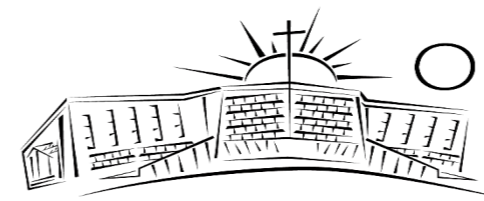


Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

*"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."*

		February 9/10	
Acolytes	Vigil	Ernie Gartner	
	8am	Louis Fernandes	
	9.30am	Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil	Mariane Descombes, Charmaine Jansz	
	8.00am	Fennie Balabat, Lawrence Falzon, Lorraine Fernandes, Helen Gonzales, Benno Motha, Adrian Walker	
	9.30am	Dawn Manamperi, Maria Michael	
Readers	Vigil	Erika Hien, Jemma Sarmiento	
	8.00am	Pepito Ferriois, Priya Joachim	
	9.30am	Megan Michael, Rob Simpson	
Altar Servers	Vigil	Shaun Baptist, Noah Ebb, Christian Milicevic, Arnyan Roy, Samuel Thoms	
	8.00am	Chrisha Gonzales, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish	
	9.30am	Larissa Leary, Ryman Michael, Umaesh Samara-Sekera, Alexandra Simpson, Mikayla Simpson	
Musicians	Vigil	Magnificat	
	8am	Lolesio Choir	
Children's Rosary	9.30am	Tongan Group	
	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
Flowers		Jordan	
		21a Abigail Street, Seven Hills	
Bookshop	Vigil	Marinela	
	8am	Edith	
Morning Tea	9.30am	Fenty Saputra	
	9.30am	Florida Datuin	
Church Cleaning	14 Feb	Elodia Colussi, Elizabeth Mead	
Welcomers	Vigil	David Christian, Judith Deloso, VOLUNTEER	
	8am	Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEERS	
	9.30am	Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS	

		February 16/17	
Acolytes	Vigil	Derick Soares	
	8am	Jim Said	
	9.30am	Ernie Gartner	
Ministers	Vigil	Abel Do Rosario, Rosey Soares	
	8.00am	James Dinning, Benno Motha	
Readers	9.30am	Carole Brooks, Barbara Chandler, Jude Dias, Edith Gartner, Dawn Manamperi, Nancy Shami	
	Vigil	Karen Eleazar, Noreen Rosario	
	8.00am	Andrew Millar, VOLUNTEER	
Altar Servers	9.30am	Mercy Aquina, Helen Katopau	
	Vigil	Alexander Bateman-Paul, Benjamin Clark, Jesseline Franco, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Thomas Osbourne	
	8.00am	Lucas Pascu, Matthew Said, Rebecca Said	
Musicians	9.30am	Celestina Katopau, Chiara Katopau, Oliana Katopau	
	Vigil	Deanne	
Children's Rosary	8am	Couples for Christ	
	9.30am	Folk Group	
Flowers	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
		Morris	
Bookshop		45 James Street, Seven Hills	
		Fenny & Angela	
Morning Tea	Vigil	Mariane Christian	
	8am	Shelia	
Church Cleaning	9.30am	Erika Hien	
	9.30am	Kamela & Anna	
Welcomers	23 Feb	Andrew Fedrigo, Ramzee Michael	
	Vigil	Annette Peatman, Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEER	
	8am	Chandra Sampanthan, VOLUNTEERS	
	9.30am	Kathy Chamberlain, VOLUNTEERS	

<b>Parish Priest:</b>	Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran	<b>Pastoral Care of the Sick and Elderly:</b>	Mrs Bathista Emmanuel
<b>Parish Secretary:</b>	Mrs Erika Hien	<b>Office Hours:</b>	
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<b>Parish Church:</b>	7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147	<b>Telephone:</b>	9622 2920
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<b>Parish School:</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator:</b>	Mr Bob McNally
<b>Principal:</b>	Ms Keiran Byrnes		

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 10 February 2019 Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

<b>WEEKEND MASS</b>	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9.30am	<b>HEALING MASS &amp; ANOINTING OF SICK</b>	1st Thursday of month at 8am. <b>7 March</b>
<b>WEEKDAY MASS</b>	Tues - Friday 8am	<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm
<b>PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	Monday & Saturday 8am	<b>MARRIAGES</b>	Please contact Parish Office 6 months prior to the wedding
<b>Church Open</b>	8.30am-3pm	<b>BAPTISMAL PREPARATION</b>	20th March 2019 7.30pm Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am
<b>Monday-Friday</b>	(for prayer and reflection)	<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	1st Sunday of the month 9.30am <b>3rd March</b>
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	Friday after 8am Mass until 9am	<b>A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses</b>	
<b>Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass</b>	<b>1st March 2019</b> 7.00pm		

