

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."*

	18/19 May
<b>Acolytes</b>	Vigil 8am Abel Do Rosario Eugene Miu Ramzee Michael
<b>Ministers</b>	Vigil 8.00am Edith Gartner, Jemma Sarmiento Lorraine Fernandes, Louis Fernandes 9.30am Mercy Aquino, Anna Bellissimo, Laura Bellissimo, Carole Brooks, Barbara Chandler
<b>Readers</b>	Vigil 8.00am Rob Simpson, Noreen Rosario Benno Motha, Kathy Walker 9.30am Helen Katopau, Ian Epondulan
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Vigil 8.00am Benjamin Clark, Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil, Alexandra Simpson, Mikayla Simpson 9.30am Chrisha Gonzales, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, VOLUNTEER Celestina Gonzales, Chiara Katopau, Oliana Katopau
<b>Musicians</b>	Vigil 8am Deanne Couples for Christ 9.30am Folk Group
<b>Children's Rosary</b>	Liturgy 19 May 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Soares Family 33 Pretoria Road, Seven Hills
<b>Flowers</b>	5th May Fennie & Angela
<b>Bookshop</b>	Vigil 8am Mariane Christian Shelia 9.30am Erika Hien
<b>Morning Tea Church Cleaning</b>	9.30am John O'Brien
<b>Welcomers</b>	9 May Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat Vigil 8am Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS Helen Gonzales, Chandra Sampanthan, VOLUNTEER 9.30am Kathy Chamberlain, Lena Falzon, Maria Michael

	25/26 May
<b>Acolytes</b>	Vigil 8am John Jordan Terry Jordan Eugene Miu
<b>Ministers</b>	Vigil 8.00am Anna Bellissimo, James Dinning Winnie Marcello, Andrew Millar
<b>Readers</b>	Vigil 8.00am Marinela Simic, Alison Punch Pepito Ferriols, Adrian Walker 9.30am Erika Hien, VOLUNTEER
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Vigil 8.00am Makayla Dalmati, Noah Ebb, Jesseline Franco, Thomas Osbourne, Samuel Thoms VOLUNTEERS 9.30am Sofia Culili, Isabella Dela Cruz, Rynan Michael, Matthew Shawcross, Daniel Tenn
<b>Musicians</b>	Vigil 8am Perrys Angels 9.30am Perrys Angels OLOL School
<b>Children's Rosary</b>	Liturgy 26 May 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Menezes Family, 75 Grantham Road, Seven Hills
<b>Flowers</b>	26 May Annette & Priya
<b>Bookshop</b>	Vigil 8am Greg Edith 9.30am Carole
<b>Morning Tea Church Cleaning</b>	9.30am OLOL School parents 1st June Judith Deloso, Adrian Walker
<b>Welcomers</b>	Vigil 8am Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS Olivia Cortis, Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEER 9.30am VOLUNTEERS

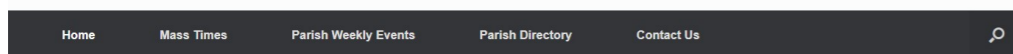
### HAVE YOU VISITED OUR PARISH WEBSITE LATELY??

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](http://www.olol7hills.org.au)

PARISH DIARY		
MAY		
19	Social Justice Group	12:30pm
22	Tai Chi	10:30am
22	Sacrament of Confirmation Practice	6:30pm
23	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
24	Sacrament of Confirmation	7pm
26	School Family Mass	9:30am
29	Tai Chi	10:30am
30	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am

Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills

*A caring Catholic Community*



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*This week in the parish:*

**Social Justice Meeting**  
 Sunday 19th May from 12:30pm in the parish meeting room

**Tai Chi**  
 Wednesday 22nd May from 10:30am in the parish meeting room

**Sacrament of Confirmation Practice**  
 Wednesday 22nd May from 6:30pm

**Christ Community Prayer Group**  
 Thursday 23rd May from 9am

**Sacrament of Confirmation**  
 Friday 24th May from 7pm

## Fifth Sunday of Easter 19th May 2019

**Parish Priest:** Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran  
**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Erika Hien  
**Sacrament Co-Ordinator:** Mrs Judy Barden  
**Parish Church:** 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147  
**Postal Address:** PO Box 944, Seven Hills 1730

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday: 9am - 3.00pm  
**Telephone:** 9622 2920  
**Parish Office Email:** secretary@olol7hills.org.au  
**Parish Website:** www.olol7hills.org.au  
**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**

**WEEKDAY MASS** Tues - Friday 8am

**RECONCILIATION** Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE** Monday & Saturday 8am

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** 17th July 2019 7.30pm

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

**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

**Exposition, Divine Mercy 7th June 7.00pm**  
*A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses*

**READINGS** 1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27  
 They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

**This Sunday** 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5  
 Gospel: John 10:31-35  
 He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.  
 I give you a new commandment: love one another.

**READINGS** 1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29  
 26/5/2019  
 2nd Reading: Apoc. 21:10-14, 22-23  
 Gospel: John 14:23-29  
 It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.  
 He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.  
 The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** Almighty and ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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 your name for ever, my king and my God.*

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.*

**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

Grant Lawrence, David Barrow, John Bourke, Gabriel Chung, Andrew Fedrigo, Letitia Haines, Shane Lawrence, Gordon McLandsborough, Patricia Oreo, Debra Price, Narelle Schoenfeld, Rose Stambouliah, Tony Stambouliah, Denis Symon, Sue Tiplado. 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, Steve Barden, Joao Francisco Fernandes Calisto, Jerry Cato, Catherine Chandra, Leah Fernandes, Patrick John Fischer, Phyllis Herbert, Marian Kalinski, Maria, Frank Morrissey, Joyce Muffty, Michael Perak, Roseline Ratnam, Kay Rego.

**Anniversaries:** Maria Almodover, Emanuel Apap, Elvira Bellissimo, Angela Bellissimo, Carmela Carbone, Mary Chircop, Tila Botarro, Simeon and Valentina Carlos, Theresa & Gerald Chetcuti, Mary Chircop, Stella Cini, Adoracion Davis, Marie Thérèse Descombes, Georgina Falzon, Mark Falzon, Tony (Antonio) Faorlin, Nevis Fernando, Nola & Harold Gagan, Teodoro Garcia, Zoltan Gartner, Josephine Gomez, Oswald Herbert, Rita Hili, Oliver Jordan, Antonio Jung, Sheena Landagan, Rosa Mancina, Mangion Family, Anne Menezes, Tomasa and Nicanor Magpayo, Beryl McKertich, Rosa Mancina, Irene and Albert Moroney, Tom Morrissey, Louise and Josephine Muscat, John O'Sullivan, John Ratnam, Laureano Reyes, Jose Reyes, Chuling Sabale, Shirley Sexton, Mary Silva, Alison Vella, Lucy Vasquez.

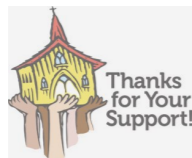
**Remembrance:** Marie Thérèse Descombes, Rosario Axisa, Elvira & Angela Bellissimo, Mary and Des Barney, Michael Angelo Bartolo, Cultura Family, Carmena, Paul and Johnny Dimech, Joseph, Katarina, Francis Curmi, Paul, Simone & Cyril, Cultura Family, Emeuana Family, Maria, Gerardo Felisiamo, Nazzareno, Josephine and Joseph Galea, Oswald Herbert, Harold, Rosine and Mark Lafleur, Sharon and John Lawrence, April Marabe, Mamerto Marabe, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Louis and Stephen Mula, Andreana Muscat, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Carmelo Portelli, Joseph Saliba, 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 \$ 2430.00**  
**Loose \$ 1184.00**  
**TOTAL \$ 3614.00**  
**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

#### Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation CHRISTUS VIVIT — to the young people and to the entire people of God

*Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!*

*He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you. However far you may wander, he is always there, the Risen One. He calls you and he waits for you to return to him and start over again. When you feel you are growing old out of sorrow, resentment or fear, doubt or failure, he will always be there to restore your strength and your hope.*

*With great affection, I address this Apostolic Exhortation to all Christian young people. It is meant to remind you of certain convictions born of our faith, and at the same time to encourage you to grow in holiness and in commitment to your personal vocation. But since it is also part of a synodal process, I am also addressing this message to the entire People of God, pastors and faithful alike, since all of us are challenged and urged to reflect both on the young and for the young. Consequently, I will speak to young people directly in some places, while in others I will propose some more general considerations for the Church's discernment.*

*I have let myself be inspired by the wealth of reflections and conversations that emerged from last year's Synod. I cannot include all those contributions here, but you can read them in the Final Document. In writing this letter, though, I have attempted to summarize those proposals I considered most significant. In this way, my words will echo the myriad voices of believers the world over who made their opinions known to the Synod. Those young people who are not believers, yet wished to share their thoughts, also raised issues that led me to ask new questions.*

### CHAPTER ONE

*What does the word of God have to say about young people? Let us draw upon some of the richness of the sacred Scriptures, since they often speak of young people and of how the Lord draws near to encounter them.*

#### In the Old Testament

*In an age when young people were not highly regarded, some texts show that God sees them differently. Joseph, for example, was the youngest of his family (cf. Gen 37:2-3), yet God showed him great things in dreams and when only seventeen years old he outshone all his brothers in important affairs (cf. Gen 37-47).*

*In Gideon, we see the frankness of young people, who are not used to sugar-coating reality. When told that the Lord was with him, he responded: "But if the Lord is with us, why then have all these things happened to us?" (Jg 6:13). God was not offended by that reproach, but went on to order him: "Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel!" (Jg 6:14).*

*Samuel was still a young boy, yet the Lord spoke to him. Thanks to the advice of an adult, he opened his heart to hear God's call: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Sam 3:9-10). As a result, he became a great prophet who intervened at critical moments in the history of his country. King Saul was also young when the Lord called him to undertake his mission (cf. 1 Sam 9:2).*

*[Given in Loreto, at the Shrine of the Holy House, on 25 March, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, in the year 2019, the seventh of my Pontificate. Francis CHRISTUS VIVIT]*



### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

In my father's days, there used to be a rather hostile relationship between Catholics and Buddhists belonging to a local Buddhist sect in my village. Even the parish priest was once taken away by force by the sect administrators to be interrogated and released after a week kept in captivity after some delicate negotiations between the two sides. Such a sectarian war no longer exists there these days and everyone seems to get along well.

