



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



Parish Christmas Party

Saturday 16th December

6:30pm , Parish Hall

Tickets on sale next weekend

Adults:\$15 ; Children: \$10

November 18th/19th

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	Adam	J Rodrigues	E Lobo
Readers	J Toinette	L Abouchabake	A Pham	L Farlow
Ministers of Communion	M Flanagan T Flanagan	C Wood J Murphy	P Kelly M Lonergan	S Garrett M Williams
Flower Arrangers	L Jones, S Johns			
Counters	Group 3: P. Page & J. Page			
Bankers	Group 3: D. Corbett, P. Kelly & M. O'Brien			

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



32nd SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME - Year A

12th November 2017



Dear Parishioners,

I read somewhere of a commentator who remarked that they initially felt that the judgement pronounced on the foolish virgins in today's gospel was unduly harsh! Why were the wise virgins so unkind and unhelpful to their foolish and less wise sisters? And, as I reflect on this very familiar parable, I am tempted to ask the same question... Why on earth did not the wise and prepared bridesmaids not share their oil, in a Christian spirit, with their desperate fellow bridesmaids? But on further reflection one may be tempted to change one's opinion, as my earlier commentator did. The significance of the use of the words 'wise virgins' really lies in the readiness or otherwise of the wise individuals awaiting the bridal party's arrival. In spite of knowing that the Bride would come at an unexpected time, not all the attendants prepared themselves for the unexpected. Oil was an essential component of life and its living, it was central to so much of living. Not to have reckoned that into one's life calculations was a huge miscalculation bordering on utter carelessness. Listening to today's gospel forces us to remind ourselves that Jesus has told us on numerous occasions that the Lord will come at a time we do not expect. That has been the theme of many of his stories and admonitions. We have been told often to be prepared.

When we reflect on the surprising fact that the five prepared bridesmaids failed to share their oil we come to realize that there are some things that one cannot borrow from others. As one commentator remarked 'we cannot borrow someone else's faith, someone's grace, someone else's spirituality,' in other words we cannot borrow someone else's preparedness! We can blame others for many things in our lives but eventually we have to account for our own soul and how we present it to God. Being prepared for the Lord's coming does not need great insight or extraordinary preparations or extraordinary feats of holiness but rather it consists in trying to do the ordinary things of life, those chores that are part of daily living, with love and kindness. The challenge is to try to live faithfully our particular vocation, whether married or single, professional or otherwise, rich or poor, in such a way as to be prepared for the gift of eternal life.

God bless

(fr) Pat Moroney omi

Readings

This Week: Wis 6:12-16 1 Thess 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13
Next Week: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thess 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

First Reconciliation

Second grade children of our parish will receive their First Reconciliation on Wednesday 15th Nov, 7pm. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers, as they prepare for the Sacrament.

Thank You ... Mrs Amal Francis

The parish would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Mrs Amal Francis for her years of excellent service to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Community as our first Family Parish Educator. We are very sad to lose Amal as our Family Educator. On the positive side we are blessed in the fact that Amal has resigned as Family Educator to take up a full-time position as a teacher in our Parish School. We are delighted to welcome Amal back in her new role.

We shall, in conjunction with the school principal Mr John Kennedy, be interviewing candidates for the position of Parish Family Educator in the coming days.



Thank You Ms Patricia Loos

The parish also extends its thanks and appreciation to Ms Patricia Loos for her work in putting together and printing our weekly parish bulletin over the past years. After four years working in the parish office on a part time basis, Patricia has now accepted a full time position at the Archdiocesan administrative office at Polding House in the city. We wish Patricia well in her new role.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Please collect form from the table in foyer. Fill in & return by **19th November** to enable Roster for Christmas & New Year to be compiled.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival—Sydney December 7th to 9th December

The Festival will be held at **Sydney Olympic Park** with the closing **Mass in the Domain**.

The Festival is open for participants from the age of 15 years to 30 years. Many of our young people will know all about it through Sydney Catholic Secondary Schools. Over 16,000 have registered.

Immaculata Mission School—1st -10th Jan 2018, HOBART, TASMANIA

"To know God, to love God, to make God known"

What? An awesome opportunity to grow in faith & fellowship! Featuring talks on the faith, daily Mass, fellowship, prayer times and lots of fun.

Who? 15-35 year olds

Where? Jane Franklin Hall, South Hobart, Tasmania

Cost: \$360 if you register before 16th Nov (all-inclusive of accommodation, meals & activities), or \$410 after that.

Contact: 0406 372 608 or immaculatamissionschool@gmail.com.

To register or for more info: <http://sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims-2018>

Mass Intentions:

Vigil	5:30pm	RIP—Roma Swindells
Sun 12th	8:00am	Orphaned Souls
	10:00am	RIP-Tony Elaro, Lionel & Deon Vellis
	5:30pm	RIP– Maria & Guise Ho
Mon 13th	9:15am	RIP-Suse (Suzy) Kretzschmar
Tue 14th	9:15am	RIP-Janet Daoud
Wed 15th	9:15am	RIP-Thomas Dwyer
Thu 16th	9:15am	Intentions-Charlie & Lina Theuma
Fri 17th	9:15am	RIP-Eugenio Giovanna Dore
Sat 18th	9:15am	Intentions of Khoury & Semrani Families

Parish Upcoming Events

Wed 15th Nov, 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 26th Nov, 11am

Parish Cuppa

Saturday 16th Dec, 6:30pm

Parish Christmas Party



Please remember in your prayers

Ronald Holmes (recently deceased)

With Sympathy...

The parish extends its sympathy to Mrs Connie Holmes and family on the death of Ronald on Tuesday November 7th. The Holmes family lived in Orchid Road Bass Hill and were active parishioners at IHM for many years. It is only in recent times that they moved to Sutherland Shire area when Ronald was diagnosed with illness.

The **funeral service prayers** will take place at our parish on **Monday November 13th, 10.30 am**.

RIP Anniversary:

Fr. P Seibert OMI, Dat Mai, Kathleen A McNiven, Alice J Smith, D'Arcy Cutcliffe, Maria De Giorgio, Dorothy Nash, Bruce L Badger, Jack Davis, Lesley J Sculley, Linley C Fulton, Vittorio Meli, Kath Woodman, Patrick Murphy, Iris Braden, Colleen Mills, Lorraine Johns

November Remembrance

November mass offerings for all souls are written in the **November Book of Remembrance**, placed on the table in front of the Sanctuary. Parishioners are invited to write the names of their departed loved ones in the book. These names will be remembered in all Masses said during November.

The Sick:

Bishop G Robinson, Fr Charlie Burrows, 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.