

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

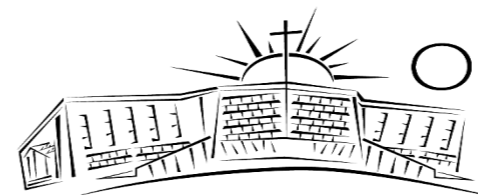
		6/7 October
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	David Christian Ernie Gartner Ramzee Michael
	9.30am	
Ministers	Vigil	Mariane Descombes, Abel Do Rosario, Cathy Hutchings, Derick, Rosey Soares, Vinnie Zahra
	8.00am	Lawrence Falzon, VOLUNTEER
	9.30am	Helen Gonzales, Kamela HuiHui
Readers	Vigil	Marinela Simic, Jemma Sarmiento
	8.00am	Pepito Ferriols, Benno Motha
	9.30am	Jeanine Nonato, Erika Hein
Altar Servers	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
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Youth for Christ Grace Notes
	9.30am	Christine Clarke
Children's	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only
Rosary		The Jordan Family 21a Abigail Street, Seven Hills
Flowers		Fenty & Santih
	Vigil 8am	Vinnie Zahra Volunteer
Bookshop	9.30am	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

		October 13/14
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Lawrence Falzon Terry Jordan Noel Emmanuel
	9.30am	
Ministers	Vigil	Crystal, Stefanie Menezes
	8.00am	Fennie Balatbat, James Dinning, Ernie, Edith Gartner, Bob, Anne McNally
	9.30am	Barbara Chandler, Jude Dias
Readers	Vigil	Denis Symon, Perpetual Fernandes
	8.00am	Priya Joachim, Kathy Walker
	9.30am	Ryan, Ian Epondulan
Altar Servers	Vigil	Alexander Bateman-Paul, Yxaak Dino, Noah Egg, Christian Milicevic, VOLUNTEER
	8.00am	Isabella Dela Cruz, Lewis Savic, Matthew Shawcross
	9.30am	Jaylen, Riley, Erika Naing, Ethan, Jayda- Leigh Neish
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Magnificat Choir Fr Henry
	9.30am	Tongan Choir
Children's	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only
Rosary		The Morris Family 45 James Street, Seven Hills
Flowers		Lucinda & Orlindo
	Vigil 8am	Marinela Simic Edith Gartner
Bookshop	9.30am	Fenty Saputra
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea	Couples for Christ
	20 Oct	Andrew, Ramzee
Welcomers	6pm	John Jordan, Mary Jordan, VOLUNTEERS
	8am	Chandra Sampanthan, Joyce Hillbrick, VOLUNTEERS
	9.30am	Anna Lopeti, VOLUNTEERS

PARISH DIARY

OCTOBER

	1-12 Oct	LOWER CARPARK UPGRADE –limited access
8 Oct	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
8 Oct	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
11 Oct	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
11 Oct	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
15 Oct	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
17 Oct	Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
18 Oct	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
22 Oct	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
22 Oct	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
24 Oct	Music Liturgy Ministry Meeting	7.30pm
25 Oct	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
27 Oct	Pastoral Care of the Sick Meeting	10.30am



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

“Still a wonderful place to pray & stay.”

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7th October, 2018 Year B

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

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

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
4th November

Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass
2nd November 7.00pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS FOR This 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.

READINGS FOR Next Sunday 1st Reading: Wis 7:7-11
2nd Reading: Heb 4:12-13

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing
The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.*

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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: *May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia

COMMUNION VERSE: *The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.*

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
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Name	Name	Name
_____	_____	_____
Telephone	Telephone	Telephone

Please place on collection Plate



Let us Pray for the Sick

Sue Tipaldo, Letitia Haines, Rose Stambouliah, Andrew Fedrigo, Nancy Youssef, Paul Gerard, Helen Diab, Alexander Balatbat, Gordon McLandsborough, Philomena Corera,

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,

Anniversaries: Pauline Meilak, Mary Muscat, John Fernando, Horace Baptist, Gaspar & Jacinta, Espy Dlima, Getrude O'Brien, Elena & Matthew Collaros, Xavier Motha, Eric & Dorine, Benigno Riveral, Loppiah Jesuthaian, Clarence Corera, Herman Saputra

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

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	\$2586
Loose	\$ 1166
TOTAL	\$ 3752
WEEKLY TARGET:	\$3500

