



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



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 attend and enjoy a BBQ at 5pm with raffles drawn at 5:45pm, and join in the singing of carols at 6pm.



Thank You

A special thank you to our parishioner Mrs Kathy Coughlin and family. In response to our recent appeal on behalf of The Catholic Missions in aid of the women of Uganda, Kathy and family held a weekend Garage Sale. Last Sunday. They brought the proceeds of their work to our parish church and donated \$300 for the Appeal in aid of Uganda. We will add this generous donation to the \$3,500 already donated by the parishioners and forward to the Catholic Mission Office. Many thanks to all the parishioners and to Kathy and her family.

December 2nd & 3rd

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	K Collins	C Kelly	J Rodrigues	C McDermott
Readers	R Toinette	Immaculata Sisters	Mel Keep	L Quinn
Ministers of Communion	P Loos Y Sassine	P Kelly B Murphy	M Lonergan K Marson	L Farlow M Cowan
Flower Arrangers	N Zalloua, R Khoury			
Counters	Group 4: L Windram, P Page, M Brown			
Bankers	Group 4: J Williams, Wendy Williams			

PARISH CONTACTS

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A

26th November 2017



Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and it is the final feast of the Church's year. It is also, by coincidence, the last parable that Jesus tells in Matthew's gospel. With this parable, the teaching of Jesus in Matthew's gospel comes to an end. In this day and age the very mention of the Kingship of Jesus sounds a little outdated, we kind of thought, unlike earlier times that we had outlived most royal dynasties in most of the world. But today's celebration reminds us of the universal relevance and importance of Jesus. At the end of time, we shall all stand before the lord, whether we are Christians, Buddhists, Muslims, Jewish, atheists, non-believers and all believers of any or no religion.

Unlike most exams we are told in advance by Jesus what we will be asked and it is quite easy to understand. We will be asked how we treated the least of the followers of Jesus, and that means the least of the people among us. What is most disturbing is not that we will be found to have actively caused the suffering, the tragedy and the misery of those who crossed our path in life. The vast majority of suffering we encounter in others has not been our fault and so we will not be held accountable. We have not practiced evil in our living, but Jesus is at pains to remind us that the great sin will be one of omission, to have done nothing for those in need whom we encounter. It is worth remembering that the final words of Matthew's gospel are those of Jesus "Whatever you do to the least of these you do to me". What you failed to do for them you failed to do for me," Jesus is present where human need is greatest.

It is consoling for all of us to know that we are not asked to perform great acts of heroism, we are not asked to be outstanding saviours of the world like our fictitious super heroes in movies or on TV. No, for Jesus what happens in the world has eternal significance. Human kindness and compassion on behalf of the suffering and needy is enough to see us welcomed into the Kingdom. Quite the nicest thing about the words and promise of Jesus is that in helping the suffering and deprived we may not be even aware that we are touching Jesus himself in our daily living. In our daily efforts to live justly and generously we have, unknowingly one foot in the kingdom of Christ.

God bless

(fr) Pat Moroney omi

Readings

This Week: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46
Next Week: Is 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

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 Saturday 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.

MAMI Christmas Missionary Gift Cards

Give someone a give of hope this Christmas by donating to projects in the Missions supported by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Missionary Gift Cards are available in \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25 & \$30. They can be purchased in the Piety Store or Parish Office.

SVDP Christmas Cards & Columban Calendars

On sale in the Piety Store.

SVDP Christmas Cards—\$6.00 a package of 10 cards

2018 Columban Calendars—\$8.00 each

Christmas this year?
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a gift of hope
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An ideal meaningful gift for someone special this Christmas is a MAMI Gift Card: a gift that keeps on giving for the entire year and beyond.

At Christmas we celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus Christ. In the true spirit of Christmas, your gift can be a gift to those less fortunate - a gift of love. The concept is simple: receive a recommended fee deductible donation to one of our programs and you will receive a Christmas Gift Card, which explains that you have purchased a gift card in place of a gift, and gives a list of loved ones.

Make a donation to one of these projects in the Missions supported by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Chickens \$10
Education \$15
Toolbox \$20
China \$25
Goat \$30

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Parish Christmas Party—Saturday 16th December, 7:00pm, Parish Hall

Tickets on sale in the Piety Store. Adult: \$15, Child: \$10. Children under 7: Free

Readers Meeting- Wednesday 29th Nov, 7:30pm, Parish Centre.

Please make an effort to attend as we prepare for December & January Liturgy.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you have not collected form from the table in the foyer. **Please collect and return form by this weekend** so that roster can be prepared for Christmas and New Year.

Thank you for your dedication to this important Ministry.



Mass Intentions:

Vigil	5:30pm	RIP— Muir Family
Sun 26th	8:00am	RIP—Patricia Bottrell
	10:00am	First Birthday—Michael James
	5:30pm	Intentions—All Parishioners
Mon 27th	9:15am	Intentions— Phillip Rodrigues
Tue 28th	9:15am	Intentions—Dominic Rodrigues
Wed 29th	9:15am	RIP—Margaret & Anthony Hodson
Thu 30th	9:15am	RIP-Betty O'Rourke
Fri 1st	9:15am	Intentions—Mary Cardoza
	7:00pm	Intentions—Loos Family
Sat 2nd	9:15am	RIP—Dinh & Pham Families

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 Carols

Saturday 16th Dec, 6:30pm

Parish Christmas Party



Please remember in your prayers

RIP Anniversary:

Feliks Molski, Peter Radyna, Clarice M Turner, Angelo Mollica, Eric D Nederhof, Thomas L Moore, Antoni Stefaniak, Wilhelmina Kozicki, Bertha Lynch, James Sharrock, Averyl C Martin, Francis Jackson, Ladislav Wagner, Mona A Pratt, George T Thompson, Fr J Ryan OMI, Frank Poelczer, Noelene Travers, John O'Connor (Jack) Keating, George McCann, William Raap, Eileen Sparkes, Fr J Sullivan OMI.

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.

