

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."*

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 17th November 2019

**16/17 November**

**Acolytes** Vigil 8am Derick Soares  
9.30am Louis Fernandes  
SWAP REQ

**Ministers** Vigil 8.00am Jemma Sarmiento  
Rosey Soares  
9.30am Andrew Millar  
Lorraine Fernandes  
Barbara Chandler  
Paul Gow  
Dawn Manamperi  
Carole Brooks

**Readers** Vigil 8.00am David Christian, Mariane Descombes  
8.00am Priya Joachim, Benno Motha  
9.30am Maricel Santos, Megan Michael

**Altar Servers** Vigil 8.00am Majerin Pieris, Zachary Osborne, Thomas Osborne, Christian Milicevic, Dominic Sant  
8.00am Chrisha Gonzales, Jayden Cortis  
9.30am Samuel Thoms, Crystal Miretta, Larissa Leary, Saoires Costello, Sebastian Costello

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

**Children's Rosary** Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only  
17 November Menezes Family  
39 Winnipeg St, Seven hills

**Flowers** 17 November Fennie & Angela

**Bookshop** Vigil 8am Mariane Christian  
8am Shelia  
9.30am VOLUNTEER

**Morning Tea** 9.30am Parish Pastoral Council

**Church Cleaning** 14 Nov Elodia Colussi & Elizabeth Mead

**Welcomers** Vigil 8am Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS  
8am Olivia Cortis, Joyce Hilbrick, Chandra Sampanthan  
9.30am Kathy Chamberlain, VOLUNTEERS

**23/24 November**

**Acolytes** Vigil 8am Abel Do Rosario  
9.30am Terry Jordan  
Eugene Miu

**Ministers** Vigil 8.00am James Dinning  
Christine Menezes  
9.30am Anne McNally  
Bob McNally  
Suzy Nemorin  
Nancy Shami

**Readers** Vigil 8.00am Crystal Menezes, Stefanie Menezes  
8.00am Pepito Ferriols, Karen Eleazar  
9.30am VOLUNTEER, Adrian Walker

**Altar Servers** Vigil 8.00am Shaun Baptist  
Genevieve Estil  
Madisen Estil  
VOLUNTEERS  
8.00am Amelia Herczeg  
Koshua Herczeg  
VOLUNTEER  
9.30am Rachel Lobo  
Ethan Neish  
Jayda-Leigh Neish  
Jerard Sarmiento

**Musicians** Vigil 8am Perrys Angels  
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9.30am Maria Baltbat

**Children's Rosary** Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only  
24 November Soares Family  
33 Pretoria Road, Seven Hills

**Flowers** 24 November Priya, Mary B & Annette

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

**Morning Tea** 9.30am OLOL School Parents

**Church Cleaning** 23 Nov Andrew Fedrigo  
Ramzee Michael

**Welcomers** Vigil 8am Mary Bonnici, VOLUNTEERS  
9.30am VOLUNTEERS

NOVEMBER		
18	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7pm
20	Tai Chi	10.30am
20	Baptism Preparation Meeting	7.30pm
21	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
21	Over 50's Christmas Lunch	11.30am
21	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
24	St Cecelia Feast Day	

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM EVENT

Aim: To advocate for Religious freedom in Australia.

When: Monday November 18, 2019

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Bowman Hall, 35 Campbell St, Blacktown.

Speakers: Michelle Rowland MP, John Anderson, Michael Quinlan, John Steenhof, and Rev Mark Tough hosting.

Requirement: An entry ticket, participants can get from

<https://www.trybooking.com/BFRMK>

### Women's Advent Retreat Day—2019

Notre Dame Chaplaincy warmly invites women of all ages to join us for our annual Women's Advent Retreat Day on Tuesday, December 3, 09am to 4:30pm.

The day will include three inspiring spiritual talks, Holy Mass, time for reflection, opportunity for Reconciliation, and Holy Hour. Morning tea and lunch are provided.

The retreat day is free of charge, but registration is essential.

