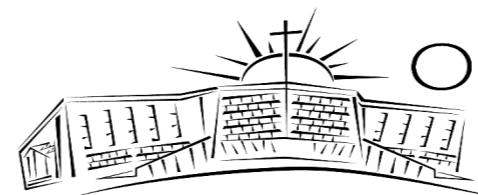


Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

“Still a wonderful place to pray & stay.”

	September 29/30
Acolytes	Vigil 8am Abel Do Rosario 8am Bob McNally 9.30am Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil Louise La Guidara, Crystal Menezes 8.00am James Dinning, Anne McNally 9.30am Dawn Manamperi, Nancy Shami
Readers	Vigil Noreen Rosario, Marinela Simic 8.00am Kamela HuiHui, Priya Joachim 9.30am Mercy Aquino, Rob Simpson
Altar Servers	Vigil Noah Ebb, Alex LaGuidara, Arshaan, Arzaan Netto, Aryan Roy 8.00am Jaylen, Riley, Erika Naing 9.30am Umesh Samarasekera, Jerard Sarmiento, Mathew Shawcross, Alexandra, Mikayla Simpson
Musicians	Vigil 8am Maria Balatbat, Fr Henry, Perry's Angels 9.30am
Children's Rosary	Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only The Maka Family 69 Seven Hills Road, Seven Hills
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Bookshop	Vigil 8am VOLUNTEER 9.30am VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea Imelda 3 Oct Carole, Lourdes, Vinnie, Suzy
Welcomers	6pm Karen Eleazar, Marian Descombes, David Christian VOLUNTEERS 8am Rita Paolini, Helen Gonzales, VOLUNTEERS 9.30am Lena Falzon, Artelle Lenthall, VOLUNTEERS

	6/7 October
Acolytes	Vigil 8am David Christian 9.30am Ernie Gartner Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil Mariane Descombes, Abel Do Rosario, Cathy Hutchings, Derick, Rosey Soares, Vinnie Zahra 8.00am Lawrence Falzon, Louis Fernandes 9.30am Helen Gonzales, Kamela HuiHui
Readers	Vigil Marinela Simic, Jemma Sarmiento 8.00am Pepito Ferriols, Benno Motha 9.30am Jeanine Nonato, Erika Hein Vigil Shaun Baptist, Madisen, Genevieve Estil 8.00am Jayden Cortis, Aaron, Isaac Rosario 9.30 Carl, Marc Gallema, Chrisha Gonzales, Mary -Rose Mejalli, Veronica Wondo
Altar Servers	Vigil Youth for Christ 8am Grace Notes 9.30am 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 Vinnie Zahra 9.30am Volunteer Edmund Joseph
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea Tongan Choir 11 Oct Elodia, Ruth, Elizabeth, Amy
Welcomers	6pm Judith Deloso, Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS 8am Karen Eleazar, Kathy Chamberlain, Olivia Cortis, VOLUNTEER 9.30am Anna Lopeti, VOLUNTEERS

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th September, 2018 Year B

WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK
1st Thursday of month at 8am. **4th October**

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am

RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30 - 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 **21st November** 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 **28th October**
YOUTH MASS 1st Sunday of the month 9.30am
7th October

Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass **5th October** 7.00pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

requested by Bishop Vincent. Date: Sat 13th Oct directly after 5.30 Mass refreshments 6.30-7pm RSVP 9631 3316 Mrs Luisa Luccitti

ADULT CONFIRMATION FOR 2018: will be held on Friday 12 October, 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Any adult over 16 years of age wanting to be confirmed ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH is joining forces with ONE MEAL – IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE to support One Meal's Blacktown meal service, held on Saturday afternoons. It Makes a Difference is a not for profit, 100% volunteers that helps to feed, clothe and support the homeless and underprivileged. We are seeking volunteers to join teams to take part in this program. In short, volunteers will be required to prepare and serve food (once every 10-12 weeks). There are opportunities for those who would prefer to prepare food and not attend the services (and vice versa). Please contact Terri Sebastian via the parish office (9622 1125) or on 0466 418 809 for more information about how to get involved.

PARISH DIARY

OCTOBER

1-12 Oct LOWER CARPARK UPGRADE –limited access

1 Oct	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
4 Oct	Healing Mass	8.00am
4 Oct	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
5 Oct	Exposition Divine Mercy Mass	7.00pm
8 Oct	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
8 Oct	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
10 Oct	Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
11 Oct	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
11 Oct	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
15 Oct	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
18 Oct	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
19 Oct	Music Liturgy Ministry Meeting	7.30pm
22 Oct	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
22 Oct	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
25 Oct	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am

READINGS FOR this Sunday 1st Reading: Num 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?
Your wealth is rotting
Anyone who is not against us if for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

READINGS FOR Next Sunday 1st Reading: Gen 2:18-24
2nd Reading: Heb 2:9-11

They were two in one flesh
He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have the same origin.
What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

