

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."*

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 6 October 2019

**05/06 October**

**Acolytes**  
Vigil 8am Ernie Gartner  
9.30am Terry Jordan  
Noel Emmanuel

**Ministers**  
Vigil David Christian  
Mariane Descombes  
Lawrence Falzon  
Christine Menezes  
Stefanie Menezes  
Marinela Simic  
8.00am Helen Gonzales  
Bob McNally  
9.30am Maria Michael  
Ramzee Michael

**Readers**  
Vigil Benno Motha, Jemma Sarmiento  
8.00am Kathy Walker, Andrew Millar  
9.30am Megan Michael, Jeanine Nonato

**Altar Servers**  
Vigil Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello,  
Yxaak Dino, Jesseline Franco, Majerin  
Pieris  
8.00am Chrisha Gonzales, Karuniya  
Maruthanayagam, VOLUNTEER  
9.30am Sofia Culili, Diya Dsouza Carl Gallema,  
Marc Gallema, Rynan Michael

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

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

**Flowers**  
6 October Fenty & Mimi

**Bookshop**  
Vigil 8am VOLUNTEERS  
9.30am VOLUNTEERS  
Edmund

**Morning Tea**  
9.30am Tongan Choir

**Church Cleaning**  
10 Oct Elodia Colussi, Elizabeth Mead

**Welcomers**  
Vigil 8am Judith Deloso, VOLUNTEERS  
9.30am VOLUNTEERS  
Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS

**12/13 October**

**Acolytes**  
Vigil 8am John Jordan  
9.30am Terri Jordan  
Lawrence Falzon

**Ministers**  
Vigil Abel Do Rosario  
8.00am Cathy Hutchings  
James Dinning  
Lorraine Fernandes  
Louis Fernandes  
Edith Gartner  
Ernie Gartner  
Priya Joachim  
9.30am Kamela Huihui  
Anna Lopeti

**Readers**  
Vigil Perpetual Fernandes, Noreen Rosario  
8.00am Andrew Millar, Pepito Ferriols  
9.30am Ryan Epondulan, Mercy Aquino

**Altar Servers**  
Vigil Alexander Bateman-Paul, Noah Ebb,  
8.00am Christian Milicevic, Caitlyn Rambukwella,  
Jayden Rambukwella  
9.30am Diane Park, Lewis Savic, VOLUNTEER  
Crystal Miretta, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh  
Neish, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle  
Wanandy

**Musicians**  
Vigil 8am Magnificat  
9.30am Fr Henry  
Tongan Group

**Children's Rosary**  
Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only  
6 October Maka Family  
69 Seven Hills Road, Seven Hills

**Flowers**  
13 October Lucinda & Orlindo

**Bookshop**  
Vigil 8am Marinela  
9.30am Edith  
Fenty Saputra

**Morning Tea**  
9.30am FHC presentation morning tea

**Church Cleaning**  
19 Oct Andrew Fedrigo, Ramzee Michael

**Welcomers**  
Vigil 8am Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS  
9.30am Rita Paolini, Joyce Hillbrick, VOLUNTEER  
VOLUNTEERS

**Parish Priest:** Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran  
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**Catechist Coordinator:** Mr Bob McNally 96241015

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday:** 9am - 3.00pm  
**Telephone:** 9622 2920  
**Parish Website:** www.olol7hills.org.au  
**Parish School:** Our Lady of Lourdes  
**Principal:** Ms Keiran Byrnes  
**Parish Church:** 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147

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

**WEEKDAY MASS** Tues - Friday 8am

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

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

**HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK**  
1st Thursday of the month at 8am. 7th November 2019

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** 20 November 2019 at 7:30pm

**YOUTH MASS** 1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Every Friday after 8am Mass until 9am

**Exposition, Divine Mercy & Mass**  
1st Friday of the month 7.00pm

*A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses*

**READINGS This Sunday**  
1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 The just will live by faithfulness.  
2nd Reading: St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.  
Gospel: Luke 17:5-9 If you had faith!

**READINGS 13/10/2019**  
1st Reading: 2nd Book of Kings 5:14-17 Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.  
2nd Reading: St Paul to Timothy 2:8-13 If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.  
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer dose not dare to ask.  
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:** *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands forever: it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.*

**Nigerian Mass in Igbo**  
The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. For more information, please contact Nigerian chaplain Fr Chinonye Akamadu via the parish office on 02 9631 8135 or Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.



