

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



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 8 September 2019

7/8 September

Acolytes Vigil 8am 9.30am
Derick Soares
Lawrence Falzon
Ian Epondulan

Ministers Vigil
Louise La Guidara
Rosey Soares

8.00am Fennie Baltbat
Lorraine Fernandes
Louis Fernandes
Winnie Marcello
Suzy Nemorin

9.30am Ryan Epondulan
Artelle Lenthall

Readers Vigil
Marinela Simic, Perpetual Fernandes

8.00am Andrew Millar, Kathy Walker

9.30am Anna Lopeti, Maricel Santos

Altar Servers Vigil
Noah Ebb, Alex La Guidara, Cassandra Laus, Lucas Laus, Majerin Pieris

8.00am Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park

9.30am Eric Da, Victor Da, Larissa Leary, Sarah Lenthall

Musicians Vigil 8am 9.30am
Magnificat
Lolesio Choir
Tongan Group

Children's Rosary Liturgy 11 August
2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only
Milicevic Family
10 Grantham Road, Seven Hills

Flowers 8 Sept
Lucinda & Orlindo

Bookshop Vigil 8am 9.30am
Marinela
Edith
Fenty Saputra

Morning Tea 9.30am
Malayalee Community

Church Cleaning 12 Sept
Elodia, Elizabeth Mead

Welcomers Vigil 8am 9.30am
Judith Deloso, Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEER
Joyce Hillbrick, VOLUNTEERS
Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS

14/15 September

Acolytes Vigil 8am 9.30am
John Jordan
Eugene Miu
Ramzee Michael

Ministers Vigil
Charmain Jansz
Louise La Guidara

8.00am James Dinning
Benno Motha

9.30am Mercy Aquino
Barbara Chandler
Noel Emmanuel
Artelle Lenthall
Anna Lopeti
Nancy Sharmi

Readers Vigil
Jemma Sarmiento, Noreen Rosario

8.00am Priya Joachim, Karen Eleazar

9.30am Kamela Huihui, Laura Bellissimo

Altar Servers Vigil
Juan Burgess, Benjamin Clerk, Yxaak Dino, Jesseline Franco, Alex La Guidara

8.00am Jayden Cortis, Chrisha Gonzales

9.30am Ashley-Louise Tenn, Daniel Tenn, Samuel Thoms, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy

Musicians Vigil 8am 9.30am
Deanne
Christine Clarke
Folk Group

Children's Rosary Liturgy 11 August
2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only
Menezes Family
39 Winnipeg Street, Seven Hills

Flowers 15 Sept
Fennie & Angela

Bookshop Vigil 8am 9.30am
Mariane Christian
Shelia
VOLUNTEER

Morning Tea 9.30am
John O'Brien

Church Cleaning 21 Sept
Andrew Fedrigo, Ramzee Michael

Welcomers Vigil 8am 9.30am
VOLUNTEERS
Olivia Cortis, Rita Paolini, Annette Peatman
Kathy Chamberlain, VOLUNTEERS

Parish Priest: Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran
Pastoral Care of the Sick: Bathista Emmanuel 0405833655
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Kim Dung, Sarah Lenthall
Parish Office Email: secretary@lol7hills.org.au
Sacrament Co-Ordinator: Mrs Judy Barden
Catechist Coordinator: Mr Bob McNally 96241015

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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

WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am
7.30pm

PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE Monday & Saturday 8am

Church Open 8.30am-3pm
Monday-Friday (for prayer and reflection)

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK
1st Thursday of the month at 8am. **3rd October 2019**

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 18th September 2019

YOUTH MASS 1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes
Every Friday after 8am Mass until 9am

Exposition, Divine Mercy & Mass
1st Friday of the month 7.00pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS This Sunday 1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18
2nd Reading: St Paul 9-10, 12-17
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

READINGS 15/09/2019 1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?
Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.
All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.
The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.
Christ came to save sinners.
There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

OPENING PRAYER: O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.
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.

RESPONSE TO PSALM: *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*

SEPTEMBER		
11	Tai Chi	10.30am
11	Pastoral Council Meeting	7:30pm
11	First Holy Communion Group 1 Practice	6.30pm
12	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
12	Lourdes Over 50's Meeting	10:30am
12	Finance Committee Meeting	8:00pm
15	First Holy Communion Mass - Group 1	11.30am
16	St Vincent de Paul	7:00pm
18	Baptismal Preparation	7:30pm

LEGION OF MARY MEETING The next meeting will be Thursday 26th September.



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

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

Thong Nguyen, Frank Azzopardi, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Maureen Daley, Paul Daniel, Andrew Fedrigo, Letitia Haines, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Maria V, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Debra Price, Rose & Tony Stambouliah, 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: Jacintha Coelho, Shanti Fernando, VA Francis, Claude Joachim, Roseline Ratnam, Dr Fernando Serra Jnr, Estrella Solis

Anniversaries: Bibiano Villanueva, Elizabeth and John Alexander, John Azzopardi, Joan Falzon, Bill Falzon, M A Fernando, Leandros S Garcia Snr, Julia Hernandez, Salvatore & Rosa Loria, Salvatore & Rosa Mancina, Sr Margaret Mary, Selvi T Meenatchi, Anton Mula, Albert Mula, Ersilia Paolini, Mile Perak, Herman N Saputra, Caroline Susainathan.

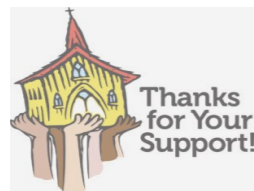
Remembrance: Felino Ladiana, Abet Amurao, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul, Simone, Cyril, Pacifica Miranda & Federico de Los Santos, Falzon Family, Sharon & John Lawrence, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Felix & Andriana Muscat, Josephine, Charles & Mary Muscat, Lakshman Perera, Albert Randall, Doroto & Marcelina Rasalan, Narciso Rodriguez, Monica Ryan, Jose Sanchez, Amalia & Dominga M Usman, Natalie & Joseph Vella.

PRAYER TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS

O God, bless my dealings with all those I encounter this day. Teach me to greet everything that occurs with peace of soul and the firm conviction that your will governs everything. Instruct me to act with firmness and wisdom, without embittering others or embarrassing them. Grant me the strength to endure the weariness of the approaching day, and all that comes with it. Teach me to pray.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 2115.00
Loose \$ 628.00
TOTAL \$ 2743.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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 carpark, the Olive St. 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.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

Desires, hurts and longings

Young people are aware that the body and sexuality have an essential importance for their lives and for their process of growth in identity. Yet in a world that constantly exalts sexuality, maintaining a healthy relationship with one's body and a serene affective life is not easy. For this and other reasons, sexual morality often tends to be a source of "incomprehension and alienation from the Church, inasmuch as she is viewed as a place of judgment and condemnation". Nonetheless, young people also express "an explicit desire to discuss questions concerning the difference between male and female identity, reciprocity between men and women, and homosexuality".

In our times, "advances in the sciences and in biomedical technologies have powerfully influenced perceptions about the body, leading to the idea that it is open to unlimited modification. The capacity to intervene in DNA, the possibility of inserting artificial elements into organisms (cyborgs) and the development of the neurosciences represent a great resource, but at the same time they raise serious anthropological and ethical questions". They can make us forget that life is a gift, and that we are creatures with innate limits, open to exploitation by those who wield technological power. "Moreover, in some youth circles, there is a growing fascination with risk-taking behaviour as a means of self-exploration, seeking powerful emotions and gaining attention... These realities, to which young generations are exposed, are an obstacle to their serene growth in maturity".

Young people also experience setbacks, disappointments and profoundly painful memories. Often they feel "the hurt of past failures, frustrated desires, experiences of discrimination and injustice, of feeling unloved and unaccepted". Then too "there are moral wounds, the burden of past errors, a sense of guilt for having made mistakes". Jesus makes his presence felt amid these crosses borne by young people; he offers them his friendship, his consolation and his healing companionship. The Church wants to be his instrument on this path to interior healing and peace of heart.

In some young people, we can see a desire for God, albeit still vague and far from knowledge of the God of revelation. In others, we can glimpse an ideal of human fraternity, which is no small thing. Many have a genuine desire to develop their talents in order to offer something to our world. In some, we see a special artistic sensitivity, or a yearning for harmony with nature. In others, perhaps, a great need to communicate. In many of them, we encounter a deep desire to live life differently. In all of this, we can find real starting points, inner resources open to a word of incentive, wisdom and encouragement.

