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From everyone in our parish, we wish to thank you for supporting the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal for the benefit of our agencies such CatholicCare, Ephpheta Centre, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Seminaries and Catholic Chaplaincies. Through you, they can continue their passion for making a positive contribution in people’s lives.

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CWF Pastoral Appeal

A Journey of Faith through the Evolution of Christian liturgy and its Music. This is a presentation of amazingly unique slides combined with related story-telling by Marie Therese Levey rsj - music teacher, author, specialist in medieval plainchant, collector of digital copies of manuscripts from across the centuries.

*Where*: St Joseph’s Regional Centre 5 Alexandra Ave, Croydon 2132.
*When*: 9am-12midday Friday 2nd June Entry by voluntary donation.
*Bookings essential*: RSVP by 26th May, Email marie.levey@sosj.org.au

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Dear Parishioners,

Ever since the first return of Jesus to his followers after his Resurrection we have been following his appearances and promises to his apostles. Much of what we hear in the Gospel comes from Jesus great discourse during his Last Supper. But now it is told and understood in a far more enlightened way as we realise that the Gospels were written in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus. The authors were looking back and telling of the events with much greater understanding. Towards the end of the Last Supper Jesus made a marvellous promise, knowing the apostles would be shattered by his death and disappearance, he promised them that he would not leave them orphans but would definitely come back to be with them once again. As we follow the story of the early Church, and the time immediately after the Resurrection as told in the Acts of the Apostles, we can see that he was true to his word. He returned over and over again, so that there could be no doubt that he had indeed risen as he promised. He also gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit, who was so much and so obviously, a part of the life and ministry of the early Church in its missionary outreach.

But these promises, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, were not merely for the apostles and the early followers, they were also made to and for us, living the faith today. We are no less in need of the power and strength of the divine presence in our life and world today. As the Church and theologians remind us today, Jesus has kept his promise to return to us just as he did to the apostles when he came through locked doors. Today he returns to us every day in his Risen Presence through his gift of his Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. Because of the Eucharist we, like the apostles, are not left as orphans, but rather receive the power to live in the presence of Jesus and to be inspired by the strength and comfort of the Holy Spirit. We are soon to see Jesus ascend back to his Father but we live in the promise of the Holy Spirit and the Eucharistic Presences of our Lord.

God bless

(fr) Pat Moroney omi
Confirmation Commitment Sunday

Today at Mass we would like to welcome families who are participating in the Confirmation Program over the next few weeks. The children have a prayer card and are invited to distribute their prayer card to parishioners. Please pray for the parents who will teach their children. Please pray for the children to prepare well. After the homily, Confirmation candidates and their parents will come to the altar and participate in the commitment prayer.

Parish Legion of Mary Retreat, May 20th 2017

The Sefton Parish Legion of Mary are holding a Retreat at our Parish Church on this Saturday 20th May between 10:00am and 4:00pm. The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is part of Our Lady of Good Counsel Cabramatta Curia.

All legionaries are invited. Mass will be celebrated at 12:00pm to be officiated by Fr Gerry Prindiville, Curia Spiritual Director.

Visiting Priests

Due to the necessity of the Oblate priests of the parish leaving for the OMI Conference on the morning of Sunday 21st May. We are very appreciative of the generosity of the two visiting priests who are coming to help us with the weekend Masses at 10:00am and 5:30pm.

We welcome Fr Kevin Dance CP from the Passionist Fathers at Marrickville for the 10:00am Mass and Frs John O’Brien and Fr John O’Brien from Sydney for the 5:30pm Mass.

Oblate Provincial Conference May 2017

As we announced in recent weeks all the Oblates of the Province are coming together for the purpose of community planning and a general assessment of our various ministries. Traditionally this has occurred approximately every two or three years. The present Provincial Fr Peter Daly OMI has called such a meeting and it has been many months in the planning. Our Conference will take place in the coming days in Melbourne and will run from Sunday 21st May to Wednesday 24th May. All the Oblates from all over the Province, including some of our men from Hong Kong / China, will be in attendance. The three priests from Sefton will also attend and we will fly to Melbourne on the Sunday morning 21st May. As a consequence of the priests being away there will be no daily Mass in the parish on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 22nd, 23rd or 24th May. In actual fact we have decided to close the Church on these three days. There will be daily Mass again beginning on Thursday 25th May.

Fr Pat away on Holidays and Fr Eric the acting Parish Priest

In the absence of Fr Pat on holidays with his family Fr Eric Alleaume OMI will be the acting parish Priest and so all queries ought to be made through him.

The Culture Project

Recently I was approached by a young man who was part of a fairly new Catholic community or religious project called The Culture Project. They are a group of young people who have come together in a missionary organization to endeavour to restore a sense of Catholic culture based on the experience of virtue and a sense of each person’s human dignity. I was impressed with the young man’s ideals and aspirations and he asked if they could speak briefly during the weekend Masses. I am always more than happy to encourage our young people and happily agreed. They will therefore speak at the end of each of our Masses on this weekend of May 20th & 21st.

Sunday Morning Tea

Next Sunday 28th May being the last Sunday of the month there will be a cup of tea after the 10:00am Sunday morning Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to stay back for a few minutes and to meet with and renew old acquaintances with fellow parishioners. For some it may well be the opportunity to meet up with new parishioners for the first time. Needless to say, all are most welcome and the occasion will hopefully enable parishioners and families to meet and mix.

Readings

This Week: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pet 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21 OR

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Please pray for ....

Recently Deceased:

John Windram, Jack Harvey

RIP Anniversary:


The Sick:


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.