

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

		4/5 January
Acolytes	Vigil	Lawrence Falzon
	8am 9.30am	Louis Fernandes Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil	James Dinning Louise La Guidara, Chritsine Menezes, Stefanie Menezes, Crystal Menezes, Michael Mifsud
	8.00am	Fennie Balatbat, Lorraine Fernandes
Readers	9.30am	Ian Epondulan, Paul Gow
	Vigil	(Sub Req) Marinela Simic
	8.00am	Andrew Millar Priya Joachim Ryan Epondulan Jeanine Nonato
Altar Servers	9.30am	Caron Cyril, Jesseline Franco, Edwin Grover, Alex La Guidara, Ruby Sultana
	Vigil	Jayda-Leigh Neish, Ethan Neish VOLUNTEER
	8.00am	Chloe Attard, (Sub Req) Larissa Leary, (Sub Req) Jerard Sarmiento
Musicians	9.30am	Fr. Henry Grace Notes Fr Henry
	Vigil	School Term ONLY
Children's Rosary	8am 9.30am	Menezes Family 39 Winnipeg St Seven Hills
	Liturgy	Fenty & Mimi
Flowers		
Bookshop	Vigil	VOLUNTEERS
	8am 9.30am	
Morning Tea	9.30am	Young Adults Group
Church Cleaning		Elodia Colussi, Cathy Hutchings, Elizabeth Mead, Melvyn Fernandes, Carol Haydon
	Vigil	Judith Deloso, Ram Ugre VOLUNTEER
Welcomers	8am	Joyce Hillbick, Rita Paolini, Karen Eleazar
	9.30am	Artelle Lethall, Lena Falzon, maria Micheal

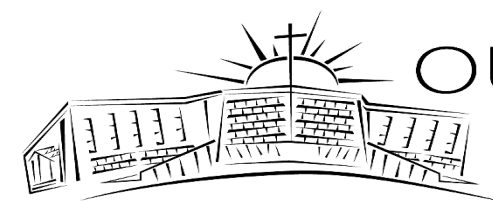
		11/12 January
Acolytes	Vigil	John Jordan
	8am 9.30am	Lawrence Falzon Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil	Kathy Hutchings, Charmain Jansz
	8.00am	Lorrain Fernandes, Edith Gartner, Ernie Gartner, Winnie Marcello, Anne McNally, Bob McNally
Readers	9.30am	Anna Bellissimo, VOLUNTEER
	Vigil	Stefanie Menezes, Jemma Sarmiento
Altar Servers	8.00am	Maricel Santos, Andrew Millar
	9.30am	Laura Bellissimo, Mercy Aquino
Musicians	Vigil	Erika Naing, Jaylen Naing, Riley Naing
	8.00am	Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello, Karuniya Maruthanayagam
Children's Rosary	9.30am	Sarah Lenthall, Rachel Lobo, Rynan Michael, Ashley-Louise Tenn, Daniel Tenn
	Vigil	Magnificat
Flowers	8am 9.30am	Fr Henry Fr Henry
	Liturgy	School Term ONLY
Bookshop		Soares Family 33 Pretoria Rd, Seven Hills
	Vigil	Lucinda & Orlindo
Morning Tea	8am 9.30am	Marinela Edith Fenty Saputra
		Malayalee Comunity
Church Cleaning	9.30am	Helen Gonzales, John Mitchell, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Johnson Rozario, Maricel Santos
	Vigil	Judith Deloso, Annette Peatman, David Christian
Welcomers	8am	Benno Motha, Rita Paolini, Erika Hien
	9.30am	Artelle Lenthall, Lena Falzon, Maria Michael

JANUARY 2020		
9	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
12	The Baptism of the Lord	
15	Baptismal Preparation	7.30pm
23	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
26	Australia Day	
28	School Resumes	



**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)

**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!



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

*"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."*

**Parish Priest:** Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran  
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**Catechist Coordinator:** Mr Bob McNally 96241015

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**Principal:** Ms Keiran Byrnes  
**Parish Church:** 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147  
**Postal address:** PO Box 944, Seven Hills 1730

## The Epiphany of the Lord Year A 5th January 2020



<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. <b>6th February 2020</b>
<b>WEEKDAY MASS</b>	Tues - Friday 8am	<b>BAPTISMAL PREPARATION</b> 15th January 2020 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>RECONCILIATION</b>	Saturday 4.30pm-5.30pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes</b> Every Friday after 8am Mass until 9am
<b>Church Open Monday-Friday</b>	8.30am-3pm (for prayer and reflection)	<b>Exposition, Divine Mercy &amp; Mass</b> Friday 7 February 2020 7.00 pm

*A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses*

<b>READINGS</b>	1st Reading : Isaiah 60:1-6 <b>This Sunday</b> 2nd Reading : Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6 Gospel : Matthew 2:1-12	The glory of the Lord shines upon you. The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body. We have come from the East to worship the king
<b>READINGS</b>	1st Reading : Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 12/1/2020 2nd Reading : Acts 10:34-38 Gospel : Matthew 3:13-17	Here is my servant my chosen one in whom I am well pleased. God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power. When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**OPENING PRAYER:** O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

**RESPONSE TO PSALM:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.





### 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, 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: Neville J Byrnes, Maureen Thelma Carter, John D'Silva, Shanti Fernando, Lucille Alexandrine Wilson.

Anniversaries: Lilly Abraham, France Angseesing, John Azzopardi, John Bonello, Dennis Clarke, Marcel & Max Diab, Tony, Debe & Bede Diab, Ivan Elisher, John Falzon, Maria & Emmanuel Farrugia, MA Fernando, Jose Font, Mary & George Joseph, Irene Moroney, Thelma Morrissey, Anton Motha, Stephen & Louis Anton & Paul Mula, Teresa Bui Thi Muoi, Aurora Nonato, Fr Bill O'Connor, Elizabeth Pinter, Rosalina-Paolo, Veronica Pombart, Makalita Kiliaitina Pongi, Gena, Albert, Abet & Felini Randall, Roseline Ratnam, Jose & Laureano Reyes, RJ Rosares, Santan & Pauline Soares, Sylvia (Abbott) Walker.

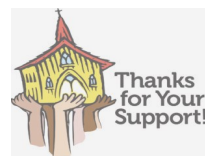
Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul & Simon Cyril, VA Francis, Teodoro Garcia, Roderick Garcia, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, William & Emilia Mifsud, Lourda Motha, Louis Mula, Felix, Adriana, Josephine, Charles, Mary & Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Vlado Petrunic, Natalia & Felicisimo Prahinoq, Amalia & Dominga Usman.

### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Oh God, by the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary, you bestowed upon the human race the rewards of eternal salvation; grant we beg you, that we may feel the power of her intercession, through whom we have been made worthy to receive the Author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you, forever and ever. Amen.

### MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 1455.50  
Loose \$ 567.00  
TOTAL \$ 2012.50  
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

#### CHAPTER FIVE

#### In friendship with Christ (continued)

With a friend, we can speak and share our deepest secrets. With Jesus too, we can always have a conversation. Prayer is both a challenge and an adventure. And what an adventure it is! Gradually Jesus makes us appreciate his grandeur and draw nearer to him. Prayer enables us to share with him every aspect of our lives and to rest confidently in his embrace. At the same time, it gives us a share in his own life and love. When we pray, "we open everything we do" to him, and we give him room "so that he can act, enter and claim victory".

In this way, we can experience a constant closeness to him, greater than anything we can experience with another person: "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20). Do not deprive your youth of this friendship. You will be able to feel him at your side not only when you pray, but at every moment. Try to look for him, and you will have the beautiful experience of seeing that he is always at your side. That is what the disciples of Emmaus experienced when, as they walked along dejectedly, Jesus "drew near and walked with them" (Lk 24:15). In the words of a saint, "Christianity is not a collection of truths to be believed, rules to be followed, or prohibitions. Seen that way, it puts us off. Christianity is a person who loved me immensely, who demands and claims my love. Christianity is Christ".

Jesus can bring all the young people of the Church together in a single dream, "a great dream, a dream with a place for everyone. The dream for which Jesus gave his life on the cross, for which the Holy Spirit was poured out on the day of Pentecost and brought fire to the heart of every man and woman, to your heart and mine. To your heart too, he brought that fire, in the hope of finding room for it to grow and flourish. A dream whose name is Jesus, planted by the Father in the confidence that it would grow and live in every heart. A concrete dream who is a person, running through our veins, thrilling our hearts and making them dance".

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



### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

For two weeks in a row we celebrate two important feasts: the Holy Family and the Epiphany, which feature two Gospel texts, completely exclusive to the Gospel of Matthew, meaning that we could find them nowhere else in the entire Bible.

With his narrative today, the writer of the Gospel of Matthew recounts the story of the Wise Men from the East going to Jerusalem and then Bethlehem to pay homage to Jesus, whom they referred to as 'the Infant King of the Jews', a title of Jesus that only re-surfaces once again during his Passion.

Due to Jesus' revelation of himself to those men beyond the Jewish circle, this Gospel story means to send out a much more symbolic message, which is about the revelation of the Son of God to the entire world, whose representatives were the Wise Men from afar, consequently this feast today bears the name Epiphany, which comes from the Greek origin, meaning 'the manifestation.'

Though there is nowhere in Matthew Gospel telling us exactly how many Wise Men did come to see Jesus, people tend to think there were three of them together, based on the three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh they brought along with them. The same story happens to their names as well, since the writer of the Gospel failed to reveal their names. They have been known as Melchior, Caspar and Balthasar thanks to a post-scriptural tradition.



From a historical perspective, we have to say that this feast was not part of the calendar the Western Church. It was actually started in the Eastern Church and celebrated on 6 January. Then it was introduced to the Church in Gaul by the fifth century, and has gradually developed into what we celebrate today, the Sunday following the feast of the Holy Family.

As we celebrate this highly symbolic feast today, let us call to mind the universal dimension of Jesus' saving ministry, meaning that he came to save the whole human family, not just one particular group of people, and let us give praise and thank to Him for such an inclusive mission, consequently we are privileged to become sharers of his grace and gift of eternal life. Pray that we each may be able to treasure wholeheartedly such a precious privilege by means of our Baptism.

Have a New Year filled with the grace of the Infant King. Fr. Henry



### PARISH NEWS...

#### NEW YEAR GREETING

As we celebrate the first Sunday of 2020, I would like to say Happy New Year to each and every one in the parish. May the Lord bless you all and keep you always pleasing to him throughout the year. Let's pray that together we shall make 2020 a special time for the Lord.



#### CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

A big word of thanks to all our church ministers, helpers and volunteers for their generous commitments and hard works to make both our church and liturgies spot on throughout the season and Advent and Christmas. On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for keeping me on your prayer throughout the season, especially those who spoil me with Christmas cards and presents.

#### Parish Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year. During January, the office hours will be reduced due to the holiday period. If you require assistance, please call 9622 2920 and leave a voicemail message if no one is in the office. These messages are checked daily and we will endeavour to assist you as soon as possible. Thank You.

LEGION OF MARY: Meetings will recommence Thursday 9th January 2020 1.30pm. All welcome.



### BREAK OUT INTO SONG

What a wonderful JOY it is to offer PRAISE TO GOD in SONG.

Singers needed to join 9.30am group on the third Sunday of the month.

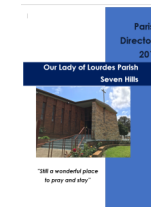
Please offer yourselves to this wonderful ministry by phoning Chris Woodward on 0411 882 295

CHRIST COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP will recommence 9am Thursday January 23rd. 2020

#### LOURDES OVER 50S

Next meeting Thursday 13th February 2020

Parish Directory 2020 — COMING SOON !



### DIOCESAN NEWS

CatholicOutlook Catholic Outlook is back! Pick up your FREE copy Now!

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook is back. Catholic Outlook which will be published quarterly as an A4 magazine with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta. Available now at the entrances to church.

#### 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](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au).

St Bernadette's Lalor Park is hosting weekly devotions to Mary Immaculate and ST Bernadette and Adoration of the Blessed Sacraments every Wednesday evening at 7pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. For more information, contact the parish office on 9672 4037 or [admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au)

#### GIRLS' FAITH & FUN DAY : A BRAND NEW BEGINNING

For girls aged 9-14  
Monday 27 January 2020 10.30am-3.30pm  
Home of Light (Valley) 230 Fairlight Road  
Mulgoa NSW 2745  
Inquiries & contact:  
Sr M Luka Juenemann  
0439 537 843 / [srmluka@schoennstatt.org.au](mailto:srmluka@schoennstatt.org.au)

Cost \$15.00 (Includes food and material)  
RSVP Tuesday 21 January 2020. Registration required  
Please pay at registration or by direct deposit  
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Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary.