

**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**MAMI Christmas Missionary Gift Cards**

We have become accustomed to our Annual Gift Cards at Christmas in which we make a life giving gift to a family in poor communities around the world. In doing so we not only gift our family or friends but in the process we gift a genuinely needy family with hope and life sustaining help.

You can choose to give a truly needy family a gift to the value of \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25 or \$30.

MAMI Christmas Gift Cards will be available in the Piety Store or Parish Office from next week .

**November 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>**

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	D Bui	L Cavalo	T Kelly	B Freeburn
<b>Readers</b>	A Roberts	T Evans	L Vakauta	M Cowan
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	A Pham	N Walker	K Hicks	J Freeburn
	N Barry	M Abraham	I Vellis	M Farlow
<b>Flower Arrangers</b>	H Vakauta			
<b>Counters</b>	Group 3: P. Page & J. Page			
<b>Bankers</b>	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**33rd SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME - Year A****19th November 2017**

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the end of the Church's liturgical year our gospel readings are frequently parables about preparing ourselves for meeting with the Lord. This week's gospel parable is about how three different individuals reacted in life to the gifts and talents bestowed on them by God. In all the gospel stories it is a given that we are all endowed with gifts or talents, the only issue of concern is how we have used the talents that God gives us. One of the more surprising aspects of all the talent parables in the gospels, lies in the fact that God never tells us how to use the talents we have been given! We are, apparently, expected to use our own initiative and ingenuity.

In today's account, three different people are given varying talents, two of them increase the talents they were given and one did nothing with it, and was subsequently condemned. The first thing to notice is that we are not all born equally talented. Even in the story as told by Jesus, one person received five talents, another two and a third one. In this modern age, we often speak of 'all being equal' and that is true; but it is an equality in human rights, not in ability. It is obvious to one and all that we have different intellectual and different physical abilities, different genetic inheritances, different sporting, musical and artistic abilities and so on. Our giftedness can be significantly different to that of other people we know well, but all of us have our own unique talents. In today's First Reading from the Book of Proverbs, we are reminded in an eloquent passage of the talent of the virtuous wife who has the skill of raising a family, of running a household of caring for a spouse. The same must be said of a faithful and diligent husband. The real question raised in today's gospel parable concerns whether we are aware of being talented and whether we used those talents in a loving, fruitful and life-giving manner. The issue is not how talented we are compared to others, nor is it about how many talents we actually have, but rather do we appreciate that God has gifted all of us in a unique fashion. The question is 'have we appreciated the gifts bestowed on us and have we used them well? Today, Scripture reminds us that we shall someday have to account for our talents and how we used them

God bless

(fr) Pat Moroney omi

### Readings

**This Week:** Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31      1 Thess 5:1-6      Mt 25:14-30  
**Next Week:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17      1 Cor 15:20-26, 28      Mt 25:31-46

### First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the 44 students of our parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday 15th November. We would like to thank everyone involved in the organisation of this important celebration, we very much appreciate your efforts. Special thanks to Mrs Pauline Kelly—Parish Sacramental Coordinator, Mrs Alison Felici—IHM School Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs Amal Francis—IHM Family Educator, Grade 2 Class teachers and all Group Session leaders.

### Baptism

Congratulations to Paul and Naomi Banboukjian on the Baptism of their son Luca Gabriele last weekend. We wish them every joy & blessings.

*Congratulations!*



### Thank You Message

Catholic Mission would like to offer their heart-felt thanks for your generous response to the Appeal held in late October. Our parish raised **\$3,506.45** towards the life-giving work of Catholic Mission in Uganda.

Tax receipts will be issued and sent by Catholic Mission.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Please collect form from the table in foyer. Fill in & return ASAP to enable new Roster for Christmas & New Year to be compiled.

### Readers

Please make sure you **return forms by this weekend** so that new Roster can be prepared before Reader Meeting on 29th November.

### Acolytes

Please collect Roster for the Christmas period.

Thank you very much for your dedication throughout the year.

### 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 welcome to join. Please bring a plate to share.

### Christmas Piety Store—Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to assist with the selling of Christmas items for the parish after Mass in the coming weekends. If you are able to give 15 minutes of your time after Mass, we would very much appreciate your help. Please let Fathers know or contact the Parish if you are able to help.

### Mass Intentions:

<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	RIP— James & Eileen Ryan
<b>Sun 19th</b>	8:00am	RIP—Francis Maria Bui
	10:00am	Intentions— Jim, Frances McDermott & Family
	5:30pm	All Parishioners
<b>Mon 20th</b>	9:15am	RIP— Robert James Quinn
<b>Tue 21st</b>	9:15am	Intentions—George & Martha Abraham
<b>Wed 22nd</b>	9:15am	RIP—Margaret Fox
<b>Thu 23d</b>	9:15am	Intentions—Iris Hughes
<b>Fri 24th</b>	9:15am	RIP Ann 23/11—Phat Dinh
<b>Sat 25th</b>	9:15am	RIP-Robyn Albuquerque

### Parish Upcoming Events

#### Sunday 26th November, 11am

Parish Cuppa

#### Tuesday 5th December, 9:15am

Ladies Club Mass & Morning Tea

#### Sundays during Avent, 10am

Children Liturgy

#### Wednesday 6th December, 5:00pm

IHM School Christmas Carol

#### Saturday 16th Dec, 6:30pm

Parish Christmas Party



### Please remember in your prayers

### RIP Anniversary:

Veronica Blackbourn, Dorothy Boyle, Aloisia Buczynski, Colleen A Wooby, Stanley P Cook, Ronald Testa, Isabel Gower, Edward McPhee, Johanna M Quade, Elizabeth Poelczer, Cecylia Szymczak, Robert Quinn, Bianca Fabbian, John R Jones, Eileen Felan Susan Carey, Hugh A Dorahy, Ivan Stimac, Mary Newby, Edna M Trevena, Verlie E A Wynne, Michele Rodani, James Elvidge, Michael A Parker, Irene A Worton, Vittoria Casasauto, Phat Dinh.

### November Remembrance

November mass offerings for all souls are written in the **November Book of Remembrance**, on a 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, 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.

### Mass Intentions

When submitting Mass Intention Envelope, please include Intentions (e.g: RIP, Anniversary, Healings, Thanksgiving etc.), write in BLOCK letters name & title of the person Mass is being offered to. Also provide a contact number in case we need clarification. Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the Church Foyer.