

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

		November 10/11
Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Abel Do Rosario Gerard Marcello Ian Epondulan
Ministers	Vigil	Lawrence Falzon, Cathy Hutchings
	8.00am	Edith, Ernie Gartner, Priya Joachim, Winnie Marcello, Anne McNally, Eugene Miu
	9.30am	Carole Brooks, Ryan Epondulan
Readers	Vigil	Denis Symon, Noreen Rosario
	8.00am	Benno Motha, Adrian Walker
	9.30am	Megan Michael, Ryan Epondulan
Altar Servers	Vigil	Alexander Bateman-Paul, Juan Burgess, Caron Cyril, Makayla Dalmati, Christian Milicevic
	8.00am	Joshua, Amelia Herczeg, Lewis Savic
	9.30	Sarah Lenthall, Mary-Rose Mejalli, Jerard Sarmiento, Gabrielle, Florencia Wanandy
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Magnificat Choir Fr Henry Tongan Choir
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only
		The Soares Family 33 Pretoria Road, Seven Hills
Flowers		Lucinda & Orlindo
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Marinela Simic, Edith Gartner Fenty Saputra
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea	Malayalee Community
	7 Nov	Elodia, Ruth, Elizabeth, Amy
Welcomers	6pm	Helen Gonzales, Ram Ugre, Annette Peatman, Judith Deloso
	8am	Kathy Chamberlain, Chandra Sampantham, Joyce Hillbrick
	9.30am	Artelle Lenthall, Maria Michal, VOLUNTEERS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019

An information meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5th December** with a repeat of this meeting on **Saturday 8th December** for any parents wishing to enrol their child to celebrate the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2019**. For more information, please contact Judy in the parish office on 96222920 or email judyb@olol7hills.com.au

DIOCESAN NEWS...

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, are looking for volunteers to support our clients in the Blacktown area who are over 65 and living in their own home. You may be able to spare a couple of hours once a week or fortnight to take a client out shopping or to a medical appointment or just stop by for a cuppa and a chat. We also require drivers who are able to drive a 12 seater Hiace bus. If this interests you, please contact Deb Woolacott on 8843 2541, 0418 114 055, or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

		November 17/18
Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Lawrence Falzon Terry Jordan Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil	Charmaine Jansz, Christine Menezes
	8.00am	Bob McNally, Andrew Millar
	9.30am	Dawn Manamperi, Maria Michael, Nancy Shami, Anna Lopeti, Carole Brooks, Jude Dias
Readers	Vigil	David Christian, Mariane Descombes
	8.00am	Kathy Walker, Karen Eleazar
	9.30am	Kamela Maka, Noel Emmanuel
Altar Servers	Vigil	Samuel Thoms, Noah Ebb, Jayden Rambukwella, Chrisha Gonzales, Jesseline Franco
	8.00am	Jaylen Naing, Riley Naing, Erika Naing
	9.30am	Umesh Samara-Sekera, Matthew Shawcross, Larissa Leary
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Deanne Do Rosario Couples for Christ Folk Group
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only
		The Menezes family 75 Grantham Rd Seven Hills
Flowers		Fennie and Angela
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Mariane Christian Sheila Erika Hien
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea	Pastoral Council
	24 Nov	Andrew, Ramzee
Welcomers	6pm	Helen Gonzales, Volunteers
	8am	Annette Peatman, Volunteers
	9.30am	Erika Hien, Lena Falzon, Kathy Chamberlain, Volunteer

PARISH DIARY

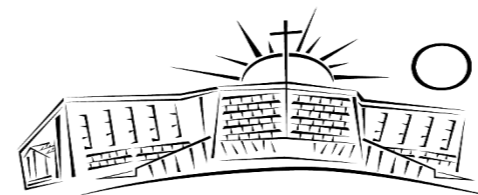
NOVEMBER

12 Nov	Legion of Mary Meeting	1:30pm
13 Nov	Plenary 2020 Meeting	7:30pm
14 Nov	Parish Council Meeting	7pm
15 Nov	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:30am
15 Nov	Over 50s Christmas Party	11am
19 Nov	St Vincent de Paul	7pm
21 Nov	Baptism Preparation	7:30pm
22 Nov	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:30am
25 Nov	St Cecelia Celebration	9:30am
26 Nov	Legion of Mary Meeting	1:30pm
27 Nov	Plenary 2020 Meeting	7:30pm
28 Nov	Children's Liturgy of the Word meeting	7pm
29 Nov	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:30am



