

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."

		February 2/3	
Acolytes	Vigil	Derek Soares	
	8am	Ernie Gartner	
Ministers	9.30am	Noel Emmanuel	
	Vigil	Cathy Hutchings, Christine Menezes, Crystal Menezes, Stefanie Menezes, Rosey Soares, Vinnie Zahra	
Readers	8.00am	Anne McNally, Jim Said	
	9.30am	Ryan Epondulan, Suzy Nemorin	
	Vigil	Perpetual Fernandes, Alison Punch	
Altar Servers	8.00am	Bob McNally, Kathy Walker	
	9.30am	Ian Epondulan, Erika Hien	
	Vigil	Yxaak Dino, Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil	
Musicians	8.00am	Jayden Cortis, Matthew Said, Rebecca Said	
	9.30am	Sofia Culili, Eric Da, Victor Da, Mary-Rose Mejalli, Jerard Sarmiento	
	Vigil	Youth for Christ	
	8am	Grace Notes	
Children's Rosary	9.30am	Christine Clarke	
	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
Flowers		Hui Hui, 69 Seven Hills Road, Seven Hills	
		Fenty & Sanith	
Bookshop	Vigil	Vinnie	
	8am	VOLUNTEER	
Morning Tea	9.30am	Edmund	
	9.30am	Tongan Choir	
Church Cleaning	6 Feb	Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Vinnie Zahra, Suzy Nemorin	
	Vigil	Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS	
Welcomers	8am	Olivia Cortis, Chandra Sampathan, VOLUNTEER	
	9.30am	Helen Gonzales, Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS	

		February 9/10	
Acolytes	Vigil	Ernie Gartner	
	8am	Louis Fernandes	
Ministers	9.30am	Ramzee Michael	
	Vigil	Mariane Descombes, Charmaine Jansz	
Readers	8.00am	Fennie Balabat, Lawrence Falzon, Lorraine Fernandes, Helen Gonzales, Benno Motha, Adrian Walker	
	9.30am	Dawn Manamperi, Maria Michael	
	Vigil	Erika Hien, Jemma Sarmiento	
Altar Servers	8.00am	Pepito Ferriois, Priya Joachim	
	9.30am	Megan Michael, Rob Simpson	
	Vigil	Shaun Baptist, Noah Ebb, Christian Milicevic, Aryn Roy, Samuel Thoms	
Musicians	8.00am	Chrisha Gonzales, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish	
	9.30am	Larissa Leary, Rynan Michael, Umaesh Samara-Sekera, Alexandra Simpson, Mikayla Simpson	
	Vigil	Magnificat	
	8am	Lolesio Choir	
Children's Rosary	9.30am	Tongan Group	
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		Lucinda & Orindo	
Bookshop	Vigil	Marinela	
	8am	Edith	
Morning Tea	9.30am	Fenty Saputra	
	9.30am	Florida Datuin	
Church Cleaning	14 Feb	Elodia Colussi, Elizabeth Mead	
	Vigil	David Christian, Judith Deloso, VOLUNTEER	
Welcomers	8am	Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEERS	
	9.30am	Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS	

Parish Priest:	Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran	Pastoral Care of the Sick and Elderly:	Mrs Bathista Emmanuel
Parish Secretary:	Mrs Erika Hien	Office Hours:	
Co-Ordinator:	Mrs Judy Barden	Monday-Friday:	9am - 3.00pm
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Parish Website:	www.olol7hills.org.au	Youth Group Email:	youtholol7h@gmail.com
Parish School:	Our Lady of Lourdes	Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator:	Mr Bob McNally
Principal:	Ms Keiran Byrnes		

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 3 February 2019

WEEKEND MASS	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9.30am	HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK	1st Thursday of month at 8am. 7 February
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	8.30am-3pm	BAPTISMAL PREPARATION	20th March 2019 7.30pm Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am
Monday-Friday	(for prayer and reflection)	YOUTH MASS	1st Sunday of the month 9.30am 3rd March
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes	Friday after 8am Mass until 9am	A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses	
Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass	1st March 2019 7.00pm		

children checks and medical will have to be completed before commencement. If interested, please email Mary Fairhurst - mfairhurst@parra.catholic.edu.au for full job description or contact me on 041208273. Applications close 11th February 2019.

DIOCESAN NEWS...

Ordination to the Diaconate

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Roque Dias, John Cinya, Thong Nguyen and Roderick Pirota on Friday 22 February at 7.00pm. The ordination will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshments to follow.

PARISH DIARY		
FEBRUARY		
3	Sacramental Program Enrolment Mass	9:30am
3	Social Justice Group-Parish Partnership	2:30pm
4	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
4	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7:00pm
6	Tai Chi	10:30am
6	Sacramental Program Meeting 1	6:30pm
7	Healing Mass	8:00am
7	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
9	Sacramental Program meeting 1	4.30pm
10	Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Mass	9.30am
11	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
13	Tai Chi	10:30am
13	Sacramental Program Meeting 2	6:30pm
13	Parish Council Meeting	7:30pm

READINGS This Sunday	1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 2nd Reading 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Gospel: Luke 4:21-31	I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love. Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was sent only to the Jews.
READINGS Sunday 10/2/19	1st Reading: Isiah 6:1-8 2nd Reading 1 Cor 15:1-11 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11	Here I am! Send me. I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe. They left everything and followed him.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

OPENING PRAYER: Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth 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: *I will sing of your salvation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners, Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.*

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

Please place on the collection plate



Let us Pray for the Sick

Rose Stambouliah, Tony Stambouliah, Debra Price, Maria Zentai, Sue Tipaldo, Letitia Haines, Andrew Fedrigo, Gabriel Chung, Denis Symon, Gordon McLandsborough, David Barrow

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: Victoria Almeida, Alejandro Alvarado, Simon D'Souza, Bridgette Fernandes, Mary Hartnett, Norma (Baby) Lorenzo, Roseline Ratnam. Evangelina Fernandez Garcia, Alexander Balatbat, Lourdes Fernandez de Venecia, Lazaro Fernandez, Gerard Skiffington.



Anniversaries: Elizabeth Caruana, Edward Coffey, Marcel Diab, Sinfarosa Dias, Christine Gomez, Arthur Hillbrick, Prudencio Monses, Thelma Morrissey, Anton Motha, Louis and Stephen Mula, Felix and Andreanna Muscat, Fr Bill O'Connor, Deogracias Omisol, Bernabe Quinto, Jose and Laureano Reyes, Rosary Silva, John and Helen Tanti, Alison Vella, Dennis Clarke, John Bonello, Manuel Vella, Carmen Camillerie, Benjamin Gonzales Jnr, Gwyneth McNally, Michael Bartolo, Joseph Tanti

Remembrance: Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Raul & Carmelo Bujuger, Arlene Capistani, Papa Mama Cyril, Harold, Rosine and Marc Lafleur, Sheema Landagan, Sharon and John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Albert Randall, Teodoro Garcia, Lourda Motha, Lakshman Perera, Sheena Landagan

PRAYER TO BRING CHRIST'S PEACE TO THE WORLD

God our Father, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought mankind the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach us, the people who bear his name, to follow the example he gave us. May our faith, hope and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, death to eternal life.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 1841.00
Loose \$ 614.00
TOTAL \$ 2455.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

Donated to date \$ 19068.62 Balance \$55931.38

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Account Number 000552;
Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

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Envelopes available at rear of church

HAPPY LUNAR
NEW YEAR



FROM POPE FRANCIS

BOLDNESS AND PASSION (Part 1)

Holiness is also parrhesia: it is boldness, an impulse to evangelize and to leave a mark in this world. To allow us to do this, Jesus himself comes and tells us once more, serenely yet firmly: "Do not be afraid" (Mk 6:50). "I am with you always, to the end of the world" (Mt 28:20). These words enable us to go forth and serve with the same courage that the Holy Spirit stirred up in the Apostles, impelling them to proclaim Jesus Christ. Boldness, enthusiasm, the freedom to speak out, apostolic fervour, all these are included in the word parrhesia. The Bible also uses this word to describe the freedom of a life open to God and to others (Acts 4:29, 9:28, 28:31; 2 Cor 3:12; Eph 3:12; Heb 3:6, 10:19).

Blessed Paul VI, in referring to obstacles to evangelization, spoke of a lack of fervour (parrhesia) that is "all the more serious because it comes from within". How often we are tempted to keep close to the shore! Yet the Lord calls us to put out into the deep and let down our nets (Lk 5:4). He bids us spend our lives in his service. Clinging to him, we are inspired to put all our charisms at the service of others. May we always feel compelled by his love (2 Cor 5:14) and say with Saint Paul: "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel" (1 Cor 9:16).

Look at Jesus. His deep compassion reached out to others. It did not make him hesitant, timid or self-conscious, as often happens with us. Quite the opposite. His compassion made him go out actively to preach and to send others on a mission of healing and liberation. Let us acknowledge our weakness, but allow Jesus to lay hold of it and send us too on mission. We are weak, yet we hold a treasure that can enlarge us and make those who receive it better and happier. Boldness and apostolic courage are an essential part of mission.

Parrhesia is a seal of the Spirit; it testifies to the authenticity of our preaching. It is a joyful assurance that leads us to glory in the Gospel we proclaim. It is an unshakeable trust in the faithful Witness who gives us the certainty that nothing can "separate us from the love of God" (Rom 8:39).

We need the Spirit's prompting, lest we be paralysed by fear and excessive caution, lest we grow used to keeping within safe bounds. Let us remember that closed spaces grow musty and unhealthy. When the Apostles were tempted to let themselves be crippled by danger and threats, they joined in prayer to implore parrhesia: "And now, Lord, look upon their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness" (Acts 4:29). As a result, "when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31).

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

When I was young, I always wondered why older people in my village often asked me questions like 'Who's your dad?' or 'Who's your grandpa?' when I followed the golden rule handed down by my parents to acknowledge them on the streets.

I discovered the reason when I saw my younger villagers in my home coming trips more recently. Despite their effort to tell me their names, I inclined to press them for the names of their parents or grandparents, because this helped to give me a better idea of who and where they were in the village context and that made me feel more comfortable and connected to them.

The Gospel today is still in the same context as the one last Sunday, covering Jesus' home coming trip to Nazara, where he spent both his childhood and youth. Despite his reputation as a great prophet and a miracle worker outside the village



and his words of wisdom shown in the local synagogue, Jesus failed to score any points with his villagers, who had remained rather sceptical of him.

In their biased eyes, he was no one but the son of Joseph, the poor and quiet village carpenter. Perhaps their logic was that a carpenter's son must be deemed for nothing else, but a poor and quiet life, and nothing could change their minds in this matter unless Jesus were prepared to repeat the miracles etc he had done elsewhere.

Jesus of course was smart enough to see what had gone through their minds, and had no hesitation to say it loud: 'No prophet is ever accepted in his own country', he told them quite frankly and utilised two biblical stories to allegorically let them know that they could see no works of wonder from him due to their lack of faith. His home coming trip, however, came to a rather dramatic and unhappy end, when his villagers became impatient and enraged by his straightforward message. They shamefully turned physical to expel him out of the place and even to silence him with the attempt to throw him off a cliff. Note that this incident highlights the never ending tension between a small group of powerful people and Jesus himself, eventually leading to his Passion and death later on.

Challenged by the unfair treatment and expectation Jesus' villagers gave him in this Gospel narrative, let us pray for a fair and respectful appreciation of all people around us no matter who they are and where they come from, consequently we may be able to show others the love St Paul talks about in the second reading, the one filled with patience, kindness, trust, hope and endurance.

Have a lovely week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

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.

LOURDES OVER 50S

Next meeting 10.30am Thursday 14th February 2019 in the hall.

YAG NEWS

February Gathering

The Young Adult's Group kicked off 2019 with 'Renewing Our Spirit'. Come along to our next gathering on **February 8th (Friday)** where we will invest in God's riches for the year ahead. Meet at the Parish Meeting Room at 7pm for food, friendly discussion and formation.

Bring a friend too! See you there!

LEGION of MARY MEETING: 1.30pm Monday 4th February 1.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: 7.00pm Monday 4 February in the Parish Meeting Room.

TAI CHI AND HEALTH QIGONG FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING:

Tai Chi & Qigong exercises will resume on **Wednesday 6 February 2019 at 10:30 am in the Parish Meeting Room** (note the change of day from Fridays). These activities are suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels. With slow, graceful, and gentle movements, Tai Chi & Qigong can help achieve a good posture, strength, body balance and co-ordination as well as establishing a healthy lifestyle. The instructor is Cyril Loa who is an exercise professional in Tai Chi and Fitness.

Cyril.loa@gmail.com. Cost:\$10

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH FEAST DAY

We will celebrate our Parish Feast Day this year **next Sunday 10th February at the 9:30am Mass followed by celebrations after Mass.** It will be another great celebration this year with face painting and a jumping castle for the kids, spit roast and salads for lunch and we are inviting parishioners to bring along a dessert to share. Due to the heat, we will be having the lunch in the hall this year. Please come along and join in the fun, celebrating another year of our parish community.

HOLY SPIRIT MISSION "RESTORING REVERENCE"

We need to restore true Reverence and a sense of Awe, Respect and Wonder for the true nature of our "Living God". We need to respect one another and learn how much we are like Jesus and how to grow closer to Him. Come along and listen to Robert Haddad, Head of the New Evangelisation for Sydney Catholic Schools, and others, teach us here in our Parish Hall on Saturday (9am – 4pm) and Sunday (11am – 5pm), 16 and 17 February, includes Sunday Mass at 5pm. Morning and afternoon tea and coffee available. All Welcome. Flyers available at Church doors.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019

This weekend at the 9:30am Mass, we welcome the children from our parish who wish to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion this year. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers during this time of preparation.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Hear the facts and the response from politicians. Set aside the date or register Thursday 14 March 2019 from 6:30pm to 8:40pm, Sydney Town Hall, 483 George Street, Sydney NSW. Presented by Sydney Alliance, Vinnies NSW & Everybody's Home Campaign. Join us traveling by train contact Terry Jordan 0409373715. Registration at www.sydneyalliance.org.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP: Our Parish is part of a Pilot Program **Parish Partnership** with an asylum seeker family. See Church doors for more information. If you would like to be involved contact Terry Jordan 0409 373 715.

CAR PARK FUNDRAISING EVENT SAVE THE DATE! MAY 18, 2019

We will be having an **Aloha Concert night** which includes show and dinner for our Parish community, relatives & friends. This fundraiser also includes a **raffle with 5 fabulous prizes.** Tickets are now available in the foyer of the church every weekend after Mass. Please also consider taking a book of raffle tickets home to sell to family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. **Money for ticket sales doesn't need to be paid upfront when you collect a book, but rather can be returned with the sold tickets.**

As we still have a balance of approximately \$56,000 to pay for the car park as at January 2019, this will be a very important fundraising event.

Aside from raising much needed funds for our car park, this event will also be a great opportunity for our parish community to get together for a night of great entertainment. Please mark the date in your diary—we look forward to seeing you there.

POSITION VACANT – GROUNDSMAN / HANDYMAN NAGLE COLLEGE, SOUTH BLACKTOWN

We are looking for a person to work 3 days per week, hours 7.30-3.30pm Position involves school grounds maintenance including garden beds, pathways, general outdoor cleanliness, as well as able to carry out minor repair works as and when required. The successful applicant must have a full licence and able to drive a people mover vehicle. A working with