<b>READINGS</b>	1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8	Here I am! Send me.
<b>This Sunday</b>	2nd Reading 1 Cor 15:1-11	I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.
	Gospel: Luke 5:1-11	They left everything and followed him.
<b>READINGS</b>	1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8	A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.
<b>Sunday 10/2/19</b>	2nd Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20	If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.
	Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26	Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unflinching care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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:** *In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.*

hours. Security checks required and carpark access available. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who can help with this important ministry please contact Deacon George Bryan at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown either via the parish office or via at George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

### IFM Reflective Ministry Program

Are you serving in and through Catholic communities? The Reflective Ministry program offered by the Institute for Mission is a great opportunity to learn and explore ideas of pastoral theology to benefit you and those you serve - and it's now open for registration. Visit [www.ifm.org.au/reflectiveministry](http://www.ifm.org.au/reflectiveministry) for more information and to register online or call 02 9296 6369 to talk to our friendly team.

PARISH DIARY		
FEBRUARY		
10	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Mass</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
13	Tai Chi	10:30am
13	Sacramental Program Meeting 2	6:30pm
13	Parish Council Meeting	7:30pm
14	Over 50s Meeting	10.30am
14	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
18	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
20	Tai Chi	10:30am
21	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
23	Sacramental Program Meeting 2	4:30pm
24	Social Justice Group	12pm
27	Tai Chi	10:30am
27	Sacramental Meeting 3	6:30pm
27	Music Liturgy Meeting	7.45pm

<b>New Parishioners</b>	<b>Sick or Housebound</b>	<b>Planned Giving</b>
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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### 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, Narelle Schoenfeld

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: Tony Andrews, Norma Ann Howard, Norma (Baby) Lorenzo, Roseline Ratnam. Bryan John Wilson, Alexander Balatbat, Gerard Skiffington.



Anniversaries: Michael Bartalo, Brian Brooks, Henry Browne, Sinfarosa Dias, Fr Leo Donnelly, Monica, Dominic & Conception Dsouza, Christine Gomez, Rosary Silva, Arthur Hillbrick, William & Emilia Mifsud, Prudencio Monses, Anton Motha, Felix & Andreanna Muscat, Deogracias Omisol, Bernabe Quinto, Santan & Pauline Soares, Dominic & Araminta Soares, Joseph, John & Helen Tanti.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Paula & Carmelo Bujuger, Papa Mama Cyril, Sheema Landagan, Sharon and John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Mary Muscat, Albert Randall, Lourda Motha, Lakshman Perera, Paul & Maryanne Vella.

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO MARY

O my Queen and Mother, I give myself entirely to you. To show my devotion to you I consecrate to you this day my eyes, ears, mouth, heart, and whole being without reserve. Therefore, good Mother, since I am your own, keep me and guard me as your property and possession. Amen.

### MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 2330.00  
Loose \$ 981.00  
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Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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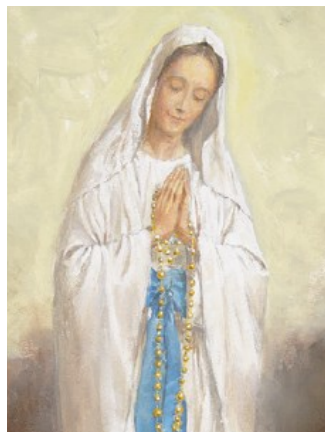
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*Our Lady of Lourdes,  
Pray for us*

### FROM POPE FRANCIS BOLDNESS AND PASSION (Part 2)



Like the prophet Jonah, we are constantly tempted to flee to a safe haven. It can have many names: individualism, spiritualism, living in a little world, addiction, intransigence, the rejection of new ideas and approaches, dogmatism, nostalgia, pessimism, hiding behind rules and regulations. We can resist leaving behind a familiar and easy way of doing things. Yet the challenges involved can be like the storm, the whale, the worm that dried the gourd plant, or the wind and sun that burned Jonah's head.

For us, as for him, they can serve to bring us back to the God of tenderness, who invites us to set out ever anew on our journey. God is eternal newness. He impels us constantly to set out anew, to pass beyond what is familiar, to the fringes and beyond. He takes us to where humanity is most wounded, where men and women, beneath the appearance of a shallow conformity, continue to seek an answer to the question of life's meaning. God is not afraid! He is fearless! He is always greater than our plans and schemes. Unafraid of the fringes, he himself became a fringe (Phil 2:6-8; Jn 1:14). So if we dare to go to the fringes, we will find him there; indeed, he is already there. Jesus is already there, in the hearts of our brothers and sisters, in their wounded flesh, in their troubles and in their profound desolation. He is already there. True enough, we need to open the door of our hearts to Jesus, who stands and knocks (Rev 3:20).