Please visit [www.trybooking.com/563903](http://www.trybooking.com/563903) call 02 8204 4189 or e-mail [sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au)

The University of Notre Dame Australia

104 Broadway, Cnr Abercrombie St and Broadway, Chippendale,

### Central Deanery Youth Mass

17th November

St Patricks Church 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown 5.30-8.30pm



**Walk with Christ** through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King. Meet at the Cnr of Martin Place & Pitt St at 2.30pm on Nov 24

**Parish Priest:** Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran  
**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Bathista Emmanuel 0405833655  
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Kim Dang, Sarah Lenthall  
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**Catechist Coordinator:** Mr Bob McNally 96241015

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**Telephone:** 9622 2920  
**Parish Website:** [www.olol7hills.org.au](http://www.olol7hills.org.au)  
**Parish School:** Our Lady of Lourdes  
**Principal:** Ms Keiran Byrnes  
**Parish Church:** 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147  
**Postal address:** PO Box 944, Seven Hills 1730

**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. 6th December 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: Malachi 3: 19-20 The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.  
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19 Your endurance will win you your life.

**READINGS** 1st Reading : 2 Samuel 5:1-3 They anointed David King of Israel.  
24/11/2019

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20 He has taken us into eth kingdom of his beloved Son.  
Gospel: Luke 23:35-43 Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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:** *The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.*

**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, Nazzaro Gatt, 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:** Maureen Carter, Lawrence Apap, Jovy Blando, Deacon Robert (Bob) Carroll, Shanti & Ferrol Fernando, VA Francis, Mary & Frank Gatt, Gordon McLandsborough, Joseph Oliveira, Romeo Magada-Palmos, Roseline Ratnam, Lois Ray, Maria Lorena Troncoso, Lucille Alexandrine Wilson, Adriano Zunatta

**Anniversaries:** France Anseesing, Eduardo Aure, Carolina Borg, Samuel Cavallaro, Maria, Gasper & Reggie Dalgado, Gina & Albert Felino, Evangeline Garcia, Martha Joseph, Pauline Meilak, Wilfredo Mendoza, John Portello, Natalia Prahinog, Brian Rolfe, Jose Sanchez, Don Slater, Carmena Vella, Aloysius Welangoda.

**Remembrance:** Elvina & Giovanni Barnaba, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul, Simone, Cyril, Nevis Fernando, Patrick John Fischer, Sharon & John Lawrence, Tomasa Maepayo, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Manuel Mendiola, Lourda & Anton Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Felix & Andriana Muscat, Josephine, Charles, Mary & Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Milica Petrunic, Amalia & Dominga Usman.

### 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 \$ 1435.00**  
**Loose \$ 1005.00**  
**TOTAL \$ 2440.00**  
**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 CHAPTER FOUR

#### Christ saves you

*Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew.*

#### He is alive!

*Finally, there is a third truth, inseparable from the second: Christ is alive! We need to keep reminding ourselves of this, because we can risk seeing Jesus Christ simply as a fine model from the distant past, as a memory, as someone who saved us two thousand years ago. But that would be of no use to us: it would leave us unchanged, it would not set us free. The one who fills us with his grace, the one who liberates us, transforms us, heals and consoles us is someone fully alive. He is the Christ, risen from the dead, filled with supernatural life and energy, and robed in boundless light. That is why Saint Paul could say: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile" (1 Cor 15:7).*

*Alive, he can be present in your life at every moment, to fill it with light and to take away all sorrow and solitude. Even if all others depart, he will remain, as he promised: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). He fills your life with his unseen presence; wherever you go, he will be waiting there for you. Because he did not only come in the past, but he comes to you today and every day, inviting you to set out towards ever new horizons.*

*See Jesus as happy, overflowing with joy. Rejoice with him as with a friend who has triumphed. They killed him, the holy one, the just one, the innocent one, but he triumphed in the end. Evil does not have the last word. Nor will it have the last word in your life, for you have a friend who loves you and wants to triumph in you. Your Saviour lives.*

*Because he lives, there can be no doubt that goodness will have the upper hand in your life and that all our struggles will prove worthwhile. If this is the case, we can stop complaining and look to the future, for with him this is always possible. That is the certainty we have. Jesus is eternally alive. If we hold fast to him, we will have life, and be protected from the threats of death and violence that may assail us in life.*

