

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."*

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

26th May 2019

**25/26 May**

**Acolytes** Vigil **John Jordan**  
8am **Terry Jordan**  
9.30am **Eugene Miu**

**Ministers** Vigil **Anna Bellissimo, James Dinning**  
8.00am **Winnie Marcello, Andrew Millar**  
9.30am **Paul Gow, Nancy Shami**

**Readers** Vigil **Marinela Simic, Alison Punch**  
8.00am **Pepito Ferriols, Adrian Walker**  
9.30am **Erika Hien, VOLUNTEER**

**Altar Servers** Vigil **Makayla Dalmati, Noah Ebb, Jesseline Franco, Thomas Osbourne, Samuel Thoms**  
8.00am **VOLUNTEERS**  
9.30am **Sofia Culili, Isabella Dela Cruz, Rynan Michael, Matthew Shawcross, Daniel Tenn**

**Musicians** Vigil **Perrys Angels**  
8am **Perrys Angels**  
9.30am **LOLO School**

**Children's Rosary** Liturgy **2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only**  
19 May **Menezes Family, 75 Grantham Road, Seven Hills**

**Flowers** 5th May **Annette & Priya**

**Bookshop** Vigil **Greg**  
8am **Edith**  
9.30am **Carole**

**Morning Tea Church Cleaning** 9.30am **LOLO School parents**  
9 May **Judith Deloso, Adrian Walker**

**Welcomers** Vigil **Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS**  
8am **Olivia Cortis, Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEER**  
9.30am **VOLUNTEERS**

**1/2 June**

**Acolytes** Vigil **Lawrence Falzon**  
8am **Bob McNally**  
9.30am **Ramzee Michael**

**Ministers** Vigil **Abel Do Rosario, Cathy Hutchings, Louise La Guardara, Derick Soares, Rosey Soares**  
8.00am **Priya Joachim, Anne McNally**  
9.30am **Helen Joachim, Suzy Nemorin**

**Readers** Vigil **Perpetual Fernandes, Jemma Sariento**  
8.00am **VOLUNTEER, Kathy Walker**  
9.30am **Noel Emmanuel, Erika Hien**

**Altar Servers** Vigil **Alex La Guidara, Riley Sultana, Ruby Sultana**  
8.00am **Jayden Cortis, Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg**  
9.30am **Chrisha Gonzales, Larissa Leary, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish**

**Musicians** Vigil **Youth for Christ**  
8am **Grace Notes**  
9.30am **Christine Clarke**

**Children's Rosary** Liturgy **2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only**  
26 May **Stambouliah Family, 16 Oakwood Rd, Toongabbie**

**Flowers** 2 June **Fenty & Mimi**  
Vigil **Volunteer**  
8am **Volunteer**  
9.30am **Edmund**

**Bookshop** 9.30am **Tongan Choir**

**Morning Tea Church Cleaning** 1st June **Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Suzy Nemorin**

**Welcomers** Vigil **Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS**  
8am **Olivia Cortis, Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEER**  
9.30am **Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran  
**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Erika Hien  
**Sacrament Co-Ordinator:** Mrs Judy Barden  
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**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** 8.30am-3pm  
**Monday-Friday** (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 15:1-2, 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

**This Sunday** 2nd Reading: Apoc. 21:10-14, 22-23  
Gospel: John 14:23-29

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

**READINGS** 1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing there looking at the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

2/6/2019 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:117-23  
Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven. While blessing them he was taken to heaven.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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:** *O God, let all the nations praise you!*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.*

### OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE, PARRAMATTA



extends a warm welcome for you to attend their college musical The Wizard of Oz to celebrate 130 Years of Mercy Education.

The Wizard of Oz (3 performances) – June 4-6, 6.30pm

Edith Angel Hall, OLMC Parramatta

Come early and make a night of it with Food Trucks and Snack Stalls available from 5pm

Tickets: \$20 Ground Floor | \$25 Mezzanine

Tickets can be purchased at [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au)

### 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](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au).

PARISH DIARY		
MAY		
26	School Family Mass	9:30am
29	Tai Chi	10:30am
30	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
JUNE		
1-2	Bishop's Appeal this weekend	All Masses
2	Youth Group Mass	9:30am
2	Four2Eight Junior Youth	10:45am
3	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
5	Tai Chi	10:30am
6	Healing Mass	8:00am
6	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
7	Exposition of Divine Mercy	7:30pm
10	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
10	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7:00pm

### 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](mailto:secretary@lol7hills.org.au). We look forward to hearing from you!



### Let us Pray for the Sick

Angelo Job, David Barrow, John Bourke, Gabriel Chung, Andrew Fedrigo, Letitia Haines, Grant Lawrence, Shane Lawrence, Gordon McLandsborough, Patricia Oreo, Debra Price, Narelle Schoenfeld, Pat Slavik, Rose Stambouliah, Tony Stambouliah, Denis Symon, Sue Tipaldo, Paul, Daniel, Wendy and Klaus..

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:** Fransico Rodrigues, Tony Andrews, Steve Barden, Catherine Chandra, Leah Fernandes, Phyllis Herbert, Marian Kalinski, Maria, Frank Morrissey, Joyce Muffty, Michael Perak, Roseline Ratnam,

**Anniversaries:** Maria Almodovar, Emanuel Apap, Peter Bonnici, Tila Botarro, Carmela Carbone, Mary Chircop, Mary Chircop, Stella Cini, Adoracion Davis, Marie Thérèse Descombes, Mark Falzon, Tony (Antonio) Faorlin, Nevis Fernando, Nola & Harold Gagan, Teodoro Garcia, Josephine Gomez, Oswald Herbert, Rita Hili, Oliver Jordan, Antonio Jung, Sheena Landagan, Dr Richard Lin, Beryl McKertich, Anne Menezes, Rosa Mancina, Irene and Albert Moroney, Tom Morrissey, Louise and Josephine Muscat, John Ratnam, Laureano Reyes, Chuling Sabale, Mary Silva, Alison Vella, Lucy Vasquez.

**Remembrance:** Rosario Axisa, Elvira & Angela Bellissimo, Mary and Des Barney, Cultura Family, Carmena, Paul and Johnny Dimech, Joseph, Katarina, Francis Curmi, Paul, Simone & Cyril, Emeuana Family, Maria, Gerardo Felisiamo, Nazzareno, Josephine and Joseph Galea, Oswald Herbert, Sharon and John Lawrence, April Marabe, Mamerto Marabe, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Louis and Stephen Mula, Andreana Muscat, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Joseph Saliba.

### 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. In flame my heart so that I may love you more.

### MONEY MATTERS

**Envelopes \$ 2139.00**  
**Loose \$ 687.00**  
**TOTAL \$ 2826.00**  
**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

*King David was chosen while still a boy. When the prophet Samuel was seeking the future king of Israel, a man offered as candidates his sons who were older and more experienced. Yet the prophet said that the chosen one was the young David, who was out tending the flock (cf. 1 Sam 16:6-13), for “man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart” (v. 7). The glory of youth is in the heart, more than in physical strength or the impression given to others.*



*Solomon, when he had to succeed his father, felt lost and told God: “I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act” (1 Kg 3:7). Yet the audacity of youth moved him to ask God for wisdom and he devoted himself to his mission. Something similar happened to the prophet Jeremiah, called despite his youth to rouse his people. In his fear, he said: “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth” (Jer 1:6). But the Lord told him not to say that (cf. Jer 1:7), and added: “Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you” (Jer 1:8). The devotion of the prophet Jeremiah to his mission shows what can happen when the brashness of youth is joined to the power of God.*

*A Jewish servant girl of the foreign commander Naaman intervened with faith and helped him to be cured of his illness (cf. 2 Kg 5:2-6). The young Ruth was a model of generosity in remaining beside her mother-in-law who had fallen on hard times (cf. Ru 1:1-18), yet she also showed boldness in getting ahead in life (cf. Ru 4:1-17).*

### In the New Testament

*One of Jesus’ parables (cf. Lk 15:11-32) relates that a “younger” son wanted to leave his father’s home for a distant land (cf. vv. 12-13). Yet his thoughts of independence turned into dissolution and excess (cf. v. 13), and he came to experience the bitterness of loneliness and poverty (cf. vv. 14-16). Nonetheless, he found the strength to make a new start (cf. vv. 17-19) and determined to get up and return home (cf. v. 20). Young hearts are naturally ready to change, to turn back, get up and learn from life. How could anyone fail to support that son in this new resolution? Yet his older brother already had a heart grown old; he let himself be possessed by greed, selfishness and envy (Lk 15:28-30). Jesus praises the young sinner who returned to the right path over the brother who considered himself faithful, yet lacked the spirit of love and mercy.*

*Jesus, himself eternally young, wants to give us hearts that are ever young. God’s word asks us to “cast out the old leaven that you may be fresh dough” (1 Cor 5:7). Saint Paul invites us to strip ourselves of the “old self” and to put on a “young” self (Col 3:9-10).[1] In explaining what it means to put on that youthfulness “which is being renewed” (v. 10), he mentions “compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving each other if anyone has a complaint against another” (Col 3:12-13). In a word, true youth means having a heart capable of loving, whereas everything that separates us from others makes the soul grow old. And so he concludes: “above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” (Col 3:14).*

*Let us also keep in mind that Jesus had no use for adults who looked down on the young or lorded it over them. On the contrary, he insisted that “the greatest among you must become like the youngest” (Lk 22:26). For him age did not establish privileges, and being young did not imply lesser worth or dignity.*

**[Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, CHRISTUS VIVIT — to the young people and the entire people of God]**

### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Both last week and this, our Sunday Gospels focus on the theme of love, something seemingly straightforward to us, but rather sophisticated to ancient Greeks, whose worldview, in fact, has greatly influenced our scriptural culture, especially the New Testament. We surely would appreciate what Jesus teaches us about love much better, if we could understand what the Greeks thought about it. To the brightest Greek minds like Plato and Aristotle, there are three types of love, namely *eros*, *philia*, and *agape*.



*Eros* is commonly considered as a sexual desire, *philia* as a fondness or appreciation of something or someone, and *agape*, the purest, highest and most perfect form, as the love of God for humankind and vice versa. According to the Greek translation of the Bible, when Jesus talks about love, he always used the word ‘agape’, and that is the case in the Gospel this Sunday, and last Sunday as well. From an *agape* perspective, Jesus tells us that he has given each of us the highest and most perfect love, not the lowest nor the secondary, and we in turn are expected to do the same.

The sign of our *agape* for him, according to him in the Gospel today, is our willingness to observe his word, his teaching, whose core is our dual *agape*, meaning love of God, and love of people.

The reward for our *agape* is priceless, that the Trinity of God do not simply pay us a visit and go away, they, in fact, shall remain with us and dwell within us. What a great honour.

To help us appreciate these wonderful gifts from God, the Holy Spirit is sent upon us, as he was to the apostles of old, to teach, remind and inspire us, so that we can love the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and our neighbour the way we are expected to, and enjoy the reward of having the Trinity as our special guests this life and in the one to come.

Have an *agape*-oriented week.

Fr. Henry

### PARISH NEWS...

#### ALOHA NIGHT

Both our Raffle and Aloha concert went very well thanks to the generous support of the community and selfless commitments of our Parish Office staff, Organising Committee and army of volunteers led by the one and only Evelyn Beed. LotS of raffle tickets were sold and more than 320 attended the concert. All in all, it was a successful project and we achieved the goal we set.

Let us give praise and thanks to the Lord, and I would like to thank everyone for your kind help in whatever way and form, especially Evelyn for her tireless and dedicated work week in and week out in the last few months to steer the project to such a great end. God bless you all.

Fr Henry

#### THE BISHOP’S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL, SATURDAY 1 & SUNDAY 2 JUNE

This coming appeal aims to support 15 seminarians doing their Formation program at out Holy Spirit Seminary, and help prepare them for the priesthood and a life of service to God’s people throughout out diocese. Envelopes will be available from next week to support this important appeal.

#### OVER 50’S OUTING TO VIVID THURSDAY 30TH MAY

Meet at Seven Hills Station for the 4.11pm train to the city.

**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. Items submitted after this time will not be able to be included. Thank you for your support.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - CONGRATULATIONS!

Last Friday night, 39 children from our parish community celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thanks to those parishioners who were available on the night to assist as liturgical ministers and also for those who helped set up, prepare and serve the supper for the families after the Mass. This weekend, we welcome the children and their families in a special way as they receive their certificates. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you on your journey of faith.

### ATTENTION MINISTERS

A new roster will be coming out next month for all ministers. 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@lol7hills.com.au](mailto:judyb@lol7hills.com.au) or call 96222920.

### SERVER TRAINING

Thank you to everyone who submitted forms to be trained as a server. **Server training will be held on Sunday 2nd June from 8:45am - 9:30am in the church.** New servers will then be introduced to the parish community and commissioned at the 9:30am Mass that morning. For further information or enquiries, please email [judyb@lol7hills.com.au](mailto:judyb@lol7hills.com.au) or call 96222920.

### ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION DISCUSSION

Pope Francis has shared his concerns about climate and peoples’ welfare, environment, waste, consumerism and renewables for our times in “Laudsto Si: On Care for our Common Home”. The need for Ecological Conversion has been in Papal Documents since 1990. That is Responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Poor and making a complete change of heart in how we live on God’s Earth. Come, join in and share with Instruction, Discussion and Action, Tuesday 4th June, 7.30pm, OLOL Parish Meeting Room.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

**Social Justice Group** invites you to join **Bishop Vincent at Pentecost Retreat Day** for rest and inspiration as a community of pilgrims on the same journey. **Saturday 8th June** 9am to 4pm Mount Schoenstatt, Fairlight Road Mulgoa. **Registrations are essential.** Sign on sheets are at the back of the church or register by phone 8838 3460 or email [lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au). If you need a lift or have car space contact Terry 0409373715.

### DIOCESAN NEWS

#### SOLO PARENT SERVICES—SEMINAR - DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Each year Solo Parent Services offer a Seminar for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding of the Legal system, which can benefit those experiencing a marital breakdown. Topics addressed: How to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers to minimize your legal fees, how to protect your rights regarding family assets and Estates. Date: Tuesday 04th June. Venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. Time: 6.45pm for a 7pm Start to 9pm. Cost: \$10 Registration Essential via phone: **Ph. 8843 2530 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)**

#### STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Next gathering for Solo Parent Services “Stepping Beyond” Support Group will be held on Tuesday 28th May. Venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. Time: 7pm – 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Call Rita Ph. 8843 2575 or email [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)