

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

14 / 15 March	
Acolytes	Vigil: David Christian 8am: Gerard Marcello 9.30am: Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil: Helen Gonzales, Christine Menezes 8am: James Dinning, Suzy Nemorin 9.30am: Carole Brooks, Barbara Chandler
Readers	Vigil: Crystal Menezes, Stefanie Menezes 8am: Priya Joachim, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Rob Simpson
Altar Servers	Vigil: Juan Burgess, Chrisha Gonzales, Riley Sultana 8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am: Larissa Leary, Sarah Lenthall, Alexandra Simpson, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy
Musicians	Vigil: Deanne 8am: Couples for Christ 9.30am: Folk Group
Children's Liturgy	15th March Judith, Mariane & David
Rosary	15 March Soares Family 33 Pretoria Rd Seven Hills
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Bookshop	Vigil: Mariane Christian 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Volunteer
Morning Tea	9.30am Parish Pastoral Council
Church cleaning	21 March Helen Gonzales, John Mitchell, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Johnson Rozario, Maricel Santos.
Welcomers	Vigil: Benno Motha, Mariane Descombes, Ram Ugre 8am: Rita Paolini, Annette Peatman, Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Adrian Walker, Maria Michael, VOLUNTEER

21 / 22 March	
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am: Ernie Gartner
Ministers	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario, Louise La Guidara 8am: Anne McNally, Bob McNally 9.30am: Edith Gartner, Eugene Miu
Readers	Vigil: Marinela Simic, Noreen Rosario 8am: Andrew Millar, Pepito Ferriols 9.30am: Crystal Menezes, Stefanie Menezes
Altar Servers	Vigil: Yxaak Dino, Alex La Guidara, Ruby Sultana 8am: Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello 9.30am: Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment, Riley Ballment, Crustal Miretta, Matthew Shawcross
Musicians	Vigil: Perry's Angels 8am: Perry's Angels 9.30am: Maria Balatbat
Children's Liturgy	10th May Mariquita, Jacinta & Judith
Rosary	22 March Menezes Family 75 Grantham Rd Seven Hills
Flowers	Priya, Mary B & Annette
Bookshop	Vigil: Greg 8am: Edith 9.30am: Carole
Morning Tea	9.30am John O'Brien
Church cleaning	25 March Sue Abela, Jacinta Warner
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso, Volunteers 8am: Joyce Hillbrick, Rita Paolini, Volunteer 9.30am: Adrian Walker, Lena Falzon, Volunteer

MARCH 2020		
16	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
18	Sacramental Program Meeting 4—Reconciliation 2	6.30pm
18	Tai Chi	10.30am
18	Baptismal preparation meeting	7.30pm
19	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
19	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
20	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm
21	Sacramental Program Meeting 4—Reconciliation 2	4.30pm
25	Music Meeting	7.30pm

POSITIONS VACANT CHURCH CLEANING

Volunteers are needed to help with the church cleaning for one hour on the Fourth Wednesday of the month starting at 8.45 am. Please fill out form at the back of church or call the Parish Office 96222920.



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 School: Our Lady of Lourdes 8869 6800
Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes
Parish Church: 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147
Postal address: PO Box 944, Seven Hills 1730

Third Sunday of Lent Year A • 15 March 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. **2nd April 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 20 March 7.30pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS 15/03/2020
 1st Reading : Exodus 17:3-7
 2nd Reading : Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
 Gospel : Matthew 17:1-9

READINGS 22/03/2020
 1st Reading : 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
 2nd Reading : Ephesians 5:8-14
 Gospel : John 8:12

Give us water to drink.
 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.
 His face shone like the sun.

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.
 Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.
 Holy Spirit which has been given to us.
 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

OPENING PRAYER: O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be uplifted by your mercy. 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: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord! You are truly the Saviour of the world; giving me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.