OPENING PRAYER: O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia

COMMUNION VERSE: *Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

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	Name	Name
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Telephone	Telephone	Telephone

Please place on collection Plate



Let us Pray for the Sick

Debra Price, Sue Tiplado, Letitia Haines, Rose Stambouliah, Andrew Fedrigo, Nancy Youssef, Paul Gerard, Helen Diab, Alexander Balatbat, Gordon McLandsborough, France Angseesing

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: Patricia Pereira, Anne Menezes, Guy Berville, Lakshman Perera, Rev Fr Leonardo Polinar, Paskin Almeida, Susanne Nadal, Lauren Gerges, Hai Chan Phen, Jose Cordovilla Descalzo Jr, Jane Refalo.

Anniversaries: Pauline Meilak, Mary Muscat, Mary Silva, Nevis Fernando, Horace Baptist, Joseph Camenzuli, Bertu Mula, Cini & Mangion Families, Philip Singh, Poul Hansen, Noura Bayssari, Johann Stauner, Bertram & Gladys Bosen, Herbert McKertich, Juliana, Teodoro Arcega, Felix, Andriana Muscat, Aloysius Welangoda, Lisa Podner, Joseph Bartok, Adele Moroney, Elizabeth & Lawrence Fernandes

Remembrance: Wayne Cregan, John & Sharon Lawrence, Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Mary Muscat, Pauline Meilak, Stephen & Louis Mula, Lourda Motha, Joseph Bartok, Sheena Landagah

A PRAYER FOR OPENING TO GOD

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, faith in your word is the way to wisdom and to ponder your divine plan is to grow in the truth. Open our eyes to your deeds, our ears to the sound of your call, so that our every act may increase our sharing in the life you have offered us .

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 1652.00
Loose \$ 1209.00
TOTAL \$ 2861.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Donated to date \$ 17683.62 Balance \$57296.38

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Envelopes available at rear of church

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS WEEK: 7th October, Please ensure you place your clocks forward 1 hour on Sunday at 2am.



FROM POPE FRANCIS

The limits of reason

It is not easy to grasp the truth that we have received from the Lord. And it is even more difficult to express it. So we cannot claim that our way of understanding this truth authorizes us to exercise a strict supervision over others' lives. Here I would note that in the Church there legitimately coexist different ways of interpreting many aspects of doctrine and Christian life; in their variety, they "help to express more clearly the immense riches of God's word". It is true that "for those who long for a monolithic body of doctrine guarded by all and leaving no room for nuance, this might appear as undesirable and leading to confusion". Some currents of gnosticism scorned the concrete simplicity of the Gospel and attempted to replace the trinitarian and incarnate God with a superior Unity, wherein the rich diversity of our history disappeared. In effect, doctrine, or better, our understanding and expression of it, "is not a closed system, devoid of the dynamic capacity to pose questions, doubts, inquiries...The questions of our people, their suffering, their struggles, their dreams, their trials and their worries, all possess an interpretational value that we cannot ignore if we want to take the principle of the incarnation seriously. Their wondering helps us to wonder, their questions question us". A dangerous confusion can arise. We can think that because we know something, or are able to explain it in certain terms, we are already saints, perfect and better than the "ignorant masses". Saint John Paul II warned of the temptation on the part of those in the Church who are more highly educated "to feel somehow superior to other members of the faithful". In point of fact, what we think we know should always motivate us to respond more fully to God's love. Indeed, "you learn so as to live: theology and holiness are inseparable".

When Saint Francis of Assisi saw that some of his disciples were engaged in teaching, he wanted to avoid the temptation to gnosticism. He wrote to Saint Anthony of Padua: "I am pleased that you teach sacred theology to the brothers, provided that... you do not extinguish the spirit of prayer and devotion during study of this kind". Francis recognized the temptation to turn the Christian experience into a set of intellectual exercises that distance us from the freshness of the Gospel. Saint Bonaventure, on the other hand, pointed out that true Christian wisdom can never be separated from mercy towards our neighbour: "The greatest possible wisdom is to share fruitfully what we have to give... Even as mercy is the companion of wisdom, avarice is its enemy". "There are activities that, united to contemplation, do not prevent the latter, but rather facilitate it, such as works of mercy and devotion".

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE



CARPARK WORK UPDATE: The carpark will be upgraded in the October school holidays. The driveway will be inaccessible to traffic Mon Oct 1 to Fri Oct 5 inclusive - **pedestrian access only** will be available during this time.

The lower carpark in front of the school will be inaccessible from Mon Oct 1 until Fri Oct 12 including the weekend of the 6/7 October. The Parramatta Diocese School CEO will cover the costs of this new scope of works. We thank them for their contribution to our Community.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Since the violence broke out in Myanmar in August last year, many Rohingyans have been killed or been through all sorts of terrible things and more than 720,000 of their men, women and children managed to flee to Bangladesh to save their lives. Though they are temporarily out the reach of those trying to get rid of them, they have still faced with enormous problems, such as shelters, clean water, food, clothing, education, sanitation and health services.

