



Mass Times:

Monday to Saturday : 9:15am
 Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
 Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:30pm
 First Friday of the month: 7:00pm

Rosary: Monday to Saturday: 8:50am

Sacred Heart Devotions: Fridays, 9:50am

Reconciliation: Saturdays: 10:30—11:30am

Baptisms: 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:00am

Weddings and Funerals: Contact Parish Office



Ladies Club Thanksgiving Mass & Morning Tea —Tuesday 5th December, 9:15am

Join us in celebrating this wonderful season with songs, prayers and thanksgiving at the 9:15am Mass on **Tuesday 5th December 2017**, followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre. Gentlemen are most

Flower Ministry—Volunteers Needed

Do you have a love for creating flower arrangements and enjoying being part of a team to share your skills? We need volunteers who can give about 2 to 3 hours every 5 months to create colourful arrangements in our Church for special celebrations and regular Sundays. You'll only be needed 1 day every 5 weeks to arrange flowers for our church. If you are interested, we would love to hear from you. Please call Sue on 0435154511 for more information.



December 9th & 10th

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	D Bui	Adam	E Lobo
Readers	M Flanagan	T Evans	I Vellis	M Heim
Ministers of Communion	T Flanagan N Barry	L Abouchabake J Murphy	P Kelly K Hicks	S Garrett M Williams
Flower Arrangers	Team 4: L Ghadban, R LaRosa			
Counters	Group 4: L Windram, P Page, M Brown			
Bankers	Group 4: J Williams, Wendy Williams			

PARISH CONTACTS

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton

Under the care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton, NSW 2162

Parish Priest: Fr Pat Moroney, OMI



First Sunday of Advent - Year B

3rd December 2017



Dear Parishioners,

A great advantage of gospel living is the constant opportunity for new beginnings. Advent, which begins today is the great symbol; of regeneration, a fresh start, the gift of starting over! Such a reality is beautifully summed up at the conclusion of today's First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah when he says:

And yet Lord, you are our Father

We the clay, you the potter

We are all the work of your hand

The wonderful image of God gently forming us from malleable clay, and even as we are formed with love and gentleness by the master potter, we find ourselves buffeted by the storms of life and small chips and imperfections appearing in our makeup. None of us last too long with the perfection with which God formed us, living tends to knock small pieces off us and we find the small imperfections appearing in our makeup and lifestyle. That is when we ask in prayer, for God the great potter to bend down and gently reform and reshape us on the wheel of life. We can see the hand of God caressing us with forgiveness and evening out with his touch the bumps and glitches that tend to accrue to us through life and its living.

Advent which comes to us today is a reminder of our need for new beginnings, a time to ask God to wash over us with his grace and, with the gentle and formative hands of the potter, to smooth out our rough edges and the inevitable bumps and ridges we all develop over time. In today's gospel Jesus reminds us to remain spiritually awake, to remind ourselves not to allow the divine potter to take his hands off us for too long lest we forget who we are and where we come from. Advent can bring us back on track, it can help us to once again climb onto the potter's wheel to be reshaped and remoulded as God wants. But the choice is ours, we have to want the new beginning, we have to be sufficiently aware that now is the acceptable time, now is the season of new beginnings. As we look forward to the coming of Christmas we remind ourselves it is not only the birth of a new baby but also the birth of a new phase in my journey to God.

God bless

(fr) Pat Moroney omi

Readings

This Week: Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37
Next Week: Is 40:1-5. 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC) during Advent- Sunday 10 am Mass



Liturgy of the Word with Children will take place during the season of Advent leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Children are lead to the Oblate room during the 10am Mass to listen to the Gospel and complete activities about the Christmas Story with a focus on the following themes: The Star, The Shepherds, The Three Kings and The Birth of Jesus. **Children’s Liturgy will start on Sunday 3rd December 10am (1st Sunday of Advent) and continue each Sunday of the Advent Season.** In preparation for Christmas, all children are invited to attend Mass during the season of Advent with their families.

Christmas Mass with Children Involvement

We are inviting children to take part in the **Christmas Vigil Mass on Sunday 24th December at 5:30pm.** Children will be involved in a Christmas Story Narration and in the various parts of the Mass, including the readings, and Processions. **Practices will take place on Sunday 10th, 17th & 24th December, after the 10am Mass** for approximately 1 hour. Children need to attend the practices to be involved in the mass. If your child would like to be involved in the Christmas Mass, please email info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au or contact (02) 9644 3555 by Friday 1st December.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal—9th/10th December

Christmas is one of the peak times of the year where many individuals and families experiencing hardship turn to Vinnies for support. Christmas is also one of the times of the year where our parish community generously support the work of St Vinnies through financial and gift donations. This Christmas, our parish will be supporting our local families and St Vinnies with an **appeal next weekend December 9th & 10th.**

A Christmas tree will also be set up in the foyer for all parishioners to donate gifts. Gifts may include toys or non-perishables. These gifts will be distributed to 42 families in need. It is best not to beautifully wrap your gift as they need to be unwrapped to check on safety etc. Just place gift unwrapped in a bag under the tree **by Tuesday 12 December.**.. Your contribution will make a world of difference!

IHM School Christmas Carols— Wed 6th Dec, 5pm

Our IHM School Christmas Carols will be held on Wednesday 6th December with a focus on the children’s reflection on **What Christmas Means to Me.** Parishioners are invited to a BBQ at 5pm with raffles drawn at 5:45pm, and join in the singing of carols at 6pm.



Christmas Piety Store

- MAMI Christmas Gift Cards
- SVDP Christmas Cards
- Christmas Party Tickets
- Christmas Party tickets

Australian Catholic Youth Festival – Invitation to Mass in the Domain

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has invited all to attend Mass in the Domain on Saturday 9 December for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The Mass at 6.30pm will follow an afternoon of concerts and festivities beginning at 4pm and featuring Australian and international musicians and performers, including Matt Maher. For more information go to the ACYF website: www.acyf.org.au

For those who cannot attend, we will have our regular Parish Vigil Mass at 5:30pm.

Mass Intentions:

Vigil	5:30pm	RIP– Watson Family
Sun 3rd	8:00am	RIP– Ann & James Sharrock
	10:00am	RIP—Richard Rooney & Family
	5:30pm	All Souls
Mon 4th	9:15am	Intentions—O’Rourke Family
Tue 5th	9:15am	RIP—Giacobe Nguyen & Souls in Purgatory
Wed 6th	9:15am	Intentions-Cyril Rodrigues
Thu 7th	9:15am	Intentions-Theresa & Family
Fri 8th	9:15am	Intentions—John, Ben & Melissa
Sat 9th	9:15am	Intentions—Khoury & Semrani Families

Parish Upcoming Events

Tuesday 5th December, 9:15am
Ladies Club Mass & Morning Tea
Sundays during Avent, 10am
Children Liturgy
Wednesday 6th December, 5:00pm
IHM School Christmas Carols
Saturday 16th Dec, 6:30pm
Parish Christmas Party



Please remember in your prayers

RIP Anniversary

Fr. J B McCann, Fr J Burke, Mary H Townsend, Geoffrey A Prince, William H Steele, Elizabeth M Kennedy, Vera M Bryant, Helen Kaban, Roger B Bowman, Henricus Leenders, Roy J Gibson, Julio Moya, Mary E Chambers, G Peter Mead, John Kerwick, Anne Kerwick, James Wynne, Beryl M Ryan, Howard J Feenan, Anna T Q Pham, Chelsea R M Smith

The Sick

Bishop G Robinson, Sister Marie O’Dea, Laurie Horsley, Marie Banham, David McGeachie, Pat Wilson, Lena Theuma, John Mealing, John O’Brien, Kath Coughlin, Mary Keane, Lidia Stuccio, Kevin & Moira Magnussen, Bob Rodrigues, Spiteri family, Noel Rigney-Johnson, Leslie Cotter, Louise & Anne Maher, Matthew Barrington, Lydia Gwynne, & Dulcie Cullen, Leo Hackett, Ngoc Hai Ngo, Lucia Iacono, Brian Cochrane, Tom Weston, John Peter Estanislao, Rosana Guevara, Jennifer Gonzalez.

Christmas Remembrance Service at St Mary’s Cathedral, 17th Dec, 7:30pm

All are welcome to join in St Mary’s Cathedral as we remember and pray for all those who have died and whose memory we cherish over the Christmas season.