Please remember to take home a Project Compassion Box

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



CAN YOU HELP? We are in need of volunteers to assist with Morning Tea after the 9.30am Mass. March 29th, if you can help please phone the Parish Office 96222920 / secretary@olol7hills.org.au



College Open Night **Patrician Brothers' College**, Blacktown 100 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 7pm Everyone Welcome!
<http://www.patsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/>



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, Cristina Apolinario, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Maureen Daley, Paul Daniel, John Doraisamy, Andrew Fedrigo, Anthony Janicska, Neil Joines, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Maria V, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace Panilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Debra Price, Susanth Sennayake, Ernie Siyapatham, 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: Frank Abela, Emilio Caperal, Dr Conrad Castellino, Herman Chelliah, Luciano Marcelo, Bhanu Padmasiri, Rommel Panilio, Margaret Radford, Nalini Ravindren, Sem Mangahas Serna.

Anniversaries: Rosie & David Alfonso, France Angseesing, Fortunata Baiada, Rosario Cabasa, Saviour Caruana, Cini Family, Paul Commarmond, Anna Barbara, Barbara Dodd, Conception, Dominic & Monica D'Souza, Teresa Thran Thi Mai Dung, Joe Falzon, Tarcisco Archie Gatt, Josephine Gomez, Oswald Herbert, Mangion Family, Irene Moroney, Tom Morrissey, Paula Mula, Mile Perak, John Ratnam, Shirley Sexton, Rosary Silva, George Stambouliah, Victoria Vella.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Conrad Castellino, Paul & Simon Cyril, VA Francis, Elsie, Jean & Karl Garrick, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary & Muscat Family, John Nadarajah, Lakshman Perera, Roseline Ratnam, Rev Fr Ambrose Ryan, Amalia & Dominga Usman.

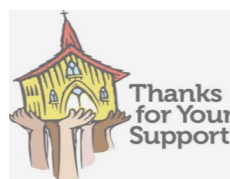
PRAYER FOR DEVOTION TO THE HOLY NAME

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 \$1829.00
Loose \$ 661.00
TOTAL \$2490.00
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

Your relationship with the elderly Dreams and visions

The prophecy of Joel contains a verse that expresses this nicely: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams" (3:1; cf. Acts 2:17). When young and old alike are open to the Holy Spirit, they make a wonderful combination. The old dream dreams, and the young see visions. How do the two complement one another?

The elderly have dreams built up of memories and images that bear the mark of their long experience. If young people sink roots in those dreams, they can peer into the future; they can have visions that broaden their horizons and show them new paths. But if the elderly do not dream, young people lose clear sight of the horizon.

Perhaps our parents have preserved a memory that can help us imagine the dream our grandparents dreamed for us. All of us, even before our birth, received, as a blessing from our grandparents, a dream filled with love and hope, the dream of a better life. Even if not our grandparents, surely some of our great-grandparents had that happy dream as they contemplated their children and then grandchildren in the cradle. The very first dream of all is the creative dream of God our Father, which precedes and accompanies the lives of all his children. The memory of this blessing that extends from generation to generation is a precious legacy that we should keep alive so that we too can pass it on.

That is why it is a good thing to let older people tell their long stories, which sometimes seem legendary or fanciful – they are the dreams of old people – yet are often full of rich experiences, of eloquent symbols, of hidden messages. These stories take time to tell, and we should be prepared to listen patiently and let them sink in, even though they are much longer than what we are used to in social media. We have to realize that the wisdom needed for life bursts the confines of our present-day media resources.

In the book *Sharing the Wisdom of Time*, I expressed some thoughts in the form of questions. "What do I ask of the elders among whom I count myself? I call us to be memory keepers. We grandfathers and grandmothers need to form a choir. I envision elders as a permanent choir of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise support the larger community that works and struggles in the field of life." [105] It is a beautiful thing when "young men and maidens together, old men and children, praise the name of the Lord" (Ps 148:12-13).

What can we elderly persons give to the young? "We can remind today's young people, who have their own blend of heroic ambitions and insecurities, that a life without love is an arid life". What can we tell them? "We can tell fearful young people that anxiety about the future can be overcome". What can we teach them? "We can teach those young people, sometimes so focused on themselves, that there is more joy in giving than in receiving, and that love is not only shown in words, but also in actions". [Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, **CHRISTUS VIVIT —to the young people and the entire people of God**]

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Rivalries between big cities within countries have been something quite common worldwide, for instance Sydney and Melbourne in Australia, or Saigon and Ha Noi in Vietnam. However, no matter how intense those rivalries could be, I am sure nothing could match up the one between these two biblical places, namely Jerusalem and Samaria, and



a glimpse through such a rivalry, in no doubt, would help us appreciate the Gospel account this Sunday immensely.

