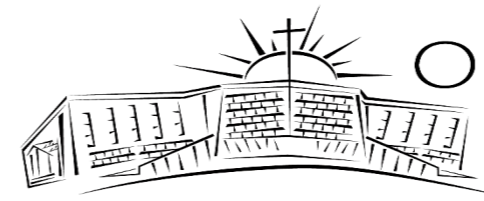


Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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

		<b>March 23/24</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Vigil 8am	<b>John Jordan Jim Said</b>
	9.30am	<b>Ramzee Michael</b>
<b>Ministers</b>	Vigil	<b>Cathy Hutchings, Christine Menezes, Marinela Simic</b>
	8.00am	<b>Lorraine Fernandes, Louis Fernandes</b>
	9.30am	<b>Paul Gow, Maria Michael</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Vigil	<b>Cristal Menezes, Stephanie Menezes</b>
	8.00am	<b>Kathy Walker, Karen Eleazar</b>
	9.30am	<b>Megan Michael, Erika Hien</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Vigil	<b>Juan Burgess, Yxaak Dino, Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil, Samuel Thoms</b>
	8.00am	<b>Chrishna Gonzales, Matthew Said, Rebecca Said</b>
	9.30am	<b>Sofia Culili, Mary-Rose Mejalli, Ethan Neish, Jajda-Leigh Neish, Daniel Tenn</b>
<b>Musicians</b>	Vigil 8am	<b>Perry's Angels Perry's Angels</b>
	9.30am	<b>Maria Balatbat</b>
<b>Children's Rosary</b>	Liturgy	<b>2nd &amp; 3rd Sunday of the month Only Falzon Family 2 Wallpark Avenue, Seven Hills</b>
<b>Flowers</b>		<b>Mary B, Annette &amp; Priya</b>
<b>Bookshop</b>	Vigil 8am	<b>Greg Edith</b>
	9.30am	<b>Carole</b>
<b>Morning Tea</b>	9.30am	<b>Couples for Christ</b>
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	27 March	<b>Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Vigil 8am	<b>Mary Bonnici, Sam Ugre, VOLUNTEER Chandra Sampanthan, VOLUNTEER</b>
	9.30am	<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>

		<b>March 30/31</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Vigil 8am	<b>Abel Do Rosario Bob McNally</b>
	9.30am	<b>Eugene Miu</b>
<b>Ministers</b>	Vigil	<b>Mariane Descombes, Christine Menezes</b>
	8.00am	<b>Lawrence Falzon, Anne McNally</b>
	9.30am	<b>Carole Brooks, Barbara Chandler</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Vigil	<b>Cristal Menezes, Stephanie Menezes</b>
	8.00am	<b>Priya Joachim, Andrew Millar</b>
	9.30am	<b>Mercy Aquina, Megan Michael</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Vigil	<b>Alexander Bateman-Paul, Jesseline Franco, Christine Milicevic, Caitlyn Rambukwella, Jayden Rambukwella</b>
	8.00am	<b>Jayden Cortis, Lucas Pasco</b>
	9.30am	<b>Eric Da, Victor Da, Matthew Shawcross, Florenca Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy</b>
<b>Musicians</b>	Vigil 8am	<b>Maria Balatbat Fr Henry</b>
	9.30am	<b>Perry's Angels</b>
<b>Children's Rosary</b>	Liturgy	<b>2nd &amp; 3rd Sunday of the month Only Stambouliah Family 16 Oakwood Road, Toongabbie Lucinda</b>
<b>Flowers</b>		
<b>Bookshop</b>	Vigil 8am	<b>Marinela Shelia</b>
	9.30am	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>
<b>Morning Tea</b>	9.30am	<b>Imelda</b>
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	3 April	<b>Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Vinnie Zahra, Suzy Nemorin</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Vigil	<b>David Christian Judith Deloso, VOLUNTEER</b>
	8am	<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>
	9.30am	<b>Lena Falzon</b>

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**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Erika Hien  
**Sacrament Co-Ordinator:** Mrs Judy Barden  
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**Principal:** Ms Keiran Byrnes

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**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday: 9am - 3.00pm  
**Telephone:** 9622 2920  
**Parish Office Email:** secretary@lol7hills.org.au  
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**Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator:** Mr Bob McNally

## 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C 24th 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** 15th May 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**

**READINGS This Sunday** 1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent Me to you.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

Gospel: Luke 13:109

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

**READINGS Sunday 31/03/2019** 1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant. Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.

**RESPONSE TO PSALM:** *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life,*

### DIOCESAN NEWS

#### BISHOP VINCENT'S STATEMENT ON THE CHRIST-CHURCH ATTACK

Bishop Vincent has issued a statement on the Christchurch attack. The statement can be found here: [catholicoutlook.org/christchurchattack](http://catholicoutlook.org/christchurchattack)

#### POSITIONS VACANT

Web developer/programmer - Diocese of Parramatta  
Pastoral Planning Officer - Diocese of Parramatta  
Project Manager - Diocese of Parramatta  
Parish Secretary - Merrylands Parish  
More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

Transition Housing Worker - CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains  
More details at: [ccss.org.au](http://ccss.org.au)

### PARISH DIARY

#### MARCH

25	The Annunciation of the Lord	
25	Legion of Mary Meeting	1:30pm
27	Tai chi	10:30am
27	Sacramental program— 5th meeting	6:30pm
28	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
29	Evening prayer and Benediction	7:00pm
30	Sacramental program meeting	4:30-5:30pm
31	Social Justice Group	12:30pm

#### 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?

#### Planned Giving

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

Name

Name

Name

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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 Tiplado. Paul, Christopher, Daniel.

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:** Yvonne Alam, Tony Andrews, Joao Francisco Fernandes Calisto, Fr Leo Donnelly, Marian Kalinski, Auk Kyung Monica Kim, Maria Kingson, Stewart Moroney, Remegio Pamos, Michael Perak, Roseline Ratnam, Maria Zentia.

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

**Remembrance:** Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Paul, Simone & Cyril, Leon & Mireille D'emmerz, Nasario Enfesta, Felicissimo Family, Gabilo Family, Sharon and John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Rev Fr Ambrose Ryan, 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 \$ 2048.00**  
**Loose \$ 756.00**  
**TOTAL \$ 2048.00**  
**WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00**



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

Donated to date \$ 19093.62 Balance \$55906.38

### DIRECT DEPOSIT:

Banking details are  
BSB: 067 950;  
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Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.  
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## YOUTH CORNER

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The Lourdes Young Adults Group will meet again **Friday 12th April**. A great opportunity for anyone aged 18-35 to come along and share some fun and formation with other young adults from our parish.

### FOUR2EIGHT

Four2Eight will meet again on **Sunday 7th April** after the 9:30am Mass in the parish meeting room.

### FROM POPE FRANCIS

#### IN CONSTANT PRAYER (part 3)

*If we realize that God exists, we cannot help but worship him, at times in quiet wonder, and praise him in festive song. We thus share in the experience of Blessed Charles de Foucauld, who said: "As soon as I believed that there was a God, I understood that I could do nothing other than to live for him".*

*In the life of God's pilgrim people, there can be many simple gestures of pure adoration, as when "the gaze of a pilgrim rests on an image that symbolizes God's affection and closeness. Love pauses, contemplates the mystery, and enjoys it in silence".*

*The prayerful reading of God's word, which is "sweeter than honey" (Ps 119:103) yet a "two-edged sword" (Heb 4:12), enables us to pause and listen to the voice of the Master. It becomes a lamp for our steps and a light for our path. As the bishops of India have reminded us, "devotion to the word of God is not simply one of many devotions, beautiful but somewhat optional. It goes to the very heart and identity of Christian life. The word has the power to transform lives".*

*Meeting Jesus in the Scriptures leads us to the Eucharist, where the written word attains its greatest efficacy, for there the living Word is truly present. In the Eucharist, the one true God receives the greatest worship the world can give him, for it is Christ himself who is offered. When we receive him in Holy Communion, we renew our covenant with him and allow him to carry out ever more fully his work of transforming our lives.*

*Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE*

### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

A few weeks ago, a university student amicably asked me to comment on the question of God and human suffering, the one point a lot of people in the modern world have relied on to argue against the existence of God. According to them, suffering is no doubt real and people can hear, see or even experience in their daily lives. On the other hand, God is believed to be almighty, all powerful and full of love, and it is impossible for Him to allow any evil thing or suffering to happen.

Jewish people in Jesus' time had tried to tackle the question from the angle of sin, and they blamed sin committed either by individuals or their parents as the culprit in bringing suffering to people. The first part of Luke's Gospel this Sunday highlights such a flawed attempt to explain suffering.

On hearing the report of the death tolls caused by the fall of the Siloam tower and Pilate's execution of the Galilean rebels, Jesus seized the opportunity to make two very significant points about human suffering:

Point number one: sin was not the reason behind their deaths, and Jesus made it very clear by telling the audience that none of those who were killed were more sinful or guiltier compared to the rest of the community, and point number two: the suffering of others could serve as a way of recognising God giving chances for them to repent from the wicked way and come back to the Lord.

Jesus then moved on to utilise the allegory of the fig tree in the vineyard to further explain his position in this issue about human suffering. Just as the barren fig tree was given a chance by the owner of the vineyard to survive and bear fruit, we all are given chance after chance to use others' calamities as opportunities for us to be grateful to the Lord for the gift of our lives, our safety, and also to turn away from sin and be reconciled with God, a message very appropriate during this time of Lent. Pray that we may be able to fully grasp the Gospel message



today, and further appreciate the many blessings each of us has received from God in this land. May we all try our best to give back to Him by means of thanksgiving prayer and worship, and concrete works of charity to help those who hunger and suffer around us. Have a week filled with praise and thanksgiving. Fr. Henry

## PARISH NEWS...

### 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 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	<b>HOLY THURSDAY MASS</b>	7:30pm
Fri 19th April	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
	Stations of the Cross	10am
	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>	3pm
Sat 20th April	<b>EASTER VIGIL MASS</b>	6pm
Sun 21st April	<b>EASTER SUNDAY MASS</b>	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 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Saint XXIII's decision to call the Council this year, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



**OVER 50'S CLUB OUTING:** Public transport Wednesday 27th March. Meet at Seven Hills Station for the 9.28 train to the City.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

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

### TAI CHI AND HEALTH QIGONG FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING: Every Wednesday at 10:30-11.30am

the Parish Meeting Room. Cost:\$10 . Please note there will be no classes on the following dates: 17th, 24th April, 1st May.



### 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 this weekend! Tickets on sale in the foyer of the church after Mass.

### 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 results 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.

### STAY UP TO DATE BY VISING OUR PARISH WEBSITE

Our parish website is updated regularly with news and upcoming events - everything from youth news to social justice to Mass times, bulletins and much more - a great way to stay up to date with what's on in our parish! Visit **www.olol7hills.org.au**

