

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

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 - postponed until further notice	
Rosary	15 March Soares Family 33 Pretoria Rd Seven Hills
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Bookshop	Vigil: Greg 8am: Edith 9.30am: Carole
Morning Tea	9.30am Couples for Christ
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

28/ 29March	
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Ernie Gartner
Ministers	Vigil: Cathy Hutchings, Michael Mifsud 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Winnie Marcello 9.30am: Kilifi Huihui, Ramzee Michael
Readers	Vigil: Jemma Sarmiento, Alison Punch 8am: Maricel Santos, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Kamela Huihui, Megan Michael
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexander Bateman-Paul, Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil. 8am: Chrisa Gonzales, Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg 9.30am: Eric Da, Victor Da, Sarah Lenthall, Mary-Rose Mejalli, Rynan Michael
Musicians	Vigil: Maria Balatbat 8am: Fr Henry 9.30am: Perry's Angels
Children's Liturgy - postponed until further notice	
Rosary	22 March Stambouliah Family 16 Oakwood Rd Toongabbie
Flowers	Lucinda
Bookshop	Vigil: Volunteer 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Edmund
Morning Tea	9.30am Volunteer
Church cleaning	25 March Sue Abela, Jacinta Warner
Welcomers	Vigil: David Christian, Mariane Descombes, Ram Ugre 8am: Erika Hien, Helen Gonzales, Annette Peatman 9.30am: Artelle Lenthall, Maria Michael, 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 /secreary@olol7hills.org.au



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.

Positions Vacant:

Volunteers – Mamre Creche CatholicCare
Disability Support Workers. Casual.CatholicCare
Parish Secretary (part-time) St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst –

Applications close 27 March.

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

22 MARCH 2020		
25	Sacramental Program Meeting	POSTPONED
25	Tai Chi	10.30am
25	Music Meeting	7.30pm
26	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
26	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
26	Finance Committee meeting	8.00pm
27	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm
28	Sacramental Program Meeting	POSTPONED

LEGION OF MARY: Meeting Thursdays 1.30pm. All welcome.



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

•22 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 20th May 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 27 March 7.30pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

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

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

READINGS Next week
1st Reading : Ezekiel 37:12-14
2nd Reading : Romans 8:8-11
Gospel : John 11:1-45

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.
If the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.
I am the resurrection and the life.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who are in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

OPENING PRAYER: *O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.*

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, John Doraisamy, Andrew Fedrigo, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Maria V, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Debra Price, Susanth Sennayake, Ernie Sivapatham, 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: Neil Joines, Ruth Marsden, Jim Vella, Frank Abela, Christina Apolinario, Leonora Leslie Bringas, Emilio Caperal, Maureen Thelma Carter, Dr Conrad Castellino, Shanti Fernando, Rommel Panilio, Nalini Ravindren, Sem Mangahas Serna.

Anniversaries: Aurora Caro, France Angseesing, Fortunata Baiada, Rosario Cabasa, Saviour Caruana, Catherine Chandra, Cini Family, Barbara Dodd, Patrick John Fischer, Tarcisco Archie Gatt, Josephine Gomez, Oswald Herbert, Mangion family, Irene Moroney, Tom Morrissey, Paula Mula, Mile Perak, John Ratnam, Federico de los Santos, Shirley Sexton, Rosary Silva, Victoria Vella.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul & Simon Cyril, VA Francis, Elsie, Jean & Karl Garrick, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary & Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Roseline Ratnam, Rev 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 Taking risks together

A love that is generous and outgoing, that acts and takes risks, may at times make mistakes. Here we may find timely the witness of Maria Gabriella Perin, who lost her father shortly after her birth: she reflects on how this influenced her life, in a relationship that did not last but that left her a mother and now a grandmother. "What I know is that God makes stories. In his genius and mercy, he takes our triumphs and our failures and weaves beautiful tapestries that are full of irony. The reverse of the fabric may look messy with its tangled threads – the events of our life – and maybe this is the side we dwell on when we doubt. But the right side of the tapestry displays a magnificent story, and this is the side that God sees". When older people look at life closely, often they instinctively know what lies behind the tangled threads, and they recognize what God can create even out of our mistakes. If we journey together, young and old, we can be firmly rooted in the present, and from here, revisit the past and look to the future. To revisit the past in order to learn from history and heal old wounds that at times still trouble us. To look to the future in order to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophecies and enable hope to blossom. Together, we can learn from one another, warm hearts, inspire minds with the light of the Gospel, and lend new strength to our hands.

Roots are not anchors chaining us to past times and preventing us from facing the present and creating something new. Instead, they are a fixed point from which we can grow and meet new challenges. It does us no good "to sit down and long for times past; we must meet our culture with realism and love and fill it with the Gospel. We are sent today to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to a new age. We need to love this time with all its opportunities and risks, its joys and sorrows, its riches and its limits, its successes and failures". During the Synod, one of the young auditors from the Samoan Islands spoke of the Church as a canoe, in which the elderly help to keep on course by judging the position of the stars, while the young keep rowing, imagining what waits for them ahead. Let us steer clear of young people who think that adults represent a meaningless past, and those adults who always think they know how young people should act. Instead, let us all climb aboard the same canoe and together seek a better world, with the constantly renewed momentum of the Holy Spirit.

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



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

A friend of mine recently said to me that she did not to give up anything for Lent this year, since it appeared to be negative, and has tried to do something positive instead. When asked what she has been putting into practice so far, she determinedly said, 'I'm trying to be more helpful and gentle to my husband, especially when he walks into the kitchen, opens the fridge and asks me where the butter is.' As she was pausing, I couldn't stop making this comment, 'You mean you will no longer tell him 'use your eyes'?' She had a good laugh and shot back, 'You know me so well.'

There are two things I would like to say about this story: Firstly, it is about doing something good, instead following the traditional path of giving up something bad for Lent, and secondly it is about maximising the service of our eyes, a topic somehow connected to the Gospel this Sunday.



In this Gospel narrative for this fourth Sunday of Lent, the evangelist gives us the account of how Jesus helped to bring sight to a blind man by applying the paste made with his spittle on the ground. More than just a report of another miracle done by Jesus to help bring the recipient to faith in him, this story also is about Jesus' self-revelation as the light of the world, and about giving us a glimpse into the ongoing tension between the powerful group of religious leaders and Jesus, that ultimately led to his arrest, Passion, Crucifixion and Death on the cross later on. Symbolically, this story reminds each of us of our spiritual blindness, which makes us unable to see God present the Eucharist we celebrate, in the world we are entrusted to care for, and in our brothers and sisters around us, especially the poor and the needy. Let us ask Jesus open the eyes of our soul, so that we see him clearer through our worship, and serve him better in all we meet, particularly the unfortunate ones.

Have a Christ-centric 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 in the foyer — limited tickets. **POSTPONED**
All children and young people special family 9.30am July 2020. Stay after to join in for some fun outdoor activities. **Sunday 3 May.**

FR HENRY'S SILVER JUBILEE....
Due to the uncertainty caused by Covid19, we are obliged to postpone all the celebrations scheduled for both 1st and 3rd of May, 2020. All ticket-holders are invited either to hang on to their tickets for a new date to be announced, or to return theirs to the Parish Office. We are sorry for any inconvenience you might have in this regard.



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

STATION OF THE CROSS 7.30pm every Friday night Lent.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM **POSTPONED**
as a result of the COVID-19 we will be postponing our Sacramental Program until further notice. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Over 50's Group will be cancelled
until further notice



EASTER CARDS available from Piety Shop

Music Liturgy Meeting –THIS Wednesday 25th March 7:30pm We ask that at least one member of each of the music group to attend please.

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.



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

OLOL Community Movie Night— Postponed
Due to Covid 19 the movie night originally planned for 28th March been postponed until Saturday 17th October.

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@olol7hills.org.au we look forward to hear from you.



DIOCESAN NEWS

COVID-19 Update issued from the Diocese of Parramatta, please refer to the website: <https://parracatholic.org/covid19>

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal– March 21/22
Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and is... donate gifts and prayers will help Cath... spiritual, sacramental and emotio... steps of the Good Samaritan. Please... generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal – www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal