

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

		February 23/24	
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	John Jordan	Terry Jordan
	9.30am	Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Anna Bellissimo, Mariane Descombes	
		Lorraine Fernandes, Louis Fernandes	
Readers	9.30am	Helen Gonzales, Paul Gow	
	Vigil 8.00am	David Christian, Laura Bellissimo	
Altar Servers	9.30am	Pepito Ferriols, Adrian Walker	
	Vigil 8.00am	VOLUNTEERS	
		Juan Burgess, Caron Cyril, Isabella Dela Cruz, Caitlyn Rambukwella, Jayden Rambukwella	
		Aaron Rosario	
		Isaac Rosario	
		VOLUNTEER	
	9.30am	Chrisha Gonzales, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy	
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Perry's Angels	
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Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
		Falzon 2 Wallpark Avenue, Seven Hills	
Flowers		Mary B, Annette & Priya	
	Vigil 8am	Greg Edith	
Bookshop	9.30am	Carole	
	9.30am	Couples for Christ	
Morning Tea	27 Feb	Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat	
	Vigil 8am	Mary Bonnici, VOLUNTEERS	
Church Cleaning	9.30am	Joyce Hillbrick, VOLUNTEERS	
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**Parish Priest:** Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran  
**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Erika Hien  
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## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 17th February 2019

**WEEKEND MASS** Saturday Vigil 6pm  
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

**HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK** 1st Thursday of month at 8am. **7 March**

**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** 8.30am-3pm  
**Monday-Friday** (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  
**3rd March**

**Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass** 1st March 2019 7.00pm

**A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses**

**READINGS This Sunday** 1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord  
If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.  
Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

**READINGS Sunday 24/2/19** 1st Reading: 1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you  
Just as we carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.  
Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling 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:** *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.*

### 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.

#### 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/](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

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	12:00pm
27	Tai Chi	10:30am
27	Sacramental Meeting 3	6:30pm
27	Music Liturgy Meeting	7:45pm

#### MARCH

1	Exposition, Divine Mercy, Mass	7:00pm
2	Sacramental Meeting 3	4:30pm
4	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7:00pm

#### 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

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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 Tipaldo, Maria Zentai.

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, Alexander Balatbat, Norma Ann Howard, Norma (Baby) Lorenzo, Fr Colm Rafferty (Ireland), Roseline Ratnam, Gerard Skiffington, Bryan John Wilson.



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

Remembrance: Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Paula & Carmelo Bujuger, Paul, Simone & Cyril, Leon & Mireille D'emmercz, Sheema Landagan, Sharon and John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Albert Randall, Paul & Maryanne Vella, 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 \$ 1871.00  
Loose \$ 947.00  
TOTAL \$ 2818.00  
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

Donated to date \$ 19078.62 Balance \$55921.38

### 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

LOURDES OVER 50S MEETING: Next Thursday 14th March starts 10.30am in the Parish Hall and finishes 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: Every Wednesday at 10:30-11.30am the Parish Meeting Room. Cost:\$10

MUSIC LITURGY MEETING: At least one representative from each music group is invited to our next meeting on Wednesday 27th February at 7.45pm in the Parish Office.

### FROM POPE FRANCIS IN COMMUNITY

When we live apart from others, it is very difficult to fight against concupiscence, the snares and temptations of the devil and the selfishness of the world. Bombarded as we are by so many enticements, we can grow too isolated, lose our sense of reality and inner clarity, and easily succumb.

Growth in holiness is a journey in community, side by side with others. We see this in some holy communities. From time to time, the Church has canonized entire communities that lived the Gospel heroically or offered to God the lives of all their members. We can think, for example, of the seven holy founders of the Order of the Servants of Mary, the seven blessed sisters of the first monastery of the Visitation in Madrid, the Japanese martyrs Saint Paul Miki and companions, the Korean martyrs Saint Andrew Taegon and companions, or the South American martyrs Saint Roque González, Saint Alonso Rodríguez and companions. We should also remember the more recent witness borne by the Trappists of Tibhirine, Algeria, who prepared as a community for martyrdom. In many holy marriages too, each spouse becomes a means used by Christ for the sanctification of the other. Living or working alongside others is surely a path of spiritual growth. Saint John of the Cross told one of his followers: "You are living with others in order to be fashioned and tried".

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

In our first deanery meeting of the year last Tuesday, we clergy from the Central deanery had the chance to read a few interesting pages from John Ryan's book called 'A Priesthood Imprisoned', in which Fr Paul Keys recalled the instruction his parish priest barked at him as a newly ordained at their first meeting, 'Father, you must understand that the Church is not a playground. It is more like an army. I am the general and you, young curates are my lieutenants. We can't allow confusion, disrespect, or subversion among the troops. Learn to keep a safe distance from the people. They don't know where they are going and we must be ready at all times to tell them what is allowed and what isn't. It takes courage to be a strong leader like this.'

I was horrified to realise that such a mentality was allowed to happen in our Church, and on the other hand, I have to take my hat off to the young and brave curate who refused to go along with 'the general' by choosing to minister to God's people as a servant. What an admirable shepherd he was!

I am sure that such a type of clergy is no longer accepted to carry out their ministry in the Church today, especially in the Australian Church. We know that such a model of priesthood is totally against the Christian spirit Jesus sums up in the Gospel this Sunday, also known to us as the Sermon on the Mount or more significantly, the Constitution of the Kingdom of God. Here Jesus solemnly declares poverty, hunger, tears and persecutions as his virtues, as signs of blessings and even sends out a warning message to those who go for the opposite way, the one considered as the standard by the majority.

Let us pray that everyone who call themselves Christians will always remember to embrace the constitutional qualities Jesus highlights in the Gospel passage and put them into practice through more determined commitments to make lives better and more bearable for the poor, the unfortunate, the abused, the displaced, the oppressed and so on.

In the light of those virtues Jesus promotes in the Gospel, our community comes together to celebrate our Sunday Eucharist



and also carry out the Plenary Council 2020 exercise. Let us set aside some time to reflect upon the life of our Australian Church, the issues it has to deal with and to share your ideas, your ways, your strategies, your suggestions, that might help our Church to be a better and stronger witness to our Lord Jesus Christ in this lucky land. Have a happy feast day.

Fr. Henry

### PARISH NEWS...

#### BLACKTOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

We received some good news this week with regard to the proposed development on Olive Street. The Council did not support the proposed height variation from 6 storeys to 8 storeys and so the applicant has agreed to withdraw the application. The site remains as approved previously for the construction of a 6 storey residential flat building. Thanks to every one from the parish who signed the petition and wrote letters to Blacktown Council.

#### GOOD BYE AND THANK YOU TO BR BILL TARRANT

Recently Br Bill has received a new appointment, and it means that he has to leave our parish and move to his new place in Campbelltown. This is a big loss to our parish, since Br Bill has been a popular faith teacher and was always generous to say yes to us when asked to lead our parish retreats or run seminars in the last few years.

On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank Br Bill for enriching us with his cheerful presence and inspiring talks, and to wish him all the best in his new appointment. May the good Lord look upon him and keep him well in every way.

#### THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

We wish to thank all parishioners for your kind generosity for donations of hampers and financial assistance for Christmas. We would also like to thank the youth of our parish who kindly assisted with the hamper distribution. We successfully delivered over 50 hampers to the needy of our parish before Christmas.

Reno Abela - President, on behalf of the OLOL Seven Hills Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society

#### SRE TEACHER MEETING

A meeting of ALL Catechists will be held in the Parish Meeting room on Thursday 21st February commencing at 10am. New Engagement forms for 2019 need to be completed at this meeting. Connie Cassar will also be speaking on Child Protection. It is a Department of Education requirement that all SRE teachers attend inservice training on Child Protection in term 1 each year.

#### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our first breakfast for the year is a chance for catching up and understanding how we can shape the direction our Church is taking. Bacon and eggs at 8:30am on Saturday 23rd February. See you then.

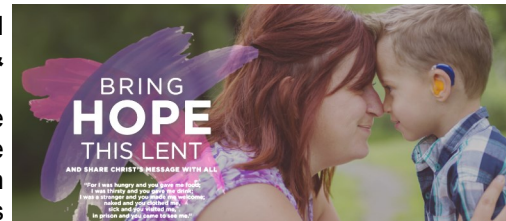
#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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: Next Meeting Sunday 24th February 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm at the Seven Hills Toongabbie RSL Club, 108 Best Road, Seven Hills. All welcome. If not a RSL member contact Terry Jordan 0409373715 for sign-in.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL - 23rd & 24th February

Next weekend we will be having the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Funds raised will support the Ephpheta Centre - a ministry which gives hope, compassion, connectivity and care to the deaf and hard of hearing. Please come prepared next weekend to generously support this very important appeal.



#### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

By this stage, many of us would have heard of a Church initiative called Plenary Council 2020, a national exercise which aims to revitalise the Church in Australia. At this stage, we all are invited to have input 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?' and register your response. You will have a chance this weekend to write down your individual response and submit these to the parish.

#### 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.

#### 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.

## YOUTH CORNER

#### 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.

#### LIFTED LIVE

Lifted Live will be held on 22nd February from 7:30pm - 10pm at Penrith Panthers. Fr Rob Galea will be performing! This event is for anyone aged 15 and over unless accompanied by a parent. Families very welcome! Entry cost is \$5 per person. If you'd like to go but are unable to find transport, members of our Young Adults group are car-pooling from the church on the night. Please contact the parish office 96222920 for more information.