

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 23/24	
Acolytes	Vigil	John Jordan	
	8am	Terry Jordan	
	9.30am	Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil	VOLUNTEER, Mariane Descombes	
	8.00am	Lorraine Fernandes, Louis Fernandes	
	9.30am	Helen Gonzales, Paul Gow	
Readers	Vigil	David Christian, VOLUNTEER	
	8.00am	Pepito Ferriols, Adrian Walker	
	9.30am	VOLUNTEERS	
Altar Servers	Vigil	Juan Burgess, Caron Cyril, Isabella Dela Cruz, Caitlyn Rambukwella, Jayden Rambukwella	
	8.00am	Aaron Rosario Isaac Rosario VOLUNTEER	
	9.30am	Chrisha Gonzales, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy	
Musicians	Vigil	Perry's Angels	
	8am	Perry's Angels	
	9.30am	Maria Balatbat	
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
		Falzon 2 Wallpark Avenue, Seven Hills	
Flowers		Mary B, Annette & Priya	
Bookshop	Vigil	Greg	
	8am	Edith	
	9.30am	Carole	
Morning Tea	9.30am	Couples for Christ	
Church Cleaning	27 Feb	Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat	
Welcomers	Vigil	Mary Bonnici, VOLUNTEERS	
	8am	Joyce Hillbrick, VOLUNTEERS	
	9.30am	VOLUNTEERS	

		March 2/3	
Acolytes	Vigil	Ernie Gartner	
	8am	Terry Jordan	
	9.30am	Ian Epondulan	
Ministers	Vigil	Mariane Descombes, Louise La Guidara, Christine Menezes, Crystal Menezes, Mariela Simic	
	8.00am	Lawrence Falzon, Suzy Nemorin	
	9.30am	Noel Emmanuel, Artelle Lenthall	
Readers	Vigil	Perpetual Fernandes, David Christian	
	8.00am	Priya Joachim, VOLUNTEER	
	9.30am	Student readers	
Altar Servers	Vigil	Alex La Guidara, Riley Sultana, Ruby Sultana	
	8.00am	Jayden Cortis, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Matthew Shawcross	
	9.30am	Eric Da, Victor Da, Carl Gallema, Marc Gallema, Samuel Thoms	
Musicians	Vigil	Youth for Christ	
	8am	Grace Notes	
	9.30am	Christine Clarke	
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		Milicevic 10 Grantham Road, Seven Hills	
Flowers		Fenty & Mimi	
Bookshop	Vigil	Vinnie	
	8am	VOLUNTEER	
	9.30am	Edmund	
Morning Tea	9.30am	Florida Datuin	
Church Cleaning	27 Feb	Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Vinnie Zahra, Suzy Nemorin	
Welcomers	Vigil	Judith Deloso, VOLUNTEERS	
	8am	Olivia Cortis, Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEER	
	9.30am	Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS	

Parish Priest: Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Parish Secretary: Mrs Erika Hien

and Elderly: Mrs Bathista Emmanuel

Sacrament

Office Hours:

Co-Ordinator: Mrs Judy Barden

Monday-Friday: 9am - 3.00pm

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Parish Website: www.lol7hills.org.au

Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes

Youth Group Email: youthlol7h@gmail.com

Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator: Mr Bob McNally

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 24th 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

MARRIAGES

SERVICE Monday & Saturday 8am

Please contact Parish Office
6 months prior to the wedding

Church Open 8.30am-3pm

BAPTISMAL

Monday-Friday (for prayer and reflection)

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 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
This Sunday against you.

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:45-49

Just as we carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

READINGS 1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

Sunday 3/3/19 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.*

OPENING PRAYER: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out both word and deed that which is 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: *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.*

PARISH DIARY

FEBRUARY

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

JOIN US TO DISCOVER MORE

SYDNEY INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST
5.30 - 7PM

AQUINAS ACADEMY
141 HARRINGTON STREET
SYDNEY

OR APPLY FOR A POSTING TODAY: [PALMS.ORG.AU](http://palms.org.au)

Palms Australia | palms.org.au | 02 9560 5333
464 Parramatta Road, Petersham, NSW

New Parishioners

Would you like to join or maybe receive a visit from Fr Henry or a parishioner?

Name

Telephone

Sick or Housebound

Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion or a visit?

