### July

5	St Vincent De Paul	7.00pm
8	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
8	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
8	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
9	Young Adults Group	7.00pm
11	Baptism	11.00am
12	School Resumes Term 3	
14	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
15	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
15	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
19	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
21	Baptismal Preparation	7.30pm
22	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
22	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
29	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm

29	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
29	Legion of Mary	1.30pm

### August

2	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
4	Sacrament Eucharist 1st Meeting	6.30pm
5	*Healing Mass	8.00am
5	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
5	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
6	*Exposition, Divine Mercy Prayer & Mass	7.00pm
6	Fr. Henry to visit Nursing Home	
7	Sacrament Eucharist 1st Meeting	4.30pm
8	St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Mass	8am, 9.30am
8	Sacrament Program Eucharist Talk	10.30-11.00am
8	Baptism	11.30am
11	Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
12	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
12	*Over 50's -School Concert	10.30am
12	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
13	Young Adults Group	7.00pm
15	HOLY DAY Feast of the Assumption Mass	8.00am, 9.30am
16	St Vincent De Paul	7.00pm
18	Sacrament 1st Eucharist Meeting 2	6.30pm
19	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
19	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
21	Sacrament 1st Eucharist Meeting 2	4.30pm
22	Presentation of the Lord's Prayer	9.30am
26	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
26	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
26	Finance Meeting	8.00pm

### September

1	Sacrament 1st Eucharist Meeting 3	6.30pm
2	*Healing Mass	8.00am
2	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
2	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
3	Fr. Henry visits Nursing Home	
3	*Exposition, Divine Mercy Prayer & Mass	7.00pm
4	<b>Father's Day Appeal</b>	<b>All Masses</b>
4	Sacrament 1st Eucharist Meeting 3	4.30pm
8	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
8	Practice Group A 1st Communion	6.30pm
9	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
9	Over 50's 23 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary BBQ	10.30am
9	Legion of Mary	1.30pm



10	Young Adults Group	7.00pm
12	1st Holy Communion Group A	11.30am
13	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
15	Baptismal Prep Meeting	7.30pm
15	Practice Group B 1st Communion	6.30pm
16	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
16	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
17	Last Day of School Term 3	
19	1st Holy Communion Group B	11.30am
23	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
23	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
30	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm
26	*Certificate Presentation Holy Communion & Party	9.30am
27	St Vincent De Paul	7.00pm
30	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
30	Legion of Mary	1.30pm

### October

5	School Resumes Term 4	
7	*Healing Mass	8.00am
7	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
7	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
8	*Exposition, Divine Mercy Prayer & Mass	7.00pm
8	Young Adults Group	7.00pm
10	Baptism	11.00am
11	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
13	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
14	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
14	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
14	Legion Of Mary	1.30pm
21	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
21	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
24	Baptism	11.00am
25	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
28	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
28	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
28	Finance Meeting	8.00pm

### November

1	Feast of All Saints	8am, 9.30am
2	Feast of All Souls	8.00am
2	Over 50's Melbourne Cup Lunch	10.30am
4	*Healing Mass	8.00am
4	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
4	Legion of Mary	1.30pm

5	*Exposition, Divine Mercy Prayer & Mass	7.00pm
8	St Vincent De Paul	7.00pm
10	Sacramental Program Information Night	6.30pm
10	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
11	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
11	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
12	Young Adult Group	7.00pm
14	Baptism	11.00am
17	Baptismal Preparation	7.30pm
18	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
18	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
18	Over 50's Christmas Lunch	10.30pm
22-26	Fr Henry Retreat	
22	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
25	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
25	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
25	Finance Committee Meeting	8pm
27	<b>Catholic Foundation</b>	<b>All Masses</b>
28	Baptism	11.00am
28	First Sunday of ADVENT	

### December

2	*Healing Mass	8.00am
2	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
2	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
3	Fr. Henry Visits Nursing Home	
3	*Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass	7.00pm
6	St Vincent De Paul	7.00pm
8	Pastoral Council Christmas Dinner	7.30pm
9	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
9	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
10	*Advent Prayer Group	8.30am
10	Young Adults Group	7.00pm
12	Baptism	11.00am
16	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
16	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
17	Last day of School Term 4	
17	*Advent Prayer Group	8.30am
20	St Vincent De Paul	7.00pm
21	Parish Second Rite of Reconciliation	7.30pm
22	Individual Confession	8.30-9.30am
23	Individual Confession	8.30-9.30am
24	Children/Family Christmas Mass	6.00pm
24	Christmas Mass	9.00pm

