

Parish Directory 2024

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Seven Hills



"Still a wonderful place to pray and stay"

Our Vision

We are a welcoming and caring community.
Guided by Our Mother, Our Lady of Lourdes, we endeavor
To fulfil our Baptismal Promises to love and serve God and to affirm
each other through the witness of our lives.

Our Mission

We celebrate our faith meaningfully through full participation
in the Eucharist, the Word of God and the Sacraments.

We make Jesus Christ visible in our community
through word and action.

We foster prayer, worship and fraternity within our community
and with other Christians communities.

We promote spiritual formation and Catholic education
in keeping with Gospel values and traditions.

We accept responsibility of ownership
of our parish structures and activities.

We use our cultural diversity to enrich our community.

We form support and care groups to serve the community.

From our Parish Priest Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran

My Dear Friends,

As previous years, I would like to present to you this new edition of our Parish Directory 2024, aimed to provide you with the most basic information about our beloved Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at Seven Hills.

This little booklet contains some general information such as our Parish History, the Sacrament Programme, Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals, Planned Giving Programme including First and Second collection, the Matt's point, Mass offerings, Hall bookings, Parish calendar, Parish Committees and various groups.



Allow me to say “thank-you” to all our Parishioners contributing to the Planned Giving Envelope Program of the Parish, the online banking Donation Program and Matt's Point program. We truly appreciate your generous contributions which help our Parish run smoothly. We also acknowledge our deceased benefactors, who supported us in one way or another. They will never be forgotten and always in our prayers.

For our new Parishioners who haven't joined our Planned Giving Programs yet, please consider become a permanent contributor, since our support is essential to our ongoing mission to keep this Parish ***'Still a wonderful place to pray and stay.'***

Thank you for your readership and way Our Lady of Lourdes to be your effective intercessor before her beloved Son.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Henry Huu Duc Tran

General Information

Parish

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Postal Address:	PO Box 944 Seven Hills, NSW 2147
Telephone:	02 9622 2920
Email:	secretary@olol7hills.com.au
Website:	www.olol7hills.org.au
Office Hours:	9am – 3pm, Monday – Friday
Parish Priest:	Rev. Henry Huu Duc Tran
Parish Deacon:	Rev. Deacon Thong Nguyen
Parish Team:	Jane Nguyen, Rosie Sadipoor, Kim Dang
Sacramental Coordinator:	Mrs Artelle Lenthall

School

Address:	7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills, NSW 2147
Telephone:	02 8869 6800
Email:	ololshills@parra.catholic.edu.au
Website:	www.parra.catholic.edu.au/olol
Principal:	Ms Keiran Byrnes
Ambrose School Aged Care:	02 96767293

Our weekly and monthly schedule

Sunday Mass:	Saturday 6pm Vigil, Sunday 8am, 9:30am
Weekday Mass:	Tuesday – Wednesday, Friday, 8am Thursday 9am
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturdays 4:30pm – 5:30pm
Children's Liturgy of the Word:	Every third Sunday during 9.30am Mass
Lourdes Playgroup	Every Friday mornings from 9.30am (school terms only)
Baptisms:	2 nd and 4 th Sundays of each month at 11am. Please contact the parish office for further information.
Parish Morning Tea:	Every Sunday following the 9:30am Mass
Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes:	Friday, 8am until 9.00am

Our parish church is open weekdays from 8am to 3pm for personal prayer and reflection. Please feel free to come and spend time in our parish church.



Parish History

On Christmas Day in 1951 and 1952, Rev Bernard Massey from Blacktown celebrated Mass in the Memorial Hall, Seven Hills. By June 1953, numbers had increased to such an extent that he was obliged to use the Memorial Hall as a regular Mass Centre. Rev Hugh Law was appointed Priest-in-Charge at Blacktown, following Rev Massey's death in 1957. To cope with the development of Seven Hills and Lalor Park, he formed a Seven Hills Parish Committee, which welcomed Rev Bill O'Connor as Parish Priest of Seven Hills on 12 February 1959. The previous day had been the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the name bestowed on the new parish.

1960 was a memorable year for the parish. In February a church-school, St Bernadette's at Lalor Park was opened. A temporary presbytery was purchased at 10 Federal Road, Seven Hills and in December, Rev Murphy was appointed Assistant Priest. In February 1961, after only two years, Seven Hills Parish was split in two, Lalor Park and Seven Hills. A new presbytery was purchased for Seven Hills in September 1964 to replace the temporary house in Federal Road.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church was blessed and opened on 11 February 1962 and the first three classrooms of our school were completed in 1962 for classes to begin in January 1963. The glass and timber walls of the church were replaced by brick walls in the early 1980s. When Rev Bill O'Connor retired on 1 April 1991 he had served as Parish Priest for 32 years.

In 1991 a Parish Centre was provided by converting the house at 4 Olive Street, into offices and meeting rooms. The Parish Centre was moved to its present position in 1996.

Rev Edward Sequeira served as the second Parish Priest from June 1991 to June 2000. Rev John Boyle was appointed as Parish Priest in July 2000. Rev Henry Huu Duc Tran was appointed Parish Priest on 5 October 2006 and installed on 11 March 2007. Early in January 2009, the very old and deteriorated roof of the Church was replaced with a modern insulated roof.

