

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."*

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 20th October 2019

	<b>19/20 October</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Vigil 8am Lawrence Falzon 9.30am Gerard Marcello Ramzee Michael
<b>Ministers</b>	Vigil Christine Menezes Crystal Menezes 8.00am Winnie Marcello Anne McNally 9.30am Anna Bellissimo Barbara Chandler Ryan Epondulan Artell Lenthall Maricel Santos
<b>Readers</b>	Vigil Stefanie Menezes, Erika Hien 8.00am Bob McNally, Benno Motha 9.30am Helen Katopau, Adrian Walker
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Vigil Juan Burgess, Erika Naing, Jaylen Naing, Riley Naing, VOLUNTEER 8.00am Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am Celestina Katopau, Chiara Katopau, Oliana Katopau, Matthew Shawcross, Samuel Thoms
<b>Musicians</b>	Vigil 8am Deanne 9.30am Couples for Christ Folk Group
<b>Children's Rosary</b>	Liturgy 20 October 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Jordan Family 21a Abigail St, Seven Hills
<b>Flowers</b>	20 October Fennie & Angela
<b>Bookshop</b>	Vigil 8am Mariane Christian 9.30am Shelia VOLUNTEER
<b>Morning Tea</b>	9.30am Kamela Huihui & Angela Lopeti
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	23 Oct Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat
<b>Welcomers</b>	Vigil 8am VOLUNTEERS Olivia Cortis, Chandra Sampathan, VOLUNTEER 9.30am Kathy Chamberlain, VOLUNTEERS

	<b>26/27 October</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Vigil 8am John Jordan 9.30am Terry Jordan Ernie Gartner
<b>Ministers</b>	Vigil David Christian Jemma Sarmiento 8.00am Fennie Balatbat Suzy Nemorin 9.30am Eugene Miu Nancy Shami
<b>Readers</b>	Vigil Mariane Descombes, Marinela Simic 8.00am Kathy Walker, Priya Joachim 9.30am Noel Emmanuel, Rob Simpson
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Vigil Alexa Bagatella, Makayla Dalmati, Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil, Arynna Roy 8.00am Chrisha Gonzales, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, VOLUNTEER 9.30am Larissa Leary, Crystal Miretta, Umesh Samara-Sekera, Alexandra Simpson, Mikayla Simpson
<b>Musicians</b>	Vigil 8am Perry's Angels 9.30am Perry's Angels Maria Baltbat
<b>Children's Rosary</b>	Liturgy 20 October 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Morris Family 45 James St, Seven Hills
<b>Flowers</b>	27 October Priya, Mary B & Annette
<b>Bookshop</b>	Vigil 8am Greg 9.30am Edith Carole
<b>Morning Tea</b>	9.30am Couples for Christ
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	6 Nov Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Suzy Nemorin
<b>Welcomers</b>	Vigil 8am Mary Bonnici, VOLUNTEERS Helen Gonzales, VOLUNTEERS 9.30am Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS

OCTOBER		
21	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
23	Music Liturgy meeting	7.30pm
23	Tai Chi	10.30am
23	Music Liturgy meeting	7.30pm
24	Christ Community Prayer group	9.00am
24	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
26	Men's Breakfast	8.30am



**Walk with Christ: 24 November**  
Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ the

King on Sunday 24 November at 2.30pm. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city.

Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24. More details through the Archdiocese of Sydney.

### POSITIONS VACANT:

Parish Coordinator of Ministries (part-time) - Parish of Richmond  
Volunteers - Mamre Creche - CatholicCare  
Manager of Family Relationship Services - CatholicCare  
More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)



**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)

<b>Parish Priest:</b>	Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran	<b>Office Hours: Monday-Friday:</b>	9am - 3.00pm
<b>Pastoral Care of the Sick:</b>	Bathista Emmanuel 0405833655	<b>Telephone:</b>	9622 2920
<b>Parish Office Team:</b>	Mrs Erika Hien, Alison Issanchon Kim Dang, Sarah Lenthall	<b>Parish Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.olol7hills.org.au">www.olol7hills.org.au</a>
<b>Parish Office Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:secretary@olol7hills.org.au">secretary@olol7hills.org.au</a>	<b>Parish School:</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Sacrament Co-Ordinator:</b>	Mrs Judy Barden	<b>Principal:</b>	Ms Keiran Byrnes
<b>Catechist Coordinator:</b>	Mr Bob McNally 96241015	<b>Parish Church:</b>	7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147