The Synod dealt in particular with three areas of utmost importance. Here I would like to quote its conclusions, while recognizing that they call for greater analysis and the development of a more adequate and effective ability to respond.

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

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

This Sunday, one of the two Vietnamese Catholic communities in the diocese celebrates its Saint Patron Day, a Vietnamese martyr named Joseph Hoang Luong Canh.

As a herbal practitioner, he used his skill to help provide treatments to a lot of people, and whenever he could, he had no hesitation to baptise his patients, too. However, when the soldiers of the Vietnamese court captured him during a raid in July 1838, they kept him in prison for a few months.



Sometimes in his cell he prayed aloud, praying for the persecutors meaning the king and his soldiers with no sign of anger or hatred, and as pressed by prison guards of why he held no grudge with them, those putting him in misery, he grabbed the opportunity to offer them a catechist lesson about Jesus' commandment of love.

More interestingly, due to his age, the official in charge wanted to grant him pardon, given he had to step over a lying cross, a small gesture meant to denounce his faith, he was determined to say no to the opportunity to prolong his life. He was beheaded on 5th September 1838 aged 75. What a Christian witness, courageous and filled with Christian love.

The way St Martyr Joseph Hoang refusing to walk over the cross to keep his life appears to help us cherish even more Jesus' message in the Gospel this Sunday inviting us to detach ourselves from worldly possessions, and take up the cross to follow him. Obviously, the cross Jesus encourages us to carry and go after him in this context enjoys rather a symbolic meaning, for it is about all the troubles, the problems, the burdens, the obstacles, the hardships we have to encounter in our everyday lives. Jesus exhorts us not to run away from them, but have the courage to embrace and turn them into our spiritual credits.

Let us be ever inspired by Jesus' way of the Cross, and pray for the grace and strength to help us carry our daily cross the way Jesus would be proud of.

Have a courage-filled week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

LOURDES OVER 50'S MEETING AND 22ND ANNIVERSARY Complimentary BBQ will be held in the Parish Hall next Thursday the 12th September from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL is currently accepting enrolments for children eligible to commence Kindergarten in 2020, please contact Beth in the school office on 8869 6800. between 8.30am - 3.30pm Mon to Fri.

CHOIR PRACTISE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER.

A practise will be held at Christine Clarke's house, **SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER AT 3.30PM.** Contact Christine 0488 113 920.

LIVING OUT LAUDATO SI : With Climate Change a reality, 'Laudato Si: On Care For Our Common Home' is the text for how love for Jesus of the Gospel reveals itself through our care for all Creation with a beautiful sensitivity towards the natural world and compassion towards humanity.

On Earth God works through nature so that environmental action transforms our spirituality. We are called to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

We all need to know how so, come, share your sense of wonder for the beauty and complexities of Earth and the will to take care of her, beginning with morning tea, 9.00am, Tuesday 17th September.

LOLOL Parish Meeting Room, 7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills. Enquiries: 0429 595 231 Brother Frank Richardson.

TAI CHI & QIGONG FOR HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Every Wednesday at 10:30-11.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. Cost:\$10.



DIOCESAN NEWS

ONGOING FORMATION DAY FOR MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND DYING

This day is for those already involved in the ministry. The day includes input on the Spirituality of Suffering (Fr Marcelo Pamintuan MI) our Ministry as volunteers (Melisa Fitzgerald - Chancery) and Practicalities of the Ministry (Sr Mary Louise) The day includes lunch and morning tea Saturday 14 September, 9:30am—2:00pm To register contact anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org Phone 8838 4356

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Priests last weekend. For those who were unable to contribute, some envelopes are available in the Church or foyer. They may be sent directly to the Foundation or placed on the collection plate.

If you wish you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details so we can send a receipt.

Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2020. Thank you for your generosity.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY?

During Include A Charity Week, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in Parramatta Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published Listen to what the Spirit is saying, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

DIOCESAN FORUM RESOURCES:

You are invited to view the resources from the recent Diocesan Forum at www.parracatholic.org/forum2019. Read the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, data collated from the forum and images from the day. There will be further opportunities to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives following the Forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: 27 OCTOBER

All married couples and their families are warmly invited to the Diocese of Parramatta's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and Lunch on Sunday 27 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. A light lunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow. Please register your names and numbers of years married, and the numbers attending the lunch by contacting the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org.