

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

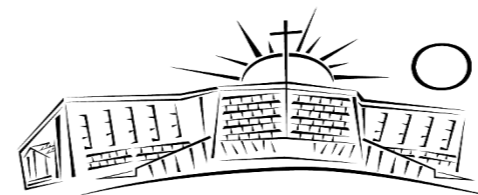
		August 11/12	
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Ernie Gartner	Gerard Marcello, Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Edith Gartner, Christine Menezes	
		Lawrence Falzon, Louis, Lorraine Fernandes, Winnie Marcello, Benno Motha, Adrian Walker	
	9.30am	Mariane Descombes, Paul Gow	
Readers	Vigil 8.00am	Stefanie, Crystal Menezes	
		Pepito Ferriols, Andrew Millar	
	9.30am	David Christian, Jeanine Nonato	
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am	Juan Burges, Caron Cyril, Makayla Dalmati, Jesseline Franco, Christian Milicevic	
		Lewis Savic, Ruby, Riley Sultana	
	9.30am	Victor, Eric Da, Larissa Leary, Sarah Lenthall, Veronica Wondo	
Musicians	Vigil 8am	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	Marinela Simic	
		Edith Gartner, Fenty Saputra	
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea	Couples for Christ	
Welcomers	18 Aug	Andrew, Ramzee	
	6pm	Annette Peatman, Volunteers	
	8am	Rita Paolini, Kathy Chamberlain, Joyce Hillbrick	
	9.30am	Artelle Lenthall, Volunteers	

		August 18/19	
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Abel Do Rosario	Jim Said
	9.30am	Noel Emmanuel	
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Helen Gonzales, Charmaine Jansz	
		Bob & Ann McNally	
	9.30am	Mercy Aquino, Laura Bellissimo, Carole Brooks, Barbara Chandler, Jude Dias, Nancy Shami	
Readers	Vigil 8.00am	Marinela Simic, Alison Punch	
		Karen Eleazar, Kathy Walker	
	9.30am	Helen Katopau, Ian Epondulan	
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am	Noah Ebb, Chrish Gonzales, Arshaan, Arzaan Netto, Samuel Thoms	
		Rebecca, Mathew Said, Mathew Shawcross	
	9.30am	Celestina, Chiara, Oliana Katopau	
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Deanne Do Rosario	
		Couples for Christ	
	9.30am	Folk Group	
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
		The Falzon Family,	
		2 Wallpark Avenue, Seven Hills	
Flowers		Fennie & Angela	
Bookshop	Vigil 8am	Mariane Christian,	
		Sheila Enright	
	9.30am	VOLUNTEER	
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea	Kamela HuiHui & Anna Lopeti	
Welcomers	22 Aug	Sue, Felicity, Joyce	
	6pm	Ram Ugre, Volunteers	
	8am	Annette Peatman, Volunteers	
	9.30am	Anna Lopeti, Lena Falzon, Volunteers	

PARISH DIARY

August

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
26 Aug	Family Mass	9.30am
26 Aug	Presentation of the Lord's Prayer	9.30am
27 Aug	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
27 Aug	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
30 Aug	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
31 Aug	Men's Group Seven Hills RSL	7.30pm
2 Sept	Youth Group Mass	9.30am
3 Sept	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
3 Sept	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
5 Sept	Sacrament Eucharist 3rd Meeting	6.30pm
6 Sept	Healing Mass	8.00am



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator: Mr Bob McNally

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th 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 **26th August**
YOUTH MASS 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: Kings 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord

2nd Reading: Eph 4:30-5:2
 Gospel: John 6:41-51

Walk in love, just as Christ
 I am the living bread come down from heaven

READINGS FOR Next Sunday 1st Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6
 2nd Reading: Eph 5:15-20
 Gospel: John 6:51-58

Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared.
 Be watchful that you may know the will of God
 My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

OPENING PRAYER: **Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirits of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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: *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia**

COMMUNION VERSE: *O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.*



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THE ASSUMPTION: 15TH AUGUST, MASS TIMES 8AM, 9.15AM, 7.30PM

New Parishioners

Would you like to join or maybe receive a visit from Fr Henry or a parishioner?

Sick or Housebound

Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion or a visit?

Planned Giving

Would you like to support our Parish?
 Envelopes/Credit Card/Direct Debit Available

Name

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Name

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Please place on collection Plate



Let us Pray for the Sick

Debra Price, Sue Tiplado, 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, Connie Scerri, Laurence Morrissey

Anniversaries: Mary Muscat, Mary Knight, Dorothy Slater, Joe Bartolo, Amirtham John, Mike Harris, Sofia Ron, Uy Ka Si, Edourd Mattomudary, Dianne Attard, Jayden Cortis, Nguyen Vinh Hien, Marie Therese Descombes, Simone Commarmond, Rose Camenzuli, Joseph Caruana, Felcy Rodrigues

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

ACT OF FAITH

Lord Jesus Christ, I firmly believe that you are present in this Blessed sacrament as true God and true man, with your Body and Blood, Soul and divinity. My Redeemer and my Judge, I adore your divine majesty in union with the angels and saints. I believe, O Lord, increase my faith.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 2315.00
Loose \$ 722.00
TOTAL \$ 3037.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

Donated to date \$ 15813.57
Balance \$59186.43

DIRECT DEPOSIT:

Banking details are BSB: 067 950; Account Number 000552;

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

MASTERCARD OR VISA ONLY CARDS

Total: \$ _____ weekly/fortnightly/monthly
Name on Card: _____ Mobile Number _____

Card Number: ____/____/____/____

Signature: _____

Envelopes available at rear of church

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.

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.

PARISH MEN'S MEETING: The next meeting will be held at Seven Hills RSL in the Sports area on Friday 31st August at 7.30pm

WELCOMERS, PIETY STALL: We are in desperate need of helpers to assist with these two ministries, you will only need to be available for an hour once or twice a month. Please contact the parish office on 9622 2920

FROM POPE FRANCIS

THE LORD CALLS: All this is important. Yet with this Exhortation I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you: "Be holy, for I am holy". The Second Vatican Council stated this clearly: "Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect". "Each in his or her own way" the Council says. We should not grow discouraged before examples of holiness that appear unattainable. There are some testimonies that may prove helpful and inspiring, but that we are not meant to copy, for that could even lead us astray from the one specific path that the Lord has in mind for us. The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them. We are all called to be witnesses, but there are many actual ways of bearing witness. Indeed, when the great mystic, St John of the Cross, wrote his *Spiritual Canticle*, he preferred to avoid hard and fast rules for all. He explained that his verses were composed so that everyone could benefit from them "in his or her own way". For God's life is communicated "to some in one way and to others in another". Within these various forms, I would stress too that the "genius of woman" is seen in feminine styles of holiness, which are an essential means of reflecting God's holiness in this world. Indeed, in times when women tended to be most ignored or overlooked, the Holy Spirit raised up saints whose attractiveness produced new spiritual vigour and important reforms in the Church. We can mention St Hildegard of Bingen, St Bridget, St Catherine of Siena, St Teresa of Avila and St Thérèse of Lisieux. But I think too of all those unknown or forgotten women who, each in her own way, sustained and transformed families and communities by the power of their witness. This should excite and encourage us to give our all and to embrace that unique plan that God willed for each of us from eternity: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you"



Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDET ET EXSULTATE

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

The Gospel this Sunday continues to show Jesus' effort to catechise his followers about the Eucharist. He introduces them to new concepts and languages, and takes them to another realm, consequently they seem to get confused and react, as we see happen in the Gospel story. They begin to question his claim as 'the bread that came down from heaven'. They obviously kept a literal understanding of the message, while Jesus stays at a different level, which is purely theological, and which can be reached with the help of grace and faith. Jesus makes it very clear that it is God, the Father who leads people to his Son as the bread of life, the living bread, and the bread coming down from heaven, the life-giving bread, the bread that is his flesh, and he was going to give them that bread at the Last Supper prior to his Passion, death and Resurrection; in other words, it is God who grants them faith to believe in the Eucharist. Once again, we give praise and thanks to God for the gift of faith and his everyday grace to help us remain strong in our faith in Him, in his Son and in the Eucharist his Son has given us as the bread to give us life and nourish us on our earthly pilgrimage. Ask the Lord to help strengthen our faith, and solidify our love for the Body and Blood of Christ. Have a faith-filled week.

Fr. Henry

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: The Feast of the Assumption is Wednesday 15th August. We will have mass for all to attend at 8am, 9.15am and 7.30pm.

PARISH NEWS...

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS 2017/2018: Your receipts for last year's 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.

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.

MORNING TEA ROSTER 2018/2019: We have a shortage of volunteers for our roster in the coming months and in the new year. Many hands make light work. If you would like to assist, get a group together and serve and organise morning tea for the Parish after the 9.30am mass for 2018 the following dates available are August 26, October 28, November 25 and December 23. Then the 2nd Sunday on the following months for 2019 February, April, June, August, October, December we would appreciate your assistance. If we do not find any volunteers there will no morning tea on these weeks. Please contact Debra in the Parish Office on 9622 2920

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The preparation meetings for children to celebrate their First Holy Communion commenced last week. The second meeting with parents and children will be held on **Wednesday 22nd Aug 6:30-7:30pm** in the parish meeting room. There will be a repeat of this meeting on **Saturday 25th Aug 4:30-5:30pm**. For any information or enquiries please contact Judy Barden via or email judyb@olol7hills.com.au or call 9622 2920.

OVER 50'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT OUTING: A visit to the Art Gallery of NSW to view this years entries in the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes. Always an interesting event. All meet at Seven Hills Station for the 9.28am train to the city. Then bus to Gallery. Admission is \$18 plus fare, morning tea and lunch costs.

OVER 50'S 21st ANNIVERSARY: A celebration will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 13th September with a bbq. The meeting will start at 10.30am. If you would like to attend and are not already part of the Group please contact the Parish Office. Everyone is welcome to join them to celebrate this special occasion. New members always welcome.

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

CATECHESIS FOR YOUNG ADULTS: Drug and alcoholism abuse, marriage breakups, home violence and the destruction of the family are realities our community experience. The Parish of Baulkham Hills will be conducting a series of Catechesis for adults and teenagers (14 years onwards) starting on 6 of August until the end of September. These talks will help whoever listens to discover the meaning of life, create a sense of belonging and see the immense love God has for them. The talks are free and will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7.30pm at 1 Canyon Rd, Baulkham Hills. More info from Lucas on 0428 813 256.

WE'RE HIRING! Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is seeking a Nurse to attend World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. The role will be responsible for encouraging and coordinating healthy practices and the preliminary identification and assessment of medical, health and wellbeing needs of pilgrims. More information at: <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant>

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.

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 inviting single Catholic men who are interested in exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood/religious life to come for a discernment retreat weekend. Begins 7:30pm Friday and concludes 4pm Sunday at 98 Catherine St, Leichhardt.