While the Rohingya crisis has not been resolved, there is another one obviously looming over in Yemen namely the famine, which starts to pose serious threats amongst civilians, especially children caught up between the two warring groups in the country.

Despite these life-threatening crisis, our world leaders seem to remain unaware of them, and instead, prefer to talk about other issues such as tariffs, globalisation and patriotism. I wish they would have a chance to hear the strong words of St James in the second reading this Sunday meant to remind the rich, who have no consideration for the unfortunate around them. The writer warns them that it was nothing but 'a burning fire' they store up. To avoid this fiery end, they perhaps need to follow the path Jesus shows us in the Gospel story, which is to offer charitable help to those in need, even in the smallest way, such as giving a cup of water for someone to drink. Works of charity, in no doubt, will help drench the suffering of the needy and gain a heavenly reward for those with generous hearts.

Let us ask the Lord to heed his invitation to give our helping hand in whichever way we can to those needing our care and assistance both here and throughout the world today, consequently we shall deserve our claim as belonging to Jesus, and the reward he promised.

Have a charity-filled week



Fr Henry

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Congratulations to all 21 children of ours receiving the Body of Christ for the first time this Sunday, and also to 23 others last week. May they remain faithful friends of Jesus today and always.

A word of thanks to (1) our acolytes, altar-servers, readers, wardens, singers and musicians for sparing their precious time to serve our First Holy Communion Masses this year, and (2) Judy for running the program so smoothly and effectively with two excellent helpers Artelle and Sarah. God bless you all. **Fr Henry**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to the children from our Parish who celebrate their First Holy communion this Sunday at a special 11.30am Mass. We will keep you in our prayers as you continue on your journey of Faith. A big thank you also to the parishioners who have volunteered to serve at our First Holy Communion Masses of these weekends, your support is greatly appreciated.

FOUR2EIGHT YOUTH GROUP: Next weekend our Junior Youth Group Four2Eight meets again after the 9:30am Mass in the parish meeting room. We will be focusing on how to clothe ourselves in kindness (literally!). So come along, meet some new friends and join in the fun. We meet from about 10:45am to 12pm



Holy Communion

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: PARISH GROUP MEETING:

The three groups of parishioners that met last week enjoyed their sharing process so much that they agreed to meet again to complete the remaining four sessions of the Plenary Council booklet. **ALL parishioners** are free to join in the remaining meetings and have their say in the future guidelines for the church in Australia. Each of the groups listed the return to the third rite of reconciliation as a top priority. Other items listed as high priority were:

- Building and maintaining a solid faith foundation.
- Fostering good communication through culturally integrating, socially, outreach (good deeds) and corporal works of mercy.
- Option for priests to marry.
- Education in schools. Weekly Mass, regular reconciliation and Catholic values and traditions.
- Strengthening of the community in terms of personal relationships.
- What can we do to engage adults after/outside the Sacramental Programs.
- Other items the groups considered important were: spiritual development at school level, promotion of better relationships with other faiths, building relationships within the family and evangelisation starts from the family.

The attendees listed 84 items that they considered needed to be addressed which covered the whole range of matters requiring attention by the church in Australia. All these items have been forwarded to the Diocese and the Plenary Council as part of their listening process. You all need to think deeply about what needs to be done to update our church in this modern age and **Have Your Say**. Your voice matters. The next meeting will be held after the school holidays and the completion of the planned car park reconstruction.

HEALING MASS: Our next monthly Healing Mass is on Thursday 4th October, at 8am. This Sacrament of Healing is for those who are experiencing illness either physical or spiritual, for those who wish their lives to be strengthened or healed, for those preparing for an operation and those who are experiencing the infirmity of old age. All are welcome

EXPOSITION & DIVINE MERCY: Come along Friday 5th October at 7.00pm to these devotions held on the First Friday of each month to pray for ourselves, our Church and the whole world. Please spare your time to join us.

HOLY COMMUNION PIETY STALL GIFTS: The Piety Stall has a number of items available for purchase for 1st Holy Communion for boys and girls. You are welcome to come along anytime to the Parish Office and we will open up for you. Prices are very reasonable.

MEN'S BREAKFAST -Our bi-monthly breakfast which was set for 29th September has been **cancelled**. Instead we will meet on the 27 October and again in November as we have interesting guests both months. In October Sr Margaret Shephard, a Sister of Mercy, will share her experience of living with refugees on Christmas Island and in Curtin Detention Centre in WA. Put the date in your diary - October 27th.

DIOCESAN NEWS...

TABLE TALK WITH REFUGEES: ST ANTHONY'S TOONGABBIE: Would like to invite all parishioners to join them for an evening to hear about the issues and experiences of refugees from refugees themselves, as