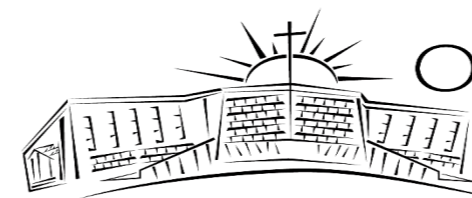


Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 13th October 2019

12/13 October

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

Ministers Vigil 8.00am Abel Do Rosario
Cathy Hutchings
James Dinning
Lorraine Fernandes
Louis Fernandes
Edith Gartner
Erinie Gartner
Priya Joachim

9.30am Kamela Huihui
Anna Lopeti

Readers Vigil 8.00am Perpetual Fernandes, Noreen Rosario
Andrew Millar, Pepito Ferriols

9.30am Ryan Epondulan, Mercy Aquino

Altar Servers Vigil 8.00am Alexander Bateman-Paul, Noah Ebb,
Christian Milicevic, Caitlyn Rambukwella,
Jayden Rambukwella

9.30am Diana Park, Lewis Savic, VOLUNTEER

9.30am Crystal Miretta, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh
Neish, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle
Wanandy

Musicians Vigil 8am Magnificat
Fr Henry
9.30am Tongan Group

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

Flowers 13 Lucinda & Orlindo
October

Bookshop Vigil 8am Marinela
Edith
9.30am Fenty Saputra

Morning Tea 9.30am FHC presentation morning tea

Church Cleaning 19 Oct Andrew Fedrigo, Ramzee Michael

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

19/20 October

Acolytes Vigil 8am Lawrence Falzon
9.30am Gerard Marcello
Ramzee Michael

Ministers Vigil 8.00am Christine Menezes
Crystal Menezes
Winnie Marcello
Anne McNally
9.30am Anna Bellissimo
Barbara Chandler
Ryan Epondulan
Artell Lenthall
Maricel Santos

Readers Vigil 8.00am Stefanie Menezes, Erika Hien
AndreBob McNally, Benno Motha
9.30am Helen Katopau, Adrian Walker

Altar Servers Vigil 8.00am Juan Burgess, Caron Cyril, Arika Naing,
Jaylen Naing, Riley Naing

9.30am Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park

9.30am Celestina Katopau, Chiara Katopau,
Oliana Katopau, Matthew Shawcross,
Samuel Thoms

Musicians Vigil 8am Deanne
9.30am Couples for Christ
Folk Group

Children's Rosary Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only
20 October Jordan Family
21a Abigail St, Seven Hills

Flowers 20 October Fennie & Angela

Bookshop Vigil 8am Mariane Christian
9.30am Shelia
VOLUNTEER

Morning Tea 9.30am Kamela Huihui & Angela Lopeti

Church Cleaning 23 Oct Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat

Welcomers Vigil 8am VOLUNTEERS
Olivia Cortis, Chandra Sampathan,
VOLUNTEER
9.30am Kathy Chamberlain, VOLUNTEERS

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

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am

PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE Monday & Saturday 8am

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

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

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: 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.

READINGS 20/10/2019
1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13 as long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-14-4:2 This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.*

OPENING PRAYER: May your grace, O Lord, we pray at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works.

RESPONSE TO PSALM: *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*

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

OCTOBER		
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
17	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
19	Cultural Fusion	1-4pm
19	Trivia Night	7pm
23	Music Liturgy meeting	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

Leonila Ahillon, Frank Azzopardi, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Maureen Daley, Paul Daniel, Andrew Fedigo, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Rosalinda Marcelo, 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: Mary Vella, Jovy Blando, Shanti Fernando, VA Francis, Letitia Haines, Gordon McLandsborough, Denis Morrissey, Roseline Ratnam, Annette Vilo, Adriano Zunatta.

Anniversaries: Joseph Bartok, Evangeline F Garcia, Michael Byun, Tae ImJun, Maria Oh, Joseph Nguyen, Vicki Glashower, Bertram & Gladys Bosen, Joseph Comenzuli, Margaret Carlaw, Mary Cini, Mary Zammit, Lourdes F de Venecia, Loui, Vivian, Susan & Lesley Fernandes, Lazaro C Fernandez, Mary Elizabeth Golledge, Joe Mangion, Antonio Marra, Herbert McKertich, Wilfredo Mendoza, 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 & Anton 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 \$ 2092.00
Loose \$ 805.00
TOTAL \$ 2897.00
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 (continued)

