

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

15/16 February	
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am Lilifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: Michael Mifsud, VOLUNTEER 8am: Suzy Nemorin, Maricel Santos, 9.30am Maria Michael, Ramzee Michael
Readers	Vigil: Noreen Rosario, Mariane Descombes 8am: Priya Joachim, VOLUNTEER 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	16 February Morris Family 45 James Street, Seven Hills
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Bookshop	Vigil: Marianne Christian 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Erika
Morning Tea	9.30am Kamela Huihui & Anna Lopeti
Church cleaning	22 February 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.

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 phone the Parish Office 96222920 /secretary@olol7hills.org.au

POSITIONS VACANT CHURCH CLEANING

Volunteers are needed to help with the church cleaning for one hour on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 8.45 am. Please phone Mary Jordan on 98963711.

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.

22/23 February	
Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Gerard Marcello 9.30am Lawrence Falzon
Ministers	Vigil: Cathy Hutchings, Rosey Soares 8am: Winnie Marcello, Anne McNally 9.30am Barbara Chandler, Dawn Manamperi
Readers	Vigil: Jemma Sarmiento, Catherine Rodrigues 8am: Bob McNally, Priya Joachim 9.30am: Noel Emmanuel, Mercy Aquino
Altar Servers	Vigil: Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Majerin Pieris, Samuel Thoms 8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am: Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment, Riley Ballment, Umesh Samara-Sekera, Matthew Shawcross
Musicians	Vigil: Perry's Angels 8am: Perry's Angels 9.30am: Maria Balatbat
Childrens Liturgy	8th March Von & Alison
Rosary	23 February Falzon Family 2 Wallpark Ave, Seven Hills
Flowers	Priya, Mary B & Annette
Bookshop	Vigil: Greg 8am: Edith 9.30am: Carole
Morning Tea	9.30am Couples for Christ
Church cleaning	26 Feb Sue Abela & Jacinta Warner
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso, John Jordan, VOLUNTEER 8am: Rita Paolini, Joyce Hillbrick, Erika Hien 9.30am: Maria Michael, Lena Falzon, Adrian Walker

FEBRUARY 2020		
16	Sacramental Prog. Enrolment Mass	9.30am
17	St Vincent De Paul	7pm
19	Tai Chi	10.30am
19	Sacramental Prog. Meeting 1	6.30pm
19	Young Adults Group	6-10pm
20	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
20	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
21	Young Adults Group	6-10pm
22	Sacramental Prog. Meeting 1 (Rpt)	4.30pm
26	Ash Wednesday Mass	8.00am 9.15am 7.30pm
28	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm

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.



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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A • 16th 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. **5th March 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 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

READINGS 23/02/2020
1st Reading : Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
2nd Reading : 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Gospel : Matthew 5:38-48

You must love your neighbour as yourself.
All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.
Love your enemies.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name..*

OPENING PRAYER: *O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling 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: *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.*

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, Maria V, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace & Rommel Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Debra Price, Rose 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, Herman Chelliah, Shanti Fernando, Rosalinda Marcelo, Larry O'Connell, Bhanu Padmasiri, Martin Rego, Sem Mangahas Serna, Fung Chok Sze, Jim Vella, John Wallis, Lucille Alexandrine Wilson.

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

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul & Josephine Borg, Charlie and Sam Borg, Cecilia Ceccatini, Paul & Simon Cyril, Bonosa Enfesto, VA Francis, Sharon & John Lawrence, Rosa Mancina, Pauline Meilak, Joe & Anne Menezes, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis, Mary & Muscat Family, Felix, Adriana, Josephine, Charles, Mary & Muscat Family, Giustino Paludi, Nina & Vincenzo Paolini, Lakshman Perera, Roseline Ratnam, Joe Spiro, Amalia & Dominga Usman, Joy Vella, Alison 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 \$ 1889.00
Loose \$ 768.00
TOTAL \$ 2657.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



(Banking Details and Parish projects are on back of bulle-



Our Lady of Lourdes Funeral Notice

A funeral will be held for Herman Chelliah

Wednesday 19th February 10.00am

All Welcome

FROM POPE FRANCIS

Courageous missionaries

Filled with the love of Christ, young people are called to be witnesses of the Gospel wherever they find themselves, by the way they live. Saint Alberto Hurtado once said that "being an apostle does not mean wearing a lapel pin; it is not about speaking about the truth but living it, embodying it, being transformed in Christ. Being an apostle does not mean carrying a torch in hand, possessing the light, but being that light... The Gospel, more than a lesson, is an example. A message that becomes a life fully lived".

The importance of witness does not mean that we should be silent about the word. Why should we not speak of Jesus, why should we not tell others that he gives us strength in life, that we enjoy talking with him, that we benefit from meditating on his words? Young people, do not let the world draw you only into things that are wrong and superficial. Learn to swim against the tide, learn how to share Jesus and the faith he has given you. May you be moved by that same irresistible impulse that led Saint Paul to say: "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel" (1 Cor 9:16)!

"Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us everywhere. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some. It is not only for those who seem closer to us, more receptive, more welcoming. It is for everyone. Do not be afraid to go and bring Christ into every area of life, to the fringes of society, even to those who seem farthest away and most indifferent. The Lord seeks all; he wants everyone to feel the warmth of his mercy and his love". He invites us to be fearless missionaries wherever we are and in whatever company we find ourselves: in our neighbourhoods, in school or sports or social life, in volunteer service or in the workplace. Wherever we are, we always have an opportunity to share the joy of the Gospel. That is how the Lord goes out to meet everyone. He loves you, dear young people, for you are the means by which he can spread his light and hope. He is counting on your courage, your boldness and your enthusiasm.

Don't think that this mission is soft and easy. Some young people have given their lives for the sake of missionary outreach. As the Korean bishops put it: "we hope that we can be grains of wheat and instruments for the salvation of humanity, following upon the example of the martyrs. Though our faith is as small as a mustard seed, God will give it growth and use it as an instrument for his work of salvation". [95] Young friends, don't wait until tomorrow to contribute your energy, your audacity and your creativity to changing our world. Your youth is not an "in-between time". You are the now of God, and he wants you to bear fruit.[96] For "it is in giving that we receive". The best way to prepare a bright future is to experience the present as best we can, with commitment and generosity. [Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, CHRISTUS VIVIT —to the young people and the entire people of God]



Mishnah, a collection of teachings concerning tithes, festivals, marriage, sacrifices, ritual purifications and civil law.

In the Gospel today, Jesus aims to counter the Pharisees' accusation, accordingly he is the enemy of Moses' law by the way he lived and preached. For instance, while the Pharisees maintained that the Mishnah had to be strictly kept at all times, Jesus advocated for a flexible and practical stand allowing people to omit it in extraordinary circumstances.

Jesus, according to Matthew, makes it very clear that his intention is to complete the Law and there is no hidden agenda in his side. Consequently he then promotes a new spirit to encourage the disciples to go deeper than the Pharisees and scribes in dealing with religious laws. He was quite radical in his proposal challenging his followers not to commit murder, but even to get angry, to entertain a lustful look, to divorce someone, or even to swear. All in all, he truly takes Moses' law a step further.

Let us pray today for a better appreciation of Jesus' position towards human traditions and regulations, and ask him to help us rigid, hypocritical and legalistic, and more flexible, genuine and open-minded in the way we live out our faith.

Have a Happy feast Day.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

PARISH FEAST DAY THANK YOU

Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers and parish staff for helping with the setup, cooking the BBQ, bringing in the food, providing entertainment and cleaning up. That was a tremendous celebration despite the wet weather.

ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT As part of our Parish spiritual tradition, we are having our annual retreat on the first Saturday of Lent, we are blessed this year to welcome Fr John Sullivan back to lead us in our retreat on **Saturday 29 February from 9.30am to 3.00pm.**

Everyone is invited to join this very special day. Please put your name down on the clipboard for catering purposes

REPORT FROM OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

In our first Parish Pastoral Council meeting of the year, members of the Council had the opportunity to listen to various reports concerning the Plenary Council 2020, the Over 50s, the Men's group, the Youth ministry, the Finance Committee, and the Silver Jubilee Committee.

With our Youth ministry, we focus on establishing two more Youth group: one for years 4 to 6, and the other for years 7 up to 12, and preparations for the new Altar Servers recruitment are also underway.

Our Finance Committee has been busy with the budget for some maintenance works to take place in and out our Parish Hall, Meeting Room and Parish Office.

The Silver Jubilee Committee has finalised its final step to distribute tickets for Fr Henry's Jubilee Mass and a formal Dinner on Friday 1st May, and there will be a Family celebration at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 3rd May to be followed by outdoor festivities.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

In my second year in the seminary at St Patrick's College, Manly, my classmates and I were asked to write a 1000 words long essay about the Pharisees, and thanks to a rather extensive research through lots of textbooks available in the library I was able to see the subjects with an informed eye less critical and more understanding, though I could find no reason not to support Jesus' charge against them as rigid, hypocritical and legalistic.

The Pharisees actually belonged to a Jewish sect, which was active from the late second century B.C. up to the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. They strictly observed Moses' law, especially the oral tradition known as the

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.

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.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

25 February 7:00pm-8:30pm, 2 March 9:30am-11:00am

T 8869 6800 www.ololshills.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP: Sydney Alliance Northwest Caucus Meeting on Climate Action, 19 February 7-9.30pm OLOL School Hall. All are welcome, we need your voice!

LOURDES YOUNG ADULT GROUP NIGHT, 21 February 6.45-9.30pm OLOL Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome, the young and young of heart.

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

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&>.

You Are Invited to the CENTRAL DEANERY FORUM

This is an important opportunity for parishioners to add further input to the Plenary Council and our Diocese on the future of the Church. Come along to express your key hopes for your parish and discuss the top priorities from all the suggestions made at this forum and help plan our future!

Saturday 7th March 2020.

9.30am for registration, 10am-4pm.

St Andrew the Apostle Parish, 40 Breakfast Rd. Marayong Lunch and drinks provided

RSVP by 22 February:

email cenraldeanery3030@gmail.com