**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)

OCTOBER		
6	Four2Eight Jr. Youth Group	10.45am
10	Christ Community Prayer group	9am
10	Over 50's meeting	10.30am
10	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
11	Young Adults Group	6.45pm
13	First Holy Communion Certificate Presentation Mass	9.30am
14	School Resumes	
16	Tai Chi Resumes	10.30am
16	PPC Meeting	7.30pm
17	Christ Community Prayer group	9am
19	Cultural Fusion	1-4pm
19	Trivia Night	7pm

**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](mailto:secretary@olol7hills.org.au). We look forward to hearing from you!*



### Let us Pray for the Sick

Rosalinda Marcelo, Leonila Ahillon, Frank Azzopardi, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Maureen Daley, Paul Daniel, Andrew Fedrigo, Letitia Haines, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Maria V, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace & Rommel Panlilio, Debra Price, Rose & Tony Stambouliah, Denis Symon, Sue Tipaldo.

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: Denis Morrissey, Jovy Blando, Shanti Fernando, VA Francis, Gordon McLandsborough, Roseline Ratnam, Annette Vilo, Adriano Zunatta.

Anniversaries: Bertram & Gladys Bosen, Joseph Comenzuli, Margaret Carlaw, Mary Cini, Mary Zammit, Lourdes F de Venecia, Loui, Vivian, Susan & Lesley Ferandes, Lazaro C Fernandez, Mary Elizabeth Gollodge, Joe Mangion, Antonio Marra, Herbert McKertich, Wilfredo Mendoza, Anton Mula, Bertu Mula, Ersilia Paolini, John Portelli, Aloysius Welangoda.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul & Simone, Cyril, Nevis Fernando, Sharon & John Lawrence, Tomasa Maepayo, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Felix & Andriana Muscat, Josephine, Charles, Mary & Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera.

### PRAYER TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS

O God, bless my dealings with all those I encounter this day. Teach me to greet everything that occurs with peace of soul and the firm conviction that your will governs everything. Instruct me to act with firmness and wisdom, without embittering others or embarrassing them. Grant me the strength to endure the weariness of the approaching day, and all that comes with it. Teach me to pray.

### MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 2154.00  
Loose \$ 612.00  
TOTAL \$ 2766.00  
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### PARISH PROJECTS

As part of our efforts to raise funds to meet the costs of Parish maintenance and improvements, all members of our parish are invited to join a Direct Debit program by donating the cost of a cup of coffee or a glass of beer either weekly, fortnightly or monthly for this good cause. Keep in mind that though we have some limited funds, we have to meet a long list of costs, including the carpark, the Olive St. pathway, our buildings and properties.

Please add a reference of "Donation". Banking details are below:

### DIRECT DEPOSIT:

BSB: 067 950;  
Account Number 000552;  
Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

### FROM POPE FRANCIS Ending every form of abuse

Recently, urgent appeals have been made for us to hear the cry of the victims of different kinds of abuse perpetrated by some bishops, priests, religious and laypersons. These sins cause their victims "sufferings that can last a lifetime and that no repentance can remedy. This phenomenon is widespread in society and it also affects the Church and represents a serious obstacle to her mission". It is true that "the scourge of the sexual abuse of minors is, and historically has been, a widespread phenomenon in all cultures and societies", especially within families and in various institutions; its extent has become known primarily "thanks to changes in public opinion". Even so, this problem, while it is universal and "gravely affects our societies as a whole... is in no way less monstrous when it takes place within the Church". Indeed, "in people's justified anger, the Church sees the reflection of the wrath of God, betrayed and insulted".

"The Synod reaffirms the firm commitment made to adopting rigorous preventative measures intended to avoid the recurrence [of these crimes], starting with the selection and formation of those to whom tasks of responsibility and education will be entrusted". At the same time, the determination to apply the "actions and sanctions that are so necessary" must be reiterated. And all this with the grace of Christ. There can be no turning back.

"Abuse exists in various forms: the abuse of power, the abuse of conscience, sexual and financial abuse. Clearly, the ways of exercising authority that make all this possible have to be eradicated, and the irresponsibility and lack of transparency with which so many cases have been handled have to be challenged. The desire to dominate, lack of dialogue and transparency, forms of double life, spiritual emptiness, as well as psychological weaknesses, are the terrain on which corruption thrives". Clericalism is a constant temptation on the part of priests who see "the ministry they have received as a power to be exercised, rather than a free and generous service to be offered. It makes us think that we belong to a group that has all the answers and no longer needs to listen or has anything to learn". Doubtless, such clericalism can make consecrated persons lose respect for the sacred and inalienable worth of each person and of his or her freedom.