*Every other solution will prove inadequate and temporary. It may be helpful for a time, but once again we will find ourselves exposed and abandoned before the storms of life. With Jesus, on the other hand, our hearts experience a security that is firmly rooted and enduring. Saint Paul says that he wishes to be one with Christ in order "to know him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil 3:10). That power will constantly be revealed in your lives too, for he came to give you life, "and life in abundance" (Jn 10:10).*

*If in your heart you can learn to appreciate the beauty of this message, if you are willing to encounter the Lord, if you are willing to let him love you and save you, if you can make friends with him and start to talk to him, the living Christ, about the realities of your life, then you will have a profound experience capable of sustaining your entire Christian life. You will also be able to share that experience with other young people. For "being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction".[69]*

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

### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

What would be the biggest Catholic church in Australia? I hope someone could inform me this weekend about it, but I am sure that no matter how big



it is, that church would not be bigger than the Notre Dame cathedral in Pnompenh, Cambodia, said to have the capacity of ten thousand people. To give you some idea of the size of it, just imagine it is twenty times bigger than Our Lady of Lourdes of ours.

That house of worship used to be one of the proud landmarks of that ancient city where Buddhism was a dominant force, but was completely flattened by the Khmer Rouge regime sometime between April 1975 and January 1979.

When I arrived there in the mid of 1984, I could see nothing but its eerie and deserted ruins in the heart of the newly revived city. It was exactly the apocalyptic scene that Jesus mentioned in the Gospel this Sunday as he issued the prediction about the future for Jerusalem, that 'the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' Actually Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in A.D.70, and Jewish people were barred to remain there in A.D.135, as Jerusalem was re-named as Aelia Capitolina.

As we move closer and closer to the end of this liturgical year, this Gospel narrative is selected to remind all of us that our world, too is also moving closer and closer to the end time, whose signs will include worldwide unrests, earthquakes, plagues, famines, and cosmic changes. In the mid of such a testing time, Jesus' message to us, his followers is very simple and clear, that we should be nothing but trust in God, because He will be on top of that, and ready to offer us strength and wisdom to help us manage and handle well with those apocalyptic changes.

Let us pray that neither we will be deceived nor frightened by the changing and uncertain nature of our world. Pray that God's grace is always enough to keep us grounded in his faith and love, so that we will remain faithful to the Lord in our call to bear witness to him.

Have a trust-filled week.  
Fr. Henry

### PARISH NEWS...

#### WORDS OF THANKS TO JUDY BARDEN AND OF WELCOME TO ARTELLE LENTHALL

Due to personal needs, Judy had to tend her resignation unexpectedly from the position as our Parish Sacramental co-ordinator after many years of faithful service. I am very grateful to her for her generosity to provide supports whenever she was needed especially in the post-Debra time, and thank her for her precious contributions to enrich our Parish community in many ways. Due to her wish, no formal farewell activities should be carried out. So, I would like to thank Judy once again and wish her a refreshing time ahead.

In her absence, Artelle Lenthall is very kind to accept my invitation to co-ordinate our Sacramental program. I like to welcome Artelle to our Parish team and wish her many successes in her position to serve our community.

#### BOOK OF ETERNAL LIFE IN THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE.

Please remember to enter the book of Eternal life the names of all the deceased you like to pray for throughout this month of November. It is placed at the baptismal font before Mass for your registration, and moved to the front of the Altar during Mass.

### 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.

**November Mass Donation Envelopes** can be placed in Collection plate during mass or brought to the parish office. **Please do not put in Parish Letterbox.**

**PIETY SHOP.** CHRISTMAS CARDS and COLUMBAN CALENDARS are now available from the piety shop at the back of the church. COMING SOON Advent and Christmas items to give as gifts to spread the Spirit of Christmas. More **VOLUNTEERS** are needed for the Piety Shop. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able assist. Thank you to all those currently helping on the roster.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** takes place within the 9:30am Sunday Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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@lol7hills.com.au](mailto:alisoni@lol7hills.com.au)

### 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.

**Lourdes Over 50's Reminder.** For all those who booked for the Christmas Lunch, it will be held next Thursday, 21st November at 11.30 am in the Parish Hall.

**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

