

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

18/19 January

Acolytes Vigil 8am Abel Do Rosario
9.30am Louis Fernandes
Kilifi Huihui

Ministers Vigil Cathy Hutchings, James Dinning
8.00am Fennie Balatbat, Lorraine Fernandes
9.30am Carole Brooks
Barbara Chandler
Lawrence Falzon
Dawn Manamperi
Eugene Miu
Nancy Shami

Readers Vigil David Christian, VOLUNTEER
8.00am Kathy Walker, Andrew Millar
9.30am Ryan Epondulan, Ian Epondulan
Caron Cyril

Altar Servers Vigil Jesseline Franco
Riley Sultana
8.00am Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello, Diya Dsouza
9.30am Carl Gallema
Marc Gallema
Rachel Lobo
Crystal Miretta
Umesh Samara-Sekera

Musicians Vigil 8am Deanne
9.30am Fr Henry
Folk Group

Children's Rosary Liturgy School Term ONLY
Menezes Family
75 Grantham Road, Seven Hills

Flowers Fennie & Angela

Bookshop Vigil 8am Mariane Christian
9.30am Shelia
VOLUNTEER

Morning Tea 9.30am John O'Brien

Church Cleaning 22nd Jan Sue Abela, Joyce Muscat, Jacinta Warner

Welcomers Vigil Mariane Descombes, Annette Peatmen,
8am Ram Ugre
Benno Motha, Suzy nemorin, Joyce Hillbrick
9.30am Adrian Walker, Lena Falzon, Maria Michael

Church Cleaning Rosters for 2020 are available on the table near the back sacristy.



our parish! Visit www.olol7hills.org.au

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

25/26 January

Acolytes Vigil 8am Ernie Gartner
9.30am Terry Jordan
VOLUNTEER

Ministers Vigil Abel Do Rosario, Michael Mifsud
8.00am Anne McNally, Bob McNally
9.30am Mercy Aquino, Adrian Walker

Readers Vigil Jemma Sarmiento, Noreen Rosario
8.00am Maricel Santos, Priya Joachim
9.30am VOLUNTEER, Stefanie Menezes

Altar Servers Vigil Juan Burgess, Cassandra Laus, Lucas Laus
8.00am Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Ethan Neish,
Jayda-Leigh Neish
9.30am Sarah Lenthall, Mary-Rose Mejalli, Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park

Musicians Vigil 8am Fr Henry
9.30am Fr Henry
Maria Balatbat

Children's Rosary Liturgy School Term ONLY
Stambouliah Family
18 Oakwood Road, Toongabbie

Flowers Priya, Mary B & Annette

Bookshop Vigil 8am Greg
9.30am Edith
Carole

Morning Tea 9.30am Couples for Christ

Church Cleaning 1st Feb Judith Deloso, Adrian Walker, Andrew Fedrigo, Cicilia Hoo

Welcomers Vigil Mary Bonnici, John Jordan, Ram Ugre
8am Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEER, Joyce Hillbrick
9.30am Artelle Lenthall, Maria Michael,
VOLUNTEER

JANUARY 2020		
23	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
23	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
26	Australia Day	
28	School Resumes	
29	Music Liturgy Meeting	7.30pm
FEBRUARY		
1	Men's Group Meeting	

LEGION OF MARY: Meeting Thursday 23rd January 2020 1.30pm. All welcome.

LOURDES OVER 50S
Next meeting Thursday 13th February 2020



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

Parish Priest: Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran
Pastoral Care of the Sick: Bathista Emmanuel 0405833655
Parish Office Team: Mrs Erika Hien, Alison Issanchon
Kim Dang, Sarah Lenthall
Parish Office Email: secretary@olol7hills.org.au
Sacrament Co-Ordinator: Mrs Artelle Lenthall
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
Postal address: PO Box 944, Seven Hills 1730

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 19 January 2020

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

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am

PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE Monday & Saturday 8am

RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30pm-5.30pm

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

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK
1st Thursday of the month at 8am. **6th February 2020**

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 18th March 2020 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
Friday 7 February 2020 7.00 pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS Sunday
1st Reading : Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
2nd Reading : 1 Cor.1:1-3
Gospel : John 1:29-34

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

READINGS
26/1/2020
Australia Day
1st Reading : Isaiah 8:23-9:3
2nd Reading : 1 Cor.1:10-13, 17;
Gospel : Matthew 14 ;12-23

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light. I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty and ever-living God, who governs all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace & Rommel Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Debra Price, Rose & Tony Stambouliah, Josette Sultana, Denis Symon, Sue Tiplado.

