

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."*

## 4th Sunday of Lent Year C 31st March 2019

		<b>March 30/31</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Vigil 8am	<b>Abel Do Rosario</b>
	9.30am	<b>Bob McNally</b>
<b>Ministers</b>	Vigil	<b>Eugene Miu</b>
	8.00am	<b>Mariane Descombes, Christine Menezes</b>
		<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 Pascu</b>
	9.30am	<b>Eric Da, Victor Da, Matthew Shawcross, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy</b>
<b>Musicians</b>	Vigil 8am	<b>Maria Balatbat</b>
	9.30am	<b>Fr Henry Perry's Angels</b>
<b>Children's Rosary</b>	Liturgy	<b>2nd &amp; 3rd Sunday of the month Only</b>
		<b>Stambouliah Family</b>
		<b>16 Oakwood Road, Toongabbie</b>
<b>Flowers</b>		<b>Lucinda</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 8am	<b>David Christian Judith Deloso, VOLUNTEER</b>
		<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>
	9.30am	<b>Lena Falzon</b>

		<b>April 7/8</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Vigil 8am	<b>David Christian</b>
	9.30am	<b>Gerard Marcello</b>
		<b>Ian Epondulan</b>
<b>Ministers</b>	Vigil	<b>Laura Bellissimo, Cathy Hutchings, Christine Menezes, Stefanie, Menezes, Marianela Simic, Vinnie Zahra</b>
	8.00am	<b>Winnie Marcello, Suzy Nemorin</b>
	9.30am	<b>Ryan Epondulan, Anna Lopeti</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Vigil	<b>Mariane Descombes, Crystal Menezes</b>
	8.00am	<b>Christine Woodward, Pepito Ferriols</b>
	9.30am	<b>Erika Hie, Kamela Hui Hui</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Vigil	<b>Erika Niang, Jaylen iang, Riley Niang</b>
	8.00am	<b>Jayden Cortis, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, VOLUNTEER</b>
	9.30am	<b>Carl Gallema, Marc Gallema Sarah Lenthall, Mary-Rose Mejalli, Jerard Sarmiento</b>
<b>Musicians</b>	Vigil 8am	<b>Youth for Christ</b>
	9.30am	<b>Grace Notes</b>
		<b>Christine Clarke</b>
<b>Children's Rosary</b>	Liturgy	<b>2nd &amp; 3rd Sunday of the month Only</b>
		<b>Maka Family</b>
		<b>69 Seven Hills Road, Seven Hills</b>
<b>Flowers</b>		<b>Fenty &amp; Mimi</b>
<b>Bookshop</b>	Vigil 8am	<b>Vinnie VOLUNTEER</b>
	9.30am	<b>Edmund</b>
<b>Morning Tea</b>	9.30am	<b>Tongan Choir</b>
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	11 April	<b>Elodia Colussi, Elizabeth Mead</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Vigil 8am	<b>Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS</b>
		<b>Annette Peatman, Chandra Sampanthan</b>
	9.30am	<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>

<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>	9am - 3.00pm
<b>Sacrament Co-Ordinator:</b>	Mrs Judy Barden	<b>Monday-Friday:</b>	9am - 3.00pm
<b>Parish Church:</b>	7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147	<b>Telephone:</b>	9622 2920
<b>Postal Address:</b>	PO Box 944, Seven Hills 1730	<b>Parish Office Email:</b>	secretary@lol7hills.org.au
<b>Parish School:</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Parish Website:</b>	www.lol7hills.org.au
<b>Principal:</b>	Ms Keiran Byrnes	<b>Youth Group Email:</b>	youthlol7h@gmail.com
		<b>Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator:</b>	Mr Bob McNally

<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. 4 April
<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>	15th May 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. 7th April
<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>	Resumes after Easter		

<b>READINGS</b>	1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12	The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the Passover.
<b>.This Sunday</b>	2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	God reconciled us to himself through Christ. Your brother here was dead and has come to life.
<b>READINGS</b>	1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21	I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.
<b>Sunday 7/4/2019</b>	2nd Reading: Philippians 3:8-14 Gospel: John 8:1-11	Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him. Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who are in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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:** *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.*

### ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? WELCOME!

If you would like to register with our parish or receive a visit from Fr Henry or a parishioner, please give your name and contact number to Fr Henry after Mass or contact the parish office on 9622 2920 or email secretary@lol7hills.org.au. We look forward to hearing from you!