<b>WEEKEND MASS</b>	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9.30am	<b>HEALING MASS &amp; ANOINTING OF SICK</b>	1st Thursday of the month at 8am. 7th November 2019
<b>WEEKDAY MASS</b>	Tues - Friday 8am	<b>BAPTISMAL PREPARATION</b>	20 November 2019 at 7:30pm
<b>PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	Monday & Saturday 8am	<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am.
<b>Church Open Monday-Friday</b>	8.30am-3pm (for prayer and reflection)	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	Every Friday after 8am Mass until 9am
		<b>Exposition, Divine Mercy &amp; Mass</b>	1st Friday of the month 7.00pm

*A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses*

<b>READINGS This Sunday</b>	1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 Gospel: Luke 18:1-8	As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage. This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work. God will see those who cry to him vindicated.
<b>READINGS 27/10/2019</b>	1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19 2nd Reading: St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14	The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens. All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me. The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** Almighty ever living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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. Amen.

**RESPONSE TO PSALM:** *Our help is from the Lord, who made the heaven and earth.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.*

### 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

Leonila Ahillon, Frank Azzopardi, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Maureen Daley, Paul Daniel, Andrew Fedrigo, 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: Lawrence Apap, Jovy Blando, Shanti Fernando, VA Francis, Letitia Haines, Gordon McLandsborough, Denis Morrissey, Joseph Oliveira, Roseline Ratnam, Annette Vilo, Adriano Zunatta.

Anniversaries: Toni Attard, Joseph Bartok, Bertram & Gladys Bosen, Joseph Cassar, Joseph Comenzuli, Margaret Carlaw, Mary Cini, Mary Zammit, Maria, Gasper & Reggie Dalgado, Lourdes F de Venecia, Natalie & Carlos D'Souza, Loui, Vivian, Susan & Lesley Fernandes, Lazaro C Fernandez, Evangeline Garcia, Vicki Glashower, Mary Elizabeth Gollidge, Lonza Mangion, Joe Mangion, Antonio Marra, Herbert McKertich, Pauline Meilak, Wilfredo Mendoza, Bertu Mula, Joseph Nguyen, Ersilia Paolini, John Portelli, Aloysius Welangoda, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya,

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul, Simone, Cyril, Nevis Fernando, Sharon & John Lawrence, Tomasa Maepayo, Lourda & Anton Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Felix & Andriana Muscat, Josephine, Charles, Mary & Muscat Family.

### 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 \$ 1774.00  
Loose \$ 880.00  
TOTAL \$ 2654.00  
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

#### A way out

In this chapter, I have taken time to look at the reality of young people in today's world. Some other aspects will be dealt with in the following chapters. As I have said, I do not claim to be exhaustive in this analysis. I encourage communities to examine, respectfully and seriously, the situation of their young people, in order to find the most fitting ways of providing them with pastoral care. At the same time, I do not want to end this chapter without addressing some words to each of you.

I remind you of the good news we received as a gift on the morning of the resurrection: that in all the dark or painful situations that we mentioned, there is a way out. For example, it is true that the digital world can expose you to the risk of self-absorption, isolation and empty pleasure. But don't forget that there are young people even there who show creativity and even genius. That was the case with the Venerable Carlo Acutis.

Carlo was well aware that the whole apparatus of communications, advertising and social networking can be used to lull us, to make us addicted to consumerism and buying the latest thing on the market, obsessed with our free time, caught up in negativity. Yet he knew how to use the new communications technology to transmit the Gospel, to communicate values and beauty.

Carlo didn't fall into the trap. He saw that many young people, wanting to be different, really end up being like everyone else, running after whatever the powerful set before them with the mechanisms of consumerism and distraction. In this way they do not bring forth the gifts the Lord has given them; they do not offer the world those unique personal talents that God has given to each of them. As a result, Carlo said, "everyone is born as an original, but many people end up dying as photocopies". Don't let that happen to you!

Don't let them rob you of hope and joy, or drug you into becoming a slave to their interests. Dare to be more, because who you are is more important than any possession. What good are possessions or appearances? You can become what God your Creator knows you are, if only you realize that you are called to something greater. Ask the help of the Holy Spirit and confidently aim for the great goal of holiness. In this way, you will not be a photocopy. You will be fully yourself.

If this is to happen, you need to realize one basic truth: being young is not only about pursuing fleeting pleasures and superficial achievements. .

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



### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Three months after my diaconate, I had access to a diocesan loan to buy a second hand Cressida, a discontinued model of Toyota. Due to my inexperience, I had two major problems with it: first it was with the engine which ran out of oil and had to be replaced, and second I got smashed by a truck while waiting at the traffic lights.