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: Neville J Byrnes, Maureen Thelma Carter, John D'Silva, Shanti Fernando, Bhanu Padmasiri, Jim Vella Lucille Alexandrine Wilson.

Anniversaries: Sashin Patrick, Lilly Abraham, Fredy Alphonse, France Anseesing, John Azzopardi, John Bonello, Rosario Cabasa, Dennis Clarke, Ivan Elisher, MA Fernando, Benjamin Gonzales Jnr, Mary & George Joseph, Anton Motha, Stephen & Louis Anton & Paul Mula, Teresa Bui Thi Muoi, Fr Bill O'Connor, Elizabeth Pinter, Rosalina Pollicina, Makalita Kiliaitina Pongi, Gena, Albert, Abet & Felini Randall, Roseline Ratnam, Jose & Laureano Reyes, Sylvia (Abbott) Walker, Elena Zoratto Cini & Mangiong Families.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul & Josephine Borg, Paul & Simon Cyril, Sinfarosa Dias, Bonosa Enfesto, VA Francis, Roderick Garcia, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, William & Emilia Mifsud, Lourda Motha, Louis Mula, Felix, Adriana, Josephine, Charles, Mary & Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Vlado Petrunic, Rosaline Ratnam, Amalia & Dominga Usman.

PRAYER FOR DEVOTION TO THE HOLY NAME

Oh Jesus, grant to me and those I love, as well as to all the faithful the grace of eternal salvation through your holy name. Bestow on us a most ardent love for you that will imprint your sacred name upon our hearts. May it be always in our minds and frequently on our lips, that it may be our defence in temptation, our refuge in danger, and our consolation and support in the hour of death, Amen.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 1617.00
Loose \$ 761.00
TOTAL \$ 2378.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



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.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

Growth in maturity

Growing older means preserving and cherishing the most precious things about our youth, but it also involves having to purify those things that are not good and receiving new gifts from God so we can develop the things that really matter. At times, a certain inferiority complex can make you overlook your flaws and weaknesses, but that can hold you back from growth in maturity. Instead, let yourself be loved by God, for he loves you just as you are. He values and respects you, but he also keeps offering you more: more of his friendship, more fervour in prayer, more hunger for his word, more longing to receive Christ in the Eucharist, more desire to live by his Gospel, more inner strength, more peace and spiritual joy.

But I would also remind you that you won't become holy and find fulfilment by copying others. Imitating the Saints does not mean copying their lifestyle and their way of living holiness: "There are some testimonies that may prove helpful and inspiring, but that we are not meant to copy, for that could even lead us astray from the one specific path that the Lord has in mind for us". You have to discover who you are and develop your own way of being holy, whatever others may say or think. Becoming a saint means becoming more fully yourself, becoming what the Lord wished to dream and create, and not a photocopy. Your life ought to be a prophetic stimulus to others and leave a mark on this world, the unique mark that only you can leave. Whereas if you simply copy someone else, you will deprive this earth, and heaven too, of something that no one else can offer. I think of Saint John of the Cross, who wrote in his Spiritual Canticle that everyone should benefit from his spiritual advice "in his or her own way", for the one God wishes to manifest his grace "to some in one way and to others in another".

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



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

No matter who we are in the Church, we all share one thing in common, that all of us started from the starting point of Baptism, our first and most sacrament that cleansed us from the Original sin and has made us members of the Church, the Body of Christ. It is good to keep in mind that the baptism that one of our most little ones received at Seven Hills, in fact, is just as precious as the one of Pope Francis, so we should be proud of it.

When Pope Francis baptized 32 children in Rome last Sunday, he gently reminded the parents to take charge of their growth in the faith, ensuring "that they grow with light, with the strength of the Holy Spirit through catechism, help, instruction and the example you give them at home." The Pope's recall of the role of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Baptism very much echoes John's story of Jesus' Baptism, in which he claims to see the Holy Spirit coming down upon Jesus under the form of a dove, and openly declares himself to be Jesus' witness.

John's declaration here is vitally important for us to keep in mind, because it reminds us of what we are called to do as baptized people, that each of us has the duty to bear witness to the Lamb of God, the One John dutifully prepared his contemporary to welcome.