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

Donated to date \$ 18943.62 Balance \$56056.38

DIRECT DEPOSIT:

Banking details are BSB: 067 950; Account Number 000552; Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church. Please mark your ref: Surname/Carpark or via

MASTERCARD OR VISA ONLY CARD

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

Card Number: ____ / ____ / ____ / ____

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Envelopes available at rear of church

INDONESIAN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

Please continue to pray for the more than 1400 people killed in the recent earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia. We also remember the hundreds of thousands of others facing homelessness and the shortage of basic necessities. To donate, please visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/asia-emergency-appeal> or call 1800 024 413

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or perhaps someone who is baptised but not received any other sacraments? We are inviting all who are interested to become Catholic to join our RCIA program 2018-2019. Please contact Fr Henry for a chat before the start of the program.

FROM POPE FRANCIS 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

Perhaps in response to Pope Francis' invitation in his apostolic exhortation called Amoris Laetitia meaning the Joy of Love, German bishops recently started discussions about whether divorced and remarried Catholics should be admitted to the sacraments after a process of discernment.

On the one hand, there are bishops who advocate for the admission from the love and mercy perspective, which sees the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, as a remedy for sick souls; and on the other hand, others firmly maintain the traditional position of the Church regarding the matter.

The ball, I think, is in the hands of individual bishops, who are encouraged by the Pope to exercise the power given to them,



meant to bring pastoral benefits to the people entrusted to their care, especially those in special need. However, many of them seem to look and sound rather uncomfortable with the new approach, for they have been used to be told exactly what to do.

In the Gospel this week, Jesus tells the disciples about what he thinks of marriage; that it should be indissoluble, meaning it can not be broken, since God Himself is the One who unites women and men together in marriage.

However, Jesus is also aware of the law given by Moses to grant permission of divorce to his contemporaries, and it is important to note that Moses' law obviously was more favourable to men, since a man was simply required to supply a note declaring the intention to divorce his wife, and hand it to her in the presence of witnesses. Consequently, it was far easier for men to arrange a divorce.

From the marriage platform, we can see the significance of the next point he makes about children. Perhaps it is more than just an encouragement to let children come to him and learn to welcome the Kingdom of God in a child-like way. It is also a challenge for us all to show greater care for children, especially those affected by broken relationships.

Today, let us pray for all married couples, that they continue to enjoy their married life and bear faithful witness to their marriage covenant. Let us also remember those couples, who find their differences irreconcilable and pray that they will be given support and help to remain sacramentally connected to the Church and that their children shall be well looked after and receive whatever assistance they need for a good growth. Have a grace-filled week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

LOUDES OVER 50'S MEETING is on next Thursday the 11th October. The meeting starts at 10.30 am in the Parish Hall and finishes about 1.00 pm. Please bring a plate for shared lunch.

LOURDES YOUNG ADULTS GROUP meets again this Friday night from 7-9pm in the parish meeting room. The theme for this month is "Detachment from worldly possessions" and what it means to be a true follower of Christ. Come along and join in the fun, faith, fellowship and food from 7pm on Friday night. See you there!



HSC MASS NEXT SATURDAY Next Saturday 13th October at our Vigil Mass, 6pm, we will have a special blessing for any HSC students in our parish. If you know someone who will be doing the HSC exams this year, you are invited to include their name on the sheet at the back of the church so they can be listed in our special prayer list for next weekend. All current HSC students are also invited to wear their Year 12 jersey/jacket to Mass.

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

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.



FOUR2EIGHT is on again this weekend after the 9:30am Mass in the parish meeting room. This month we are exploring what being "clothed in kindness" means to us. Come along from about 10:45am for some faith and fun times. See you there!

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.

CARPARK WORK UPDATE: The carpark will be upgraded in the October school holidays. 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.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK: The next meeting for Pastoral care of the sick ministers will be held on Saturday 27th October at 10.30am in the Parish Meeting Room We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to be part of this team please contact the Parish Office on 9622 2920

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - THANK YOU!

Congratulations to the 44 children from our parish community who celebrated their First Holy Communion over the past two weeks. The Masses were a beautiful celebration made possible by the many people who volunteered their time to assist with the preparation of the children as well as serving at the Masses. Next weekend we welcome the children and their families once again for the presentation of their certificates at the 9:30am Mass which will be followed by a shared morning tea in the hall. All welcome.