

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

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
Children's 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, Mary Bonnici 8am: Rita Paolini, Joyce Hillbrick, Erika Hien 9.30am: Maria Michael, Lena Falzon, Adrian Walker

**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

**St Patrick's Cathedral Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux Visit: 4 March**

As part of a four month pilgrimage in Australia, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, will visit St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for overnight veneration from 9.30pm on Wednesday March 4. The relics are expected to leave the Cathedral the following day for the Diocese of Broken Bay at 6.15am. Books and various items will be available for purchase.

29 February / 1 March	
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Ian Epondulan
Ministers	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario, Edith Gartner 8am: Lorrain Fernandes, Louis Fernandes 9.30am Paul Gow, Ramzee Michael
Readers	Vigil: Alison Punch, Marinela Simic 8am: Andrew Millar, Pepito Ferriols 9.30am: Ryan Epondulan, Megan Michael
Altar Servers	Vigil: Caron Cyril, Jesseline Franco, Jayden Rambukwella 8am: Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg 9.30am: Makayla Dalmati, Rynan Michael, Jerard Sarmiento
Musicians	Vigil: Perry's Angels 8am: Perry's Angels 9.30am: Maria Balatbat
Childrens Liturgy	15th March Judith, Mariane & David
Rosary	1 March Milicevic Family 10 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills
Flowers	Fenty & Mimi
Bookshop	Vigil: Volunteer 8am: Suzy Nemorin 9.30am: Edmund
Morning Tea	9.30am Florida & Friends
Church cleaning	4 March Carole, Lourdes, Anna a& Suzy
Welcomers	Vigil: Ernie Gartner, Ram Ugre, Volunteer 8am: Rita Rita Paolini, Benno Motha, Annette Peatman 9.30am: Erika Hien, Maria Michael, Volunteer

FEBRUARY 2020		
26	Tai Chi	10.30am
26	Sacramental Prog. Meeting 2	6.30pm
26	Ash Wednesday Mass	8.00am 9.15am 7.30pm
27	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm
27	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
27	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
28	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm
29	Sacramental Prog. Meeting 2	4.30pm
MARCH 2020		
1	Four2Eight	10.45am
2	St Vincent De Paul	7pm
5	Healing Mass	8am

**TAI CHI & QIGONG for health and well being**  
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  
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**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

## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A • 23rd 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

**Stations of the Cross**  
Friday 28 February 7.30pm

*A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses*

**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.

**READINGS** 1/3/2020  
1st Reading : Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7  
2nd Reading : Romans 5:12-19  
Gospel : Matthew 4:1-11

You must love your neighbour as yourself.  
Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.  
Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is 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 is kind and merciful.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

**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, Margaret Radford, Martin Rego, Sem Mangahas Serna, Fung Chok Sze, Jim Vella, John Wallis, Lucille Alexandrine Wilson.

**Anniversaries:** Rosie & David Alfonso, Brian Brooks, Elizabeth Caruana, Cini Family, Paul Commarmond, Emilia Coscurelli, Anna Barbara, Marcel Diab, Sinfarosa Dias, Joe Falzon, MA Fernando, Josephine Gomez, Mangiong Family, Paula Mula, Anton & Paul Mula, Joshep Ng, Sashin Patrick, Mile Perak, Sheela & Franklin, Rosemary Silva, George Stambouliah, Helen & John Tanti, Elena Zoratto.

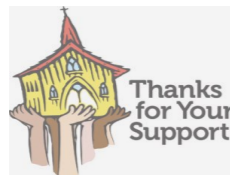
**Remembrance:** Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Joe, Spiro, Charlie and Sam Borg, Cecilia Ceccatini, Paul & Simon Cyril, Bonosa Enfesto, Sharon & John Lawrence, Rosa Mancina, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis, Mary & Muscat Family, Felix, Adriana, Josephine, Charles, Mary & Muscat Family, Giustino Paludi, Nina & Vicenzo 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 \$ 1917.00**  
**Loose \$ 832.00**  
**TOTAL \$ 2749.00**  
**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

#### CHAPTER SIX

#### Young people with roots

*I have sometimes seen young and beautiful trees, their branches reaching to the sky, pushing ever higher, and they seemed a song of hope. Later, following a storm, I would find them fallen and lifeless. They lacked deep roots. They spread their branches without being firmly planted, and so they fell as soon as nature unleashed her power. That is why it pains me to see young people sometimes being encouraged to build a future without roots, as if the world were just starting now. For "it is impossible for us to grow unless we have strong roots to support us and to keep us firmly grounded. It is easy to drift off, when there is nothing to clutch onto, to hold onto".*

