

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

August 4/5

Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Derick Soares Terry Jordan Ian Epondulan
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Abel Do Rosario, Lawrence Falzon, Cathy Hutchings, Benno Motha, Jemma Sarmiento, Marinela Simic Fennie Balatbat, Jim Said
Readers	9.30am Vigil 8.00am	Laura, Anna Bellissimo Alison Punch, Noreen Rosario Karen Eleazar, Kathy Walker
Altar Servers	9.30am Vigil 8.00am 9.30	Megan Michael, Ryan Epondulan Alex La Guidara, Yxaak Dino, Thomas Osborne VOLUNTEER, Rebecca, Mathew Said Sarah Lenthall, Mary-Rose Mejalli, Ryan Michael, Gabrielle, Florencia Wanandy
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Youth for Christ Graces Notes Christine Clarke
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only The Jordan Family 21a Abigail Street, Seven Hills
Flowers		Fenty & Santih
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Vinnie Zahra VOLUNTEER Edmund Joseph
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea 9Aug	The Tongan Choir Elodia, Ruth, Elizabeth, Amy
Welcomers	6pm 8am 9.30am	Ram Ugre, John, Mary Jordan, Judith Deloso Chandra Sampanthan, VOLUNTEERS Maria Michael, Anna Lopeti, VOLUNTEERS

August 11/12

Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Ernie Gartner Gerard Marcello, NOT FILLED
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Edith Gartner, Christine Menezes Lawrence Falzon, Louis, Lorraine Fernandes, Winnie Marcello, Benno Motha, Adrian Walker
Readers	9.30am Vigil 8.00am	Mariane Descombes, Paul Gow Stefanie, Crystal Menezes Pepito Ferriols, Andrew Millar
Altar Servers	9.30am Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	David Christian, Jeanine Nonato Juan Burges, Caron Cyril, Makayla Dalmati, Jesseline Franco, Christian Milicevic Lewis Savic, Ruby, Riley Sultana Victor, Eric Da, Larissa Leary, Sarah Lenthall, Veronica Wondo
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Magnificat Choir Fr Henry, Tongan Choir
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only The Morris Family 45 James Street, Seven Hills
Flowers		Lucinda & Orlindo
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Marinela Simic Edith Gartner, Fenty Saputra
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea 18 Aug	Couples for Christ Andrew, Ramzee
Welcomers	6pm 8am 9.30am	Annette Peatman, VOLUNTEERS Rita Paolini, Kathy Chamberlain, Joyce Hillbrick Artelle Lenthall, VOLUNTEERS

PARISH DIARY

August

6 Aug	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
6 Aug	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
8 Aug	Mary Mackillop Mass	8.00am, 9.15am
8 Aug	Sacramental Eucharist 1st Meeting	6.30pm
8 Aug	Pastoral Council meeting	7.30pm
9 Aug	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
9 Aug	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
13 Aug	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
13 Aug	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
15 Aug	Feast of the Assumption	8am, 9.15am, 7.30pm
16 Aug	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
20 Aug	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
20 Aug	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
22 Aug	Sacrament Eucharist 2nd Meeting	6.30pm
23 Aug	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

Parish Priest:	Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran	Pastoral Care of the Sick and Elderly:	Mrs Bathista Emmanuel
Parish Secretary:	Mrs Debra Price	Office Hours Monday-Friday:	8.30am - 3.00pm
Sacrament & Youth Co-Ordinator:	Mrs Judy Barden	Telephone:	9622 2920
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Postal Address:	PO Box 944, Seven Hills 1730	Youth Group Email:	youtholol7h@gmail.com
Parish Website:	www.olol7hills.org.au	Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator:	Mr Bob McNally
Parish School:	Our Lady of Lourdes		
Principal:	Ms Keiran Byrnes		

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 August, 2018 Year B

WEEKEND MASS	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9.30am	HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK	1st Thursday of month at 8am. 6th September
WEEKDAY MASS	Tues - Friday 8am	RECONCILIATION	Saturday 4.30pm-5.30pm
PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE	Monday & Saturday 8am	MARRIAGES	Please contact Parish Office 6 months prior to the wedding
Church Open Monday-Friday	Mon -Fri 8.30am-3pm (for prayer and reflection)	BAPTISMAL PREPARATION	19th September 7.30pm Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes	Friday after 8am Mass until 9am	FAMILY MASS YOUTH MASS	26th August 1st Sunday of the month 9.30am 2nd September
Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass	7th September 7.00pm	A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses	

READINGS FOR This Sunday	1st Reading: Ex 16:2-4,12-15 2nd Reading: Eph 4:17,20-24 Gospel: John 6:24-35	I will rain bread from heaven upon you. Put on the new person that has been created in God's image Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, whoever believes In me will never thirst
READINGS FOR Next Sunday	1st Reading: Kings 19:4-8 2nd Reading: Eph 4:30-5:2 Gospel: John 6:41-51	Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord Walk in love, just as Christ I am the living bread come down from heaven

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *O God, come to my assistance: O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.*

OPENING PRAYER: Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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.