I can see how a problem like that can occur in a community where Catholics and Buddhists live side by side, however, it is more difficult to see how such a problem can occur where people from various Christian denominations have shared similar territories. A parishioner of ours shared with me her reservations about what she saw in a place in Europe where Catholics and Protestants still harbour hard feelings towards each other, with no effort made to hide this from visitors.

It is unbelievable that such an attitude is still alive in the modern world today. Obviously it has to be the opposite of the commandment that Jesus entrusts to us, his followers to put into action, which is to love one another as he has loved us. Love must be the Christian signature, the sign for the world around to recognise their Christian identity. Surely, they can claim to be anything they like except Christians, since they have failed to bear witness to love, the most basic mark of their faith. They have truly done nothing but a big disservice to Christianity, and I wonder what non-Christians would say when they see such an ongoing hostility?

Let us pray today that each of us will be more conscious of our duty to let everyone around us know that we truly are disciples of Jesus by the way we live out his teaching of love both at home and beyond. Have a love-filled week. Fr. Henry

### PARISH NEWS...

**ITEMS FOR THE BULLETIN** need to be received by the parish office by **Thursday 12pm** each week to ensure inclusion in the parish bulletin for the coming weekend. Thank you for your support.

### ATTENTION MINISTERS

A new roster will be coming out next month for all ministers. If you have registered with our online rostering program, you should have received an email this week asking you to update your availability for the coming period of July to December. If you do not have access to the online program, please complete a form at the back of the church and return it to the box provided so your details can be updated. All roster forms and updates online need to be completed by Monday 10th June so the roster can be completed and distributed before the end of June. Any questions or concerns, please email Judy in the parish office judyb@olol7hills.com.au or call 96222920.

### CALLING NEW SERVERS!

Are you in year 4 or older? Have you completed your First Holy Communion? Are you keen to join the Altar Servers ministry?? Pick up a form from the back of the church from this weekend, complete it and place it in the box provided. Formation will be held over the coming weeks and you will be contacted with details of when your formation will be. Any questions or concerns, feel free to email judyb@olol7hills.com.au or call 96222920.

### A GENTLE REMINDER

A gentle reminder to those taking the Marian statue for the Rosary - it would be appreciated if you could please return promptly after one week to avoid any inconvenience. Thank you



### SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

**Social Justice Group** meeting this Sunday 19th May 12:30-2pm Parish meeting room.

**Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection PRESENT A Pentecost Retreat Day.** - Rest and Inspiration for the journey. Join Bishop Vincent as we reflect and share a day of rest, inspiration and renewal. We hope to leave recognising that we are a community of pilgrim people on the same journey. Saturday 8th June 9:00am - 4.00pm, Mount Schoenstatt Fairlight Rd Mulgoa.

### Blacktown City - Streets Alive and Parade Day Sat 25th May 9am -4pm.

The Social Justice Group invites you to join us as we march through Blacktown CBD in the Parade with other Blacktown Network of Faith Communities. RSVP to socialjustice@olol7hills.com.au. Meet in Warrick Lane car park by 9:30am for 11am Parade. Contact Terry 0409373715 for additional information or queries.

### Plenary Council

This week we report the comments from our parishioners on the Holy Mass and its Music. Please take time to scan through the comments placed on our Church walls or take a personal copy from the table at the back of the Church. Thank you.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parents are reminded we have the Confirmation practice this Wednesday 22nd May from 6:30pm. The Sacrament of Confirmation Mass will be on Friday 24th May at 7pm and will be celebrated by Fr Peter Williams. The children will then receive their certificates next weekend at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers during this important time.

### DIOCESAN NEWS

#### FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL :

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage lead by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. The group departs on 1st October 2019. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 4 day cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call **03 8839 6615** or **1300721561** or email **us info@magiholidays.com.au**.

### PREPARE TO REACH BEYOND

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. **Overseas Catholic communities** are inviting you to **immerse yourself** for 1 to 2 years. Do you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills? You can give opportunity by **sharing them with our global family!**

### Come to Discover Global Mission:

**Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am**

**Aquinas Academy**

**141 Harrington Street,**

**The Rocks, SYDNEY** *But if you can't make it, simply call*

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