In other words, we got to remember that we by means of Baptism, are invited to carry on John's mission to make the Lord welcomed in our own lives and also in the ones of others by the way we talk about him, and especially by putting his words into practice.

Let us pray today both for a better appreciation of our own Baptism and for a stronger commitment to fulfil our baptismal call to make Christ present in our witnessing lives.

Have a baptismal-oriented week.

Fr. Henry



PARISH NEWS...



PARISH DIRECTORY 2020

Our annual parish directory is a very useful source of information for anyone new to our parish or for those who are parishioners and would like to stay informed with important information and events. Pick up your copy from one of the doors of the church today!

THANK YOU to ALL PARISHIONERS

Our Lady of Lourdes Conference of the St. Vincent De Paul society wishes to thank all parishioners and the school for their kind donations of Christmas hampers for us to distribute amongst the poor people in our community. In a great show of interfaith co-operation, we have also received many donations from the Seven Hills Ismaili community. Thank you everyone, we are very grateful for your generous contributions.

All of this enabled us to successfully distribute some 68 sizeable hampers throughout our parish and no doubt these hampers made a great difference to many people. I also wish to acknowledge the help given to us by the youth group of this parish who did a stellar job with the distribution of hampers by providing their services and vehicles to accomplish their work with minimum guidance.

We extend our wishes to you all for a great 2020.

God be with you always.

Reno Abela [President OLOL Seven Hills Conference]

A NEW YEAR FOR PRAYER! Come along to the CHRIST COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP to reflect on the Sunday readings and to pray the Rosary every Thursday morning at 9.00am in the Parish Meeting Room. Starting 23rd January. All Welcome!

For more information please call Olivia Cortis 0423890978

FAMILY ROSARY— STATUE OF MARY

Families taking the Statue of Mary for Family Rosary—please return the statue on time for the next Family on the roster. Thank you.



Music Liturgy Meeting –Wednesday 29th January 7:30pm

We ask that at least one member of each of the music group to attend please.

NEW Ministry Rosters for 2020 –Please disregard the first version and use the NEW roster recently sent out.

(6TH January) Sorry for any confusion caused. For those who do not have access to on-line, there are a few copies at the back of the church. Thank you, everyone, for your patience and generosity, as we become familiar with the parish rostering system. Our parish is very blessed by your very generous ministry time. Happy new year wishes from the Parish Office.

ALTAR SERVER ROBES: 40 Altar server robes need to be washed and ironed. This weekend volunteers are needed to take one or more robes home and return them to the Church by the following weekend. The robes are located in the cupboards in the back sacristy where the servers get dressed. Your help in this annual washing is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

CAN YOU HELP? We are in need of volunteers to assist with Morning Tea after the 9.30am Mass. March 29th, May 31st, August 30th, & Nov 29th. If you can help please contact the Parish Office 96222920 / secretary@lol7hills.org.au

OUR PARISH 'TAP AND GO' SYSTEM

It has been a normal and popular practice in various parishes in our Parramatta Diocese and other ones in the country to have the TAP & GO system in place, known under different names in different churches. Anyway, whatever it is called, it mainly means to upgrade the way we make donations to the parish far easier, especially for those, who haven't yet joined our Enveloped Program.

We are thinking of installing the system shortly with a five dollars limit at two different locations in the church: One at the main entrance, and the other at the side door to carpark. If you have a good suggestion for naming our system, please give our Parish Office a ring, and we are looking forward to hear from you.

DIOCESAN NEWS



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR BUSHFIRE CRISIS

Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australian Catholic Bishops have announced that special collections will be taken at Masses on during the **Australia Day weekend** to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires. To access prayer resources, make a donation or for more information, visit www.parracatholic.org/bushfires

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.

World Day of the Sick Mass: 11 February 2020

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick will be celebrated in the Diocese of Parramatta on Tuesday 11th February 2020, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, at 10.30am at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. The Mass will be an acknowledgment of carers and those for whom they care and will include the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Please RSVP to Marisa VanderHout at the Diocesan Ministry Centre on (02) 8838 3460 or mari-sa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org to assist with seating and catering.

Positions Vacant:

- Volunteers—Mamre Creche—Catholic Care
- Office Manager –Tribunal of the Catholic Church (NSW) ACT) Diocese of Parramatta

Applications Close 3 February.

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment