

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

		January 12/13
Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am	John Jordan Terry Jordan David Christian
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Charmaine Jansz, Louise La Guidara Fennie Balatbat, James Dinning, Ernie, Edith Gartner Winnie Marcello, Adrian Walker
Readers	9.30am Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	Dawn Manamperi, Nancy Shami Rob Simpson, Alison Punch Priya Joachim, Karen Eleazar Mariane Descombes, Jeanine Nonato
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	Yxaak Dino Alex La Guidara Alexandra, Mikayla Simpson, Samuel Paul Chrisha Gonzales, Lucas Pascu, VOLUNTEER Larissa Leary, Mary-Rose Mejalli Umesh Samara-Sekera VOLUNTEERS
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Fr Henry Lolesio Choir Fr Henry
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Soares 3 Pretoria Rd, Seven Hills
Flowers		Lucinda & Orlindo
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Marinela Edith Fenty Saputra
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea 19 Jan	Malayalee Community Andrew Fedrigo, Ramzee Michael
Welcomers	6pm 8am 9.30am	Mary Jordan, VOLUNTEERS Helen Gonzales, VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS

to find out about new resources and network, reconnect with old friends and make new ones. The NAPPA Conference will be held on Tuesday 26th February 2019. You can register via this link: www.nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference or contact Tanya Quinn on 8838 3441.

Walk the Camino Portugués

Walk the Camino Portugués. Catholic Mission are holding 17-day Pilgrimages: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: May 2019 and June 2019. Small group led by Sr Veronica OP, (0451 387 906). See <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues>

		January 19/20
Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Derick Soares Louis Fernandes Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	Christine Menezes, Crystal Menezes Lorraine Fernandes, Edith Gartner Carole Brooks Barbara Chandler Jude Dias Artelle Lenthall Kamela Maka Dawn Manamperi
Readers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	Stephanie Menezes, Marinela Simic Benno Motha, Kathy Walker Mercy Aquino, Anna Lopeti
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	Alexander Bateman-Paul Noah Ebb Caitlyn Rambukwella Jayden Rambukwella Arynan Roy Amelia Herczeg Joshua Herczeg Karuniya Maruthanayagam
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Ethan Ballment Sarah Lenthall Jerard Sarmiento Deanne Fr Henry Folk Group
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Menezes 75 Grantham Road, Seven Hills
Flowers		Fennie and Angela
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am	VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER
Morning Tea	9.30am	John O'Brien
Church Cleaning	23 Jan	Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat
Welcomers	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEERS Kathy Chamberlain, Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEER

PARISH DIARY

JANUARY		
16	Baptism Preparation Meeting	7:30pm
28	Legion of Mary Meeting	1:30pm
FEBRUARY		
1	Exposition and Divine Mercy	7:00pm
3	Sacramental Program Enrolment Mass	9:30am
4	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
4	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7:00pm
6	Sacramental Program Meeting	6:30pm
7	Healing Mass	8:00am
7	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

Parish Priest:	Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran	Pastoral Care of the Sick and Elderly:	Mrs Bathista Emmanuel
Parish Secretary:	Mrs Erika Hien	Office Hours:	
Sacrament & Youth Co-Ordinator:	Mrs Judy Barden	Monday-Friday:	9am - 3.00pm
Parish Church	7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147	Telephone:	9622 2920
Postal Address:	PO Box 944, Seven Hills 1730	Parish Office Email:	secretary@lol7hills.org.au
Parish Website:	www.lol7hills.org.au	Youth Group Email:	youthlol7h@gmail.com
Parish School:	Our Lady of Lourdes	Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator:	Mr Bob McNally
Principal:	Ms Keiran Byrnes		

The Baptism of the Lord Year C 13 January 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 Monday-Friday	Mon -Fri 8.30am-3pm (for prayer and reflection)	BAPTISMAL PREPARATION	16th January 2019 7.30pm Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes	Friday after 8am Mass until 9am	YOUTH MASS	1st Sunday of the month 9.30am 3rd February
Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass	1st February 2019 7.00pm	A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses	

READINGS FOR This Sunday	1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22	The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.
READINGS FOR Sunday 20/1/19	1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11 Gospel: John 2:1-11	As the Bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you. One and the same Spirit distributes gifts as he chooses. The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty and ever-living God, who when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn in the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. 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: *Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