RESPONSE TO PSALM: *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia

COMMUNION VERSE: *You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

New Parishioners	Sick or Housebound	Planned Giving
Would you like to join or maybe receive a visit from Fr Henry or a parishioner?	Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion or a visit?	Would you like to support our Parish? Envelopes/Credit Card/Direct Debit Available
Name	Name	Name
Telephone	Telephone	Telephone

Please place on collection Plate



Let us Pray for the Sick

Debra Price, Sue Tipaldo, Rose Stambouliah, Andrew Fedrigo, Nancy Woussef

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

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Lakshman Perera, Nazarene (Ronnie) Borg



Anniversaries: Mary Muscat, Ana Katica Batorek, Theresa Kennedy, Beryl & Bernie Dillon, Lourda Motha, Bernard & Paulina Soares, Conception, Domnic, Monica Dsouza, Giustino Paludi, Mary Knight, Dorothy Slater, Joe Bartolo

Remembrance: Wayne Cregan, John & Sharon Lawrence, Roy, Mary and Des Mary Barney, Mary Muscat, Pauline Meilak, Stephen & Louis Mula, Eduord Mahomodally

PRAYER OF PETITION

O Jesus, your name means 'Saviour.' Be my Saviour, dear Lord. Your adorable name is the joy of heaven, the terror of hell, the consolation of the afflicted, and the solid basis for my unlimited confidence. Through this glorious name, mercifully grant all the petitions that I make in this prayer. Amen.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: If you or anyone you know needs assistance we are always here to help. Please call the Parish Office on 9622 2920.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$2044.00
Loose \$ 676.00
TOTAL \$2720.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

TAI CHI 2018: All are welcome to join every Friday morning from 9.15-10:30am which is a 75 minutes class. \$10 per class. All ages are welcome to attend.

CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

Donated to date \$ 15743.57
Balance \$59256.43

DIRECT DEPOSIT:

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Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church. Please mark your ref: Surname/Carpark

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FROM POPE FRANCIS

THE CALL TO HOLINESS "The Saints Next Door"

The Holy Spirit bestows holiness in abundance among God's holy and faithful people, for "it has pleased God to make men and women holy and to save them, not as individuals without any bond between them, but rather as a people who might acknowledge him in truth and serve him in holiness". In salvation history, the Lord saved one people. We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual. Rather, God draws us to himself, taking into account the complex fabric of interpersonal relationships present in a human community. God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people. I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence. We might call them "the middle class of holiness". Let us be spurred on by the signs of holiness that the Lord shows us through the humblest members of that people which "shares also in Christ's prophetic office, spreading abroad a living witness to him, especially by means of a life of faith and charity". We should consider the fact that, as Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross suggests, real history is made by so many of them. As she writes: "The greatest figures of prophecy and sanctity step forth out of the darkest night. But for the most part, the formative stream of the mystical life remains invisible. Certainly the most decisive turning points in world history are substantially co-determined by souls whom no history book ever mentions. And we will only find out about those souls to whom we owe the decisive turning points in our personal lives on the day when all that is hidden is revealed". Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church. But even outside the Catholic Church and in very different contexts, the Holy Spirit raises up "signs of his presence which help Christ's followers". Saint John Paul II reminded us that "the witness to Christ borne even to the shedding of blood has become a common inheritance of Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants" In the moving ecumenical commemoration held in the Colosseum during the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, he stated that the martyrs are "a heritage which speaks more powerfully than all the causes of division".

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Before my recent annual leave, a young Vietnamese mother approached me for the Baptism of her baby. She was a young student, who came to this country with a great hope to have a degree in IT. However, her dream was shattered as she met a man, moved in with him, carried his baby, and the father of her baby just disappeared one day without a trace. She was left strugglingly to get through the anti-natal process in a foreign land all by herself, and all her savings for study fees were directed to hospital fees and baby necessities, and worst of all, the Immigration Department decided to cancel her student visa due to lack of class representations.

It was really heart breaking to see a young mum battling such a battle like that. I really could not imagine what one would do in the same situation. However, it was quite amazing to see her put a smile on her face every time we met. Her request for Baptism was arranged in our church, and our parish staff and parishioners also helped to cheer her up with generous gift bags.

