

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."

5th Sunday of Lent Year C 7 April 2019

Parish Priest: Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran
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Parish School: Our Lady of Lourdes
Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes

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

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am

PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE Monday & Saturday 8am

Church Open 8.30am-3pm
Monday-Friday (for prayer and reflection)

Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass
 Resumes after Easter

READINGS This Sunday
 1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:8-14
 Gospel: John 8:1-11

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK
 1st Thursday of month at 8am. **2 May 2019**

RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 15th May 2019 7.30pm

YOUTH MASS 1st Sunday of the month 9.30am.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes
 Every Friday after 8am Mass until 9am

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS Sunday 14/4/2019
 1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
 Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56
 I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people. 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.
 I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed. He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.*

OPENING PRAYER: By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world your Son handed himself over to death. 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 has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart you turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.*

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!

April 6/7
Acolytes Vigil 8am David Christian
 9.30am Gerard Marcello
Ministers Vigil Ian Epondulan
 Laura Bellissimo, Cathy Hutchings, Christine Menezes, Stefanie, Menezes, Marianela Simic, Vinnie Zahra
 8.00am Winnie Marcello, Suzy Nemorin
 9.30am Ryan Epondulan, Anna Lopeti
Readers Vigil Mariane Descombes, Crystal Menezes
 8.00am VOLUNTEER, Pepito Ferriols
 9.30am Jeanine Nonato, Kamela Hui Hui
Altar Servers Vigil Samuel Thoms, VOLUNTEERS
 8.00am Jayden Cortis, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, VOLUNTEER
 9.30am Carl Gallema, Marc Gallema Sarah Lenthall, Mary-Rose Mejalli, Jerard Sarmiento
Musicians Vigil 8am Youth for Christ
 9.30am Grace Notes
 Christine Clarke
Children's Rosary Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only
 Maka Family
 69 Seven Hills Road, Seven Hills
 Fenty & Mimi
Flowers 7th April
Bookshop Vigil 8am Vinnie
 9.30am VOLUNTEER
 Edmund
Morning Tea 9.30am Tongan Choir
Church Cleaning 11 April Elodia Colussi, Elizabeth Mead
Welcomers Vigil 8am Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS
 Olivia Cortis, Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEER
 9.30am VOLUNTEERS

April 13/14
Acolytes Vigil 8am Lawrence Falzon
 9.30am Frank Paiva
 Noel Emmanuel
Ministers Vigil Cathy Hutchings, Louise La Guidara
 8.00am Fennie Balatbat, James Dinning, Lorraine Fernandes, Louis Fernandez, Helen Gonzales, Adrian Walker
 9.30am Anna Bellissimo, Jude Dias
Readers Vigil Karen Eleazar, Perpetual Fernandes, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER
 8.00am Kathy Walker, Bob McNally, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER
 9.30am Laura Bellissimo, Rob Simpson, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER
Altar Servers Vigil Alex La Guidara, Thomas Osbourne, Arynna Roy, Riley Sultana, Ruby Sultana
 8.00am Chrisha Gonzales, Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg
 9.30am Alex Bagatella, Eric Da, Victor Da, Alexandra Simpson, Mikayla Simpson
Musicians Vigil 8am Magnificat
 9.30am Lolesio Choir
 Tongan Group
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 Jordan Family
 21A Abigail Street, Seven Hills
Flowers 14 April Lucinda & Orlinda
Bookshop Vigil 8am Mariane Christian
 Shelia
 9.30am Erika Hien
Morning Tea 9.30am Young Adults Group
Church Cleaning April Andrew Fedrigo & Ramzee Michael
Welcomers Vigil 8am VOLUNTEERS
 Joyce Hillbrick, Annette Peatman, VOLUNTEER
 9.30am Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS

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 or
 email Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au phone 8204 4189.

FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive price of \$5690. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Meals + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au. Available Departures Dates: Fr. Kenneth (26 May 19), Fr. Colin (31 May 19) and Fr. Richard (2 June 19), Fr Amal (8 Sep 19), Fr. John (16 Sept), Catholic Priest (11 Nov)

PARISH DIARY APRIL

7	Youth Mass	9:30am
8	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
9	Fr Henry Lenten discussion Group	7:00pm
10	Father Henry's Birthday	All Day
10	Sacramental Program – children's Sacrament of Reconciliation	7:00pm
10	Tai Chi	10:30am
11	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
11	Lourdes Over 50's Meeting	10:30am
12	Evening prayer and benediction	7:30pm
13	Good Friday Walk – OLOL practice	3:00pm
15	Parish Office closed today	All day
15	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
15	St Vincent de Paul	7:00pm
16	Good Friday Walk – OLOL practice	3:00pm
16	Parish 2 nd Rite of Reconciliation	7:30pm



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: Laure Alegada, Tony Andrews, France Angseesing, Patrick John Fischer, Joao Francisco Fernandes Calisto, Catherine Chandra, Marian Kalinski, Auk Kyung Monica Kim, Maria Kingson, Marianito Lopez, Remegio Palmos, Michael Perak, Roseline Ratnam, Maria Zentai.