Please place on collection Plate Planned Giving

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



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

Parish Priest: Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran
Parish Secretary: Mrs Erika Hien
Sacrament & Youth Co-Ordinator: Mrs Judy Barden
Parish Church: 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147
Postal Address: PO Box 944, Seven Hills 1730
Parish Website: www.olol7hills.org.au
Parish School: Our Lady of Lourdes
Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Elderly:
Mrs Bathista Emmanuel
Office Hours Monday-Friday: 8.30am - 3.00pm
Telephone: 9622 2920
Parish Office Email: secretary@olol7hills.org.au
Youth Group Email: youtholol7h@gmail.com
Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator: Mr Bob McNally

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th November, 2018 Year B

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

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK
1st Thursday of month at 8am. **6 December**

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 **25th November**
YOUTH MASS 1st Sunday of the month 9.30am
2nd December

Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass 7th December 7.00pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS FOR This Sunday 1st Reading: Kings 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour and brought it to Elijah
Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself
This poor widow has put in more than all who contributed.

2nd Reading: Heb 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

READINGS FOR Next Sunday 1st Reading: Dan 12:1-3

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

2nd Reading: Heb 10:11-14, 18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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: *Praise the Lord, my soul!*

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.*

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?

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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
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: Evangeline Garcia, Brian Harnett, Laksgabtha Fernando,



Anniversaries: John Spiteri, Vincente Sesduero, Martha Joseph, Michelle Azziopardi, Josephine Gomez, Stanley Motha, Ivy Silva, Annie Almeida, Don Slater

Remembrance: All those listed in our Remembrance book for November, Wayne Cregan, John & Sharon Lawrence, Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Mary Muscat, Pauline Meilak, Stephen & Louis Mula, Lourda Motha, Sheena Landagan, Lakshman Perera, Roque Santos, Harold Lafleur, Rosine Lafleur, Marc Lafleur, Simone Commarmond, Frank and Fortunata Baiada

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 have offered us.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 2832
Loose \$ 918
TOTAL \$ 3750
WEEKLY TARGET: \$3500.00



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 _____

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Signature: _____

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.

DEBRA'S FAREWELL MASS & MORNIG TEA

Thank you all for making the 9.30am Mass and Morning Tea last Sunday so special to farewell Debra. Thank you especially Judy, John & Mary Jordan and all the helping hands to supply food for Morning Tea.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled”



Hunger and thirst are intense experiences, since they involve basic needs and our instinct for survival. There are those who desire justice and yearn for righteousness with similar intensity. Jesus says that they will be satisfied, for sooner or later justice will come. We can cooperate to make that possible, even if we may not always see the fruit of our efforts.

Jesus offers a justice other than that of the world, so often marred by petty interests and manipulated in various ways. Experience shows how easy it is to become mired in corruption, ensnared in the daily politics of quid pro quo, where everything becomes business. How many people suffer injustice, standing by powerlessly while others divvy up the good things of this life. Some give up fighting for real justice and opt to follow in the train of the winners. This has nothing to do with the hunger and thirst for justice that Jesus praises. True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak. While it is true that the word "justice" can be a synonym for faithfulness to God's will in every aspect of our life, if we give the word too general a meaning, we forget that it is shown especially in justice towards those who are most vulnerable: "Seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow" (Is 1:17).

Hungering and thirsting for righteousness: that is holiness.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy”

Mercy has two aspects. It involves giving, helping and serving others, but it also includes forgiveness and understanding. Matthew sums it up in one golden rule: "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you" (7:12). The Catechism reminds us that this law is to be applied "in every case", especially when we are "confronted by situations that make moral judgments less assured and decision difficult". Giving and forgiving means reproducing in our lives some small measure of God's perfection, which gives and forgives superabundantly. For this reason, in the Gospel of Luke we do not hear the words, "Be perfect" (Mt 5:48), but rather, "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you" (6:36-38). Luke then adds something not to be overlooked: "The measure you give will be the measure you get back" (6:38). The yardstick we use for understanding and forgiving others will measure the forgiveness we receive. The yardstick we use for giving will measure what we receive. We should never forget this. Jesus does not say, "Blessed are those who plot revenge". He calls "blessed" those who forgive and do so "seventy times seven" (Mt 18:22). We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven. All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion. If we approach the Lord with sincerity and listen carefully, there may well be times when we hear his reproach: "Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" (Mt 18:33). Seeing and acting with mercy: that is holiness.
Pop Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

LOURDES OVER 50S CHRISTMAS PARTY is on **next Thursday the 15th November** in the Parish Hall starting at 11.00 am with lunch at 12.00 noon.

Four2Eight will next meet on **Sunday 2nd December after the 9:30am Mass for our Christmas Party! Come along and join in the fun.**



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

It was said that in the temple of Jerusalem, there were thirteen trumpet-shaped chests for collecting donations from worshippers, and each was dedicated to a specific purpose, for instance, to buy oil supplies for the Temple's lamps.



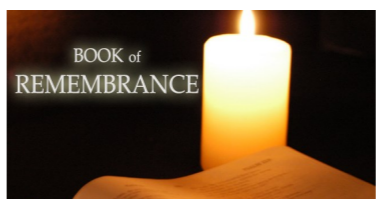
It was not unusual for rich people to show off by moving from chest to chest to solemnly put in their offerings before the admirable eyes of bystanders, while ordinary people quietly made their humble contributions. Since bank notes were unavailable in ancient time, people inserted coins into the chests, and the sound of the coins hitting the inside of the metallic chests made it obvious how much money they gave – it's the opposite of our standard today, the quieter the better!

Jesus obviously was very much aware of such a contrast between the ways the rich and the poor put in their donations. He had no hesitation to grab the opportunity to teach the disciples about the better way of giving. Ignoring much larger amounts that the rich contributing to the Temple, he instead calls the disciples' attention to the poor widow, who gave a very humble donation of two small coins, surely not worth much. Jesus praised her as the best donor, not because of the amount she contributed, but rather because she was prepared to give all she had to God. Through his words of highest admiration given to the poor widow, Jesus quietly shows his disapproval of the way rich people used works of charity as a means to make themselves look good and he reminds us of this very truth: that we all are equal before God, no matter who we are, man or woman, young or old, rich or poor. In fact, what matters to God is our quality, not quantity, meaning that that we must be prepared to love him wholeheartedly and translate it into actions. Pray that we may be able to be generous to God as he has been so generous to us. Have a charity-oriented week.

Fr Henry.

PARISH NEWS...

Throughout this month of November, we remember in our prayers those who have gone before us, especially those who are dear to us. In this spirit of remembrance, **all are invited to enter the**



names of the deceased you would like to pray for in the November book, which will be available at the Baptismal font before Mass, and then placed before the main altar at Mass.

It would be very helpful if you could leave your November envelopes in the Intention Bowl on the altar.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

Session 4 will be held on **Tuesday, 13 November at 7:30pm**. All interested parishioners are invited to join the previous attendees in this session. Please come along and play your part in listing the issues facing the Australian Church so that the experts can solve them.

Discussions on this meeting's priority topics have not been decided yet but it is likely that they will include (a) The role of women in the Church and (b) It is time for parishioners to rejoice in the spirituality of the Church and in the personal relationship that God offers to us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We need to know that God loves us, that he is real and wants a close relationship with us in the normal course of our daily lives. 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**. Over the 2 remaining fortnightly meetings high priority issues will continue to be dealt with in detail and any new issues raised before the cut off point on 6 March 2019.

CENTRAL DEANERY MASS

25th November, at 5:30pm Mary Queen of the Family 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. The youth/young adults of the Central Deanery of the Diocese of Parramatta, invites everyone for a Youth Mass lead by Fr Paul Marshall at Blacktown. There will be Mass followed by food and fellowship commencing after Mass. All youth from the Parishes of the Central Deanery are encouraged to participate in various roles for Mass. Any Four2Eight, Senior Youth or Young Adult's from our parish who wish to participate please contact Laura Bellissimo (0423 839 333) or Ian Epondulan (0401 161 264). Also see flyers and posters in the church from today or click on the QR code for more info.



ST CECILIA MUSICIAN'S CELEBRATION

On **Sunday 25th November at the 9:30am Mass**, we will celebrate the **Feast of St Cecilia – Patron Saint of Musicians**. All musicians and choir members are invited to be a part of this combined celebration. After Mass, there will be a shared morning tea in the parish hall. Parishioners are invited to bring along a plate to share. We thank our

musicians and choir members for their continued faithful service to our community and look forward to acknowledging their service on this special day.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

There will be a meeting **this Sunday 12:30 pm 11th November** at Seven Hills / Toongabbie RSL Club.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday 14th November from 7pm in the parish meeting room.

This month, we have several leaders from our parish groups joining our Parish Council for a formation session on Leadership led by Fr Paul Roberts from the Institute for Mission. It would be appreciated if invited leaders and parish council members could please RSVP your attendance to Judy in the parish office 96222920 or judyb@lol7hills.com.au by Monday.

MINISTERS - NEW ROSTER

Forms are now available at the back of the church for ministers to renew their information for the next rostering period January - June 2019. You can either complete the form and leave it in the box at the back of the church or, if you received an email last week from the MSP rostering program, you can either send a reply email with your availability or use the online portal of the program to update your information. If you are not currently registered with the rostering program and would like to, please complete a form at the back of the church and print your email address clearly. You will receive an email outlining how to use the online rostering program. **All updates must be received by Monday 3rd December** so the roster can be completed and published by 17th December.