Easter 2009 marked a significant step in the Parish in its cyber-mission as the Parish Website was officially launched to help people keep in touch with the Parish via the Internet.

By October 2010, a major school building project, part of the Diocese "Project Genesis", fruit of the Australian Government's stimulus package, provided the school with a brand-new library and refurbished and reconfigured learning spaces suitable for 21st Century learning. The Parish now has a new Parish Meeting Room formerly used as a Kindergarten classroom.

What a wonderful and exciting year 2012 was for us when we celebrated our

Golden Jubilee which included Our Parish Dinner/Dance, Youth Talent Quests, and finally our Thanksgiving Mass and Garden Party. It was a marvellous year full of many blessings and joy.

In September 2013, a new set of glass doors was installed at the rear of the church to allow the church foyer to remain open after the weekday Mass. The church has now become more accessible to all, who would like to drop in for a prayer at any time throughout the day.

Towards the end of 2013 and throughout 2014, meetings between the Parish Pastoral Council and interested members of the Parish helped develop a pastoral plan for our community focusing on the area of liturgy, welcoming ministry and youth ministry inspired by the Faith in the Future Program of the Diocese.

From the first Friday of December 2014, the first Friday of the new liturgical year, due to the spiritual need of our parish, the first Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Novena began to take place in our Church.

In November 2015, the Parish Office had the ceiling renovated and the lighting was updated to LEDs as a result of water damage. As a community the Parish officially welcomed the ministry of Wardens. 2015 also marks the birth of the Welcoming Group as a part of our implementation of the Pastoral Plan. Early in the year, members were installed and have begun to carry out their welcoming ministry both in welcoming parishioners to the Church and providing information at the Information Desk located in the foyer of the parish.

From early September 2015 works began to upgrade the Church and car park lights into LEDs, and new cabinets were installed both in the Church's Sacristy and Parish Meeting Room. The Parish Meeting Room in the future is to be re-named 'The Cregan Room' in the memory of Mr Cregan a generous parishioner who bequeathed his estate to the Parish.

True to its name, the Holy Year of Mercy, 2016 was packed with mercy-orientated devotions. These included First Friday Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and Mass. Parish Projects throughout the Year of Mercy included the Way of Mercy Weekend for Seven Hills, Lalor Park and Toongabbie Parishes and our Mercy Box project to raise funds for a remote community in East Timor to provide a reliable water supply system. 2016 saw a new Colorbond fence erected to replace the old, worn out and badly damaged fence line.

Our Youth Ministry has enjoyed a flourishing year with the birth of the Four2Eight Youth Group, where a dozen of children in school years 4 to 8 come together on the first Sunday the month. We look forward to its future development.

Thanks to the efforts of the School Principal Keiran Byrnes and Fr Henry, the upper carpark was fully upgraded in October 2017. As well, the Parish Hall and Meeting Room lights were changed to LEDs. A basic PA system was installed in the Parish Meeting Room and the upgrading of the Parish Hall PA system was completed.

2017 was a big year for the parish with the major project of the upgrading of our carpark. Thanks to the support of the Catholic Education Office in Parramatta and the school, we were able to have the top car park completed in due time.

In this year, we also saw the establishment of the Lourdes Young Adults group which continues to grow and thrive with the dedication and commitment of our parish youth leadership team.

In 2018, the last piece of our car park puzzle was finally put together with the reconstruction of the driveway and the resurfacing of the lower carpark. We are truly grateful to the Catholic Education Office for its generosity to absorb all of the costs for this part of the works. Apart from the lower carpark, the rest of the church fence was also erected, and a new garden established.

On February 19th 2019 our Parish Church was installed with air-conditioners. The installation was completed on Friday 22nd February at 9.30pm

In the first week of September 2019, the old bitumen footpath connecting the Church to Olive Street and Parish Office was replaced with a new safe concrete footpath. This footpath was completed on 9th October in time for the last term of school.

2020 has proven to be a year of mixed blessings, presenting our parish with both unprecedented challenges and opportunities due to the Pandemic.

In term of challenges: from Palm Sunday to Pentecost, we were forced to cease all physical group meetings and Masses.

During this lockdown period, Seven Hills Nursing Home remained a no-go zone and all monthly visits to our house-bound parishioners had to be cancelled.

Also, during this very challenging time, two funerals took place with the attendance of less than 20 people allowed.

However, it was not all bad news for our community, as we were able to adapt and thrive under such extraordinary circumstances. Right from day one of the shutdown, we managed to move most of our services on-line, and keep Sunday Masses available to as many as we could through live-streaming.

This is thanks to the efforts of our Parish staff, our volunteers, our Young Adults group headed by Ian Epondulan, whose dedication and generosity are truly beyond words.

For three precious months, the lockdown handed us a rare opportunity to concentrate on some major upgrade projects. The upgrades started with the installation of new cupboards for our parish hall kitchen in the last week of March, then the re-painting of the parish meeting room and office roofs in mid-April. This was followed by work on the parish hall roof and finally the Church ceiling was thoroughly fixed and painted, and the Church roof was given a good clean up.