Together with the Synod Fathers, I wish to thank, with gratitude and affection, "those who had the courage to report the evil they experienced: they help the Church to acknowledge what happened and the need to respond decisively". Particular gratitude is also due for "the generous commitment of countless lay persons, priests, consecrated men and women, and bishops who daily devote themselves with integrity and dedication to the service of the young. Their efforts are like a great forest that quietly grows. Many of the young people present at the Synod also expressed gratitude to those who have accompanied them and they emphasized the great need for adults who can serve as points of reference". [Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, CHRISTUS VIVIT —to the young people and the entire people of God]

### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

In any democracy, faith is a very important factor for leaders to govern, and I really had to take my hat off to those civil leaders, who had the courage to resign following certain scandals or crisis caused by their government, as they realized that people no longer had faith in them to govern. I have to confess that there is not a single case of governmental resignation in the history of my country of birth since I was born, though there have been countless scandals and crisis there. What a record, not to be proud of!

If faith is important in modern politics, it must be more essential to religious communities. It is worth to know that the word 'faith' is repeated around 33 times in the Gospels, and has a record time in St Paul's writings with 72 appearances. Recently Pope Francis made a very interesting point about faith at a weekday Mass of his, as he warned the congregation of the danger of what he named as 'a lukewarm faith' leading people 'to find excuses in uncertainty and fuel the tendency' to keep God in waiting. According to the Pope, a lukewarm faith 'causes so many people to waste their lives and end up in



tatters because they have done nothing except nurture sentiments of peace and calm within themselves. It is a peace of graveyards.'

In the Gospel this Sunday, we hear the disciples pleading with Jesus to give them more faith, and in response to their request, he reminds them of the power of faith, for even a tiny of it could turn them into a miracle worker to move a mulberry tree from one place to another. However, faith should never be the means to encourage them show off, it, in contrary, will remain a tool to help them fulfill their call to serve God humbly and dutifully. Inspired by the example of the disciples, let us earnestly ask the Lord to empower and strengthen us in our faith, consequently we may become better witnesses to him in our calls to serve him.

Have a faith-filled week.  
Fr. Henry

### PARISH NEWS...

FOOTPATH UPGRADE Our Footpath upgrade has commenced. For your safety the area will remain off limits for about two weeks from Monday 30th September. Please use the Grantham Road entrance to access the church until completion of the project, 13th October.



### Four2Eight

Junior Youth Group for kids from year 4 – year 8  
This morning after 9:30am Mass in the Parish Meeting Room.  
Come along for Fun, Games, and a chance to WIN a Prize!!

Lourdes Over 50's next meeting: Thursday 10th October will be held in the Parish Hall from 10.30 am till 1.00 pm. Please bring a plate for shared lunch. Parishioners are welcome to come and join us.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Friday 11th October in the Parish Meeting Room from 6:45pm. Our topic this month is 'For all Blessings, Give Thanks' Come along for fun, formation and a chance to meet new people.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION MASS next Sunday 13th, 9:30am. Please join us in the hall for a special morning tea after Mass.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Come along with your family and friends on the 19th October in our Hall, for an amazing night of fun and a chance to WIN Prizes. Registration starts at 7pm. Trivia starts at 7:30pm. For information, view the posters around the church, come see Sarah or one of the Core Team.

CULTURAL FUSION - Come meet members of other faiths from Blacktown area. Social afternoon of talent, culture, some food and fun in our hall Saturday 19th October 2019 1-4pm. Entry gold coin donation to cancer council.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL is currently accepting enrolments. information pack available to download from the school website or contact Beth in the school office on 8869



### DIOCESAN NEWS



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is hosting a prayer campaign on 18th October titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary" The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents and grandparents to prayer the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate information and resources can be found online: www.millionkidspraying.org



### Lifeline Annual Giant Book Fair at Oakhill College, Castle Hill.

Friday 11 October, Saturday 12 October and Sunday 13 October from 9am to 5pm each day.

The sale will include over 60,000 second hand books including quality novels, literature, history, study aids and many other categories, all at very attractive prices. Donations of books welcome. For details: 9498 8805, www.lifelineh2h.org.au.

### ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS 27 October

All married couples and their families are warmly invited to the Diocese of Parramatta's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and Lunch on Sunday 27 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. A light lunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow. Please register your names and numbers of years married, and the numbers attending the lunch by contacting the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org.

### CatholicCare Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid Volunteers Needed

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au



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