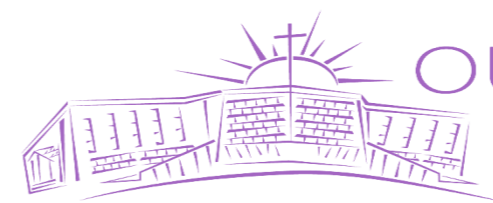


Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass.

30 November /December 1	
Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am John Jordan Louis Fernandes Noel Emmanual
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am Edith Gartner Cathy Hutchings VOLUNTEER Lorraine Fernandes Ryan Epondulan Artelle Lenthall
Readers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am Rob Simpson Alison Punch Karen Eleazar Kathy Walker Erika Hien Ian Epondulan
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am Erika Naing, Jaylen Naing, Riley Naing, Alexandra Simpson, Mikayla Simpson Philip Park, Sean Park, SUB REQ Eric Da, Victor Da, Carl Gallema, Marc Gallema, Sarah Lenthall
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am Youth for Christ Grace Notes Christine Clarke
Children's Rosary	Liturgy 1 December 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Menezes Family 75 Grantham Road, Seven Hills
Flowers	1 December Fenty & Mimi
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER Edmund
Morning Tea	9.30am Tongan Choir
Church Cleaning	27 November Sue Abela VOLUNTEERS
Welcomers	Vigil 8am 9.30am VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS Lena

7/8 December	
Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am Abel Do Rosario Gerard Marcello Eugene Miu
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am David Christian, Mariane Descombes, Edith Gartner, Ernie Gartner, Jemma Sarmiento, Marinela Simic Fennie Baltbat, Lawrence Falzon, Priya Joachim, Winnie Marcello, Andrew Millar, Benno Motha Ramzee Michael, Adrian Walker
Readers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am Noreen Rosario, Perpetual Fernandes Pepito Ferriols, Bob McNally Jeanine Nonato, Megan Michael
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am Juan Burgess, Caron Cyril, Jesseline Franco, Cassandra Laus, Lucas Laus Chrisha Gonzales, Karuniya Maruthanayagam Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment, Riley Ballment, Rynan Michael, Matthew Shawcross
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am Magnificat Lolesio Choir Tongan Group
Children's Rosary	Liturgy 8 December 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Stambouliah Family 16 Oakwood Rd, Toongabbie
Flowers	8 December Lucinda & Orlindo
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am Marinela Edith Fenty Saputra
Morning Tea	9.30am Young Adults Group
Church Cleaning	4 December November Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Suzy Nemorin
Welcomers	Vigil 8am 9.30am Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS Joyce Hillbrick, VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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First Sunday of Advent

1st December, 2019

Year A



WEEKEND MASS	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9.30am	HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK 1st Thursday of the month at 8am. 6th December 2019
WEEKDAY MASS	Tues - Friday 8am	BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 15th January 2020 at 7:30pm
PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE	Monday & Saturday 8am	YOUTH MASS 1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am.
RECONCILIATION	Saturday 4.30pm-5.30pm	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 Friday 6th December 5:30pm— instead of 7pm
<i>A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses</i>		

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT
 In the last extraordinary meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council focussing on our Parish Pastoral Planning and on issues of the Plenary Council 2020 participants of the meeting had a chance to share and listen to one another's thoughts and ideas concerning the question of how to foster and enrich our faith.
 Following are a few key points coming out from the meeting: Alpha programs for our Sacramental program, Baptismal preparations, and RCIA/ Bible studies & Scriptures reflections/ Prayer & worship to go beyond Sunday mentality/ Small homes-based communities for prayer groups/ the Church needs to be less legalistic, exclusive and more open and inclusive/ Children prayers to be features in our slides.

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 between 8.30am-3.30pm Mon to Fri.