#### Don't allow yourselves to be uprooted

*This is an important issue, and I want to spend a brief chapter discussing it. If we appreciate this issue, we can distinguish the joy of youth from a false cult of youth that can be used to seduce and manipulate young people.*

*Think about it: if someone tells young people to ignore their history, to reject the experiences of their elders, to look down on the past and to look forward to a future that he holds out, doesn't it then become easy to draw them along so that they only do what he tells them? He needs the young to be shallow, uprooted and distrustful, so that they can trust only in his promises and act according to his plans. That is how various ideologies operate: they destroy (or deconstruct) all differences so that they can reign unopposed. To do so, however, they need young people who have no use for history, who spurn the spiritual and human riches inherited from past generations, and are ignorant of everything that came before them.*

*These masters of manipulation also use another tactic: the cult of youth, which dismisses all that is not young as contemptible and outmoded. The youthful body becomes the symbol of this new cult; everything associated with that body is idolized and lusted after, while whatever is not young is despised. But this cult of youth is simply an expedient that ultimately proves degrading to the young; it strips them of any real value and uses them for personal, financial or political profit.*

*Dear young friends, do not let them exploit your youth to promote a shallow life that confuses beauty with appearances. Realize that there is beauty in the labourer who returns home grimy and unkempt, but with the joy of having earned food for his family. There is extraordinary beauty in the fellowship of a family at table, generously sharing what food it has. There is beauty in the wife, slightly dishevelled and no longer young, who continues to care for her sick husband despite her own failing health. Long after the springtime of their courtship has passed, there is beauty in the fidelity of those couples who still love one another in the autumn of life, those elderly people who still hold hands as they walk. There is also a beauty, unrelated to appearances or fashionable dress, in all those men and women who pursue their personal vocation with love, in selfless service of community or nation, in the hard work of building a happy family, in the selfless and demanding effort to advance social harmony. To find, to disclose and to highlight this beauty, which is like that of Christ on the cross, is to lay the foundations of genuine social solidarity and the culture of encounter. [Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, CHRISTUS VIVIT —to the young people and the entire people of God]*

### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Recently I learnt from the news that a couple of people from a remote Indigenous community in the Northern Territory had to run away and take refuge in another place hundreds of kilometres away from home, for



fear of a possible revenge from another tribe after some physical confrontation between the two groups. This incident reminds me very much of the eye-for-eye law of Jewish people of old, based on Moses' interpretations of the Ten Commandments found in the book of the Exodus (cf. Exo 21.23-25).

Such a rather long and detailed list depicting what Jewish people were allowed to take revenge in various circumstances has become known as the infamous eye-for-eye or tooth-for-tooth law. Despite its original intention was to prevent unjust punishments by placing limits on any act one could carry out as a penalty on a convicted criminal, people often rely on it to make their revenge legitimate.

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus has no hesitation to distance himself to such a controversial law by drawing the line between what Moses Law stands for, and what he advocates. He obviously says no to the traditional law of revenge, and gently outlines his recommendation through a short list of concrete acts, such as offering no resistance when revoked, and asking for no return when burrowed. These, perhaps, are seen as preparatory steps leading to the heart of his teaching: 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.'

According to Jesus, there is the key reason why people have to embrace and follow his commandment of love, it is because they need to be better than non-believers, and most importantly they must imitate the example of their heavenly Father, who has been so kind and generous to all people, good and bad alike.

Let us pray today that we all may be inspired by the generous example of our loving God, and try our best to make him proud by means of our good words and deeds, especially in this coming Lent.

Have a charity-oriented week.

Fr. Henry

### PARISH NEWS...



**ASH WEDNESDAY – First day of Lent**  
26 February

**Mass times:** 8.00am  
9.15am  
7.30pm



### PROJECT COMPASSION BOX

Please remember to take home a Project Compassion Box as a tangible way to help us to show our care for the needy.

### LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK

For our Lent Reflections on our lives, Fr. Henry has arranged **Our ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT** next Saturday and for **Stations of the CROSS** on each Friday Night in Lent. We are blessed with Fr. John Sullivan leading us on our **Retreat on Saturday 29 February, 9.30am to 3pm**. Everyone is invited to come to this special day of reflection on our own lives. For catering purposes please put your name on the clipboard at the back of the Church.



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

### THE LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

**FOR LENT** We know how inspiring the Little Black Books were previously, so please get yourself and a friend a copy for some reflection during Lent. Available now at the Piety Shop for \$2.00 each.

### 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.

### LOURDES OVER 50's reminder for those going on the

Courtesy Bus on Monday 24 February to the Blue Mountains the bus leaves at 9.00 am from the church and returns before 3.30 pm.

### 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 fill out form at the back of church or call the Parish Office 96222920.

### 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.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> May, and there will be a Family celebration at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to be followed by outdoor festivities.



### 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