Sometimes I wonder, though, if perhaps Jesus is already inside us and knocking on the door for us to let him escape from our stale self-centredness. In the Gospel, we see how Jesus "went through the cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God" (Lk 8:1). After the resurrection, when the disciples went forth in all directions, the Lord accompanied them (Mk 16:20). This is what happens as the result of true encounter. Complacency is seductive; it tells us that there is no point in trying to change things, that there is nothing we can do, because this is the way things have always been and yet we always manage to survive. By force of habit we no longer stand up to evil. We "let things be", or as others have decided they ought to be. Yet let us allow the Lord to rouse us from our torpor, to free us from our inertia. Let us rethink our usual way of doing things; let us open our eyes and ears, and above all our hearts, so as not to be complacent about things as they are, but unsettled by the living and effective word of the risen Lord. We are inspired to act by the example of all those priests, religious, and laity who devote themselves to proclamation and to serving others with great fidelity, often at the risk of their lives and certainly at the cost of their comfort. Their testimony reminds us that, more than bureaucrats and functionaries, the Church needs passionate missionaries, enthusiastic about sharing true life. The saints surprise us, they confound us, because by their lives they urge us to abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity. Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to hesitate when the Spirit calls us to take a step forward.

Let us ask for the apostolic courage to share the Gospel with others and to stop trying to make our Christian life a museum of memories. In every situation, may the Holy Spirit cause us to contemplate history in the light of the risen Jesus. In this way, the Church will not stand still, but constantly welcome the Lord's surprises.

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

### FROM FR. HENRY DUC



To our parish community, February has always been a special month since it marks our feast day, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, who first appeared to Bernadette Soubirous on 11 February, 1858 at the grotto of Massabielle in a town called Lourdes, in the southwest of France.

For five months between February 11 until 16 July 1858, Our Lady, who identified herself as the Immaculate Conception, was said to have appeared to Bernadette 18 times altogether. She asked Bernadette two things. Firstly, to have a chapel built in her honour, and secondly to bathe and drink from a spring that began to flow after 24 February 1858, the day she gave Bernadette the instruction. Consequently, the bath at Lourdes has been associated with miraculous healings that many thousands of people from all over the world have experienced.

Bernadette joined the Sisters of Charity and Christian Instruction at Nevers in 1865 and died in 1879 exactly 140 years ago. She was beatified in 1925 and canonised in 1933. Bernadette's life does not simply highlight her personal call to be Jesus' disciple with the mission to kindle in people's heart a devout love for his mother and her healing touch, it also helps to reflect the Gospel story of how Jesus called the three fishermen Peter, James and John. This mission was to follow him and become fisher of men, a story, which, in turn, helps to inspire all of us at Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills, to be mindful of our call to lead all we associate with back or closer to Jesus by means of our witnessing words and deeds.

Pray that each of us may get ready and able to lead others around us closer to Jesus and his mother by means of our exemplary lives, very much inspired by the gentle and healing dimension of Our Lady of Lourdes, our Patroness. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Have a happy feast day.

Fr. Henry

### PARISH NEWS...

#### OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH FEAST DAY THANK YOU

Thank you all for your various ways to help with both the preparations and celebrations of our parish feast day this year. May Our Lady of Lourdes continue to be your powerful intercessor before her Son.

**LOURDES OVER 50S MEETING:** Next Thursday 14th February starts 10.30am in the Parish Hall and finished about 1.00pm. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch. New members and visitors most welcome.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING:** 7.00pm Monday 18th February in the Parish Meeting Room.

**TAI CHI AND HEALTH QIGONG FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING:** Tai Chi & Qigong exercises every Wednesday at 10:30-11.30am the Parish Meeting Room. Cost:\$10

**MUSIC LITURGY MEETING:** 7.45pm Fr Henry's Office Wednesday 27th February.

#### FOUR2EIGHT IS BACK!

Four2Eight will be back on Sunday 3rd March after the 9:30am Mass. Come along to the parish meeting room after the Mass to join in the fun.

#### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

By this stage, many of us might have heard of a Church program called Plenary Council 2020, a national exercise which aims to revitalise the Church in Australia. At this stage, we all are invited to speak up our minds and to honestly

share with the Planning committee what we think our Church needs to hear here and now.

In this regard, I would like to encourage everyone to start reflecting upon the question, 'what do you think God is asking of us in Australia, at this time?' from today, and get ready to register your say next weekend.

Note that our parishioners will have a chance to write down their individual responses on a piece of paper provided by the parish next Saturday and Sunday during homily time. Please be prepared for this unique opportunity.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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 7.30pm. The ordination will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshments to follow.

##### COMMUNION TO THE SICK AT BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL

We urgently require people to take Holy Communion to patients in Blacktown Hospital on Sundays. Volunteers are currently rostered on every second month (6 times annually). Distribution of Communion takes about 2 to 3