I remember when my car got hit and the truckie kept driving on just like nothing had ever happened, I began to chase him up until he was obliged to stop at the next traffic lights. He refused to acknowledge that he caused the accident and tried to run away, until a good Samaritan, an elderly man, came out of his car to let him know that he was wrong and offered to be my witness.

My trouble hadn't stopped there, since a week later, I received a rather threatening letter from the solicitor of the truck company telling me that it was me who caused the accident, and that I was driving a vehicle with no insurance – I didn't realize that the car insurance had run out for weeks – therefore I was responsible to pay for all damages.



Fortunately, I met another Samaritan, who happened to be a parishioner 'cum' solicitor. Learning about my story, he volunteered to send a reply to the truck company, and things became more promising after that, as the other side accepted the responsibility and agreed to compensate. I can never forget what my volunteer solicitor told me about himself, that I can totally trust him. When asked why, he said to me, 'because I'm a poor solicitor!'

In the context of legal professions, Jesus in the Gospel this Sunday tells the story of an unjust judge, who has no fear of God and respects no one. Despite his unusual character as such, he was made to lend his professional support to a persistent widow, who kept asking him again and again for his service to protect her from her enemy's attack.

Through this highly symbolic story, Jesus means to encourage us his listeners to be ever patient and persistent in our prayers, similar to the way the widow approaches the judge in the Gospel account. If a judge, unjust like that, was prepared to help to the widow, should the Lord be more generous to those who ask for his assistance many times over, therefore, we have to ask Him repeatedly and surely He will never disappoint those who pray to Him with persistence.

Encouraged by Jesus' invitation in the Gospel today, let us ask Him for the wisdom to pray for what that is truly good for us, and the patience to keep us remain strong and persistent in our prayers.

Have a prayerful week.

Fr. Henry

### PARISH NEWS...

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST Welcome to the final Men's Breakfast for the year on Saturday, 26 October 2019 commencing at 8.30am. In this meeting we will look at our responses to the themes of the Plenary Council 2020 on behalf of the Men's Group. Please come along and have your say in this group response. All welcome.



Good Luck on your HSC! Please keep all year 12 students in your prayers as they have started their HSC examinations.

First Holy Communion Certificate, if you haven't already received your certificate, it can be collected from the Parish Office Mon-Fri 9am –3pm

ROAD RESTORATION OLIVE STREET Monday 21st October. Between 7-10am Blacktown City Council apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused by roadworks.

TAI CHI & QIGONG for health and well being Wednesday 10:30-11.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. Cost:\$10.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL is currently accepting enrolments for children eligible to commence Kindergarten in 2020, please contact Beth in the school office on 8869 6800. between 8.30am - 3.30pm Monday to Friday or the information pack is available to download from the school website. Enrolment enquiries are also welcome for primary school aged children seeking enrolment during the school year.

### DIOCESAN NEWS



CYP LIFTED Live in the Forecourt: 26 October Join Catholic Youth Parramatta, Bishop Vincent and over 1000 other youth and young adults as they celebrate the feast of St John Paul II during LIFTED Live in Forecourt at the St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct on Saturday 26 October from 7-10pm. There will be live music, food stalls, rides and entertainment. \$5 entry on arrival. For more information, visit https://parracatholic.org/liftedlive/

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 grace54@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 lmfparracatholic.org.

Five Hours with Nuns Discernment Retreat: 9 November The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are offering a discernment retreat "Five Hours with Nuns" for women aged 18 to 35 at the Holy Spirit Convent, Plumpton on 9 November at 3pm. This retreat is one-to-one encounter and includes prayer times, talks and accompaniment. To RSVP, contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or vocationscsfn@gmail.com.

God is Love Retreat: 4-8 November Fr Tony Kelly CSSR will present a retreat weekend on 'God is Love: John 1:4 – Theological Implications and Spiritual Application' at the St Clemens Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong from Monday 4 to Friday 8 November. Ensuite room \$550, room with shared bathroom facilities \$450. For bookings, contact the centre on 02 6380 5222 or info@stclement.com.au

Chime in for the Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral The Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral Appeal offers a rare opportunity to create history and donate a bell that commemorates a loved one, or honours your family name, organisation or community group. As a Benefactor, you'll also have the privilege of naming your bell in honour of a revered Catholic Saint and helping make the dream of a peal of bells for St Patrick's Cathedral become a reality. For further information, visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal



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.