

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."

		4/5 May
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Ernie Gartner Gerard Marcello Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	James Dinning, Cathy Hutchings, Derek Soares, Rosey Soares, Vinnie Zahra Fennie Balatbat, Suzy Nemorin Paul Gow, Maria Michael
Readers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	Alison Punch, Karen Eleazar Kathy Walker, Andrew Millar Kamela HuiHui, Megan Michael
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am	Alexander Bateman-Paul, Yxaak Dino, Samuel Thoms Jayden Cortis, Karuniya Maruthanayagam
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Youth for Christ Grace Notes Christine Clarke
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Milicevic Family 10 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills
Flowers	5th May	Fenty & Mimi
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am	VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER Edmund
Morning Tea Church Cleaning	9.30am	Florida Datuin
Welcomers	9 May Vigil 8am 9.30am	Elodia Colussi & Elizabeth Mead Sam Ugre, VOLUNTEERS Chandra Sampanthan, VOLUNTEERS Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS

		11/12 May
Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Lawerence Falzon Jim Said Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Louise La Guidara, Christine Menezes James Dinning, Priya Joachim, Anne McNally, Andrew Millar, Eugene Miu, Adrian Walker
Readers	Vigil 9.30am 8.00am	Artelle Lenthall, Dawn Manamperi Perpetual Fernandes, Stefanie Menezes VOLUNTEER, Bob McNally
Altar Servers	Vigil 9.30am 8.00am	David Christian, Mercy Aquino Alex La Guadara, Christian Milicevic, Caitlyn Rambukwella, Samuel Thoms Matthew Said, Rebecca Said, Lewis Savic
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment, Carl Gallema, Marc Gallema, Umesh Samara-Sekera Magnificat Lolesio Choir Tongan Group
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Menezes Family 39 Winnipeg Street, Seven Hills
Flowers	12 May	Mary B & Annette
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Marinela Edith Fenty Saputra
Morning Tea Church Cleaning	9.30am	Malayalee Comunity
Welcomers	18 May Vigil 8am 9.30am	Andrew Fedrigo, Ramzee Michael Judith Deloso, Annette Peatan, VOLUNTEER Joyce Hillbrick, Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEER Marianne Descombes, VOLUNTEERS

Third Sunday of Easter

5th May 2019

Parish Priest:	Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran	Office Hours:	Monday-Friday: 9am - 3.00pm
Parish Secretary:	Mrs Erika Hien	Telephone:	9622 2920
Sacrament Co-Ordinator:	Mrs Judy Barden	Parish Office Email:	secretary@olol7hills.org.au
Parish Church:	7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147	Parish Website:	www.olol7hills.org.au
Postal Address:	PO Box 944, Seven Hills 1730	Parish School:	Our Lady of Lourdes
		Principal:	Ms Keiran Byrnes

WEEKEND MASS	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9.30am	HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK	1st Thursday of month at 8am. 6 June 2019
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WEEKDAY MASS	Tues - Friday 8am	RECONCILIATION	Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm
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PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE	Monday & Saturday 8am	BAPTISMAL PREPARATION	15th May 2019 7.30pm
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Church Open Monday-Friday	8.30am-3pm (for prayer and reflection)	YOUTH MASS	1st Sunday of the month 9.30am.
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Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass
A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS This Sunday	1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32,40-41 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14	We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit. The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.
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Gospel: John 21:1-19
Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

READINGS Sunday 12/5/2019	1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17	We are now turning to the gentiles. The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and lead them to springs of living water.
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Gospel: John 10:27-30
I will give my sheep eternal life.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

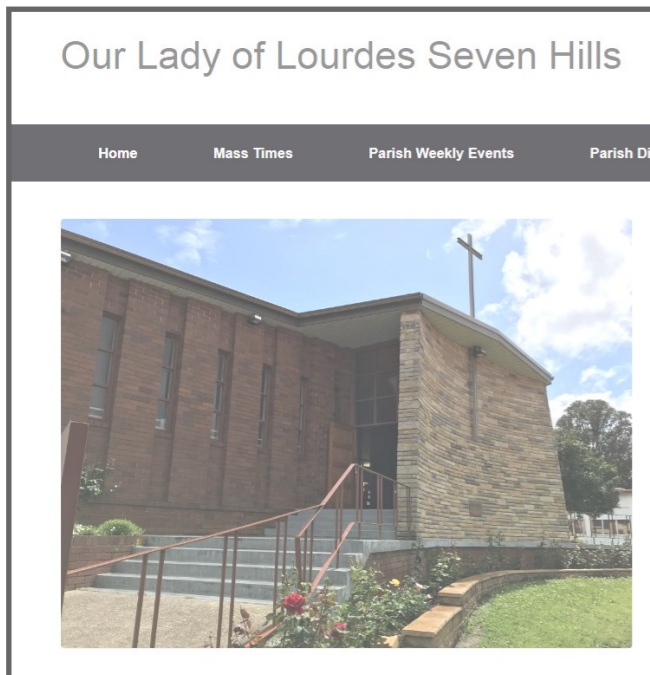
OPENING PRAYER: May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

RESPONSE TO PSALM: *I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia!*

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR PARISH WEBSITE LATELY??
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



PARISH DIARY		
MAY		
6	Legion of Mary Meeting	1:30pm
8	Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting 3	6:30pm
8	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7:30pm
9	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
9	Lourdes Over 50's Meeting	10:30am
10	Young Adults Group	6:45pm
11	Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting 3	4:30pm
12	Sacramental presentation of Creed	9.30am
13	Legion of Mary Meeting	1:30pm
13	St Vincent de Paul meeting	7.00pm
15	Tail Chi	10:30am
15	Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting 4	6:30pm
16	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
18	ALOHA NIGHT	7:30pm

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@olol7hills.org.au. We look forward to hearing from you!



Let us Pray for the Sick

David Barrow, John Bourke, Gabriel Chung, Frances De Silva, Mignonne De Zilva, Andrew Fedrigo, Letitia Haines, Shane Lawrence, Gordon McLandsborough, Patricia Oreo, Debra Price, Narelle Schoenfeld, Rose Stambouliah, Tony Stambouliah, Denis Symon, Sue Tivaldo. Paul, 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, Joao Francisco Fernandes Calisto, Jerry Cato, Catherine Chandra, Leah Fernandes, Patrick John Fischer, Phyllis Herbert, Marian Kalinski, Auk Kyung Monica Kim, Maria Kingson, Marianito Lopez, Frank Morrissey, Joyce Muffty, Remegio Palmos, Michael Perak, Roseline Ratnam, Kay Rego.

Anniversaries: Oswald Herbert, Phyllis Herbert, Teodoro Garcia, Vaya Anthony, Emanuel Apap, Fortunata Baiada, Rosario Cabasa, Simeon and Valentina Carlos, Theresa & Gerald Chetcuti, Stella Cini, Dominic, Conception, Monica D'Souza, Adoracion Davis, Georges Stello Descombes, Georgina Falzon, Zoltan Gartner, Tarcisio 'Archie' Gatt, Margarita Gayoso, Josephine Gomez, Rita Hill, S M John, Leonie Jordan, Sheena Landagan, Mangion Family, Victor Lo Martire, Tomasa and Nicanor Magpayo, Joan Morgan, Irene and Albert Moroney, Tom Morrissey, Anton Motha, John O'Sullivan, Lakshman Perera, John Ratnam, Pat Renshaw, Jose Reyes, Shirley Sexton, Mary Silva, Santan & Pauline Soares, Arsenio Udan, Nora Zarb.

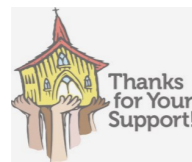
Remembrance: Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Michael Angelo Bartolo, Paul, Simone & Cyril, Nasario Enfesta, Falzon Family, Felicissimo Family, Gabilo Family, Harold, Rosine and Mark Lafleur, Sharon and John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Louis and Stephen Mula, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Carmelo Portelli, Joseph Saliba, Jo Shep & Maria, Amalia and Dominga Usman.

ACT OF LOVE

Jesus, my God, I love you with my whole heart and above all things, because you are the supreme Good and an infinitely perfect Being. You have given your life to me, a poor sinner, and in your mercy you have even offered yourself as food for my soul. My God, I love you. Inflammé my heart so that I may love you more.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 1805.00
Loose \$ 687.00
TOTAL \$ 2492.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

Can you spare the cost of a cuppa each week to support our parish?

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

FROM POPE FRANCIS

A supernatural gift Speak, Lord

Nonetheless, it is possible that, even in prayer itself, we could refuse to let ourselves be confronted by the freedom of the Spirit, who acts as he wills. We must remember that prayerful discernment must be born of a readiness to listen: to the Lord and to others, and to reality itself, which always challenges us in new ways. Only if we are prepared to listen, do we have the freedom to set aside our own partial or insufficient ideas, our usual habits and ways of seeing things. In this way, we become truly open to accepting a call that can shatter our security, but lead us to a better life. It is not enough that everything be calm and peaceful. God may be offering us something more, but in our comfortable inadvertence, we do not recognize it.

Naturally, this attitude of listening entails obedience to the Gospel as the ultimate standard, but also to the Magisterium that guards it, as we seek to find in the treasury of the Church whatever is most fruitful for the "today" of salvation. It is not a matter of applying rules or repeating what was done in the past, since the same solutions are not valid in all circumstances and what was useful in one context may not prove so in another. The discernment of spirits liberates us from rigidity, which has no place before the perennial "today" of the risen Lord. The Spirit alone can penetrate what is obscure and hidden in every situation, and grasp its every nuance, so that the newness of the Gospel can emerge in another light.

