

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

11/12 January

Acolytes Vigil 8am SUB REQ
9.30am Ernie Gartner
Kilifi Huihui

Ministers Vigil
8.00am Charmain Jansz, SUB REQ
Lorrain Fernandes, Louise Fernandes,
Edith Gartner, Winnie Marcello, Anne
McNally, Maricel Santos
9.30am Anna Bellissimo, Kamela Huihui

Readers Vigil
8.00am Mariane Descombes, Catherine Rodrigues
Benno Motha, Bob McNally
9.30am Laura Bellissimo, Jeanine Nonato
Alexander Bateman-Paul

Altar Servers Vigil
8.00am Noah Ebb
Jayden Rambukwella
8.00am Karuniya Maruthanayagam
Thomas Osborne
Zachary Osborne
9.30am Jerard Sarmiento
Ashley-Louise Tenn
Daniel Tenn
Florencia Wanandy
Gabrielle Wanandy

Musicians Vigil 8am Magnificat
9.30am Fr Henry
Fr Henry

Children's Rosary Liturgy School Term ONLY
Soares Family
33 Pretoria Rd, Seven Hills

Flowers Lucinda & Orlindo

Bookshop Vigil 8am Marinela
9.30am Edith
Fenty Saputra

Morning Tea 9.30am VOLUNTEER

Church Cleaning 18th Jan Helen Gonzales, John Mitchell, Novelo
Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Johnson Rozario,
Maricel Santos

Welcomers Vigil
8am Judith Deloso, Annette Peatman, David
Christian
Benno Motha, Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEER
9.30am Artelle Lenthall, Lena Falzon, Maria
Michael

18/19 January

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

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

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

Altar Servers Vigil
8.00am Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello,
VOLUNTEER
9.30am Carl Gallema
Marc Gallema
Rachel Lobo
Crystal Miretta
Umesh Samara-Sekera

Musicians Vigil 8am Dianne
9.30am Fr Henry
Folk Group

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

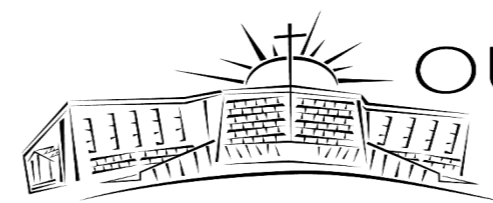
Flowers Fennie & Angela

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



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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Kim Dang, Sarah Lenthall
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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 Baptism of the Lord Year A—12th 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 15th January 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 42;1-4, 6-7
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.

READINGS 19/1/2020 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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty and ever-living God, who when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. 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 will bless his people with peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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

JANUARY 2020		
12	The Baptism of the Lord	
15	Baptismal Preparation	7.30pm
16	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
23	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
26	Australia Day	
28	School Resumes	
29	Music Liturgy Meeting	7.30pm
FEBRUARY		
1	Men's Group Meeting	

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, 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, Jim Vella

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, Rosario Cabasa, Benjamin Gonzales Jnr.

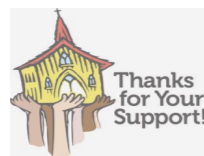
Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul & Simon Cyril, VA Francis, Teodoro Garcia, Roderick Garcia, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, William & Emilia Mifsud, Lourda Motha, Louis Mula, Felix, Adriana, Josephine, Charles, Mary & Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Vlado Petrunic, Natalia & Felicisimo 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 \$ 1857.00
Loose \$ 556.00
TOTAL \$ 2413.00
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

Many young people are concerned about their bodies, trying to build up physical strength or improve their appearance. Others work to develop their talents and knowledge, so as to feel more sure of themselves. Some aim higher, seeking to become more involved and to grow spiritually. Saint John said: "I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you" (1 Jn 2:14). Seeking the Lord, keeping his word, entrusting our life to him and growing in the virtues: all these things make young hearts strong. That is why you need to stay connected to Jesus, to "remain online" with him, since you will not grow happy and holy by your own efforts and intelligence alone. Just as you try not to lose your connection to the internet, make sure that you stay connected to the Lord. That means not cutting off dialogue, listening to him, sharing your life with him and, whenever you aren't sure what you should do, asking him: "Jesus, what would you do in my place?".

I hope that you will be serious enough about yourselves to make an effort to grow spiritually. Along with all the other exciting things about youth, there is also the beauty of seeking "righteousness, faith, love and peace" (2 Tim 2:22). This does not involve losing anything of your spontaneity, boldness, enthusiasm and tenderness. Becoming an adult does not mean you have to abandon what is best about this stage of your lives. If you do, the Lord may one day reproach you: "I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, and how you followed me in the wilderness" (Jer 2:2).

Adults, too, have to mature without losing the values of youth. Every stage of life is a permanent grace, with its own enduring value. The experience of a youth well lived always remains in our heart. It continues to grow and bear fruit throughout adulthood. Young people are naturally attracted by an infinite horizon opening up before them. Adult life, with its securities and comforts, can risk shrinking that horizon and losing that youthful excitement. The very opposite should happen: as we mature, grow older and structure our lives, we should never lose that enthusiasm and openness to an ever greater reality. At every moment in life, we can renew our youthfulness. When I began my ministry as Pope, the Lord broadened my horizons and granted me renewed youth. The same thing can happen to a couple married for many years, or to a monk in his monastery. There are things we need to "let go of" as the years pass, but growth in maturity can coexist with a fire constantly rekindled, with a heart ever young.

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



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

My sister had her first child in 2012 right on the feast of the Immaculate of Mary, and was thrilled to be given such a blessing, since it is absolutely handy to celebrate both the feast and the child's birthday on the same day, and she named her child Therese, after St Therese of the Child Jesus, her most favorite saint.



I remember when we welcomed her home with the newest member of the clan, my sister was kind of religiously took little tiny Therese around the house and even out to the backyard to show her the place, as if my infant niece could understand everything her mother said to her then. Anyway, it was very touching to see my sister had done it to the child, despite her physical exhaustion.

I can't help recall this family story of mine as I reflect upon the feast of the Lord's Baptism this Sunday, especially upon the Gospel text, painting the magnificent scene of the baptism with Jesus' emergence from the river of Jordan, the descent of the

Holy Spirit, and the proud solemn words of the Father to formally introduce Jesus to the world below as his beloved and favored Son.

Through his solemn introduction of Jesus, God the Almighty appears to send this message to all of people on earth, that he expects all its citizens to take his Son seriously and welcome Him appropriately.

From a personal perspective, this feast also reminds each of us of our own baptism, the sacramental moment, which radically transformed each of us into God's childhood, a stepping stone to lead us deeper and deeper into God's house of grace and eventually a share of eternity. This, in fact, is a privilege far beyond our worth and imagination.

As we celebrate this feast day today, let us pray that we may be able to please God through our efforts to make Jesus' message both dwell in our hearts and bear fruits in abundance.

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!



Music Liturgy Meeting –Wednesday 29th 7:30pm

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

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 Office 96222920 / secretary@olol7hills.org.au

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

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

THANK YOU to our Parishioners for your commitment and support within our Parish. If you see a need that needs to be attended to, around the Parish and grounds, we would be grateful if you would bring to our attention by contacting us in the Office. 96222920 / secretary@olol7hills.org.au

LEGION OF MARY: Meeting Thursday 16th January 2020 1.30pm. All welcome.

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

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.

Many Australians need your help today!

Bushfires are currently devastating several communities across Australia. Hundreds of homes have been lost, livelihoods destroyed and tragically, some people have lost their loved ones. Vinnies is on the ground helping people as they deal with the immediate aftermath of fires, and we will continue to be there as they rebuild their lives in the long term.

With your support we can:

- Provide food, clothing, essential items and grocery vouchers for people who have lost everything
 - Pay unexpected bills as people work through the recovery process
 - Make referrals onto a range of other organisations providing crisis accommodation and specialised services
- Give much-needed emotional support, as well as practical assistance to pick up the pieces after homes are lost
- This emergency is unprecedented, and frighteningly, it is forecast to get even worse. Please donate urgently so Vinnies can be there for everyone needing our help.

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>

Maltese Community Council of NSW

Australia Day Celebrations

Sunday 19th January 2020, 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Holroyd Function Centre

17 Miller Street Merrylands NSW

Parking available on site -Light refreshments will be served afterwards

All welcome to join the Maltese community to celebrate Australia Day.



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

Cost \$15.00 (Includes food and materiala)

RSVP Tuesday 21 January 2020. Registration required

Please pay at registration or by direct deposit

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Account 00902961

Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary.

Please include your name as reference