

**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:30pm

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Saturday: 9:15am

**First Friday of the month:** 7:00pm

**Rosary:** Monday to Saturday: 8:50am

**Sacred Heart Devotions:** Friday, after morning Mass

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 10:30—11:30am

**Baptisms:** Second and Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass

**Weddings and Funerals:** Please contact the Parish Office

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**Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings.**

**Third Wednesday of Every Month 10:00am – 1:00pm.** For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: 02 9646 6908 or [bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au)

**Direct Employment**

Having a job builds a person's dignity and wellbeing. It is empowering being in the workforce and contributing to society but for some people there are barriers. Direct Employment is a fee-free recruitment agency, helping people with disabilities overcome these barriers to find meaningful and sustainable work. It is the not-for-profit disability employment agency of the Archdiocese. Employers are only introduced to candidates who have the right availability, skills and ambitions. Candidates like Direct Employment because employment opportunities are tailored to each person's skills, individual goals and the needs of employers.

Call us on 13 18 19 for more information.

| October 7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup> |   |                         |                     |                         |
|---|---|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Mass                                      | 5:30pm                                      | 8am                     | 10am                | 5:30pm                  |
| Acolytes                                  | W. Khouw                                    | C. McDermott            | Adam                | B. Freeburn             |
| Readers                                   | J. Tonette                                  | M. Abraham              | I. Vellis           | M. Heim                 |
| Ministers of Communion                    | A. Pham & P. Loos                           | N. Walker & M. Lonergan | K. Hicks & M. Cowan | J. Freeburn & L. Farlow |
| Flower Arrangers                          | L. Jones & S. Johns                         |                         |                     |                         |
| Counters                                  | Group 2: M. Lonergan, P. Rolfe & J. Horsley |                         |                     |                         |
| Bankers                                   | Group 2: I. Prygiel & M. Enright            |                         |                     |                         |

**PARISH CONTACTS**

| Immaculate Heart of Mary Church  | Immaculate Heart of Mary - Primary School   |
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| <b>Acting Parish Priest:</b> James Jeyachandran, OMI<br><b>Parish Office:</b> Tue—Thu (9:00am—2:30pm)<br><b>6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton NSW 2162</b><br><b>Ph:</b> 02 9644 4026, <b>Fax:</b> 02 9743 7407<br><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:sefton@oblates.com.au">sefton@oblates.com.au</a><br><b>Parish Website:</b> <a href="http://www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au">www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au</a> | <b>Principal:</b> Mr. John Kennedy<br><b>School Office:</b><br><b>30 Proctor Parade, Sefton, NSW 2162</b><br><b>Ph:</b> 02 9644 3555, <b>Fax:</b> 02 9644 8214<br><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au">info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au</a><br><b>Parish Family Educator:</b> Mrs Amal Francis |

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton**

*Under the care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate*

6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton, NSW 2162

**Acting Parish Priest:** Fr James Jeyachandran, OMI



**26th SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME - Year A**

**1 Oct 2017**



A young priest was sent by his bishop to a parish that had a 'red light district' within its boundaries. On his first day in the parish a nun, who had worked in the area for many years, took him on a tour of her beat, the area where all the women-in-prostitution were plying their trade. As they went along Sister introduced the priest to her friends Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane. 'Sister it's fantastic that you know these women so well', he said. 'Don't worry', replied Sister, 'you'll know them in no time as well, and they'll know you by name too.'

Seized by panic, the young priest had visions of the bishop, the parish priest or, worse still, his mother coming to visit and walking with him down the street as Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane all wave and call out across the road, 'Hello Father'. Who would ever believe he only knew them pastorally?

'Truly I tell you that prostitutes and tax collectors are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God.'

The preaching of Jesus attracted all sorts of people who lived at the fringes of, or were oppressed by, Palestinian society. Jesus' message was especially attractive to them. Tensions among the huge variety of Jesus' disciples, between the rich and the poor, men and women, the Jews and Gentiles, the socially respectable and those with outrageous backgrounds continued after his death throughout the next decades, during which the Gospels were written.

It's hard for us to imagine what a diverse and scandalous group in many respects, the first fathers and mothers of our faith were seen to be. Imagine, if you will, the fuss that would still be created if the local bishop was seen constantly dining with women in prostitution, drug dealers or known terrorists. People would be outraged, but the bishop would be doing nothing short of following Jesus' example. This situation gives us a little insight into how affronted the Chief Priests and Pharisees were by Jesus and, in turn, by his disciples' behaviour.

For Jesus there was never a lost case, or a person beyond help. He didn't just spend time with the poor and broken of his society, but offered them a new way of life, an opportunity to start again and redemption from their destructive behaviour. He went to where they were, as they were. And we do the same because this is precisely what God has done for us. God didn't wait for us to 'talk the talk' before we could 'walk his walk'. Jesus came to us when we were religiously dumb and immobile and showed us how to speak, what to say and where to walk.

The Christian walk and talk is meant to have a profound impact on our daily lives, our concerns, our priorities and compassion. So much so that if, over a period of time, what we celebrate here each Sunday makes no inroads into our family life and workplace, our professional life, our business practices and our relationships, then we should ask ourselves what we are doing here.

And, what's worse, we could even miss the on-going revelation of Christ's presence in the poor, weak and vulnerable of our own society. We constantly look for Christ in the spectacular and the wonderful and he comes to us in the least of our brother and sisters.