Compared to 2020, 2021 has been far more challenging to all of us, especially to our Parish Community, as we had to stay in lockdown for nearly four months, and all traditional forms of pastoral activities, such as Anointing and Communion to the sick, nursing home visits and Hospital visits, were not permitted.

The only major project to install the Church roof with Solar panels this year was delayed due to lockdown, however we managed to have it done in December, together with the security cameras.

Apart from the hiccup, caused by the unannounced visit of two Police officers one Saturday night, we have managed to maintain our weekly bulletin and keep our live-streamed Mass Service, ever lively and ever available both to our Parishioners and a global congregation, thanks to our committed staff, our volunteers, and particularly Ian, Ryan Epondulan and Michelle Flores, who were prepared to give their best to serve under the most apocalypse like circumstances.

Prior to Christmas 2021, 108 solar panels were installed on the roof of our Church as our tangible response to Pope Frances' *Lauda to Si* Encyclical asking us to be more aware of our duties to care for the environment. However, 2022 somehow was a remarkable year, since it unofficially saw the end of COVID 19 and our parishioners gradually regained their confidence to resume a physical Church attendance and marked two major occasions, namely our Parish Diamond Jubilee and Fr Henry's Silver Jubilee.

From the mid of November 2023, we had the privilege to welcome Rev. Deacon Thong Nguyen to the Parish. His appointment shall enrich our Parish a great deal, since he is able to proclaim the Gospel and preach at Mass, celebrate Baptisms, conduct Funerals and do house blessings and objects and co-ordinate our Catechist and Pastoral Care groups.

Sacramental Celebrations

Baptisms

Infant Baptism

Preparation: Please ring our parish office to make a booking for Baptismal preparation. Parents are required to attend a preparation session prior to their child's Baptism.

Presentation Ceremony: Your child will be presented to the parish community during one of our Sunday Masses, preferably at the 9.30am Mass, prior to the celebration of Baptism.

Baptismal donation: Due to the invaluable nature of a Sacrament, there is no set fee for Baptism. However, it has been a custom for people to offer a donation on the occasion of the Baptism of their child. This donation is not retained by the priest or parish but goes into a Pastoral Revenue Fund which is used to support priests throughout the Diocese.

Adult Baptism (RCIA) Program

All adults who wish to join our Catholic tradition are invited to take part in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) starting in early September and finishing with Baptism at the Easter Vigil. The process also includes scope to cater for adults who were baptised into another Christian tradition and would like to become Catholic. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Marriages

People living in the Parish who plan to have their wedding at Our Lady of Lourdes will need to contact the Parish Office at least six months before the intended date of the wedding. Those who live outside our parish boundaries are welcome to have their wedding in our church on condition that they are able to provide a celebrant approved by the Diocese.

A stipend is required. This is not retained by the Parish but is forwarded to the Pastoral Revenue Fund.

All couples are required to complete a pre-marriage course prior to the wedding.

Sacramental Process

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Our Parish-based Sacramental Program takes place every year preparing children in years 3 and over, for the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion commencing 6th February and finishing in September.

An information evening will take place on the **7th of February 2024**, for those wishing to enroll in the following year's program. Parents are the primary people responsible for the faith formation of children and have an integral role in the process of children preparing to celebrate the sacraments. Further information can be gained from our parish website:

<http://www.olol7hills.org.au/sacramental-celebrations/>

or by contacting Artelle our Co-ordinator in the parish office.

Confirmation

Children in year 6 or over are also welcomed to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation which takes place in May. The parent information meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place **3rd April 2024 6.30pm**.

All interested parents are welcome to attend the information meeting, please contact Artelle in the parish office 9622 2920 or email your interest artellel@olol7hills.org.au

Funerals

Below are a few practical points that you may find helpful regarding funerals in our parish:

Contact the funeral director of your choice to arrange the funeral.

Contact Fr Henry as soon as possible to begin preparations for the funeral Mass or service. Our parish is also able to prepare booklets and/or prayer cards for funerals. Please let Fr Henry know if you would like to make use of this service.

Funeral offerings: Although there is no set fee, it has been a custom for people to make an offering on the occasion of a funeral which, as required by our Diocese, is put into a Pastoral Revenue Fund for the support of all priests throughout the Diocese.

Devotional Celebrations

Our parish has a very rich tradition of celebrating numerous devotions regularly and you are most welcome to come along and join us for the following:



Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes

The Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes takes place on every Friday at the end of the 8.00am Mass. You are most welcome to fill out our green Novena Petition form and place it in the blue box at the Altar of the Statue of Our Lady at any time during the week.

Exposition and Benediction

Every Friday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after our 8am Mass and ending with Benediction at 9am is held to pray for vocations.

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Statue of Virgin Mary is available for home visitation and will reside with you for a week, being Sunday to Saturday. It involves picking up Our Lady from the church then praying the Rosary each night and returning the statue to the church on the following Sunday or delivering it to the next family.

It is customary to invite neighbours to the rosary if it is convenient for you.

If you are wishing to participate, please leave your name and address at the Parish Office or contact Maryse Augseising on 0467 701 010 .

Parish Youth



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Young Adults Group

Our Young Adults Group gathers from 7-9pm on the second Friday of each month in the parish meeting room for young adults aged between 18 and 35.

The group provides an opportunity for like-minded young adults to gather for faith formation in a fun and welcoming environment.

Please visit the group's Facebook page for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/youthlol7h/>

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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!



Lourdes Play Group

Runs in the Parish Meeting Room every Friday Mornings from 9.30am. Parents/Carers with non-school aged children are most welcome to come along for a cuppa and play. Parents can sit and relax, while the kids play. We are equipped with some great toys for the kids to enjoy. Please note - this is not a structured playgroup program and only operates during school terms. You do not need to be a school parent to enjoy our Playgroup. We welcome all. Please contact Maria Hosni for further information: 0432 174 056.

Parish Committees and members

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Henry
Keiran Byrnes
Fennie Balatbat
Evelyn Beed
Jo Jo Cabasa
Pepito Diosda
Ian Epondulan
Daniel La Guidara
Kamela Huihui
John Jordan
Frank Paiva
Donald Kennedy
Artelle Lenthall
Eugene Miu
Christine Woodward

Finance Committee

Fr Henry
Eugene Miu
Andrew Wanandy
Fennie Balatbat
James Said
Kim Dang

Other Parish Groups

Extraordinary Ministry of Communion	Fr Henry	
Acolytes	Fr Henry	
(Lectors/Readers)	Fr Henry	
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Jemelyn Demeterio	
Wardens	Fr Henry	
RCIA	Artelle Lenthall	
Church Cleaning	Parish Office	
Children's Sacramental Program	Artelle Lenthall	
Baptism Preparation	Fr Henry	
Catechist Coordinator & Communion to the sick	Deacon Thong Nguyen	
Legion of Mary	Thursdays 1:30pm	Maryse Angseesing
Christ Community Prayer	Thursdays 9:30am	Olivia Cortis
St Vincent De Paul Society	Every second Monday 7:00pm	Reno Abela

Lourdes Over 50's	2 nd Thursday of the month, 10:30am	Don Kennedy
Lourdes Young Adults	2 nd Friday of the month, 7:00pm	Ian Epondulan Laura Bellissimo
Josephite Association		Anne McNally
Piety Stall		Parish Office
Church flowers group		Angela Sarino
Welcomers		Fr Henry

Choir Groups

1st Sunday of the month	Vigil 6pm Youth for Christ 9 30am Couples for Christ (Pepito)
2nd Sunday of the month	Vigil 6pm OFS(Bernadette) 9 30am Tongan Choir
3rd Sunday of the month	Vigil 6pm Karen Thoms/Chris Woodward 9 30 am Maximilian Chorale
4th Sunday of the month	Vigil 6pm Nina's Group 9.30am Nina's Group
5th Sunday of the month	Vigil 6pm Shaun Jyostna and Chris 9 30am Maximilian Chorale

*To arrange contact with any of our parish groups,
please contact the parish office.*

Parish Contribution Program

Parish Planned Giving Envelope Program

By taking part of OLOL Planned Giving Envelope Program, you are helping the parish budget for all the costs involved in maintaining our active parish.

If you would like an envelope number for regular donations, please fill in the card available at the church doors or complete the page at the back of this booklet, detach it and return it to the parish office.

Matt's Point



Collecting small change has become less effective due to the shift towards card payments and a reduction in the use of cash.

'Matt's Point' (Donation Point Tap) provides OLOL with ongoing support which has been vital to keep our Parish going strong.

The name **'Matt's Point'** reminds us of the life and call of St Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles in the New Testament (cf. Mt 9.9-13).

Matt's Point makes it easier to donate a fixed amount just by tapping the \$5 or \$10 Matt's Point Unit with a contactless credit or debit card, smartphone or wearable, giving the opportunity to accept donations electronically and securely (Paperless, with no receipts are given)

Donations ONLINE Banking

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

BSB: 067 950;

Account Number 000552;

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

In the reference description, please write DONATION,

Or include your NAME and ENVELOPE NUMBER

If needing a receipt for Planned Giving Envelope Program.

IN-PERSON BANK DEPOSIT (at a Bank Institute/Branch)

Seven Hills Catholic Church

BSB: 062 315

Acc Id # - 00901486

AGENT # - 660



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

General Information

Mass Offerings – 1st & 2nd Collections

Part of the *1st collection* is set aside to support Parish clergy in their day to day needs, such as food and drinks, and housekeeping. The rest is forwarded to the Diocese.

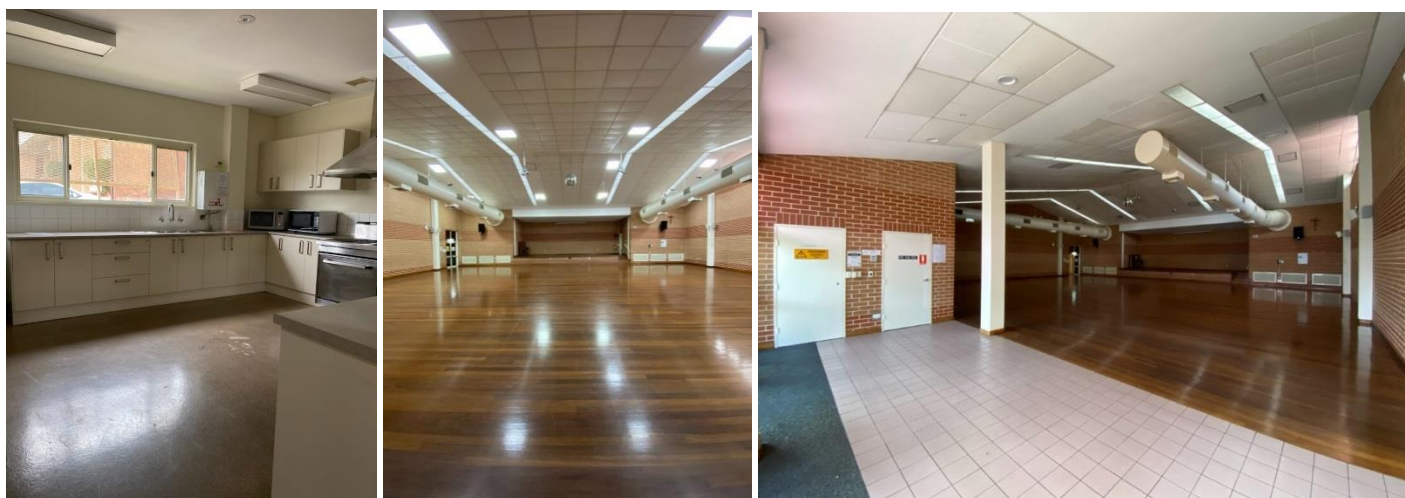
The *2nd collection* (including the Parish Planned Giving Envelope Program) donations help cover the costs of pastoral expenses, insurance, electricity, maintenance, staff salaries, loan repayments, renovations, and clergy transport. This program is vital to further our parish development)

Mass Intentions and Offerings

Masses may be offered in the parish for special intentions. If you would like to participate in this, please collect a Mass Intention envelope available at all church entrances, complete the intention and return it to the parish office, or place it on the collection plate at Mass. It is customary to make a donation with the envelope.

Hall Bookings

We have a beautiful air-conditioned parish hall which is available to hire for functions. The hall seats approximately 300 people in banquet setting and the facilities include tables and chairs, fully equipped kitchen, mirror ball and disco lights, and sound system. Further information can be gained from visiting our parish website: <http://www.olol7hills.org.au/parish-hall-photographs/> and to check availability, please contact Rosie in the parish office on 9622 2920.



The Liturgical Year

The Catholic Church sets aside certain days and seasons of each year to recall and celebrate various events in the life of Christ. In its Roman Rite the liturgical year begins with Advent, the time of preparation for both the celebration of Jesus' birth, and his expected second coming at the end of time. This season lasts until 24 December (Christmas Eve). Christmastide follows, beginning with First Vespers of Christmas on the evening of 24 December and ending with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Advent

Advent (from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "arrival" or "coming") is the first season of the liturgical year. It begins four Sundays before Christmas, the Sunday falling on or nearest to 30 November, and ends on Christmas Eve. Traditionally observed as a "fast", it focuses on preparation for the coming of Christ, not only the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas, but also, in the first weeks, on the eschatological (final coming) of Christ, making Advent "a period for devout and joyful expectation".

This season is often marked by the Advent Wreath, a garland of evergreens with four candles. Although the main symbolism of the advent wreath is simply marking the progression of time, many churches attach themes to each candle, most often 'hope', 'faith', 'joy', and 'love'. *Liturgical colour: violet or purple; blue in some traditions*

Christmas

The Christmas season immediately follows Advent. The traditional Twelve Days of Christmas begin with Christmas Eve on the evening of December 24 and continues until the feast of Epiphany. The actual Christmas season continues until the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, which in the present form of the Roman Rite is celebrated on the Sunday after 6 January, or the following Monday if that Sunday is Epiphany. *Liturgical colour: white*

Lent

Lent is a major penitential season of preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and, if the penitential days of Good Friday and Holy Saturday are included, lasts for forty days, since the six Sundays within the season are not counted.

Passiontide

In the pre-1970 form of the Roman Rite, the two weeks before Easter form the season of Passiontide, a subsection of the Lenten season that begins with Matins of Ash Wednesday and ends immediately before the Mass of the Easter Vigil. In this form, what previously was officially called Passion Sunday, has the official name of the First Sunday in Passiontide, and Palm Sunday has the additional name of the Second Sunday in Passiontide.

In the post-1969 form of the Roman Rite, "Passion Sunday" and "Palm Sunday" are both names for the Sunday before Easter, officially called "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion". The former Passion Sunday became a fifth Sunday of Lent. The earlier form reads Matthew's account on Sunday, Mark's on Tuesday, and Luke's on Wednesday, while the post-1969 form reads the Passion only on Palm Sunday (with the three Synoptic Gospels arranged in a three-year cycle) and on Good Friday, when it reads the Passion according to John, as also do earlier forms of the Roman Rite.

Holy Week -the week before Easter

Liturgical colour: violet or purple. The colour rose may be used, where it is the practice, on Laetare Sunday (4th Sunday of Lent). On Palm Sunday the colour since 1970 is red, by earlier rules violet or purple, with red being used after 1955 for the blessing of the palms.

Easter Triduum consists of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Each of these days begins liturgically not with the morning but with the preceding evening. The triduum begins on the evening before Good Friday with Mass of the Lord's Supper, celebrated with white vestments, and often includes a ritual of ceremonial foot washing. It is customary on this night for a vigil involving private prayer to take place, beginning after the evening service and continuing until midnight. This vigil is occasionally renewed at dawn, continuing until the Good Friday liturgy.

During the day of Good Friday Mass is not celebrated in the Catholic Church. Instead a Celebration of the Passion of the Lord is held in the afternoon or evening. It consists of three parts: a Liturgy of the Word that includes the reading of the account of the Passion by John the Evangelist and concludes with a solemn Universal Prayer.

Holy Saturday the day during which Christ lay in the tomb. In the Catholic Church, there is no Mass on this day; the Easter Vigil Mass, which, though celebrated properly at the following midnight, is often celebrated in the evening, is an Easter Mass.

The **Easter Vigil** is held in the night between Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Easter season

Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. The date of Easter varies from year to year, according to a lunar-calendar dating system. In the Roman Rite, the Easter season extends from the Easter Vigil through Pentecost Sunday.

Liturgical colour: white, but red on the feast of Pentecost.

Ordinary Time

"Ordinary" comes from the same root as our word "ordinal", and in this sense means "the counted weeks". In the Roman Catholic Church and in some Protestant traditions, these are the common weeks which do not belong to a proper season. In Latin, these seasons are called the weeks per annum, or "through the year".

Ordinary Time consists of 33 or 34 Sundays and is divided into two sections. The first portion extends from the day following the Feast of the Baptism of Christ until the day before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent).

Liturgical colour: green

Ordinary Time is divided into two sections: Time after Pentecost and Time after Trinity.

This season, under various names, follows the Easter season and the feasts of Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. Ordinary Time resumes on Pentecost Monday, omitting the Sunday which would have fallen on Pentecost. This season ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. Feasts during this season include:

- *Trinity Sunday*, the first Sunday after Pentecost.
- *The Body and Blood of Christ*, on the second Sunday after Pentecost.
- *Sacred Heart of Jesus*, Friday in the third week after Pentecost.
- *Feast of Christ the King*, last Sunday before Advent.

Our Parish Calendar – 2024

* Subject to Change

January

4	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
5	Fr Henry Nursing Home Visit	
11	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
11	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
18	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
18	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
19	Young Adult Group	
25	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
26	Australia Day Mass	8.00am
28	Baptism	11.00am
29	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
31	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm

February

1	School Resumes – Term 1	
1	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
1	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
2	Fr. Henry Nursing Home visit	
4	Sacramental Program Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Mass	9.30am
7	Sacrament Program Meeting	6.30pm
8	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
8	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
8	Lourdes Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
9	Young Adults Group	9.00am
10	Sacrament Program Meeting	4.30pm
11	OLOL Parish Feast Day	9.30am
12	School Mass	9.30am
12	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
14	Ash Wednesday	6.30pm
14	Sacrament Program Meeting	6.30pm
15	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
15	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
17	Sacrament Meeting RPT	4.30pm
18	First Sunday of Lent	
21	Baptism Preparation	7.30pm
21	Sacramental Program Meeting	6.30pm
22	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
22	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
23	Station of the Cross	7.30pm

24	Parish Retreat	
24	Holy Spirit Mission	9.00am
24	Sacramental Program Meeting	4.30pm
25	Baptism	11am
26	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
28	Sacramental Program Meeting	4.30pm
29	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
29	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm

March

1	Fr Henry Nursing Home Visit	
1	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
2	Sacrament Program Meeting	6.30pm
2	Parish Retreat	9.30am
6	First Reconciliation Group 1	7.00pm
7	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
7	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
8	Station of the Cross	7.30pm
8	Young Adults Group	9.00am
10	Baptism	11am
11	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
13	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
14	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
14	Lourdes over 50s Meeting	10.30am
14	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
15	Station of the Cross	7.30pm
15	Sacrament Program Meeting	6.30pm
18	Sacrament Program Meeting RPT	4.30pm
19	Baptism	11.00am
21	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
21	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
22	Station of the Cross	
22	Juniors of Seven Hills *	
24	Palm Sunday	
25	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.30pm
28	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
28	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
28	Holly Thursday	8.30-9.30pm
28	Confession, Practice for Acolytes, Altar Servers, Readers	3.00pm
28	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30pm
28	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm
29	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	10.00am
29	Practice for Acolytes, Altar Servers, Readers	11.30am

	Good Friday Celebration of the Lords Passion	3.00pm
	Night Prayer after Adoration until	11.00pm
29	First Reconciliation Group 2*	7.00pm
30	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
30	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
30	Easter Saturday	
	Confession	9.30-10.30am
	Practice for Acolytes, Altar Servers, Readers	2.00pm
	Holy Saturday Mass – Easter Vigil	6.00pm
31	Easter Sunday Mass	8.00am,9.30am

April

1	Easter Monday	
3	Confirmation Information night *	6.30pm
4	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
4	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
5	Fr Henry Nursing Home Visit	
8	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
10	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
11	Christ Community Prayer Group Meeting	9.30am
11	Lourdes Over 50s Meeting	10.30am
11	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
12	Last Day of Term 1	
14	Baptism	11am
17	Baptism Preparation Meeting	
18	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
18	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
21	Fr Henry's Anniversary Morning Tea	
22	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
25	Anzac Day	
25	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
25	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
26	Juniors of Seven Hills*	
28	Baptism	11am

May

2	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
2	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
3	Fr Henry Nursing Home Visit	
5	Confirmation Enrolment Mass *	9.30am
8	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
8	Confirmation Meeting *	6.30pm
8	Confirmation Meeting RPT *	4.30pm
9	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
9	Lourdes Over 50s Meeting	10.30am

9	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
10	Young Adults Group	
12	Baptism	11.00am
13	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
15	Confirmation Meeting *	6.30pm
16	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
16	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
19	Presentation of the Creed	9.30am
22	Confirmation Meeting *	
23	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
23	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
24	Juniors of Seven Hills*	
25	Confirmation Meeting RPT *	
26	Baptism	11.00am
27	St Vicent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
29	Confirmation Practice	6.30pm
30	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
30	Confirmation Mass *	7.00pm

June

1	Father Henry Annual Leave	
6	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
6	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
6	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
10	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
10	Kings Birthday	
12	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
13	Lourdes Over 50s Meeting	10.30am
13	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
13	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
14	Young Adults Group	
15	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
20	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
20	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
24	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
27	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
27	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
27	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm
28	Juniors of Seven Hills*	

July

4	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
4	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
5	Fr Henry Nursing Home Visit	
8	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm

14	Baptism	11.00am
10	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
12	Last Day of Term	
11	Lourdes Over 50s Meeting (School Holidays)	10.30am
11	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
12	Young Adults Group	
14	Baptism	11.00am
17	Baptism Preparation Meeting	
18	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
18	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
18	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
18	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
22	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
25	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
25	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
25	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm
26	*Juniors of Seven Hills	
28	School Mass – Grandparents Day	9.30am
28	Baptism	11am
31	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm

August

1	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
1	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
2	Sacrament Program Meeting	6.30pm
5	Sacrament Program Meeting RPT *	4.30pm
8	Lourdes Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
8	Legion on Mary	1.30pm
9	Young Adults Group	9.00am
10	Sacrament Eucharist Talk *	11.00am
10	Christ Catholic Community Meeting	9.30am
11	Sacrament Program Meeting *	6.30pm
11	Baptism	11am
12	Sacrament Program Meeting	4.30pm
12	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
14	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
15	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
15	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
22	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
22	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
23	Juniors of Seven Hills*	
23	Sacrament Program Meeting *	6.30pm
25	Presentation of the Lord's Prayer	9.30am

25	Baptism	11.00am
26	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
28	Sacrament Program Meeting	6.30pm
29	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
29	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
29	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm

September

1	Father's Day	
2	Sacrament Program Meeting *	4.30pm
4	First Holy Communion Practice Group 1	6.30pm
5	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
5	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
6	Fr Henry Nursing Home Visit	
8	First Holy Communion Mass	11am
8	Bishop Father's Day Appeal	All Masses
9	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.30pm
11	First Holy Communion Practice Group 2	6.30pm
11	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
12	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
12	Lourdes Over 50s, 26 th Anniversary BBQ	10.30
12	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
13	Young Adults Group	9.00am
15	First Holy Communion Mass	11.30am
19	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
19	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
22	First Holy Communion Presentation Mass and Morning Tea	9.30am
23	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
26	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
26	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
26	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm
27	Juniors of Seven Hills*	
28	Baptism Preparation Meeting	7.00pm

October

3	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
3	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
9	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
10	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
10	Lourdes Over 50s Meeting	10.30am
10	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
11	Young Adults Group	9.00am
13	Baptism	11.00am
14	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.30pm

17	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
17	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
24	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
24	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
25	Juniors of Seven Hills*	
26	Aid to the Church Presentation	
27	Aid to the Church Presentation	
27	Baptism	11.00am
28	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
31	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
31	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm

November

1	Feast of All Saints	8am, 9.15am
1	Fr. Henry Nursing Home visit	
2	Feast of All Souls	8.00am
5	Lourdes Over 50's Meeting Melbourne Cup Day	10.30am
7	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
7	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
8	Young Adult Group	9.00am
10	Baptism	11.00am
11	St Vincent De Paul	7.00pm
13	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
14	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30pm
14	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
14	Over 50's Christmas Lunch	10.30am
20	Baptismal Preparation	
21	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
21	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
22	Juniors of Seven Hills *	
24	Baptism	11.00am
25	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
25-26	Bishops Christmas Appeal	All Masses
28	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
28	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
30	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm

December

1	First Sunday of Advent	
5	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
5	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
6	Fr Henry Nursing home Visits	
8	Baptism	11.00am
9	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
12	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am

12	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
13	Young Adults Group	
17	Parish Second Rite of Reconciliation	7.30pm
19	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
19	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
19	Individual Confession	9.30am
20	Individual Confession	9.30-10.30am
23	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
24	Children/Family Christmas Mass	6.00pm
24	Christmas Mass	9.00am
24	Midnight Mass	12.00am
25	Christmas Day Mass	8am, 9.30am
27	Juniors of Seven Hills *	

January - 2025

1	New Years Day Mass	8.00, 9.30am
4	Vigil of the Epiphany	6.00pm
5	The Epiphany of the Lord	8am, 9.30am

Welcome

New Parishioners A very special welcome to any new parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes. To keep our records up to date, it would be appreciated if you could please fill out the New Parishioner Form at the church doors and return it to the Parish or hand it to our Parish Priest, Fr Henry. If you have any questions or suggestions for our parish, please also don't hesitate to contact the parish office



Volunteers make an extraordinary contribution to our Parish. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community and come from all walks of life: working people, students and professionals, young people, and retirees.

If you could spare some time, once a month or more, to do one of the many jobs in the Parish, ie. Church cleaning, flower arrangements, light gardening, Piety shop, weekly bins...

Please contact the Parish office 9622 2920 secretary@olol7hills.com.au

Parish Privacy Policy

1. The Parish collects personal information, including sensitive information, about members of the faithful. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to be able to administer the sacraments and pastoral care to the faithful, and to the children of the faithful. Information may be required to allow the Parish to meet some of its legal obligations, provide care for the child while under supervision and discharge its duty of care. If you reside in the Parish or elsewhere and continue to use its services, the information may also be used to solicit donations and/or request your services as a volunteer from time to time.
2. The Parish discloses personal address and telephone information to others within our Catholic Community only for administrative purposes. This includes other Parishes, the Diocese and to the school and also includes volunteers for rosters, sacraments etc.
3. Personal information may be collected for children for the purpose of administering the sacraments and pastoral care to children of the faithful. If this information is not provided we may be unable to offer Sacraments in our Parish Program.
4. Adults information is collected about them in the same manner for Sacraments and/or planned giving purposes.



Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy,
health of the sick, refuge of sinners,
comfort of the afflicted,
you know my needs,
my troubles, my sufferings;
cast on me a look of pity.

By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes,
you were pleased to make it a
privileged sanctuary,
from which you dispense your favours,
and already many sufferers have
obtained the cure of their infirmities,
both spiritual and physical.

I come, therefore, with the most
unbounded confidence to implore
your maternal intercession.

Obtain most loving mother, my requests,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

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Our Motto

“Still a wonderful place to pray and stay”

This motto highlights our desire to build up this Parish, not simply as a place of worship, but also as a place of care and hospitality, where everyone feels as though they belong and are at home.

Parish Planned Giving Program

By taking part of OLOL Planned Giving, you are helping the parish budget for all the costs involved in maintaining our active parish. Part of the 1st collection is set aside to support Parish clergy in his day today needs, such as food and drinks, and housekeeping. The rest is forwarded to the Diocese. The 2nd collection donations help cover the costs of pastoral expenses, insurance, electricity, maintenance, staff salaries, loan repayments, renovations, and clergy transport. This program is vital to further our parish development. If you would like an envelope number for regular donations, please fill in the card available at the church doors or complete the page at the back of this booklet, detach it and return it to the parish office. Other ways to donate to the Parish planned giving program is on-line (bank details below) or through 'Matt's Point' (Donation Tap Point) found at the church entrance doors, which makes it easier to donate a fixed amount, just by tapping a contactless credit card or debit card, smartphone or wearable.



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PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM 2021

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SUBURB: _____ POSTCODE: _____

TEL: (HOME) _____ MOB: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please tick your preferred method

- I would like Parish envelopes for regular donations
- I would like to *Renew* my envelope # _____ (Please state your number)
- I would like Parish envelope number for on-line donations

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

BSB: 067 950;

Account Number 000552;

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

- I would like to use credit card for direct debit weekly/monthly
(the Parish office will contact you)

- I would like to donate at a Bank or use 'Matt's Point'

(Donation Tap Point found at the Church entrance doors. No receipt)

IN-PERSON BANK DEPOSIT

Seven Hills Catholic Church

BSB: 062 315

Acc Id # - 00901486

AGENT # - 660

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

All information is kept strictly confidential. We do not at any time keep credit card details. All numbers are encrypted with the Commonwealth Bank Security System. If at any time you would like to withdraw from the Planned Giving Program

Parish Groups:

Please tick the appropriate box (boxes) and return to our Parish Office.

- Acolyte
- Extraordinary Minister of Communion
- Lector (Reader)
- Children's Liturgy
- Catechist
- Communion of the sick
- Legion of Mary
- Christ Community Prayer
- Lourdes Over 50's
- St Vincent de Paul
- Wardens
- Luminare (Young Adults Group)
- Church Cleaning
- Church Flowers

Full Name:-----

Contact Number:-----