

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."

March 16/17		March 23/24	
Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am Derek Soares Terry Jordan Ian Epondulan	Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am John Jordan Jim Said Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am Fennie Balatbat, Eugene Miu	Ministers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am Cathy Hutchings, Christine Menezes, Marinela Simic Lorraine Fernandes, Louis Fernandes Paul Gow, Maria Michael
Readers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am Karen Eleazar, Noreen Rosario Benno Motha, Adrian Walker Ryan Epondulan, Noel Emmanuel	Readers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am Cristal Menezes, Stephanie Menezes Kathy Walker, Karen Eleazar Megan Michael, VOLUNTEER
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am Caron Cyril, Makayla Dalmati, Erika Naing, Jaylen Naing, Riley Naing Isabella Dela Cruz, VOLUNTEERS Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment, Matthew Shawcross	Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am Juan Burgess, Yxaak Dino, Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil, Samuel Thoms Christhna Gonzales, Matthew Said, Rebecca Said Sofia Culili, Mary-Rose Mejalli, Ethan Neish, Jajda-Leigh Neish, Daniel Tenn
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am Deanne Couples for Christ Folk Group	Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am Perry's Angels Perry's Angels Maria Balatbat
Children's Rosary	Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Soares Family 33 Pretoria Road, Seven Hills	Children's Rosary	Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Falzon Family 2 Wallpark Avenue, Seven Hills Mary B, Annette & Priya
Flowers	Vigil 8am 9.30am Fennie & Angela Mariane Christian Shelia Enright Erika Hien	Flowers	Vigil 8am 9.30am Greg Edith Carole
Bookshop	9.30am Parish Pastoral Council	Bookshop	9.30am Couples for Christ
Morning Tea	9.30am Parish Pastoral Council	Morning Tea	9.30am Couples for Christ
Church Cleaning	23 March Andrew Fedrigo, Ramzee Michael	Church Cleaning	27 March Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat
Welcomers	Vigil 8am 9.30am VOLUNTEERS Joyce Hillbrick, Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEER Kathy Chamberlain, Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEER	Welcomers	Vigil 8am 9.30am Mary Bonnici, Sam Ugre, VOLUNTEER Chandra Sampanthan, VOLUNTEER 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:	9am - 3.00pm
Sacrament Co-Ordinator:	Mrs Judy Barden	Monday-Friday:	9am - 3.00pm
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Parish School:	Our Lady of Lourdes	Parish Website:	www.lol7hills.org.au
Principal:	Ms Keiran Byrnes	Youth Group Email:	youthlol7h@gmail.com
		Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator:	Mr Bob McNally

2nd Sunday of Lent Year C 17th March 2019

WEEKEND MASS	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9.30am	HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK	1st Thursday of month at 8am. 4 April
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	8.30am-3pm (for prayer and reflection)	BAPTISMAL PREPARATION	20th March 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. 7th April
Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass	Resumes after Easter	A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses	

DIOCESAN NEWS

NAGLE COLLEGE BLACKTOWN will be holding their Open Evening for Year 7, 2020 on **Tuesday 19 March 2019 from 4.00 pm to 7.30 pm.** Enrolment packages will be available on the evening and tours of the College will be conducted. Prospective parents and students are warmly invited to attend."



MUSICAL production, NOLI ME TANGERE, Parramatta Riverside Theatre. Based on the Philippines national novel by Jose Rizal. Low prices from \$35 so families can celebrate their culture together, March 29 – April 6. Song clips on Riverside Theatres website. Bookings: 8839 3399 or riversideparramatta.com.au

PARISH DIARY

MARCH

18	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
19	Social Justice Group Meeting	8:30-12:30pm
19	Lenten Discussion Group	7.00pm
20	Baptismal Preparation	7.30pm
20	Tai Chi	10:30am
21	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
22	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm
23	Mens' Group Breakfast	8:30am
25	The Annunciation of the Lord	

READINGS This Sunday	1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Gospel: Luke 9:28-36	God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant. Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.
READINGS Sunday 24/3/2019	1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Gospel: Luke 13:109	This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent Me to you. All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit. Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.*

OPENING PRAYER: O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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: *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

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
_____	_____	_____
Telephone	Telephone	Telephone
Please place on the collection plate		



Let us Pray for the Sick

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

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: Marian Kalinski, Yvonne Alam, Tony Andrews, Teofilo Datuin, Fr Leo Donnelly, Norma Ann Howard, Auk Kyung Monica Kim, Maria Kingson, Stewart Moroney, Remegio Palmos, Michael Perak, Fr Colm Rafferty (Ireland), Roseline Ratnam, Maria Zentai.

Anniversaries: Rosie & David Alfonso, Andre & Caroline Almeida, Christine, Brendon & Michael Almeida, Avelina Arambulo, Fortunata Baida, Rosario Cabasa, Sam Caruana, Anna Barbara DiCioccio, Maria Palmira Do Rosario, Nevis Fernando, Apolinario Maglaya, Rosa Mancina, Tom Morrissey, Vincenzo & Ersilia Paolini, Nina Paolini, John Ratnam, Rosary Dorothy Ross, Silva, Arsenio Udan, Nora Zarb, George Stello Descombes.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Paul, Simone & Cyril, Leon & Mireille D'emmerz, Nasario Enfesta, Felicisimo Family, Gabilo Family, Sharon and John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Jo Shep & Maria.

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 \$ 148000
Loose \$ 833.00
TOTAL \$ 2208.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



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Account Number 000552;
Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.
Please mark your ref: Surname/Carpark or via
Envelopes available at rear of church

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

TAI CHI AND HEALTH QIGONG FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING: Every Wednesday at 10:30-11.30am the Parish Meeting Room. Cost:\$10

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Next meeting Sunday 31st March 12:30 -2 pm in Parish meeting room. All welcome.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

IN CONSTANT PRAYER (part 2)

I ask that we never regard prayerful silence as a form of escape and rejection of the world around us. The Russian pilgrim, who prayed constantly, says that such prayer did not separate him from what was happening all around him. "Everybody was kind to me; it was as though everyone loved me... Not only did I feel [happiness and consolation] in my own soul, but the whole outside world also seemed to me full of charm and delight".

Nor does history vanish. Prayer, because it is nourished by the gift of God present and at work in our lives, must always be marked by remembrance. The memory of God's works is central to the experience of the covenant between God and his people. God wished to enter history, and so our prayer is interwoven with memories. We think back not only on his revealed Word, but also on our own lives, the lives of others, and all that the Lord has done in his Church. This is the grateful memory that Saint Ignatius of Loyola refers to in his Contemplation for Attaining Love, when he asks us to be mindful of all the blessings we have received from the Lord. Think of your own history when you pray, and there you will find much mercy. This will also increase your awareness that the Lord is ever mindful of you; he never forgets you. So it makes sense to ask him to shed light on the smallest details of your life, for he sees them all.

Prayer of supplication is an expression of a heart that trusts in God and realizes that of itself it can do nothing. The life of God's faithful people is marked by constant supplication born of faith-filled love and great confidence. Let us not downplay prayer of petition, which so often calms our hearts and helps us persevere in hope. Prayer of intercession has particular value, for it is an act of trust in God and, at the same time, an expression of love for our neighbour. There are those who think, based on a one-sided spirituality, that prayer should be unalloyed contemplation of God, free of all distraction, as if the names and faces of others were somehow an intrusion to be avoided. Yet in reality, our prayer will be all the more pleasing to God and more effective for our growth in holiness if, through intercession, we attempt to practise the twofold commandment that Jesus left us. Intercessory prayer is an expression of our fraternal concern for others, since we are able to embrace their lives, their deepest troubles and their loftiest dreams. Of those who commit themselves generously to intercessory prayer we can apply the words of Scripture: "This is a man who loves the brethren and prays much for the people" (2 Mac 15:14).

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

This week one of our High School students sent me a request for an interview for her Studies of Religion assessment. I remember one of the questions I was given to answer was about the benefits of our religion. In response to this question, I stated the Eucharist and my personal prayers, such as the Prayer of the Church or the Office and the Rosaries which have been immensely beneficial in giving spiritual nourishment and mental relaxation.

We all know that prayer was a very important part of Jesus' life, and he would never fail to do it, though his life was always busy with preaching the Word and healing the sick. With this background, the Gospel today tells the unfolding of an amazing event in Jesus' life known to us as his Transfiguration, in which 'his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning' according to the writer of Luke's Gospel. The event was truly amazing, since it made



Peter forget about the real world, and prefer to hang on a little longer to what he was witnessing and experiencing.