May this Eucharist give us the strength to not only 'look good', but to 'be good', to start over if we need to, and do our best to live out the faith we profess. May it strengthen us to find the Lord where he is, and not keep looking in the places where we would prefer him to be.

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Readings

This Week: Ezek 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32  
Next Week: Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

Vaiata Hehea

IHM Parish would like to congratulate Vaiata Hehea on her nomination of Archbishop's Award 2017.

Vaiata is strongly committed to her faith, being involved in her Parish and youth group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Sefton, her Tongan Catholic Youth Group, and also serving as the Leader of Catholic Life and Mission at Trinity Catholic College.

Vaiata is blessed with great musical ability and she generously shares her talents with others in contributing to choir, liturgies and prayer. Vaiata is active in developing the Catholic faith amongst Tongan young people. She is also a regular Reader of the Word and a volunteer for Careflight Australia. Vaiata is an outstanding young Catholic leader who is generous, faith filled and highly devoted to her family, community, Church and God.

Catechist Meeting

Final Catechist meeting to be held for term four in Parish Centre on **Thursday 5th October at 10am**. All welcome. Especially those who have 2.1/2 hrs per week available to help a Catechist. "Think about it!" morning tea will be provided or you can just come to wish me a happy birthday. All enquiries please ring Adam on ph. 9743 7185. God bless.

Oblates Fathers Annual Retreat from 1st October to 6th October

The Oblates Fathers will have their annual retreat in Melbourne from **Sunday 1st October to Friday 6th October. No weekday Masses from Monday 2nd October to Friday 6th October. Church will be open for personal prayers: 9:00am – 3:00pm.**

**Parish Office hours:** Tuesday 9-12pm and Friday from 9-3pm.

IHM Parish Retreat 2017

**When:** Friday 20th October to Sunday 22nd October

**Where:** Carmelite Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

This annual gathering has always proven to be a most enjoyable and restful experience for the participants and we look forward to the same reports this year. This is an opportunity to benefit from a relaxing and spiritual experience.

**Enquiries:** Kath Marson 9644 8163 / Margaret Cowan 0411 089 391.

Registration forms available in the Church Foyer.

Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering – ‘Everyone’s Business: Building an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy’

Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year!

We will have speakers on a variety of topics related to the new Social Justice Statement, ‘Everyone’s Business: Building an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy’. There will be a mix of practical and informative sessions and time to renew or begin relationships with social justice leaders from other parishes. We will also have copies of the Statement and practical resources to take home with you. Our full line-up of speakers will be announced shortly!

There will be a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Plenty of street parking and easy accessibility. All most welcome!

**WHEN:** October 14, 2017 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm

**WHERE:** St Columba’s Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North

**COST:** Free

**RSVP:** Essential for catering: email [jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org) | or call us 9307 8465

Postal Plebiscite

It's ok to vote NO in the postal plebiscite. Redefining marriage in Australia will have serious consequences. We have seen no safeguards for individuals of faith. Radical gay sex education will return to schools. For more info or to get involved see: [www.coalitionformarriage.com.au](http://www.coalitionformarriage.com.au)

Mass Intentions:

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| Vigil | 5:30pm  | Intentions of the Pham Family                            |
| Sun 1 | 8:00am  | Intentions of all parishioners                           |
|       | 10:00am | Peter Mandic (RIP)                                       |
|       | 5:30pm  | Caterina Hoang (RIP)                                     |
| Mon 2 | 9:15am  | No Mass  |
| Tue 3 | 9:15am  | No Mass  |
| Wed 4 | 9:15am  | No Mass  |
| Thu 5 | 9:15am  | No Mass  |
| Fri 6 | 9:15am  | No Mass  |
| Sat 7 | 9:15am  | Fr Peter Dinh & deceased members of Dinh & Pham Families |

Parish Diary:

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| Sun 1   | 26th SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME                      |
| 6:30pm  | J-Walker Senior Youth Meeting (Every second week) |
| Mon 2   | The Holy Guardian Angels                          |
| Tue 3   | Weekday, Ordinary Time 26                         |
| 10:00am | Legion of Mary Meeting                            |
| Wed 4   | St Francis of Assisi                              |
| Thu 5   | Weekday, Ordinary Time 26                         |
| 10:00am | Catechist Meeting                                 |
| 7:00pm  | J-Walker Youth Meeting                            |
| Fri 6   | Weekday, Ordinary Time 26                         |
| Sat 7   | Our Lady of the Rosary                            |

Please pray for ....



Recently Deceased:

Alfreda Kubousek, Peter Kelly (brother of Chris Kelly in Ireland), Vinnie Stashinsky

RIP Anniversary:

Mary T. Hutchinson, Mary Nolan, Grace M. Barrington, John Hennessy, Leonarda Krawczyk, John J. Harrington, Lawrence (Lal) Morris, Lisa H. Bartnik, Emily Cameron, Francis Baxter, Margaret Plummer, Helen P. Wallace, Ada E. Doggett, Thomas Gallagher, George A. Hazel, John D. Harvey, Paul Hill. William Neale, Anne O'Rourke, James McPhee, David J. Walsh, Mary K. Scott, Lorna P. Perry, Iris G. Richardson, Joan M. Effield.

The Sick:

Archbishop A. Fisher, Bishop G Robinson, Fr Pat Moroney, 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.

**Note:** If you wish to be included or you know anyone who would like to be included in the sick list please notify the Parish Office.



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