The logic of gift and of the cross

An essential condition for progress in discernment is a growing understanding of God's patience and his timetable, which are never our own. God does not pour down fire upon those who are unfaithful (cf. Lk 9:54), or allow the zealous to uproot the tares growing among the wheat (cf. Mt 13:29). Generosity too is demanded, for "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Discernment is not about discovering what more we can get out of this life, but about recognizing how we can better accomplish the mission entrusted to us at our baptism. This entails a readiness to make sacrifices, even to sacrificing everything. For happiness is a paradox. We experience it most when we accept the mysterious logic that is not of this world: "This is our logic", says Saint Bonaventure, pointing to the cross. Once we enter into this dynamic, we will not let our consciences be numbed and we will open ourselves generously to discernment.

When, in God's presence, we examine our life's journey, no areas can be off limits. In all aspects of life we can continue to grow and offer something greater to God, even in those areas we find most difficult. We need, though, to ask the Holy Spirit to liberate us and to expel the fear that makes us ban him from certain parts of our lives. God asks everything of us, yet he also gives everything to us. He does not want to enter our lives to cripple or diminish them, but to bring them to fulfilment. Discernment, then, is not a solipsistic self-analysis or a form of egotistical introspection, but an authentic process of leaving ourselves behind in order to approach the mystery of God, who helps us to carry out the mission to which he has called us, for the good of our brothers and sisters.

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



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Around this time 44 years ago, my mates and I aged seventeen then were sent home from the seminary for an early summer holiday due to the political uncertainty engulfing the country. The Vietnam War had reached its final days, marked by the retreat of the South Vietnamese army units on all fronts, the evacuation of the Americans and the allies on one hand, and the deadly advancing of the communist soldiers from the North at the other.



Compared to other places, my village was rather calm and peaceful, though deep down everyone looked tense and anxious, not knowing exactly what was about to happen. Then came the unexpected announcement of the president of the South instructing the South Vietnamese army to surrender about noon time on the 30 April. Part of me was happy because there was no more war, no more fighting and no more deaths, and the other part so sad because I seemed to be faced with a completely uncertain future. Uncertain it proved to be in the next nine years, as my life was sandwiched between manual work, underground studies and parish placements. Fear became my everyday diet, until the day I set my foot on the plane heading to Sydney from Bangkok in early August 1985.

In the Gospel this Sunday, we can pick up the sign telling us of the uncertainty the disciples had to deal with immediately after Jesus' death and burial. Perhaps they thought that was the end of the story, and they'd better return to their former profession doing what they could do best, which was fishing. They certainly didn't expect Jesus become alive and appear to them by the Sea of Tiberias.

Here Jesus once again repeated what he once asked Peter and his friends to carry out before calling them to join his discipleship (cf. Lk 5.6). He asked them to cast the net after a fruitless hard working night, and the cast turned out to be so successful that brought them to identify the post-resurrection Jesus, who was happy to share a hot breakfast with them. Most importantly, Jesus entrusted to Peter once again the Church leadership. Three times he asked Peter the same question 'do you love me?', and three times instructed Peter to feed and look after his lambs and his sheep.

As we come together for our Sunday Mass today to commemorate the death and resurrection of the Lord as the disciples did in the earliest days of the Church, let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith in Him, the one handed down to us through the disciples of old, who had the privilege to witness his death and resurrection.

Let us also pray for Pope Francis, who has been entrusted to lead the Church as the current successor of Peter. Pray that the lambs and the sheep given to him by the Lord will listen to him, trust in him, and follow him in the path of the Risen Lord.

Have a joy-filled week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

LOURDES OVER 50S MEETING:

Thursday Lourdes Over 50's meeting on next Thursday 9th May starts at 10.30 am sharp as we have a guest speaker Senior Constable Deborah Lee talking on safety at 11.00am. Please bring a plate for shared lunch. Parishioners are welcome to join us.

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 Tai Chi this Wednesday 8th May.

YOUTH CORNER

Upcoming Youth Gatherings:

Young Adults Group - our next meeting is on Friday 10th May from 6:45pm in the parish meeting room. Anyone between 18-35 years is very welcome to come along.

Four2Eight - our parish junior youth group will meet this Sunday 5th May from 10:45am in the parish meeting room. For anyone from Year 4 to Year 8. Our focus will be on the Gospel for this Sunday - it's all about the sheep! Come along and join in the fun.



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**. Raffle 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. We still have a lot of raffle tickets available to sell. Please see Evelyn after Mass or drop into the parish office if you require more tickets to sell. Any sold or unsold tickets need to also be returned to Evelyn or to the parish office as soon as possible.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Thank you for supporting our Caritas Project Compassion for 2019. It would be appreciated if all could return their Project Compassion boxes as soon as possible.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our second meeting will be held **this week on Wednesday 8th May** at 6:30pm in the Stage 2 classrooms. Follow the signs from the carpark to the classroom if you are unfamiliar with the location of the room. A repeat of this meeting will be held on **Saturday 11th May** from 4:30pm in the parish meeting room.

Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue towards Confirmation which will complete their Sacraments of Initiation.

Plenary Council

This week we report comments made by parishioners on Changes they would like to see in this Parish. Please take time to scan through the comments on the Church walls or take a personal copy from the table at the back of the church. Thank you.