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
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Name	Name	Name
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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

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 Fernandez Garcia, Mary Hartnett, Simon D'Souza, Alexander Balatbat, Roseline Ratnam, Lourdes Fernandez de Venecia, Lazaro Fernandez, Victoria Almeida, Bridgette Fernandes, Alejandro Alvarado, Gerard Skiffington



Anniversaries: Elizabeth Caruana, Felix and Andreanna Muscat, Marcel Diab, Edward Coffey, Thelma Morrissey, Fr Bill O'Connor, Sylvia (Abbott) Walker, Louis and Stephen Mula, Paul Mula, M.A. Fernando, Anton Motha, John Azzopardi, Alison Vella, Jose and Laureano Reyes, Gina and Albert Ammorao, Dennis Clarke, John Bonello, Alison Vella, Manuel Vella, Carmen Camillerie, Benjamin Gonzales Jnr

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

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	\$ 2507.00
Loose	\$ 782.00
TOTAL	\$ 3289.00
WEEKLY TARGET:	\$3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Donated to date \$ 19063.62 Balance \$55936.38

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FROM POPE FRANCIS

Signs of Holiness in today's world

Perseverance, Patience & Meekness—Part 2

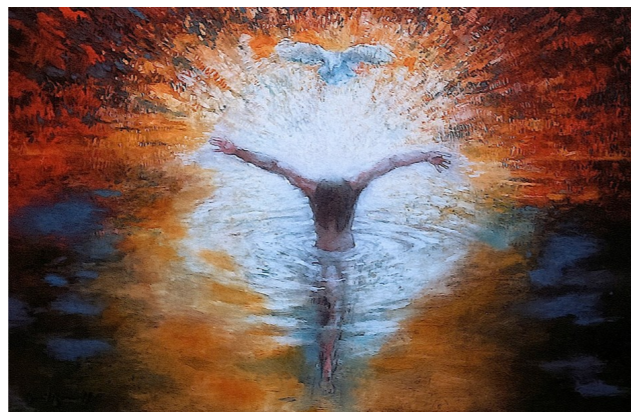
Humility can only take root in the heart through humiliations. Without them, there is no humility or holiness. If you are unable to suffer and offer up a few humiliations, you are not humble and you are not on the path to holiness. The holiness that God bestows on his Church comes through the humiliation of his Son. He is the way. Humiliation makes you resemble Jesus; it is an unavoidable aspect of the imitation of Christ. For "Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps" (1 Pet 2:21). In turn, he reveals the humility of the Father, who condescends to journey with his people, enduring their infidelities and complaints (cf. Ex 34:6-9; Wis 11:23-12:2; Lk 6:36). For this reason, the Apostles, after suffering humiliation, rejoiced "that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for [Jesus'] name" (Acts 5:41).

119. Here I am not speaking only about stark situations of martyrdom, but about the daily humiliations of those who keep silent to save their families, who prefer to praise others rather than boast about themselves, or who choose the less welcome tasks, at times even choosing to bear an injustice so as to offer it to the Lord. "If when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval" (1 Pet 2:20). This does not mean walking around with eyes lowered, not saying a word and fleeing the company of others. At times, precisely because someone is free of selfishness, he or she can dare to disagree gently, to demand justice or to defend the weak before the powerful, even if it may harm his or her reputation.

I am not saying that such humiliation is pleasant, for that would be masochism, but that it is a way of imitating Jesus and growing in union with him. This is incomprehensible on a purely natural level, and the world mocks any such notion. Instead, it is a grace to be sought in prayer: "Lord, when humiliations come, help me to know that I am following in your footsteps".

To act in this way presumes a heart set at peace by Christ, freed from the aggressiveness born of overweening egotism. That same peacefulness, the fruit of grace, makes it possible to preserve our inner trust and persevere in goodness, "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death" (Ps 23:4) or "a host encamp against me" (Ps 27:3). Standing firm in the Lord, the Rock, we can sing: "In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety" (Ps 4:8). Christ, in a word, "is our peace" (Eph 1:14); he came "to guide our feet into the way of peace" (Lk 1:19). As he told Saint Faustina Kowalska, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my mercy".[98] So let us not fall into the temptation of looking for security in success, vain pleasures, possessions, power over others or social status. Jesus says: "My peace I give to you; I do not give it to you as the world gives peace" (Jn 14:27).

