

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

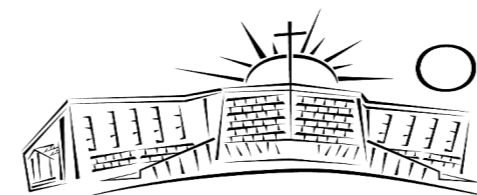
8/9 February	
Acolytes	Vigil: David Christian 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Kilifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: Edith Gartner, Ernie Gartner 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Fennie Baltbat, 9.30am Barbara Chandler, Eugene Miu
Readers	Vigil: Marinela Simic, Alison Punch 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Andrew Millar 9.30am: Kamela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

15/16 February	
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Eugene Miu 9.30am Lilifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: Michael Mifsud, Marinela Simic 8am: Suzy Nemorin, Maricel Santos, 9.30am Maria Michael, Ramzee Michael
Readers	Vigil: Noreen Rosario, Mariane Descombes 8am: Priya Joachim, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Kamela Huihui, Megan Michael
Altar Servers	Vigil: Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello, Makaylah Dalmati 8am: Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg. 9.30am: Eric Da, Victor Da, Mary-Rose Mejalli, Rynan Michael, Dominic Sant
Musicians	Vigil: Deanne 8am: Couples for Christ 9.30am: Folk Group
Children's Liturgy	16 th February Mariquita & Jacinta
Rosary	9 th Feb Menezes Family 75 Grantham Road Seven Hills
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Bookshop	Vigil: Marianne Christian 8am: Shelia 9.30am: Erika
Morning Tea	9.30am Parish Pastoral Council
Church cleaning	22 Feb Helen Gonzales, John Mitchell, Npvelo Paylago, Adrian Pinto, Jphnson Rozario, Maricel Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso, David Christian, Ram Ugre 8am: Joyce Hillbrick, Annette Peatman, VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Artelle Lenthall, Erika Hien, Adrian Walker.

FEBRUARY 2020		
9	Parish Feast Day	
11	Laudato Si Circle	9am
12	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
13	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
13	Lourdes Over 50's	10.30am
13	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
14	School opening Mass	9.15am
16	Sacramental Prog. Enrolment Mass	9.30am
11	Laudato Si Circle	9.00am



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



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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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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A • 9th February 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 6 March 2020 7.00 pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS 09/02/2020
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.

READINGS 16/02/2020
1st Reading : Sirach 15:15-20
2nd Reading : 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel : Matthew 5:17-37

He never commanded anyone to be godless.
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.*

OPENING PRAYER: *Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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: *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.*

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!

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

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&>.



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, Maria V, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace Penlilio, 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: Rosalinda Marcelo, Benito Albace, Neville J Byrnes, Shanti Fernando, Larry O'Connell, Bhanu Padmasiri, Martin Rego, Jim Vella, Lucille Alexandrine Wilson, Emilio Caperal.

Anniversaries: Fredy Alphonse, Brian Brooks, Rosario Cabasa, Elizabeth Caruana, Cini Family, Emilia Coscurelli, Sinfarosa Dias, MA Fernando, Josephine Gomez, Mangiong Family, Paula, Anton & Paul Mula, Joshep Ng, Sashin Patrick, Sheela & Franklin, Rosemary Silva, Helen & John Tanti, Elena Zoratto.

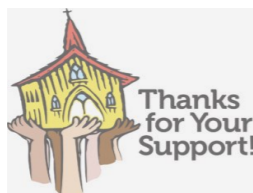
Remembrance: Joe, Spiro, Charlie & Sam Borg, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul & Josephine Borg, Cecilia Ceccatini, Paul & Simon Cyril, Sinfarosa Dias, Bonosa Enfesto, VA Francis, Sharon & John Lawrence, Rosa Mancina, Pauline Meilak, Joe & Anne Menezes,, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary & Muscat Family, Felix, Adriana, Josephine, Charles, Giustino Paludi, Nina & Vincenzo Paolini, Lakshman Perera, 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 \$ 2042.00
Loose \$ 582.00
TOTAL \$ 2624.00
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 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 (continued)

Today, thank God, many young people in parishes, schools, movements and university groups often go out to spend time with the elderly and the infirm, or to visit poor neighbourhoods, or to meet people's needs through "nights of charity". Very often, they come to realize that there they receive much more than what they give. We grow in wisdom and maturity when we take the time to touch the suffering of others. The poor have a hidden wisdom and, with a few simple words, they can help us discover unexpected values.

Other young people take part in social programmes that build houses for the homeless, or reclaim contaminated areas or offer various kinds of assistance to the needy. It would be helpful if this shared energy could be channelled and organized in a more stable way and with clear goals, so as to be even more effective. University students can apply their knowledge in an interdisciplinary way, together with young people of other churches or religions, in order to propose solutions to social problems.

As in the miracle of Jesus, the bread and the fish provided by young people can multiply (cf. Jn 6:4-13). As in the parable, the small seeds sown by young people can yield a rich harvest (cf. Mt 13:23.31-32). All of this has its living source in the Eucharist, in which our bread and our wine are transformed to grant us eternal life. Young people face immense and difficult challenges. With faith in the risen Lord, they can confront them with creativity and hope, ever ready to be of service, like the servants at the wedding feast, who unknowingly cooperated in Jesus' first miracle. They did nothing more than follow the order of his Mother: "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2:5). Mercy, creativity and hope make life grow.

