

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

October 13/14

Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Lawrence Falzon Terry Jordan Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Crystal, Stefanie Menezes Fennie Balatbat, James Dinning, Ernie, Edith Gartner, Bob, Anne McNally
Readers	Vigil 9.30am	Barbara Chandler, Jude Dias Denis Symon, Perpetual Fernandes Priya Joachim, Kathy Walker Ryan, Ian Epondulan
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am	Alexander Bateman-Paul, Makayla Dalmati, Yxaak Dino, Noah Ebb, Christian Milicevic Isabella Dela Cruz, Lewis Savic, Matthew Shawcross Jaylen, Riley, Erika Naing, Ethan, Jayda-Leigh Neish
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 & Orlando
Bookshop	Vigil 8am	Marinela Simic Edith Gartner Fenty Saputra
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea 20 Oct	Couples for Christ Andrew, Ramzee
Welcomers	6pm	John Jordan, Mary Jordan, VOLUNTEERS
	8am	Chandra Sampanthan, Joyce Hillbrick, VOLUNTEERS
	9.30am	Anna Lopeti, VOLUNTEERS

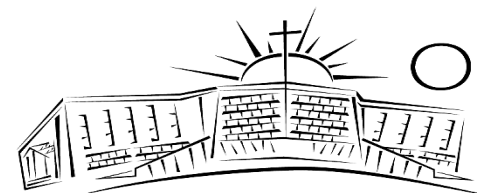
20/21 October

Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Abel Do Rosario Louis Fernandes Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Anna Bellissimo, Cathy Hutchings Lorraine Fernandes, Kamela Huihui
Readers	Vigil 9.30am	Carole Brooks, David Christian, Mariane Descombes, Edith, Ernie Gartner, Nancy Shami Noreen Rosario, Erika Hien Andrew Millar, Karen Eleazar
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am	Anna Lopeti, Benno Motha Juan Burgess, Arshaan, Arzaan Netto, Aryn Roy, Samuel Thomas Thomas Osborne, Joshua, Tanisha Ramachandran
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Deanne Do Rosario Couples for Christ 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 Erika Hein
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea 24 Oct	Kamela & Anna Sue, Felicity, Joyce
Welcomers	6pm	Annette Peatman, VOLUNTEERS
	8am	Rita Paolini, Adrian Walker, Helen Gonzales, VOLUNTEER
	9.30am	Artelle Lenthall, VOLUNTEERS

PARISH DIARY

OCTOBER

15 Oct	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
15 Oct	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
17 Oct	Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
18 Oct	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
22 Oct	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
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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**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th 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: 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.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me

READINGS FOR Next Sunday
1st Reading: Is 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.

2nd Reading: Heb 4:14-16
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.
The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel*

OPENING PRAYER: **May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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: *Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia**

COMMUNION VERSE: *The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*



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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?
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Let us Pray for the Sick

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

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: Anne Menezes, Guy Berville, Lakshman Perera, Francisco Garcia

Anniversaries: Joseph Bartok, Bertram & Gladys Bosen, Herbert McKertich, Leonilde Cavallaro, Emanuel Zarb, Xavier Motha Sr, John Fernando, John, Giorgina Falzon, Pauline Mielak, Felina Maglaya

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

A Plenary Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost, Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 1460.00
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WEEKLY TARGET: \$3500.00



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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.

FROM POPE FRANCIS CONTEMPORARY PELAGIANISM



Gnosticism gave way to another heresy, likewise present in our day. As time passed, many came to realize that it is not knowledge that betters us or makes us saints, but the kind of life we lead. But this subtly led back to the old error of the gnostics, which was simply transformed rather than eliminated.

The same power that the gnostics attributed to the intellect, others now began to attribute to the human will, to personal effort. This was the case with the pelagians and semi-pelagians. Now it was not intelligence that took the place of mystery and grace, but our human will. It was forgotten that everything “depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy” and that “he first loved us”.

A will lacking humility

Those who yield to this pelagian or semi-pelagian mindset, even though they speak warmly of God’s grace, “ultimately trust only in their own powers and feel superior to others because they observe certain rules or remain intransigently faithful to a particular Catholic style”. When some of them tell the weak that all things can be accomplished with God’s grace, deep down they tend to give the idea that all things are possible by the human will, as if it were something pure, perfect, all-powerful, to which grace is then added. They fail to realize that “not everyone can do everything”, and that in this life human weaknesses are not healed completely and once for all by grace. In every case, as Saint Augustine taught, God commands you to do what you can and to ask for what you cannot, and indeed to pray to him humbly: “Grant what you command, and command what you will”.

Ultimately, the lack of a heartfelt and prayerful acknowledgment of our limitations prevents grace from working more effectively within us, for no room is left for bringing about the potential good that is part of a sincere and genuine journey of growth. Grace, precisely because it builds on nature, does not make us superhuman all at once. That kind of thinking would show too much confidence in our own abilities. Underneath our orthodoxy, our attitudes might not correspond to our talk about the need for grace, and in specific situations we can end up putting little trust in it. Unless we can acknowledge our concrete and limited situation, we will not be able to see the real and possible steps that the Lord demands of us at every moment, once we are attracted and empowered by his gift. Grace acts in history; ordinarily it takes hold of us and transforms us progressively. If we reject this historical and progressive reality, we can actually refuse and block grace, even as we extol it by our words.

When God speaks to Abraham, he tells him: “I am God Almighty, walk before me, and be blameless”. In order to be blameless, as he would have us, we need to live humbly in his presence, cloaked in his glory; we need to walk in union with him, recognizing his constant love in our lives. We need to lose our fear before that presence which can only be for our good. God is the Father who gave us life and loves us greatly. Once we accept him, and stop trying to live our lives without him, the anguish of loneliness will disappear. In this way we will know the pleasing and perfect will of the Lord and allow him to mould us like a potter. So often we say that God dwells in us, but it is better to say that we dwell in him, that he enables us to dwell in his light and love. He is our temple; we ask to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our life. “For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere”. In him is our holiness.

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

FROM FR. HENRY DUC



In ancient time, people often built high walls around their cities for protection from hostile invaders. They opened gates in the walls in the morning for dwellers to get out and in, and closed them at dusk, so their enemies could not enter the city and capture it while they were in bed.

The city of Jerusalem then was built upon such a concept with seven main gates and lot of smaller ones, which were rather narrow and low to neutralise the chance for any intruder to ride in on horseback. The people of Jerusalem nicknamed those low and narrow gates of their city as ‘the eyes of the needles’, which becomes Jesus’ teaching object in the Gospel this Sunday.

In Mark’s narrative, Jesus picks up the image of the eye of the needle, which perhaps was quite familiar with many living in Jerusalem, to convey this dual message to his listeners: Point number one is about the obstructive nature of wealth, as it makes harder for the rich to enter into God’s kingdom due to their deep attachment to their riches – note that a faithful observance of the commandments failed provide for the young man an automatic entry into the Kingdom of God, unless he was prepared to prove his whole detachment from his worldly possessions; and point number two is about the power of God, who can make everything happen happen, even though they might look impossible from a human perspective, meaning that the rich, with the help of God, can enjoy a total detachment from get through the eye of needle of the heavenly Jerusalem.

Let us pray for the wisdom to know what we can do to gain for us heavenly credits with wealth and riches, and the courage to be detached from them, meaning to be on top of them, and instead of being enslaved by them. Have a detachment-oriented week. Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

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.



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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - WELCOME!

This weekend we welcome the children and their families who recently celebrated their First Holy Communion to receive their certificates at our 9:30am Mass. All are invited to a shared morning tea in the hall after Mass to celebrate with the children and their families.

MUSIC MINISTRY MEETING: All choir members are invited to our next Parish ministry meeting on Wednesday 24th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Office. One member from each group is required to attend.

LOWER CARPARK & DRIVEWAY THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for your patience, understanding and co-operation last weekend due to the unexpected closure of the church driveway. Many thanks to our Catholic Education Office in Parramatta and our Primary School led by Ms. Kieran Byrnes for initiating and sponsoring the work to complete our carpark upgrading project. And above all, we give praise and thanks to God for helping us to get it done a bit beyond our expectation due to the wet weather, which, however, inspired us to remember that God’s way is beyond ours. Fr Henry

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

Session 2 will be held on this Tuesday, 16 October at 7:30 pm. All interested parishioners are invited to join the previous attendees in this session. Please come along and HAVE YOUR SAY in the issues facing the Australian Church at this time. Part 1 of the meeting will continue discussions on two priority topics from the last meeting (a) The introduction of the third rite of Reconciliation and (b) What can we do to continue to engage parents following the Sacramental Programs and to inform all adults in the practice of their Faith. For Part 2 we will again be open to the Spirit and provide for group discussion on any aspects for further input to the Plenary Council on what is needed to advance our Church in Australia. Please come along and HAVE YOUR SAY. The Plenary Council wants all your ideas sent to them for consideration. Over the 3 remaining fortnightly meetings several high priority issues will continue to be examined in detail and any new issues recorded

DIOCESAN NEWS...

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.

One Meal – It Makes a Difference is a not for profit, 100% volunteer community organisation that helps to feed, clothe and support the homeless and underprivileged. They need our help! The One Meal mission is to provide healthy nutritious meals and a range of human services to the homeless, destitute, impoverished and underprivileged people and to assist in advancing the well-being, outlook on life and prospects for future independence of their Patrons 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.

CELEBRATING THE JOURNEY: You are invited to our Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass & Lunch

Sunday 28th October, 2018 11am Mass - St Patrick’s Cathedral Parramatta Followed by lunch at Parish Hall. The Diocese of Parramatta invites all married Couples, together with their families and guests, to attend the Diocesan Mass for Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries. Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev Bishop Vincent at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta on Sunday 28th October at 11am. This invitation is extended to all married couples to give thanks for their contribution to the Church through the faithful living out of their vocation. We give a Certificate of Blessing from the Bishop for those celebrating: 1, 5, 10, 15,