Anniversaries: Fortunata Baida, Rosario Cabasa, George Stello Descombes, Anna Barbara DiCioccio, Dominic, Conception, Monica D'Souza, Nevis Fernando, Zoltan Gartner, Tarcisio 'Archie' Gatt, Margarita Gayoso, Josephine Gomez, Apolinario Maglaya, Irene and Albert Moroney, Tom Morrissey, John Ratnam, Mary Silva, Santan & Pauline Soares, Arsenio Udan, Nora Zarb., Peter Smith

Remembrance: Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Paul, Simone & Cyril, Nasario Enfesta, Felicisimo Family, Gabilo Family, Harold, Rosine and Mark Lafleur, Sharon and John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Carmelo Portelli, Rev Fr Ambrose Ryan, Jo Shep & Maria.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 1827.00
Loose \$ 823.00
TOTAL \$ 2650.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



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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

YOUTH CORNER

GOOD FRIDAY WALK

Our parish is once again hosting one of the stages of the Good Friday Walk. We are in need of young people aged 14 and over from our parish community to get involved with music ministry or participating in our dramatisation on the night. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Sarah via email: s.lenthall8@gmail.com or call the parish office 96222920. Practices will be held on 13th April from 3-4pm, 16th April from 3-4pm and on the night Friday 19th April from 8pm.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The Lourdes Young Adults Group will meet again **Friday 12th April**. The theme this month is "King of Glory". Come along and join in the fun and formation!

FOUR2EIGHT

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

FROM POPE FRANCIS SPIRITUAL COMBAT, VIGILANCE AND DISCERNMENT

We should not think of the devil as a myth, a representation, a symbol, a figure of speech or an idea. This mistake would lead us to let down our guard, to grow careless and end up more vulnerable. The devil does not need to possess us. He poisons us with the venom of hatred, desolation, envy and vice. When we let down our guard, he takes advantage of it to destroy our lives, our families and our communities. "Like a roaring lion, he prowls around, looking for someone to devour".

Alert and trustful: God's word invites us clearly to "stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph 6:11) and to "quench all the flaming darts of the evil one" (Eph 6:16). These expressions are not melodramatic, precisely because our path towards holiness is a constant battle. Those who do not realize this will be prey to failure or mediocrity. For this spiritual combat, we can count on the powerful weapons that the Lord has given us: faith-filled prayer, meditation on the word of God, the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic adoration, sacramental Reconciliation, works of charity, community life, missionary outreach. If we become careless, the false promises of evil will easily seduce us. As the sainted Cura Brochero observed: "What good is it when Lucifer promises you freedom and showers you with all his benefits, if those benefits are false, deceptive and poisonous?"

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

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

'If any one denies, that, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is conferred in baptism, the guilt of original sin is remitted; or even asserts that the whole of that which has the true and proper nature of sin is not taken away; but says that it is only raised, or not imputed; let him be anathema.'

This is a quote from the Council of Trent (1545-1563) called by Pope Paul III in response to the Protestant Reformation. I am sure none of us would feel comfortable with such language these days, since it reflects a sense of threat and condemnation, obviously foreign to the Gospel spirit that Jesus preached and stood for throughout his public ministry. The Gospel this Sunday of Lent is a clear example of such a spirit.

In this narrative exclusive to John's Gospel, the scribes and the Pharisees set up a trap for Jesus while bringing to him a woman found to be unfaithful to her husband, and according to Moses' law, she had to be stoned to death, and there was no way out whatsoever for her. Since Jesus' law of love clearly clashes head on with the one of Moses, his opponents didn't want to let go of the opportunity to challenge him, even eliminate him once and for all by legal means. Either way, if he said 'yes' or 'no' to the case, he surely ended up in hot water. A 'no' obviously put him in opposition with Jewish law-makers, who would then enjoy a clear cut path to prosecute him, and make him pay for it even with his own life. A 'yes' then made him a laughing stock for his followers due to his self-contradiction in term of teachings.

In response to such a dire situation, Jesus made a spectacular move to catch his opponents by complete surprise. He refused to answer either 'yes' or 'no' to their question, 'what have you to say?', and instead, opted for something beyond anyone's expectation, which was to bend down and start writing something on the ground in silence. He also challenged any self-confessed righteous within the crowd to lead the stoning of the poor woman, and of course, none of them had the guts to go ahead with it, since they were all sinners from deep



down.

No one had any idea of what Jesus was writing on the ground to calm such a hostile crowd, and trigger their total withdrawal from the scene starting off with the eldest. We can only guess that he was gradually exposing through his writing all the sins they had tried to put a lid on. The process probably began first with those of the eldest down to the younger ones, and that helps explain the reason why the eldest decided to leave the place first. Eventually they all quietly took off and left the accused behind alone there with Jesus.

What happened next is truly remarkable, since the conversation between Jesus and the woman really highlights the message Jesus perhaps means to convey to his followers, which is about love and mercy, not about the condemnation and punishment the Pharisees and the scribes were looking for.

Inspired by Jesus' outstanding example in the Gospel today, let us pray that we all might have a heart like our Lord, so that we may be able to show our kindness and generosity toward each other, and try to follow Jesus' path of understanding and tolerance, especially when we have to face differences and tensions.

Have a compassion-oriented week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 15TH APRIL due to an all day electrical power outage while Endeavour Energy carries out essential maintenance in the area. If you need to contact the Parish please leave a phone message 9622 2920 and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

CHOIR PRACTISE FOR HOLY WEEK / EASTER—Practise will be held Saturday 13th April 4.00pm-5.30pm in the Church. **ALL WELCOME**

LENT

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

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 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.

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.

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Lourdes Over 50's meeting is on next Thursday 11th April in the Parish Hall. Due to a school Lenten liturgy beforehand please do not come before 10.30 am.

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

EASTER ROSTERS If you are available over the Easter weekend to serve at one of our Easter Liturgies, please add your name to the roster at the back of the church from this weekend. As we have a large number of people attending these liturgies who don't come to Mass regularly, it's particularly important we have welcomers at each celebration over the Easter period. Even if you've never served as a welcomer before, if you can provide a welcoming smile and a bulletin to greet people as they arrive, you're more than qualified to serve in this important ministry.

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 homily under the Plenary Council 2020 Report signs. Everyone is welcome to scan through it.



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