24	Midnight Mass	12.00am
25	Christmas Day Mass	8am, 9.30am
<b>January</b>		
1	New Years Day Mass	8.00am

## *Welcome* New Parishioners

A very special welcome to any new parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes. To keep our records up to date, it would be appreciated if you could please fill out the New Parishioner Form at the church doors and return it to the Parish or hand it to our Parish Priest, Fr Henry. If you have any questions or suggestions for our parish, please also don't hesitate to contact the parish office

### **Parish Privacy Policy**

1. The Parish collects personal information, including sensitive information, about members of the faithful. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to be able to administer the sacraments and pastoral care to the faithful, and to the children of the faithful. Information may be required to allow the Parish to meet some of its legal obligations, provide care for the child while under supervision and discharge its duty of care. If you reside in the Parish or elsewhere and continue to use its services, the information may also be used to solicit donations and/or request your services as a volunteer from time to time.
2. The Parish discloses personal address and telephone information to others within our Catholic Community only for administrative purposes. This includes other Parishes, the Diocese and to the school and also includes volunteers for rosters, sacraments etc.
3. Personal information may be collected for children for the purpose of administering the sacraments and pastoral care to children of the faithful. If this information is not provided we may be unable to offer Sacraments in our Parish Program.
4. Adults information is collected about them in the same manner for Sacraments and/or planned giving purposes.

# Planned Giving Program

I am interested in joining the Planned Giving Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tick the appropriate boxes**

**I would like envelopes so that I can donate weekly**

(Envelopes will be allocated and sent to the address above)

**I would like to pay by Credit Card**

Weekly     Fortnightly     Monthly     Quarterly     Yearly

(The Parish Office will contact you to collect credit card information)

**I would like a Direct Debit from my Account**

Weekly     Fortnightly     Monthly     Quarterly     Yearly

(A Bank Direct Deposit form will be sent to the above address)



**Thanks  
for Your  
Support!**

*All Information is kept private and confidential. We do not at any time keep credit card details.  
If at any time you would like to change your donation or withdraw,  
please contact the Parish Office on 96222920.*

# MATT'S POINT



Collecting small change has become less effective due to the shift towards card payments and a reduction in the use of cash.

**'Matt's Point' (Donation Point Tap) provides OLOL with on going support which has been vital to keep our Parish going strong.**

The name **'Matt's Point'** reminds us of the life and call of St Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles in the New Testament (cf. Mt 9.9-13).

Matt's Point makes it easier to donate a fixed amount of \$5.00, just by tapping a contactless credit or debit card, smartphone or wearable, giving the opportunity to accept donations electronically and securely.

**Make a change....**  
**..without spare change**

Simply tap your contactless enable card on the Contactless logo

Contactless lights

Contactless logo

Wait for the 4 lights on the device to luminate and emit a single beep.

The following notifications will be displayed

All lights illuminate

Beep

Processing Donation

Thank you for Donating

The infographic is enclosed in a blue border. It features a circular image of the Virgin Mary and Child Jesus in the top left. The main text is in blue. A central illustration shows a smartphone with a '5' on the screen and a contactless logo on the back, being tapped by a hand. Callout boxes show 'Contactless lights' (four small dashes) and 'Contactless logo' (a hand tapping a contactless symbol). At the bottom, two smartphone screens show 'Processing Donation' with an hourglass icon and 'Thank you for Donating' with a checkmark icon. A speaker icon and a row of four illuminated dashes are also shown.



Volunteers make an extraordinary contribution to our Parish.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community and come from all walks of life: working people, students and professionals, young people, and retirees.

If you could spare some time, once a month or more, to do one of the many jobs in the Parish, ie. Church cleaning, flower arrangements, light gardening, Piety shop, weekly bins...

Please contact Erika or Alison in the Parish office 9622 2920

[secreatry@lol7hills.com.au](mailto:secreatry@lol7hills.com.au)

# REMINDER

KEEP COVID SAFE



We must continue to:



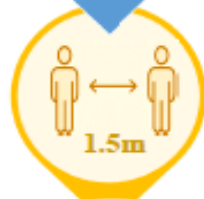
## MASKS

Wearing of Masks is strongly advised.



## SANITISE

Use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit.



## DISTANCE

Please maintain social distancing at all times. Including when lining up for Holy Communion.



## SIGN IN

By Law, EVERYONE must SIGN IN. If the church has reached the MAX. capacity of 100 people, please proceed to Hall.



## MARKED SEATING

Please sit behind the WHITE TAPE or in family designated areas.

**IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING ANY FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS PLEASE STAY HOME AS THE MASS IS STILL AVAILABLE ON LIVE-STREAM THROUGH OUR OLOL FACEBOOK PAGE.**

*PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO THE CHURCH SAFE.*

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