DECEMBER		
2	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7pm
3	OLOL School Christmas Concert	6.30pm
4	Tai Chi	10.30am
4	2020 Sacramental Program meeting	6.30pm
5	Healing Mass	8am
5	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
5	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
6	Advent Prayer Group	9am
6	Thankyou Dinner for Volunteers	6.30pm
7	2020 Sacramental Prog. Meeting RPT	4.30pm
8	Four2Eight Jr Youth Group— Christmas Party	10.45am

READINGS This Sunday	1st Reading : Isaiah 2:1-5 2nd Reading : Romans 13:11-14 Gospel : Matthew 24:37-44	The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the Kingdom of God. The time has come, our salvation is near. Stay awake, you must be ready..
READINGS 8/12/2019	1st Reading : Isaiah 11:1-10 2nd Reading : Romans 15:4-9 Gospel : Matthew 3:1-12	He judges the poor with justice. Christ, the hope of all people. Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted: let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and none who hope in you be put to shame.*

OPENING PRAYER: Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
 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: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.*

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 Fedrigo, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Rosalinda Marcelo, Maria V, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace & Rommel Panlilio, Debra Price, Rose & Tony Stambouliah, Josette Sultana, 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, Deacon Robert (Bob) Carroll, Maureen Thelma Carter, Errol Fernando, Mary & Frank Gatt, Reno Gatt, Ted Haines, Gordon McLandsborough, Hilda Mead, Romeo Magada-Palmos, Lois Ray, Maria Lorena Troncoso, Lucille Alexandrine Wilson.

Anniversaries: Maria & Emanuel Farrugia, France Anseesing, Eduardo Aure, Fortunata & Frank Baida, Alexander Constantine Balatbat, Carolina Borg, Lionel Bosen, Mary Camenzuli, Samuel Cavallaro, Gina & Albert Felino, Shanti Fernando, Evangeline Garcia, Martha Joseph, Lourda Motha, Paul Mula, Aurora Nonato, Makalita Kilaitina Pongi, John Portello, Natalia Prahinog, Roseline Ratnam, Brian Rolfe, Jose Sanchez, Don Slater, Carmena Vella, Aloysius Welangoda, Alexander C Balatbat, Thelma Morrissey.

Remembrance: Elvina & Giovanni Barnaba, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Sr Maree Aimee & Clarence Corera, VA Francis, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Louis & Stephen Mula, Felix & Andriana Muscat, Josephine, Charles, Mary & Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Amalia & Dominga Usman.

ADVENT PRAYER

O God, You willed that, at the message of an angel, your Word should take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary; grant to your suppliant people, that we, who believe her to be truly the Mother of God, may be helped by her intercession with you, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

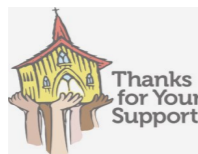


Funeral Notices

Next week funerals will be held for
Reno Gatt – Monday 2nd December 10.30am
Ted Haines – Tuesday 3rd December 10.00am
All Welcome

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 1512.00
Loose \$ 945.00
TOTAL \$ 2457.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

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

CHAPTER FIVE

Paths of youth

What does it mean to live the years of our youth in the transforming light of the Gospel? We need to raise this question, because youth, more than a source of pride, is a gift of God: "To be young is a grace, a blessing".

It is a gift that we can squander meaninglessly, or receive with gratitude and live to the full.

God is the giver of youth and he is at work in the life of each young person. Youth is a blessed time for the young and a grace for the Church and for the world. It is joy, a song of hope and a blessing. Making the most of our youthful years entails seeing this season of life as worthwhile in itself, and not simply as a brief prelude to adulthood.

A time of dreams and decisions

In Jesus' day, the passage from childhood was a significant step in life, one joyfully celebrated. When Jesus restored life to a man's daughter, he first called her a "child" (Mk 5:39), but then addressed her as a "young girl" (Mk 5:41). By saying to her: "Young girl, get up (talitha cum)", he made her more responsible for her life, opening before her the door to youth.

"Youth, as a phase in the development of the personality, is marked by dreams which gather momentum, by relationships which acquire more and more consistency and balance, by trials and experiments, and by choices which gradually build a life project. At this stage in life, the young are called to move forward without cutting themselves off from their roots, to build autonomy but not in solitude".

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



Let us pray that all that we do and say in our everyday lives will serve us well as preparatory steps for the time of the Lord. Pray that we won't be caught badly unprepared when he knocks on our door.

Have a heavenly-oriented week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Mass in December. Due to our Parish Volunteers Dinner on Friday 6th December, this coming Divine Mercy Chaplet and Mass will start at 5:30pm instead of 7pm as usual. Sorry for any inconvenience.



ADVENT WREATH It is usually constructed around a circular base as you can see ours.

This circular base is traditionally taken to symbolize the ever-renewing cycle of the seasons, and the four candles, of course, represents the four Sundays of Advent. The first candle known as the Prophets' candle symbolises hope. Know that the prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the coming, the Adventus, of the Messiah.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

If you would like to brighten someone's Christmas you could take a tag from the Christmas tree and prepare a hamper BEFORE 15th DECEMBER. Or else you might donate to the Vinnies Christmas envelopes next weekend 8/9th December). Thank you for your generosity.



ADVENT PRAYER GROUP John Jordan is happy to host a home-based Advent Prayer group, please contact John on 98963711 for further information.



For the parish-based Advent Prayer group, Fr Henry is going to lead the group on every Friday after Mass and Benediction from 9.00am-10.00am, and all are warmly welcome to join it for a friendly discussion throughout Advent.

THANK YOU EVENING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

Are you involved in one of the very many volunteer ministries in our parish? If so, you are invited to a **THANKYOU DINNER on FRIDAY 6th December** in the **PARISH HALL** from **6.30pm** Food and drinks will be supplied **so for catering purposes it is very important for you to please write your name, phone number and numbers attending** on the sheets at the **BACK** of the church.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020 An information meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4th December** with a repeat of this meeting on **Saturday 7th**

December for any parents wishing to enrol their child to celebrate the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2020**. For more information, please contact Artelle in the parish office on 96222920 or email artelle@olol7hills.com.au

LOURDES OVER 50's reminder for those booked on the courtesy bus trip to Pittwater on Monday 2nd December the bus leaves at 9.00 am and returns about 3.30 pm.

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

PIETY SHOP. Advent and Christmas items to give as gifts to spread the Spirit of Christmas and are now available from the piety shop at the back of the church.



POSITIONS VACANT

More **VOLUNTEERS** are also needed for the Piety Shop. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able assist. Thank you to all those currently helping on the



MINISTERS - NEW ROSTER

Forms are now available at the back of the church for ministers to renew their information for the next rostering period **January - June 2020**. You can either complete the form and leave it in the box at the back of the church or, if you received an email last week from the MSP rostering program, you can either send a reply email with your availability or use the online portal of the program to update your information. If you are not currently registered with the rostering program and would like to, please complete a form at the back of the church and print your email address clearly. You will receive an email outlining how to use the online rostering program. **All updates must be received by Wednesday 4th December** so the roster can be completed and published by 18th December.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL— Help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help Catholic Care to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD takes place within the 9:30am Sunday Mass (2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month) All children of primary school age are invited to attend. We ask that pre-school children remain in the church with their parents. The Children's Liturgy is not a catechetical class nor Sunday school. It is a celebration of the Word of God at a level appropriate for young children. They listen to the Gospel reading of the Sunday and share prayers and reflections. The children leave the church after the Opening Prayer and return at the Preparation of the Gifts. The Children's Liturgy is held in the Parish Meeting Room. The Children's Liturgy would not be possible without the help of the adult leaders. We thank the leaders and helpers. If anyone would like to become involved as a leader or helper, please contact Alison in the parish office on 96222920 or email alisoni@olol7hills.com.au



Four2Eight

■ **Junior Youth Group** for kids from year 4 – year 8 ■
Come along with friends from the parish for our **CHRISTMAS PARTY!!**
8th December (no meeting on the 1st December)
After the 9:30am Youth Mass.10:45-12pm)
In the Parish Meeting room

