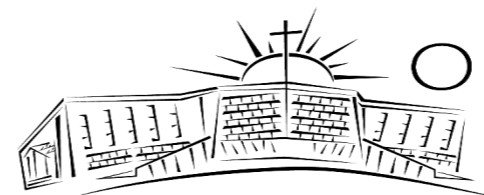


**Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass.**



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

*“Still a wonderful place to pray & stay.”*

		<b>20/21 October</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Vigil 8am 9.30am	<b>Abel Do Rosario</b> <b>Louis Fernandes</b> <b>Noel Emmanuel</b>
<b>Ministers</b>	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	<b>Anna Bellissimo, Cathy Hutchings</b> <b>Lorraine Fernandes, Kamela HuiHui</b> <b>Carole Brooks, David Christian, Mariane Descombes, Edith, Ernie Gartner, Nancy Shami</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	<b>Noreen Rosario, Erika Hien</b> <b>Andrew Millar, Karen Eleazar</b> <b>Anna Lopeti, Benno Motha</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Vigil 8.00am 9.30	<b>Juan Burgess, Arshaan, Arzaan Netto, Arynna Roy, Samuel Thomas</b> <b>Thomas Osborne, Joshua, Tanisha Ramachandran</b> <b>Victor, Eric Da, Sarah Lenthall</b>
<b>Musicians</b>	Vigil 8am 9.30am	<b>Deanne Do Rosario</b> <b>Couples for Christ</b> <b>Folk Group</b>
<b>Children’s Rosary</b>	Liturgy	<b>2nd &amp; 3rd Sunday of the month only</b> <b>The Falzon Family</b> <b>2 Wallpark Avenue, Seven Hills</b>
<b>Flowers</b>		<b>Fennie &amp; Angela</b>
<b>Bookshop</b>	Vigil 8am 9.30am	<b>Mariane Christian</b> <b>Sheila Enright</b> <b>Erika Hein</b>
<b>Morning Church Cleaning</b>	Tea 24 Oct	<b>Kamela &amp; Anna</b> <b>Sue, Felicity, Joyce</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	6pm 8am 9.30am	<b>Annette Peatman, VOLUNTEERS</b> <b>Rita Paolini, Adrian Walker, Helen Gonzales, VOLUNTEER</b> <b>Artelle Lenthall, VOLUNTEERS</b>

		<b>October 27/28</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Vigil 8am 9.30am	<b>John Jordan</b> <b>Jim Said</b> <b>Ramzee Michael</b>
<b>Ministers</b>	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	<b>Charmaine Jansz, Louise La Guidara</b> <b>Priya Joachim</b> <b>Eugene Miu</b> <b>Paul Gow, VOLUNTEER</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	<b>Alison Punch, Marinela Simic</b> <b>Bob McNally, Kamela HuiHui</b> <b>FAMILY MASS</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	<b>Benjamin, Nathan Clark, Madisen Estil, Alex La Guidara</b> <b>Lucas Pascu, Rebecca, Mathew Said</b> <b>Sofia Culili, Isabella Dela Cruz, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Rynan Michal, Daniel Tenn</b>
<b>Musicians</b>	Vigil 8am 9.30am	<b>Perry’s Angels</b> <b>Perry’s Angels</b> <b>Maria Balatbat</b>
<b>Children’s Rosary</b>	Liturgy	<b>2nd &amp; 3rd Sunday of the month Only</b> <b>The Milicevic Family</b> <b>10 Grantham Road, Seven Hills</b> <b>Priya &amp; Mary Bonnici</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	Vigil 8am 9.30am	<b>Greg Watkins</b> <b>Edith Gartner,</b> <b>Carole Brooks</b>
<b>Bookshop</b>	Tea 3 Nov	<b>John &amp; An O’Brien</b> <b>Judith and Adrian</b>
<b>Morning Church Cleaning</b>	6pm	<b>Mary Jordan, Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	8am 9.30am	<b>Joyce Hillbrick, Chandra Sampanthan, VOLUNTEERS</b> <b>Maria Michael, Helen Gonzales, VOLUNTEERS</b>

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**Principal:** Ms Keiran Byrnes

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## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st 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 YOUTH MASS** **28th October** 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**

### 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.

### OCTOBER

22 Oct	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
22 Oct	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
24 Oct	Music Liturgy Meeting	7.30pm
25 Oct	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
27 Oct	Pastoral Care of the Sick Meeting	10.30am
29 Oct	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
29 Oct	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm

1 Nov	All Saints	
1 Nov	Healing Mass	8.00am
1 Nov	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
2 Nov	Exposition & Divine Mercy Mass	7.30pm
4 Nov	Remembrance Sunday	6pm, 8am 9.30am
5 Nov	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm

### PARISH DIARY

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

**Please place on collection Plate**

**READINGS FOR This 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 Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.  
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45 The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all

**READINGS FOR Next Sunday** 1st Reading: Jer 31:7-9 I shall lead them back in mercy– both the blind and the lame  
2nd Reading: Heb 5:1-6 You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek  
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52 Master, grant that I may see.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** **Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always confirm our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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:** *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** **Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia**

**COMMUNION VERSE:** *Behold the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.*



### Let us Pray for the Sick

Sue Tipaldo, Letitia Haines, Rose Stambouliah, Andrew Fedrigo, Nancy Youssef, Paul Gerard, Helen Diab, Alexander Balatbat, Gordon McLandsborough, Michael Sant, Marlene Mussa.

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, Charlie Tanti, Cody Jordan, Francisco Paquito Garcia, Ferdie Mejia

**Anniversaries:** Bertram & Gladys Bosen, Joseph Bartok, Herbert McKertich, Joshep Nguyen, Rosary Silva, Stanley Motha, Guiseppe & Nina Paolini, Sam Debattista, Saivina Debattista, Carmen Attard

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

### 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** \$ 2331.00  
**Loose** \$ 988.00  
**TOTAL** \$ 3319.00  
**WEEKLY TARGET:** \$3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Envelopes available at rear of church

**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.

### FROM POPE FRANCIS

#### AN OFTEN OVERLOOKED CHURCH TEACHING

The Church has repeatedly taught that we are justified not by our own works or efforts, but by the grace of the Lord, who always takes the initiative.



The Fathers of the Church, even before Saint Augustine, clearly expressed this fundamental belief. Saint John Chrysostom said that God pours into us the very source of all his gifts even before we enter into battle. Saint Basil the Great remarked that the faithful glory in God alone, for “they realize that they lack true justice and are justified only through faith in Christ”.

The Second Synod of Orange taught with firm authority that nothing human can demand, merit or buy the gift of divine grace, and that all cooperation with it is a prior gift of that same grace: “Even the desire to be cleansed comes about in us through the outpouring and working of the Holy Spirit”. Subsequently, the Council of Trent, while emphasizing the importance of our cooperation for spiritual growth, reaffirmed that dogmatic teaching: “We are said to be justified gratuitously because nothing that precedes justification, neither faith nor works, merits the grace of justification; for ‘if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise, grace would no longer be grace’ (Rom 11:6)”.

54. The Catechism of the Catholic Church also reminds us that the gift of grace “surpasses the power of human intellect and will” and that “with regard to God, there is no strict right to any merit on the part of man. Between God and us there is an immeasurable inequality”. His friendship infinitely transcends us; we cannot buy it with our works, it can only be a gift born of his loving initiative. This invites us to live in joyful gratitude for this completely unmerited gift, since “after one has grace, the grace already possessed cannot come under merit”. The saints avoided putting trust in their own works: “In the evening of this life, I shall appear before you empty-handed, for I do not ask you, Lord, to count my works. All our justices have stains in your sight”.

This is one of the great convictions that the Church has come firmly to hold. It is so clearly expressed in the word of God that there can be no question of it. Like the supreme commandment of love, this truth should affect the way we live, for it flows from the heart of the Gospel and demands that we not only accept it intellectually but also make it a source of contagious joy. Yet we cannot celebrate this free gift of the Lord’s friendship unless we realize that our earthly life and our natural abilities are his gift. We need “to acknowledge jubilantly that our life is essentially a gift, and recognize that our freedom is a grace. This is not easy today, in a world that thinks it can keep something for itself, the fruits of its own creativity or freedom”.

Only on the basis of God’s gift, freely accepted and humbly received, can we cooperate by our own efforts in our progressive transformation. We must first belong to God, offering ourselves to him who was there first, and entrusting to him our abilities, our efforts, our struggle against evil and our creativity, so that his free gift may grow and develop within us: “I appeal to you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God” (Rom 12:1). For that matter, the Church has always taught that charity alone makes growth in the life of grace possible, for “if I do not have love, I am nothing” (1 Cor 13:2).

