

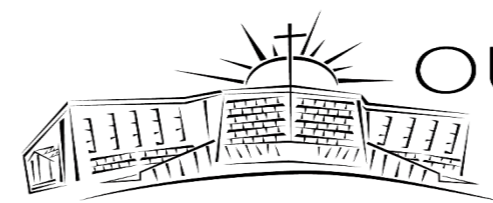
Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass.

1/2 February		
Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Abel Do Rosario Terry Jordan (Noel Emmanuel-Swap request)
Ministers	Vigil	James Dinnin, Louise La Guidara Christine Menezes Benno Motha, Jemma Sarmiento Marinela Simic
	8.00am	Winnie Marcello, Maricel Santos
	9.30am	Jeanine Nonanto, Erika Hien
Readers	Vigil	Stefanie Menezes, Crystal Menezes
	8.00am	Marciel Santos, Bob McNally
	9.30am	Jeanine Nonato, Michael, Ian Epondulan
Altar Servers	Vigil	Shaun Baptist, Chrisha Gonzales, Alex La Guidara, Caitlyn Rambukwella, Ruby Sultana
	8.00am	Jayden Cortis, Zachary Osborne, Thomas Osborne
	9.30am	Victor Da, Erica Da, Larissa Leary Ashely-Louise Tenn, (D.Tenn -Swap Req)
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Youth For Christ Grace Notes Christine Clarke
Children's	Liturgy	(16th February)
Rosary		HuiHui Family 69 Seven Hills Rd, Seven Hills
Flowers		Fenty & Mimi
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Volunteer Suzy Nemorin Edmund
Morning Tea	9.30am	Tongan Choir
Church Cleaning	5th Feb	Judith Deloso, Adrian Walker, Andrew Fedrigo, Cicilia Hoo
Welcomers	Vigil	John Jordon, Helen Gonzales, Judith Deloso
	8am	Olivia Cortis, Joyce Hillbrick, Annette Peatman
	9.30am	Lena Falzon, Maria Michael, Ernie Gartner

8/9 February		
	Vigil	David Christian
Acolytes	8am	Louis Fernandes
	9.30am	Kilifi Huihui
	Vigil	Edith Gartner, Ernie Gartner
Ministers	8am	Fennie Baltbat, James Dinning, Lorraine Fernandes, Erika Hien, Priya Joachim, Anne McNally
	9.30am	Barbara Chandler, Eugene Miu
	Vigil	Marinela Simic, Alison Punch
Readers	8am	Pepito Ferriols, Andrew Millar
	9.30am	Kamela Huihui, Rob Simpson
	Vigil	Erika Naing, Jaylen Naing, Riley Naing
Altar Servers	8am	Karyniya Maruthanayagam, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish
	9.30am	Crystal Miretta, Jerard Sarmiento, Alexandra Simpson, Florenca Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy
Musicians	Vigil	Magnificat
	8am	Fr Henry
	9.30am	Tongan Group
Children's	Liturgy	16th February
Rosary	9th Feb	Jordan Family 21A Abigail St Seven Hills
Flowers		Lucinda & Orinda
	Vigil	Marinela
Bookshop	8am	Edith
	9.30am	Fenty Saputra
Morning Tea	9.30am	Florida & Friends
Church cleaning	13th Feb	Chuck & Karen Baquial, Albert & Stella Lobo
	Vigil	Judith Deloso, Mariane Descombes, Ram Ugre
Welcomers	8am	Benno Motha, Rita Paolini, Annette Peatman
	9.30am	Artelle Lenthall, David Christian, Adrian Walker

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. All Welcome!

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@olol7hills.org.au



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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Postal address: PO Box 944, Seven Hills 1730

The Presentation of the Lord Year A • 2 February 2020 •

WEEKEND MASS	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9.30am	HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK 1st Thursday of the month at 8am. 6th February 2020
WEEKDAY MASS	Tues - Friday 8am	BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 18th March 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 7 February 2020 7.00 pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS 02/02/2020	1st Reading : Malachi 3:1-4 2nd Reading : Hebrews 2:14-18 Gospel : Luke 2:22-40	The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.ht. He had to be made like us in all things. My eyes have seen your saving power
READINGS 09/02/2020 Presentation Of the Lord	1st Reading : Isaiah 58:7-10 2nd Reading : 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel : Matthew 5:13-16	Your light will shine like the dawn. I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified. You are the light of the world.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Your merciful love, O God, we received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

OPENING PRAYER: *Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, may we be presented to you with minds made pure. 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: *Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.*

FEBRUARY 2020		
6	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
6	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
2	Four2Eight	10.45am
3	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
6	Healing Mass	8.00am
9	Parish Feast Day	
12	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm
13	Lourdes Over 50's	10.30am-1.00pm

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, 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 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: Benito Albace, Neville J Byrnes, Shanti Fernando, Larry O'Connell, Bhanu Padmasiri, Martin Rego, Jim Vella, Lucille Alexandrine Wilson.

Anniversaries: Paula Mula, Fredy Alphonse, John Bonello, Brian Brooks, Rosario Cabasa, Mangiong Family, Elizabeth Caruana, Cini Family, Emilia Coscurelli, Sinfarosa Dias, MA Fernando, Josephine Gomez, Rosary Silva, Mary & George Joseph, Anton & Paul Mula, Teresa Bui Thi Muoi, Joshep Ng, Sashin Patrick, Sheela & Franklin, Elena Zoratto.

Remembrance: Stephen & Louis Mula, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul & Josephine Borg, Cecilia Ceccatini, Paul & Simon Cyril, Sinfarosa Dias, Bonosa Enfesto, Roderick Garcia, Sharon & John Lawrence, Rosa Mancina, Pauline Meilak, Joe & Anne Menezes, Lourda Motha, Mary & Muscat Family, Giustino Paludi, Nina & Vincenzo Paolini, Felix, Adriana, Josephine, Charles, Mary Muscat, Lakshman Perera, VA Francis, Vlado Petrunic, Roseline Ratnam, Amalia & Dominga Usman, Joy Vella.

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 \$ 1679.95
Loose \$ 528.00
TOTAL \$ 2207.95
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 Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, 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

Young and committed

At times, seeing a world so full of violence and selfishness, young people can be tempted to withdraw into small groups, shunning the challenges and issues posed by life in society and in the larger world. They may feel that they are experiencing fraternity and love, but their small group may in fact become nothing other than an extension of their own ego. This is even more serious if they think of the lay vocation simply as a form of service inside the Church: serving as lectors, acolytes, catechists, and so forth. They forget that the lay vocation is directed above all to charity within the family and to social and political charity. It is a concrete and faith-based commitment to the building of a new society. It involves living in the midst of society and the world in order to bring the Gospel everywhere, to work for the growth of peace, harmony, justice, human rights and mercy, and thus for the extension of God's kingdom in this world.

I ask young people to go beyond their small groups and to build "social friendship, where everyone works for the common good. Social enmity, on the other hand, is destructive. Families are destroyed by enmity. Countries are destroyed by enmity. The world is destroyed by enmity. And the greatest enmity of all is war. Today we see that the world is destroying itself by war... So find ways of building social friendship". It is not easy, it always means having to give something up and to negotiate, but if we do it for the sake of helping others, we can have the magnificent experience of setting our differences aside and working together for something greater. If, as a result of our own simple and at times costly efforts, we can find points of agreement amid conflict, build bridges and make peace for the benefit of all, then we will experience the miracle of the culture of encounter. This is something which young people can dare to pursue with passion.

The Synod recognized that "albeit in a different way from earlier generations, social commitment is a specific feature of today's young people. Alongside some who are indifferent, there are many others who are ready to commit themselves to initiatives of volunteer work, active citizenship and social solidarity. They need to be accompanied and encouraged to use their talents and skills creatively, and to be encouraged to take up their responsibilities. Social engagement and direct contact with the poor remain fundamental ways of finding or deepening one's faith and the discernment of one's vocation... It was also noted that the young are prepared to enter political life so as to build the common good".

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

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

In Jesus' time, Jewish people really treasured the oral traditions, a set of 613 clauses meant to interpret all Moses laws, which covered all parts of their everyday lives, everything from what foods could be consumed to what sort of sacrifice would be acceptable to God, and today the writer of Luke's Gospel introduces us to two particular liturgical celebrations found in such oral traditions that all Jewish people were expected to, namely the Purification and the Presentation.

The Purification was traditionally a must for those who became unclean due to their contacts with impure objects or people. For instance, Jewish women were required to undergo a ritual bath monthly to help purify them, and after a childbirth, each woman was also expected to offer a one year-old lamb and a pair of pigeons or turtledoves for her purification, or even just a few birds if she was



really poor. This helps to explain the offerings that Mary and Joseph brought to the temple of Jerusalem for the occasion today.

Apart from the Purification, the rite of Presentation was obligatory to all the boys in Israel and had the origin from the event in which the first born Egyptian male in each family was eliminated at night as the ultimate way to put pressure on Pharaoh to free all the Israelites from slavery and get out of his land, while the sons of the Israelites were kept safe from such a catastrophe. From then on, Jewish people came to the belief that their first born sons belonged to God (cf. Exo 13.11-16), and hence 'ransomed' them back with an offering of five shekels (coins), and these two traditions were faithfully observed by Joseph and Mary as we see unfolded in Gospel's story for the feast of the Lord's Presentation today.

What particularly impressive in Luke's Gospel passage today is about Simeon's extraordinary words praising Jesus as the light to enlighten the pagans, a favourite title Jesus often referred to himself throughout his public ministry, the one we had the chance to talk about in the last two Sunday, and as Jesus' followers, we are asked to bear witness to Jesus by making his light shine through every word we say and every deed we do.

Let us pray today for the grace to help sustain us in our mission to reflect the light of Jesus in our everyday lives
Have a faith-filled week.
Fr. Henry



PARISH NEWS...



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, PARISH FEAST DAY

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, our Parish feast day is approaching, and this year we are going to celebrate it on Sunday 9 February at our 9.30am Mass. Please bring along a plate for a special Morning Tea after Mass.

TODAY

four2Eight

■ Junior Youth Group for kids from year 4 – year 8 ■
Get together with friends from the parish for an hour of faith formation and Fun!!
First Sunday of every month,
After the 9:30am Youth Mass. 10:45-12pm)
In the Parish Meeting room



TAI CHI & QIGONG for health and well being is back for 2020

Wednesday 10:30-11.30am in the Parish Meeting

Mens' Breakfast - All men of the parish are invited to join us. This year we'll be meeting on the first Saturday of April, June, August, October and December. Looking forward to catching up with old and new faces. Enquiries: Adrian 0408 649 327

YEAR OF THE RAT

On this joyful occasion of the Lunar New Year of the Rat, I would like to wish everyone a New Year full of joy and happiness. May the Lord always bless you all and keep you ever proud and faithful disciples of his .

DIOCESAN NEWS



Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich...

All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](#) will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine.

Look at www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email palms@palms.org.au

Pastoral Planning Alpha Team Training Workshop: 9 February

The Pastoral Planning Office is running a training day in the Alpha Catholic program at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown, Sunday 9 February, 9.30am – 4.30pm. The workshop will look at where Alpha fits in the faith formation process in a Parish. To register, and for more information, please contact Lisa in the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3497 or lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

Australian Church Bushfire Appeal THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all our parishioners for your generous support to the Bush Fires appeal last week. We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis.

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 marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org to assist with seating and catering.

Shaping the Future of the Catholic Church Symposium: 4 March

The Implementation Advisory Group (established by ACBC and Catholic Religious Australia) are hosting a symposium on 'Shaping the Future of the Catholic Church' with three international experts on Wednesday 4 March from 1pm to 5pm. The experts will address numerous topics including the Ecclesiology of Vatican II; Theology and the Sexual Abuse Crisis; and Participative Engagement and Structures in a Missionary and Synodal Church. RSVP, tickets and event details can be found at <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=584298&>.

Catholic Mission Camino 2020 Pilgrimages

Catholic Mission is organising two pilgrimages to walk the Camino Portugués (17 days) from 11 to 27 May 2020 and the Camino Francés (16 days) from 19 September to 5 October. Each pilgrimage will offer small groups lead by an experience guide. For more information, please contact Sr Veronica Rosier OP on 0451 387 906 or visit www.catholicmission.org.au/camino2020.