I want to encourage all of you in this effort, because I know that "your young hearts want to build a better world. I have been following news reports of the many young people throughout the world who have taken to the streets to express the desire for a more just and fraternal society. Young people taking to the streets! The young want to be protagonists of change. Please, do not leave it to others to be protagonists of change. You are the ones who hold the future! Through you, the future enters into the world. I ask you also to be protagonists of this transformation. You are the ones who hold the key to the future! Continue to fight apathy and to offer a Christian response to the social and political troubles emerging in different parts of the world. I ask you to build the future, to work for a better world. Dear young people, please, do not be bystanders in life. Get involved! Jesus was not a bystander. He got involved. Don't stand aloof, but immerse yourselves in the reality of life, as Jesus did". Above all, in one way or another, fight for the common good, serve the poor, be protagonists of the revolution of charity and service, capable of resisting the pathologies of consumerism and superficial individualism.

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

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

In today's world, salt has still remained a key ingredient in all kitchens, despite our doctors' advice to cut it down. It was said that Jewish women in Jesus' time had to wrap rock salt in a clean cloth, and dangle it in a boiling pot of soup. When the soup was ready, they took it out of the pot and saved it for the next time, and the same process was repeated again and again, till the salt lost its flavour and people then threw it on the wet cobblestone walks after a rainstorm to make it less slippery.



Such an image, together with the light was utilised by Jesus in the Gospel this Sunday to promote the example-giving life that he encouraged his disciples to embrace in their mission the bear witness to him in the world.

Like the salt to help preserve our food and make it tasty, and the light to brighten up a household, Jesus' disciples are asked to make their marks in the world by means of their good words and actions, which very much reflect his key teachings, such as charity, mercy, compassion and forgiveness.

As we celebrate our Parish feast day this Sunday, we are called to reflect upon and be inspired by our Lady's generosity to grant blessings upon those who come to her for help, let us pray that we may be able to imitate her example to open our hands to the needy. Let us also pray for the grace and strength to show others around us, that we belong to Christ Jesus through a life of integrity, a life that ever invites to 'share bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor' as the Lord instructed Prophet Isaiah in the first reading.

May Our Lady of Lourdes continue to be our powerful intercessor before Jesus, her Beloved Son. Have a Happy feast Day. Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, PARISH FEAST DAY

We will celebrate our Parish Feast Day this Sunday 9th February at the 9:30am Mass followed by celebrations after Mass. We are inviting parishioners to bring along a dessert to share, for after lunch. Please come along and join celebrating another year of our parish community. Many thanks to our helpers for cooking the BBQ and bringing in the food for our Feast Day celebration.

A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR MINISTERS OF THE CHALICE

Due to the preventative measures we have to take up these days, all ministers who are fostered to help distribute the chalice at Mass are asked to take a break, until a further announcement is available. Please update your rostered times on the Ministry Scheduler Pro website. Sorry for any inconvenience you might have.

LOURDES OVER 50's

Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall next Thursday 13th February. It will start at 10.30 am and finish about 1.00pm. Please bring a plate for shared lunch. Visitors and new members most welcome.

OUR PARISH PRACTICAL STEPS TO PREVENT THE CORONA VIRUS THREATS

As advised by the Church authority, our parish has begun to take these following steps:

- 1/ There is no exchange of peace during Mass,
- 2/ There is no Holy Water available at Church doors,
- 3/ There is no distribution of the Blood of Christ,
- 4/ and there is Communion by hands only.

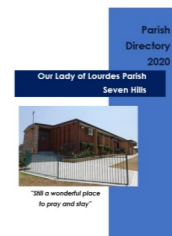
Thank you so much for your understanding and co-operation in our efforts to keep our parish community safe through this very uncertain and difficult time.

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 dollar 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, call our Parish Office or email; secretary@lol7hills.org.au we look forward to hear from you.

COME TO THE HOLY SPIRIT MISSION 2020 here at Seven Hills next weekend Sat.15 Feb (9am – 4pm) and Sun.16 Feb (11am – 5pm). Parishioners are encouraged to attend this weekend led by Bro. Johnson Sequeira. a person of great faith in Jesus and in the power of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus that leads him to a powerful Healing Ministry. For further details see flyers at Church Doors. Children's ministry available



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!



TAI CHI & QIGONG for health and well being is back for 2020 Every Wednesday 10:30-11.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. Cost:\$10.

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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will recommence for 2020 next Sunday 16th February.

It takes place within the 9:30am Sunday Mass (2nd and 3rd 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. We look forward to seeing familiar-and new-faces!



SINGERS needed to join 9.30am choir on the third Sunday of the month. For more information, call Chris Woodward on 0411 882 295



DIOCESAN NEWS

CANCELLED - World Day of the Sick Mass: 11 February 2020 Due to the coronavirus, the World Day of the Sick Mass scheduled for 11 February has been cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.