



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;
 Ph: 02 9644 4026, Email: sefton@oblates.com.au



IHM School Enrolments 2018

Enrolments for our local Parish school are now open.
 Forms can be collected from the school office.
 Contact the school on 9644 3555 for more information.

School Open Day

For new families, an Open Day is being held this week:
Wednesday 8th March: School tours for new families.
 Tours of the school for families considering IHM for their child.
 These will be held at 9am, 12md and 3.30pm.
 Each tour will take approximately 30 minutes.
 Please tell your friends about this opportunity.

Children's Liturgy during Lent

We invite all children to Mass during the season of Lent as we all prepare for the celebration of Easter.
 Children's Liturgy will take place **every Sunday during Lent**. Adult leaders will take the children to the Oblate Room **during the 10am Mass** where children will listen to the Gospel, discuss and engage in activities based on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We encourage children from Kindy – Year 4 to join us!

March 11 th /12 th				
Mass	5:30pm Vigil	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	T. Kelly	K. Collins	C. Kelly	C. McDermott
Readers	M. Flanagan	M. Abraham	I. Vellis	M. Heim
Ministers of Communion	N. Barry & K. Marson	C. Wood & J. Murphy	P. Kelly & K. Hicks	P. I. Akeje & M. Cowan
Musicians/Choir	IHM Choir	Anh Tran	Ann & Ed Luis	Ollie Nguy-Lobo
Flower Arrangers	NO FLOWERS DURING LENT			
Counters	Group 5: T. Flanagan			
Bankers	Group 5: S. Johns & P. Loos			

PARISH CONTACTS

<p>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish Priest: Fr. Pat Moroney, OMI Assistant Priest: Fr. Vin McGillicuddy, OMI Parish Office: Tue—Thu (9:00am—2:30pm) 6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton NSW 2162 Ph: 02 9644 4026, Fax: 02 9743 7407 Email: sefton@oblates.com.au Parish Website: www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au</p>	<p>Immaculate Heart of Mary - Primary School Principal: Mr. John Kennedy School Office: 30 Proctor Parade, Sefton, NSW 2162 Ph: 02 9644 3555, Fax: 02 9644 8214 Email: info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au Parish Family Educator: Mrs Amal Francis</p>
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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; **Assistant Priest:** Fr Vincent McGillicuddy, OMI

1st Sunday of Lent - Year A

5th March 2017



Dear Parishioners,

As we begin our Lenten season we are indeed going through some tumultuous times particularly with the final sessions of the Royal Commission into the Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse. The Commission has finished and now we await the Report which will not come before the end of the year. It has been a very trying time for the Church, the Church leaders and Bishops in particular, and indeed for all of us. For the vast majority of us it has been both a revelation and a humiliation. We have witnessed a procession of the hierarchy appear before the Commission and all, without exception, acknowledging their failure as Leaders to act appropriately, either as individuals or as a body. That is merely a painful fact all of us have to live with. We have never heard so frequently from our Archdiocese and the bishop as we have on recent weeks. Today, again, we have a letter from His Grace Archbishop Fisher and it is his Lenten Pastoral letter to all of us. It calls on us to do what we can to repair the damage caused by all that we have heard from the Royal Commission and asking us to do all in our power during this Lent to help heal the wounds being felt for so many, both the abused and the innocent trying to live the faith. In their daily lives.

At Easter time we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, the most important feast of the year for Christians. Lent is a time to ready ourselves for that great feast of Easter. We take the time to look at our lives and behaviour and to ask where God is in our lives. We are challenged to try and get a little closer to Him in our everyday lives and actions.

At this time of Lent the Church sets before us the three great works of the spiritual life. They are prayer, fasting and almsgiving or gift giving. When we speak of almsgiving we really mean helping out those with genuine needs, either here in our own society or in the Third World. So, we become conscious of those living in misery from poverty, those who may be unemployed through no fault of their own and those who are homeless or simply suffering hunger and malnutrition in all parts of the world. To them we turn our thoughts and efforts as we acknowledge them as our family and as the family of God.

God bless

(fr) Pat Moroney omi

Readings

This Week: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11
Next Week: Gen 12:1-4 2 Tim 1:8-10 Mt 17:1-9

Lenten Pastoral Letter 2017

Archbishop Fisher's Lenten Pastoral Letter for 2017 is available from the table at the back of the Church. All parishioners are invited to take a copy home to read and reflect on.

There are also convenient copies of the Archdiocesan and Church Lenten regulations as regards Fasting and Abstinence and guidelines as to whom are expected to follow the traditional Lenten customs of Fasting and Abstinence. In some respects, these are not as widely understood as in former times. This succinct notice from the Diocese helps to clarify the situation.

IHM Parish Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on this coming **Wednesday 8th March at 7.00 pm**. The meeting will take place in the Parish Presbytery. Parishioners who are not formal members of the Pastoral Council are most welcome to attend.

Trinity College Auburn / Regents Park

We have been forwarded a number of copies of the Trinity College Newsletter which we are happy to display for those who may wish to take one. A significant number of our parishioners and parents are former students or associates of Trinity College and taking one of the Newsletters is an opportunity to keep abreast of current events at the College. For those with children who may be prospective students it is an opportunity to learn about what is happening there. Trinity, like all living institutions changes and develops as time progresses and so it is good to be able to keep up to date with current events.

Parish Sacramental Programme

The Sacrament of confirmation will be celebrated in this parish on **Friday 23rd June 2017 at 7.00 pm**. There will be the usual four weeks of Confirmation classes for the children receiving the sacrament and these **classes will begin on Sunday 21st May**.

Any parishioners who have not had the opportunity during their Primary School years to receive the sacrament may also contact one of the Priests or the Parish Office and arrangements will be made to accommodate their needs. All are welcome. Children who have been confirmed as an infant may also enrol in the programme and receive a special blessing from the Bishop as he confers the sacrament. Further notices and enrolment forms will be available closer to the date.

MAMI Appeal

Every two years the Parish has an appeal for the Association of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. We run this appeal in all of our parishes every second year to assist our missionary work in Indonesia and in our Hong Kong / China Mission. It also assists in defraying the running cost of our seminary programme. The Appeal will take place on this weekend of **March 4th & 5th**. We welcome Fr John Sherman OMI who is currently the Director of the Missionary Association and we thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Project Compassion

Many of us are very well aware of the significance of our Annual Project Compassion collection with its boxes, posters etc. This is a long-standing tradition in which we participate every Lent. It really is the Australian Church coming together to raise funds for the Third World and to ensure that we never fail to live in the awareness of the need to be aware of the needs of the less fortunate, especially those living in dire need due to starvation, war, natural disaster or location. It is constant and necessary reminder of how blessed we are in living in our own society, an awareness that ought not to lead to any sense of superiority but rather leads us to a consciousness of our need to help others.

It is also a marvellous opportunity to teach our children to think of others and to share a little of our good fortune as each family tries to keep the Project Compassion box in a prominent place in the home. Thank you to all who will participate once again this year.

Mass Intentions:

Vigil	5:30pm	Phat Dinh, Fred Pham, Deceased Members of Dinh & Pham families
Sun 5	8:00am	Joseph Bui Thuan (special intentions)
	10:00am	Intentions of all parishioners
	5:30pm	Joseph & Caterina Pham (RIP)
Mon 6	9:15am	Jack Porrill (RIP)
Tue 7	9:15am	Mary Carrigan (RIP)
Wed 8	9:15am	G. Oliveiro (Thanksgiving)
Thu 9	9:15am	Denis Day (RIP)
Fri 10	9:15am	Zalloua Family (RIP)
Sat 11	9:15am	Muoi To (RIP)

Parish Diary:

Sun 5	1st SUNDAY of LENT
Mon 6	Monday of the 1st week of Lent
7:30pm	<i>Yoga</i>
10:00am	<i>Legion of Mary Meeting</i>
Tue 7	Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent
Wed 8	Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent
Thu 9	Thursday of the 1st week of Lent
7:00pm	<i>J-Walker Youth Meeting</i>
Fri 10	Friday of the 1st week of Lent
9:30am	<i>Yoga</i>
7:00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat 11	Saturday of the 1st week of Lent

Please pray for

Recently Deceased:

Mike Farrell

RIP Anniversary:

Maud O'Reilly, Camela Goodwin, Oswald R. Watt, Keith Ring, Craig Bass, Margaret Beachil, Gregory Sole, John H. Krebs, Bernard J. Murray, Florence E. Johns, John (Jack) Mulligan, Myrtle H. Killeen, Sandra Pagett, John Pett, Aileen M. Hill, John J. Thompson, Lillian Maunsell, Joseph Dagg, Geraldine, Cardiff, Catherine J. McTeigue, Maureen T. Brooks, Rosario Stromandioli, Eileen P. McGrath, Jean Jeffrey, Denis J. Breen, Grace Giddins, Cyril J. Hoffman.

The Sick:

Archbishop A. Fisher, Bishop G Robinson, Fr John O'Doherty, Sister Marie O'Dea, Laurie Horsley, Marie Banham, David McGeachie, Pat Wilson, Lina Theuma, John Mealing, John O'Brien, Kath Coughlin, Mary Keane, Lidia Stuccio, Cheryl MacKlin, Kevin & Moira Magnussen, Bob Rodrigues, Spiteri family.

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.*

Counters / Bankers

Please pick up your new rosters from the Sacristy. New rosters start from April 2017.

We are still in need of counters for Group 5. If you know anyone who would like to join please inform one of the Priests or the Parish Office on 9644 4026.