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

**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

### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

During the Vietnam war, my grandma, mum’s mother, and most of my aunts lived in the war zone, that was controlled by the South Vietnamese army during the day, and ironically belonged to the Vietcongs at night. It was not unusual for me to be dragged down into the trench at night when I visited my grandmother due to rocket attacks of the Vietcongs aimed at the military airport nearby.



Despite all the dangers constantly menacing my grandma and my aunts, I was never worried for their safety, because for some unknown reasons, I sensed that they could manage to get through, and it turned out to be true thanks both to their bravery and network of connections.

Talking about connection, the Gospel’s narrative this Sunday highlights an interesting example by exposing John and James’ attempt to negotiate for two most senior positions in Jesus’ future ‘cabinet.’ ‘Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory’, they blatantly ask him. Jesus patiently takes them out of their ignorance, kindly enlightens them about his coming Passion, and gently invites them to join his journey.

Most significantly, he reveals to them the truth of his glory and authority, which is the opposite of the one they have often seen and experienced through their interactions with the unfaith, since it is based on his virtues as a good servant of God, namely faithful service and humility. Jesus then challenges John, James and the rest of his apostles to strive for it.

Let us pray firstly for our Church leaders, that they might have the courage to say no to any temptation to seek for higher places like John and James of old, the temptation that Pope Francis has often referred to as careerism, and secondly for each of us, that we may be able to appreciate and embrace Jesus’ model of discipleship by means of our willingness to offer our humble service to each other. Have a good serving 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.



### LIFTED LIVE! Saturday 27th October

A fun night of live music, rides, food with Bishop Vincent as we celebrate the Year of Youth. We are hoping to get a group together from the parish and car pool into the Cathedral on the night. If you’d like to come along, please add your name to the list at the back of the church and grab a flyer for more information or contact Judy judyb@lol7hills.com.au



**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.

**SAD TO SAY GOODBYE:** Due to urgent needs for a better recovery from her illnesses, Debra has made the difficult decision to leave the position as our Parish secretary after more than ten years of dedicated and wholehearted service given to our parish community.

This is a great loss to us and it is very sad not to see her around in the office from the end of the month. I would like to truly thank Debra for her utmost dedication, professionalism and loyalty, and wish her all the best with all the treatments.

A Farewell Mass for Debra will be held on 4th November at 9.30am and in the meantime please continue to keep her in your prayers

### OVER 50’S REMINDER

For those who have booked to attend the lunch at Fox Hills Golf Club, a reminder the lunch is on **this coming Tuesday 23rd October.**

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: 2ND PARISH GROUP MEETING

Our thanks to those who joined us last Tuesday night. It was disappointing not to see all our previous members and only one new member in attendance. Please make sure you come along and have you say on Tuesday 30th Oct 2018. In regard to children and their parents, it was agreed that the Catholic Faith should be taught simply and entirely during their school years. In view of this modern age with its challenges of sport and instant digital attractions such as Facebook, computer games and reality TV with its secularised morality and even adverse peer pressure in our schools, something more must be done. Our senior students must be brought to realise that God is real, loves us for what we are and desires a personal relationship with them now and for the rest of their lives. The Church has begun to rectify this with its annual youth gatherings, the Insight Programs and in the extra spiritual and social content of youth groups at all age levels. Similarly before the parents of school children bring their children to any of the Sacraments the parents should be required to attend a similar spiritual program to reignite their Faith and appreciation of God. Overseas the Alpha Program is being used for this with great success. Other spiritual programs are available in Australia. Similar programs can be used to educate those entering Marriage and people between 25 and 50 years where there is presently a serious loss of people to the Faith. As well as reaffirming our support for the 3rd Rite of Reconciliation we had time to discuss deeply the fact that being human must move us to care for the environment of which they are part and which formed our Earth that in turn has nourished us into existence and now needs our care to continue to nourish us and our future generations. Pope Francis considers this duty towards nature and God is an essential part of Faith. Be sure to come along to the next meeting and play your part in advancing your Faith.

**HEALING MASS:** Our next monthly Healing Mass is on Thursday 1st November 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

**RCIA:** 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.