Name

Telephone

Planned Giving

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

Name

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



Anniversaries: Rosie & David Alfonso, Andre & Caroline Almeida, Christine, Brendon & Michael Almeida, Avelina Arambulo, Michael Bartalo, Brian Brooks, Henry Browne, Sinfarosa Dias, Anna Barbara DiCioccio, 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'emmerz, 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 \$ 1257.00
Loose \$ 575.00
TOTAL \$ 2665.00
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 BLUE MOUNTAINS OUTING: A reminder for those booked on the Guardian Courtesy Bus to the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre on Monday 25th February the bus leaves OLOL at 9.00 am and returns about 3.30 pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: 7.00pm Monday 4th 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

FROM POPE FRANCIS IN COMMUNITY

Each community is called to create a "God-enlightened space in which to experience the hidden presence of the risen Lord". Sharing the word and celebrating the Eucharist together fosters fraternity and makes us a holy and missionary community. It also gives rise to authentic and shared mystical experiences. Such was the case with Saints Benedict and Scholastica. We can also think of the sublime spiritual experience shared by Saint Augustine and his mother, Saint Monica. "As the day now approached on which she was to depart this life, a day known to you but not to us, it came about, as I believe by your secret arrangement, that she and I stood alone leaning in a window that looked onto a garden... We opened wide our hearts to drink in the streams of your fountain, the source of life that is in you... And as we spoke of that wisdom and strained after it, we touched it in some measure by the impetus of our hearts... eternal life might be like that one moment of knowledge which we now sighed after". Such experiences, however, are neither the most frequent nor the most important. The common life, whether in the family, the parish, the religious community or any other, is made up of small everyday things. This was true of the holy community formed by Jesus, Mary and Joseph, which reflected in an exemplary way the beauty of the Trinitarian communion. It was also true of the life that Jesus shared with his disciples and with ordinary people.

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

In a certain country that I know quite well, there have been some ongoing tensions between the Catholic Church and the government over the issue of Church lands and properties. On the one hand, the government wants to exercise its exclusive ownership declared to be constitutional, consequently it claims to have the right to take over any piece of land or property throughout the country at any time if needed, and over the years it has confiscated a lot of land and properties once owned by the Church. On the other hand, the Church argues that those have been in the hands of the Church for a long time, even long before the current government came to power, and the government should also honour its commitment to respect people's constitutional right to religious freedom by backing off in this regard.

This has been a sensitive topic, which has kept the state and Church relationship in the country unsettled and even boiling sometimes, and it is not going to end any time soon. I wonder how we should approach such a problem if we take Jesus' teaching in the Gospel this Sunday seriously and literally. Here Jesus preaches his message about the commandment of love and its concrete applications in various circumstances.

He is quite clear about what his disciples should be doing when their property ownership is violated: they are advised to do nothing else but to let go. In his own words, Jesus frankly tells us that 'to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic..... do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you.' Perhaps what is left for us, his disciples to argue here is that whether they should go for a literal interpretation of it, or simply opt for the spirit of it, meaning to take a gentle and compassionate approach in their response.

Besides, it's worth taking into account the reason why Jesus instructs the disciples to exercise charity in such a radical way. It is because they must follow the path God has shown them



through his forgiving and compassionate love. There is no way any of us can deny or argue against that.

Today, let us pray for a generosity and openness of heart to embrace Jesus' teaching of love and put it into practice as much as we can, to the point that we can make God of proud of our filiation.

Have a compassion-oriented day.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

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.

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.

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.

It is not necessary for you to purchase the raffle tickets yourself but rather sell the tickets to family, friends, work colleagues etc. If every family in the parish took and sold 2-3 books of tickets (only 10 tickets in each book), we would be able to raise almost half the outstanding amount for our car park. If you haven't taken a book of tickets to sell as yet, please consider assisting us in this 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.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The Lourdes Young Adults Group will meet again **Friday 8th April**. Our theme for the evening is "Rise and Conquer - The season of Lent and Resisting Temptation".

See you there!

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

This 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 support this very important mission of our Diocese with your contributions today.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019

Our next meeting will be on **this Wednesday 27th February with a repeat of this meeting on Saturday 2nd March**. For more information, please contact Judy Barden by email judyb@lol7hills.com.au or call the parish office 96222920.

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.

Catholic Care Volunteers Urgently Needed for Visiting Residents of Aged Care Facility. Are you interested in visiting an elderly person in a nursing home who has no or very few visitors? This service is organised through CatholicCare. You would visit on average once every two weeks with CatholicCare providing training and other support. After talking with you about your interests, we will match you with a resident in a nursing home within approximately 10km of your home. The visit is entirely within the nursing home - you do not take the person on outings or shopping etc. For more information, contact Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

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 for more information and to register online or call 02 9296 6369 to talk to our friendly team.

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 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

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Jordan and Israel, escorted by Father Peter Blayney, Parish Priest, St Patrick's Guildford, 30th October - 13th November 2019. Organised by Olive Tree Travel (Melbourne). For details of itinerary, cost etc., please contact the Parish Secretary, Guildford, on 9632 2672 or patricksguilford@bigpond.com or Olive Tree Travel on 03 8488 9696.