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### MEN'S LENTEN DAY RETREAT 13 APRIL 9AM-4PM

At Notre Dame Sydney, 104 Broadway. Speakers include Fr. Brendan Purcell and Fr James Baxter OP. FREE! Registrations are essential. To register: [www.trybooking.com/475522](http://www.trybooking.com/475522) or email Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au phone 8204 4189.

### THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH

Invite you to join them in a Holy Family Association gathering.

**Date:** Saturday, 6 April 2019  
**Venue:** Queen of Poland Convent  
 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong  
**10.30 am** Exploring the Sacraments - Holy Communion  
**Speaker:** Dr. Mariusz Biliniewicz – Senior Lecturer in Theology (University of Notre Dame)  
 Time for personal reflection and prayer.  
**12.00 pm** Mass.  
 Lunch provided.  
 All welcome. For more information please call Sr Alicja [ahf@csfn.org.au](mailto:ahf@csfn.org.au) Tel. 9626 7847

## PARISH DIARY

### MARCH

31 Social Justice Group 12.30pm

### APRIL

1 Legion of Mary 1.30pm  
 1 St Vincent de Paul 7.00pm  
 2 Fr Henry Lenten Discussion Group 7.00pm  
 3 Tai Chi 10.30am  
 3 Confirmation Parent information night 6.30pm  
 3 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm  
 4 Healing mass 8.00am  
 4 Christ Community Prayer Group 9.00am  
 5 Stations of the Cross 7.30pm  
 6 Confirmation Parent information night 4.30pm  
 7 Youth mass 9.30am  
 8 Legion of Mary 1.30pm  
 9 Fr Henry Lenten Discussion Group 7.00pm  
 10 Fr Henry's birthday All day



### Let us Pray for the Sick

David Barrow, Gabriel Chung, Frances De Silva, Mignonne De Silva, Andrew Fedrigo, Letitia Haines, Gordon McLandsborough, Patricia Oreo, Debra Price, Narelle Schoenfeld, Rose Stambouliah, Tony Stambouliah, Denis Symon, Sue Tipaldo. 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. We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

### Let us Pray for the Deceased

**Recently Deceased:** Catherine Chandra, Yvonne Alam, Tony Andrews, France Angseesing, Joao Francisco Fernandes Calisto, Marian Kalinski, Auk Kyung Monica Kim, Maria Kingson, Marianito Lopez, Remegio Palmos, Michael Perak, Roseline Ratnam, Maria Zentai.

**Anniversaries:** Tarcisio 'Archie' Gatt, 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, Santan & Pauline Soares, Arsenio Udan, Nora Zarb.

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

### MONEY MATTERS

**Envelopes** \$ 1587.00  
**Loose** \$ 792.00  
**TOTAL** \$ 2379.00  
**WEEKLY TARGET:** \$ 3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

**DIRECT DEPOSIT:**  
Banking details are BSB: 067 950;  
Account Number 000552;  
Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.  
Please mark your ref: Surname/Carpark or via  
**Envelopes available at rear of church**



### Daylight Savings Reminder!

Daylight saving begins **next Sunday 7th April**. Please put your clocks **back** one hour.

## 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 SPIRITUAL COMBAT, VIGILANCE AND DISCERNMENT

*The Christian life is a constant battle. We need strength and courage to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel. This battle is sweet, for it allows us to rejoice each time the Lord triumphs in our lives.*



**COMBAT AND VIGILANCE**— *We are not dealing merely with a battle against the world and a worldly mentality that would deceive us and leave us dull and mediocre, lacking in enthusiasm and joy. Nor can this battle be reduced to the struggle against our human weaknesses and proclivities (be they laziness, lust, envy, jealousy or any others). It is also a constant struggle against the devil, the prince of evil. Jesus himself celebrates our victories. He rejoiced when his disciples made progress in preaching the Gospel and overcoming the opposition of the evil one: "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Lk 10:18).*

*We will not admit the existence of the devil if we insist on regarding life by empirical standards alone, without a supernatural understanding. It is precisely the conviction that this malign power is present in our midst that enables us to understand how evil can at times have so much destructive force. True enough, the biblical authors had limited conceptual resources for expressing certain realities, and in Jesus' time epilepsy, for example, could easily be confused with demonic possession. Yet this should not lead us to an oversimplification that would conclude that all the cases related in the Gospel had to do with psychological disorders and hence that the devil does not exist or is not at work. He is present in the very first pages of the Scriptures, which end with God's victory over the devil. Indeed, in leaving us the Our Father, Jesus wanted us to conclude by asking the Father to "deliver us from evil". That final word does not refer to evil in the abstract; a more exact translation would be "the evil one". It indicates a personal being who assails us. Jesus taught us to ask daily for deliverance from him, lest his power prevail over us.*

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, **GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE**

### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

About ten years ago, I invited a rather young priest to come to our parish to help with our First Reconciliation, and he really surprised me with a skill that no one had ever shown me before. Prior to the start of the Rite, I handed him a copy of the Gospel and asked him to assist in the liturgy by proclaiming the Gospel. Instead of taking the Gospel text, he just queried which passage it was. I mentioned the name of the story and he coolly said, 'No problem, I can do it by heart!', and went on to proclaim it word by word, confidently and exactly the same as the text I had in my hand. I just looked at him and my jaw dropped, since it was quite a lengthy story to memorise. It was the account we have for this fourth Sunday of Lent, known to us as the Gospel of the Prodigal Son or the Good Dad. What a memory and what a good skill to have!



According to the Evangelist in the introduction, this highly symbolic story is Jesus' attempt to respond to the complaint from the Pharisees and the scribes about his association with the people they considered as sinners. The father obviously represents God, who is always kind, generous and forgiving, and the two sons represent all of us, including those who fall into the temptation of wandering away from God and waste his gifts on worthless things, and also those who are weighed down by envy and selfishness. Through this story, Jesus perhaps intends to remind his critics that he is doing nothing but following his Father's example in showing his love and compassion to the marginalised and

sinners, and hence challenge them to do the same by showing compassion and forgiveness to others, especially the marginalised.

From a Sacramental perspective, this story has been used in the Church to highlight how kind and how forgiving God is, and hence encourage us to have the courage to stand up and come back to ask for His forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession, and God for sure will never fail to forgive us.

It's worth noting some significant symbols found in this Gospel narrative, such as the robe given by the father to the younger son when he came back which is the symbol of royalty, the ring which is the symbol of authority, and the sandals which indicate his important status in the family. Together they convey the message that the son is completely forgiven by the father for his past failures, and fully restored to his previous position in the family.

Inspired by the message of this Gospel story, let us pray for a greater and stronger appreciation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation amongst Catholics, and also for the courage and wisdom from our Church leaders to take appropriate steps in responding to the need of the wider community with regard to the issue of Reconciliation.

Have a reconciliation-oriented week.

Fr. Henry

## PARISH NEWS...

### LENT

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

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 is hosting 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.

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 REPORT

A new update of our parish Plenary Council 2020 work is available around the Church this week with a focus on the issues of the homily and the Third Rite of Reconciliation under the Plenary Council 2020 Report signs. Everyone is encouraged to read through these responses.

### MOTHER'S DAY MINI PHOTO SHOOT

Mother's Day is fast approaching! Are you stuck for present ideas? The gift of photos is timeless, precious and simply beautiful! So, why not round up the family clan and pop on your best outfits and take part in a Mini Photoshoot Session? Bookings are limited, with only 4 weekends of mini sessions available. 7th April, 13th April, 27th April & 4th May.

If you are interested, come and see Laura Bellissimo after weekend Masses or contact her via email - laurabellissimophotography@gmail.com, to find out more information and to make a booking with her! Posters hung up around the church, have all the information you need to know as well!

All are being donated to the fundraising for the Church Carpark.

### 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

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

### 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, hall hire information and much more - a great way to stay up to date with what's on in our parish! Visit [www.olol7hills.org.au](http://www.olol7hills.org.au)

### SACRAMENTAL NEWS

**Confirmation:** An information meeting for parents will be held this Wednesday 3rd April from 6:30pm with a repeat of this meeting on Saturday 6th April from 4:30pm, both meetings will be in the Parish Meeting Room. If your child is in year 6 or older and has celebrated their First Holy Communion, you're most welcome to attend.

**RCIA** We welcome our Elect Colin this weekend for the Presentation of the Creed and Lord's Prayer as he continues on his RCIA journey towards Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion this Easter. Please keep Colin in your prayers during this important time.

**Reconciliation:** Please keep the children from our parish who will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Wednesday 10th April in your prayers over the coming weeks.



**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 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. **FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 96222920 OR EVELYN BEED 0437572636**