Thank God, those who committed these horrible crimes are not the majority of priests, who carry out their ministry with fidelity and generosity. I ask young people to let themselves be inspired by this vast majority. And if you see a priest at risk, because he has lost the joy of his ministry, or seeks affective compensation, or is taking the wrong path, remind him of his commitment to God and his people, remind him of the Gospel and urge him to hold to his course. In this way, you will contribute greatly to something fundamental: preventing these atrocities from being repeated. This dark cloud also challenges all young people who love Jesus Christ and his Church: they can be a source of great healing if they employ their great capacity to bring about renewal, to urge and demand consistent witness, to keep dreaming and coming up with new ideas. Nor is this the only sin of the members of the Church; her long history is not without its shadows. Our sins are before the eyes of everyone; they appear all too clearly in the lines on the age-old face of the Church, our Mother and Teacher. For two thousand years she has advanced on her pilgrim way, sharing "the joys and the hopes, the grief and anguish" of all humanity. She has made this journey as she is, without cosmetic surgery of any kind. She is not afraid to reveal the sins of her members, which some try at times to hide, before the burning light of the word of the Gospel, which cleanses and purifies. Nor does she stop reciting each day, in shame: "Have mercy on me, Lord, in your kindness... my sin is always before me" (Ps 51:3.5). Still, let us never forget that we must not abandon our Mother when she is wounded, but stand beside her, so that she can summon up all her strength and all her ability to begin ever anew. In the midst of this tragedy, which rightly pains us, "the Lord Jesus, who never abandons his Church, offers her the strength and the means to set out on a new path". This dark moment, "not without the valuable help of the young, can truly be an opportunity for a reform of epoch-making significance", opening us to a new Pentecost and inaugurating a new stage of purification and change capable of renewing the Church's youth. Young people will be all the more helpful if they feel fully a part of the "holy and patient, faithful People of God, borne up and enlivened by the Holy Spirit", for "it will be precisely this holy People of God to liberate us from the plague of clericalism, which is the fertile ground for all these disgraces".
Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, CHRISTUS VIVIT —to the young people and the entire people of God]



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

During the week, I happened to stumble upon an article written by a Vietnamese bishop about Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Exhortation called Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad), it was delightful to read a spiritual text dealing with the issue of divine joy and humour as such.



Basically the bishop focused on chapter four of the Pope's exhortation reminding us of the joy oozing out through the lives of Jesus, Mary, the prophets of old, St Paul and St Francis of Assisi, and the sense of the humour St Thomas More, St Vincent de Paul and St Philip Neri have shown through their examples. He also added on the story of St Damien of Molokai (1840-1889), a Belgian priest working as a Society of Sacred Heart missionary among the Hawaiian lepers. It was said that when he realized that he really contracted leprosy in 1884, 11 years after he arrived the island of death, he showed no sign of fear, instead he humorously changed his homily address to the congregation from 'my brothers' to 'we, lepers'. Damien died on April 15, 1889, and was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009. St Damien's life and death, perhaps, help connect us better with the Gospel this Sunday recalling the story of how Jesus exercised his divine power to bringing total healing all the ten lepers from their leprosy. It is more than just healing them from a disease considered as incurable then, Jesus also helped to bring them out of a condemned isolation imposed upon them by the then religious law and re-connect with the world of ordinary people.

The only thing Jesus asked them to do as they pleaded him to cure them was to present themselves to the priests as required by Moses' law. All ten of them took off to see the priests as advised and nine went away for good. The only person returned to say thank you to Jesus happened to be a Samaritan, someone considered as a pagan or an outsider by Jewish people. 'The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' This is what Jesus said to the Samaritan, but appears to transcend time and ages to reach us, his followers and listeners of today. It makes us to sit up and be more aware of our need to give praise and thanks to God for all the grace and blessings we have continued to receive day in day out.

Let us pray that we may be more grateful to all God-given gifts we have enjoyed every day in our lives, and turn to the Lord like the Samaritan to say thank you for his generosity and goodness. Don't make him ask us the question, 'where are they?' as he asked about the nine ungrateful in the Gospel. Have a thanksgiving-oriented week. Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

FOOTPATH UPGRADE Works were officially completed on Tuesday 8 October, 8 days after it started. Access to the Church from Olive St has been re-opened and we have a much better and safer footpath that will hopefully last for a long time. I would like to thank everyone for your patience and Sione and his employees for a job well done.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION MASS This 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.

MUSIC LITURGY MEETING: 23rd October at 7.30pm. Please have a representative from your group attend.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING Members of our Parish Pastoral Council are invited to meet on Wednesday 16 October, 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

TAI CHI & QiGONG for health and well being Is back this Wednesday 16th at 10:30-11.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. Cost:\$10.

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 6800 during school hours.



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 pray 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



Blacktown Legion of Mary Rosary Procession: 26 October

The Legion of Mary Blacktown Comitium is celebrating the Month of the Holy Rosary with a Rosary Procession on 26 October. The procession will start at Alpha Park, Blacktown at 12.30pm and will process from 1pm to St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. Benediction will close the event at 2.30pm. For more information, please contact Grace Boncales on 9626 7968, 0414 510 434 or graceb54@hotmail.com.

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

Office for Worship Music Workshop: 13 November

The Office for Worship is conducting a Music Workshop for musicians and liturgy planners on Wednesday 13 November at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown from 7pm to 9pm. Support will be provided. Choosing appropriate hymns for Mass and what to sing at Mass and why will be discussed. To register by 8 November, call Anne on 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Perth: 7 – 11 December 2019

ACYF19 is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. The event involves three days of exciting, large scale Plenary's, tens of workshops, concerts, prayer experiences, fun, expos and concludes with an outdoor mass with the City of Perth. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta will be leading an expected 200 participants. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is being offered now. For more information and to register visit www.catholicyouthparramatta.org