This young mother seems to visualise the image of the people following Jesus in the Gospel of Mark two weeks ago, the people he felt sorry for because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Perhaps, out of his compassion for such miserable



crowds, he decided to perform the miracle to multiply the five barley loaves and two fish to nourish thousands of them in the Gospel last week.

Note that John deliberately used the word 'sign' to define such a miraculous work of Jesus. She calls it a sign, since it really symbolises something else, something Jesus reveals in the Gospel this Sunday. Those multiplying loaves, in fact, are signs of himself offered to his followers as 'the bread from heaven', 'the bread of God', and 'the bread of life' to help satisfy the receivers forever. Such a bread, of course, is about the Eucharist we celebrate today, in which we are nourished by the body and blood of Christ Himself.

Let us give thanks to God for the bread of life we share in our Mass today. Pray that the grace of the Eucharist helps turn us into living signs of Jesus' love and compassion to all we are called to bear witness to in this community and beyond. Have an Eucharist-oriented week. **Fr. Henry**

PARISH NEWS...

FOUR2EIGHT: Our junior youth group Four2Eight will meet again **this Sunday after the 9:30am Mass in the parish meeting room**. Come along and join in the fun as we explore how the story of the Gospels from last week and this week relate to our daily lives we look forward to seeing you.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: The next meeting of the Lourdes Young Adults group will be on **Friday 10th August, from 7-9pm in the parish meeting room**. Come along and meet up with other young adults from our parish community while we explore our faith in a relaxed and fun environment.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The preparation meetings for children in year 3 or older who wish to celebrate their First Holy Communion commence this week. The first meeting will be on **Wednesday 8th August 6:30-7:30pm** in the parish meeting room. There will be a repeat of this meeting on **Saturday 11th August 4:30-5:30pm**. If your child has not registered for this year, please contact Judy Barden in the parish office urgently this week on 9622-2920 or email judyb@lol7hills.com.au

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS 2017/2018: Your receipts for last year planned giving donations are available for collection. They are in alphabetical order in the box at the rear of the church. If you have any questions contact Debra in the Parish Office. Please note all Catholic Foundation Receipts (old DWF) will be issued by the Foundation directly.

CATHOLIC MISSION: Thank you for your support of the Catholic Mission for 2018. Our Parish raised a total of \$2262.00 thank you all for your generosity.

MUSIC LITURGY MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd August at 7.30pm. One member of each music group is required to attend. Thank you for your assistance.

LOURDES OVER 50'S meeting will be in the Parish Hall next Thursday the 9th August starting at 10.30am. This week we will enjoy a School Concert which will start at 11.15am so please be on time. We will finish approximately 1.00pm. Parishioners are welcome to join us

MESSAGE FROM SR MARY: Dear Fr Henry and Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, thank you for your prayers over the last 12 months. I thank God for the good

report and all clear with my health. Please continue to pray as I do for you. God Bless, Sr Mary Noonan rsj.

DIOCESAN NEWS...

ACYMC 2018: Early-bird registration for the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops is now open at www.acymc.org.au. The event will host up to 500 adult delegates who are engaged in ministry with young people in parishes, schools, agencies and ministries of the Catholic Church at Rooty Hill RSL, September 21-23. Contact James Camden, Director, Catholic Youth Parramatta for more information.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021.

All people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" Find out more at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30th September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place to Call Home. Making a home for everyone in our land'. The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02)83063499.

PILGRIMAGE FROM PRAGUE TO DUBROVNIK IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: A three-week pilgrimage - The Shrines and Cathedrals of Central Europe - from Prague to Dubrovnik in the September-October School Holidays will be led by Fr John McSweeney from St John 23rd Parish, Stanhope Gardens. For more information contact Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156 or info@harvestjourneys.com for more information.

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY OPEN DAY: 19 AUGUST "Come and See Day" at Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 19 August 2018 is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invitation to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and see", found in the Gospel of John. Open Day provides single men open to a priestly vocation with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10 am, followed by talks, a tour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent. RSVP essential. Please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan on 0420 310 771 or email johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org.

CREATING A SAFE CHURCH: 31 AUG - 1 SEPT: The Diocese of Parramatta is co-hosting two days of presentations by Fr Hans Zollner SJ addressing the most significant issues facing the Catholic Church today with respect to harmful behaviour, including the theological and spiritual implications arising from the abuse crisis and their impact on victims and survivors, together with members of the Church. Fr Hans is regarded as one of the leading ecclesiastical experts in the field of safeguarding of minors and on areas concerning sexual abuse both in the Roman Catholic Church and beyond. More information and registration via parracatholic.org/safechurch

VOCATION WEEKEND FOR MEN (18-35yrs) 24-26th AUG 2018: Live the Gospel! Build the Kingdom! Share the Joy! Change the world with us! The Capuchin Friars are