It is helpful to remember that after the death of Solomon, the land of the Jews was divided into two separate kingdoms, Israel in the north with Samaria as its capital and Judah in the south with Jerusalem as its capital. Back then, people from both kingdoms shared the same Temple of Jerusalem to offer their sacrifices to God. Unfortunately the Assyrians came to conquer the northern part and took lot of Jewish people into slavery in 721 B.C., and many Assyrians also migrated to this part of their conquered land, and some even converted to Judaism after marrying Jewish women. Due to their place of birth, children from those mix-married couples were called Samaritans, who were sadly despised so much by Southerners. Some rabbis even asked their southern flocks who happened to pass through Samaritan territory to shake the dust from their feet before entering back their land so Jewish soil would be free of any contamination by the Samaritan dust. Such a hostility together with the ban of all Samaritans to offer sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple obviously encouraged Samaritan people to build their own place of worship on Mount Gerizim, which they claimed as the only place sacrifices could be legitimately offered to God.

Right in such a hotspot of historical divisions and cultural differences, Jesus suddenly appeared with his disciples at the well deep into the Samaritan territory and asked the Samaritan woman for a drink, just like nothing had ever happened between people from these two parts of the world. Though Jesus' gesture took the woman by surprise from the start, she was gradually won over especially by his knowledge of her private life, which finally led her to faith in him as the Saviour of the world.

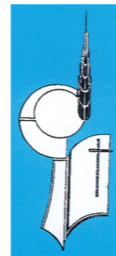
Significantly Jesus has left us a lot to think about through the verbal exchange with the woman about various topics such as water, worship and food, worth for more seriously theological studies.

In the modest scope of our Parish bulletin, let us focus on Jesus' initiative to reach out to the marginalised woman in the Gospel today. His example seems to challenge us to go out to the periphery like Pope Francis has encouraged us to do, and make all to feel welcomed in the Church, especially those considered as the outcast, the abandoned and the forgotten of our world today.

Have an outward-looking week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...



FR HENRY'S SILVER JUBILEE Tickets for the Silver Jubilee Mass and formal Dinner on Friday 1 May are for sale \$30. Each in the church foyer.— limited tickets, 4x per family

All children are invited to join the special family 9.30am Jubilee Mass. Stay after to join in for some fun outdoor activities. **Sunday 3 May.**



Music Liturgy Meeting –THIS Wednesday 29th January 7:30pm We ask that at least one member of each of the music group to attend please.

STATION OF THE CROSS 7.30pm every Friday night Lent.

LOLO Community Movie Night Join OLOL and its extended community for an outdoor Movie Fundraising Evening. Saturday 28 March, 7pm. OLOL School Playground Tickets are **\$10 per Adult & \$5 per Child** (children under 4 free) **Ticket Purchases -** <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=587697> See the notice board for more information

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal– March 21/22

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal – www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



6 WEEKS OF LENT GIVE 6 THINGS

This Lent the **Jesuit Refugee Service** invites us to donate 1 item each week to give to refugees living in the community.

- Week 1: Basmati rice
- Week 2: Tuna in oil
- Week 3: Cooking oil
- Week 4: Salt
- Week 5: Tea
- Week 6: Sugar

Please leave donations in the St Vincent de Paul box at the back of the Church.



DIOCESAN NEWS



18-26 May 2020

On this 12-day tour you will visit a number of islands in this small Pacific nation. Palms personnel there are working with local communities to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty in a part of the world impacted by climate change. You will meet and spend time with them and their host communities to see first-hand how Palms Australia is working to create a better world. It might even inspire you to join Palms and work overseas yourself. We are also offering tours to Timor-Leste in September and Thailand/Myanmar in November.

For more information call Robert at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email robert@palms.org.au

MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT DAY

Notre Dame Broadway

On Saturday, April 4 from 9am to 4:00pm. The day will include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, and will be guided by Fr Edmond Travers msc. Lunch and morning tea included. The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Broadway campus. Event is free, registration essential: sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au or (02) 8204 4189 or Trybooking.com/BIJFM

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.