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Baptism is one of the most important sacraments of our seven sacraments, if not the most important one, since it is the first and essential for anyone who wants to become part of the Body of Christ - the Church. If we think of the Church as a sacramental building, Baptism should be regarded as the entrance door and all must go through that door to enter. In the early Church, candidates for Baptism, also called catechumens, were invited to go through a period of instruction of faith, prayer and fasting, and then be baptised, confirmed and partaken in the Eucharist at Easter. For many years, this approach had been forgotten in the Church, and has found its way back to the Church mainstream since the Vatican II Council.

From a historical perspective, baptism obviously had been around before Jesus began his public ministry. Jesus, in fact, came to see John the Baptist for baptism as we see in the Gospel account this Sunday. John then introduced Him to the crowds as some one 'more powerful' than him, a powerful figure before many people's eyes and most significantly, the Father in the presence of the Holy Spirit solemnly declared that Jesus is the Son of God, the Beloved. In other words, Jesus' baptism is presented as a global event in which God officially revealed Jesus' divine Sonship, a more significant step compared to the feast of the Epiphany last week, marking Jesus' self-revelation to the Wise men as the Saviour of the world.

From a practical level, this feast encourages us to reflect upon and appreciate our own baptism, which has helped to link us with God's Son and with one another. Pray that we may be able to treasure such a precious and generous gift from God and to try our best to live our lives worthy of Jesus' baptised people, his family members.

Have a baptism-oriented 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 Thursday 14th February 2019

TAI CHI 2019: Classes will resume in January 2019. Start date will be announced in the coming weeks.

Parish Office Holiday Hours

During January, the office hours will be reduced due to the holiday period. If you require assistance, please call 9622 2920 and leave a voicemail message if no one is available or send an email to judyb@olol7hills.com.au . These messages are checked daily and we will endeavour to assist you as soon as possible. Thank you.

DIOCESAN NEWS... VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

This weekend will be run by the Capuchin Friars 15-17th FEBRUARY 2019

Come away for a few days of quiet to reflect upon the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 7:30pm Friday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these amazing ways of making a

gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 7th February: contact Father Thomas vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. <https://www.capuchin.org.au>

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2019

If you would like to join our Liturgical Ministry, the Institute for Mission will be providing sessions on the following: Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying, Altar Servers and Acolytes and Safe Ministry. There are two compulsory Evenings for Understanding Liturgical Ministries which will be held 18th and 21st Feb. All Meetings are held on Monday and Thursday evenings 7-9pm. Dates are listed on the application form. For those who wish to become Acolytes, before you register your interest in any of these courses please talk to Fr Henry and complete an application form that can be found at the rear of the church.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains

We will be celebrating two special Masses early next year: **Sunday 20 January** Santo Nino holy Mass and celebration according to the Filipino tradition (English language). The Mass will take place at St Canice's Church, Katoomba at 12pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Sunday 10 February Holy Mass in Spanish. The Mass will take place at St Canice's Church, Katoomba at 12pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Grief to Grace - Healing the Wounds of Abuse

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26-31 2019. To request and application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftoGrace.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griefftoGrace.org

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World Youth Day In-Sync: 27 January

The Diocese's World Youth Day 2019 will take place 15 January to 1 February 2019. The Diocese of Parramatta has 171 pilgrims attending. Please remember pray for the pilgrims Follow the pilgrim's progress online at parrawyd.org .



Catholic Youth Parramatta and the St Patrick's Cathedral Community invite families, friends and supporters of the Panama pilgrims to WYD2019 IN-SYNC. Sunday 27 January, 6pm Mass followed by food, music and original video footage from pilgrims in Panama. 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. RSVP by 22 January, Fr Paul Roberts connect@ifm.org.au or 9296 6369.

NAPPA Conference 2019

The Annual NSW Association of Pastors, Pastoral Associates and Pastoral Workers Conference is an opportunity for those working in parishes in all areas of ministry to come together to hear from renowned speakers and attend workshops facilitated by specialists in different areas of ministry. It is an opportunity