From a scholarly perspective, the narrative is filled with symbolism. For instance, some Jewish people thought that the righteous would be dressed in white in the Kingdom of God and live in tents in eternity because their ancestors lived in tents when God delivered them from the Egyptian slavery. As a result, Peter might have thought that he was in the Kingdom of God.

Another symbolic detail is the presence of Moses, who is representative of the law given to the Israelites by God and Elijah, who is representative of the prophets. These two stand for the whole Jewish Scriptures. In short, it means that just as God once worked to save the Jewish people from their physical enemies in the old days, he is now working through his only Son to save the world from its spiritual enemy, the devil.

To me, the most striking point about this symbol-filled story is God's official recognition of Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One, and his expectation that we listen to his Son. It's worth keeping in mind that this is the second time in Jesus' life, apart from his baptism, where God Himself personally introduced Jesus as His Beloved Son. This is a very special statement and we have to take it very seriously.

Let us embrace our Father's words about Jesus today by paying extra attention to Jesus' teaching, especially his key teaching of dual love and putting it into practice in the way we show our love and respect for God, and the loving care we offer others.

Have a good listening week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

PARISH RETREAT THANK YOU

Thank you Fr John for sparing his precious time to come and lead our parish community in our Lenten retreat this year. Thank you to all our participants for joining the retreat, and also a big word of thank to Judy and our helpers for setting up and assisting with the catering.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Last Wednesday night, members of our Parish Pastoral Council came together for our monthly meeting. Apart from usual reports from various groups, we spent a good length of time talking about the good responses we received from the community in response to the Plenary Council 2020.

Once again we like to thank everyone for their enthusiastic participation in the exercise, and in the coming weeks we are going to make your 40 page long written responses available for the community, so that all will have a chance to see the fruits of your contributions, which then serve as the starting point for our future pastoral planning.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parents who would like their child to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are invited to an **Information Meeting** which will be held **twice on Wednesday 3rd April at 6:30pm and repeated on Saturday 6th April at 4:30pm in the parish meeting room.** If your child is in year 6 or older, you are most welcome to attend. If you would like your child to celebrate Confirmation this year but you are unable to attend either of these meetings, you need to contact Judy Barden in the parish office on 96222920 or judyb@olol7hills.com.au **before Friday 29th March.**

LENT

During the season of Lent, we will have a number of opportunities to gather for prayer to help prepare for Easter.

Please add the following dates to your diary for this season of Lent:

Fri 22nd March	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm
Fri 29th March	Evening Prayer and Benediction	7:30pm
Fri 5th April	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm
Fri 12th April	Evening Prayer and Benediction	7:30pm
Tue 16th April	Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	7:30pm
Thur 18th April	HOLY THURSDAY MASS	7:30pm
Fri 19th April	GOOD FRIDAY	
	Stations of the Cross	10am
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3pm
Sat 20th April	EASTER VIGIL MASS	6pm
Sun 21st April	EASTER SUNDAY MASS	8am, 9:30am

THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL WITH MASSIMO FAGGIOLI

During Lent, Fr Henry will also be having a series of evenings with a focus on "The Second Vatican Council with Massimo Faggioli". In order to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Pope Saint XXIII's decision to call the Council this year, 25th January, 2019, we are having a series of meetings **every Tuesday evening during Lent from 7.00pm – 8.30pm in our Parish Meeting room** (except Tuesday 16th April due to the parish Second Rite of Reconciliation).

Participants will have a chance to watch lectures and talks given by Dr. Massimo Faggioli, a Church historian, Vatican II Council scholar, professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Villanova University on Youtube about the Council and Pope Francis followed by discussions. Everyone is welcomed to come along.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enrolments for kindergarten 2020 are now open. Please visit the school office between the hours of 8.30am - 3.30pm to collect your enrolment pack or go to the school website and download the enrolment application. If you require any further information please contact Beth Or Monique on 8869 6800.



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.

CONCERT TICKETS ON SALE FROM THIS WEEKEND!

Avoid disappointment and make sure you purchase your ticket to this great family event from this weekend! Tickets on sale in the foyer of the church after Mass.