



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



Partners in Mission – PIMs

Partners in Mission (PIMs) is a program of the Australian Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate which offers people who identify with the spirit of St Eugene de Mazenod, and the Congregation he founded, the opportunity to work as part of the Oblate Mission in China, and develop their own faith by helping others and living in community as lay missionaries.

An Oblate lay missionary is a person who: Volunteers their time and talents to serve God by serving others; Is inspired by the charism of St Eugene de Mazenod; Lives in community with other lay missionaries; Undertakes a personal formation program; Is open and willing to learn more about themselves by understanding more about others.

Mission/Ministry Opportunities

As a lay missionary you will assist in ministries in either Hong Kong or Beijing. These ministries may include teaching conversational English and work with sick and abandoned young children, in China. You do not need to be a trained teacher nor do you need to speak Chinese. In Beijing the services of an interpreter will be made available to you.

Teaching English is a practical benefit to the children as it provides them with a skill that assists them in gaining employment later in their lives.

Who should apply?

Anyone who is: Active in their faith; Single or married; Early 20's to early 60's; Good health is essential as mission activity can be strenuous and physically challenging. Willing to learn from a different culture. Willing to live as part of a religious community with the disciplines and benefits involved therein. Willing to obtain and provide police checks and working with children checks (or its equivalent.)

For further information visit www.oblates.com.au/MAMI/PartnersinMission or email pims@oblates.com.au

October 14 th / 15 th				
Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	K. Collins	L. Cavallo	D. Bui	T. Kelly
Readers	R. Winder	L. Abouchabake	A. Pham	M. Cowan
Ministers of Communion	M. Flanagan & T. Flanagan	C. Wood & J. Murphy	K. Marson & I. Vellis	P. I. Akeje & M. Farlow
Flower Arrangers	H. Vaka'uta			
Counters	Group 2: M. Lonergan, P. Rolfe & J. Horsley			
Bankers	Group 2: I. Prygiel & M. Enright			

PARISH CONTACTS

<p>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church</p> <p>Acting Parish Priest: James Jeyachandran, 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</p> <p>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

Acting Parish Priest: Fr James Jeyachandran, OMI



27th SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME - Year A

8 Oct 2017



Canadian theologian Bernard Lonergan had a major impact on philosophy and theology last century. Sometimes his language was so complex we had to buy a companion book to help us read the original work! Surprisingly, however, his most important insights were very simple and expressed in very simple language. One of them was that we regularly have 'ah-ha' moments, where we get an insight into God, the world or ourselves. These moments make sense of things we have previously only seen as problems.

Matthew's Gospel is filled with 'ah-ha' moments. Written for a generally Jewish audience it reflects on Jesus in light of the history of Israel, the Hebrew Scriptures and the expectations of the Messiah. Jesus was for Matthew's community, and is for us, the 'ah-ha' in world history. By Matthew reflecting on his life, death and resurrection, things he had previously only wondered about now made sense.

The phrase 'the stone rejected by the builders' originally referred to Israel. In Psalm 118 and, more generally, in the Book of Psalms, the trials and defeats of Israel are seen to be tests of strength, love and endurance. Despite everything Israel has gone through, the people continue to sing of God's fidelity to them and what marvels God has done before their eyes, making them into a more faith-filled people.

Matthew, however, reflects on what happened to Jesus at the hands of the Chief Priests, Scribes and Romans. In a great 'ah-ha' moment he sees that it is Jesus, not Israel, who is the stone rejected by the builders which has now become the key building block of a new edifice.

Doing exactly the same as Matthew does with this passage, we can apply it to our own lives as well. There are often facets of our personality or character of which we are ashamed or about which we despair. From gossip to greed, past hurts to anger, sexuality to broken relationships, we can often get discouraged at how un-together our Christian life is.

Even though we have worked hard to overcome our worst traits, we often think nothing good will ever come of them. In such a context we need to hear today's Gospel, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvellous moments of amazing grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over. Looking at things we have thought of as only being problems provides us with the greatest potential for 'ah-ha' moments, where the healing and love of Christ enables us to turn our lives around, to demolish all the negative and defeatist self-talk in which we can indulge and rebuild ourselves with Christ, the master builder.

Once we get into the habit of doing this, it's amazing how many 'ah-ha' moments we have as our history ceases to be a problem to be overcome but turns into a challenge to be harnessed for the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Readings

This Week: Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43
Next Week: Is 25:6-10 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14

Recently Deceased **Alfreda Kubousek (89)**

The parish is saddened to learn the death of a long standing and devoted parishioner with the passing of Alfreda (Freda) Kubousek of 22 Kawana St, Bass Hill on Friday 29th September at Bankstown Hospital. Freda has been a devoted and active parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish for many years. May she rest in peace.

Her requiem Mass will take place at IHM Church on **Monday 9th October at 10:30am** followed by cremation at Rookwood Cemetery.

After the funeral Mass, refreshments will be available at the Parish Centre. All welcome.

A special thank you to Maureen and Chris Hynes for organising the Choir for Freda's Mass.

Recently Deceased **Patricia Bottrell (86)**

Our deepest sympathies to the Bottrell family on the passing of Patricia Margaret Bottrell of 5 Fuller St, Chester Hill. Her requiem Mass will take place at IHM Church on **Wednesday 11th October at 1:30pm** followed by burial at General Cemetery Rookwood. May she rest in peace.

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. Arrival time at the retreat centre is from 3pm. The nearest station is Minto and if any one would need a lift from Minto it can be arranged.

Registration forms available in the Church Foyer. **Booking need to be finalised by Friday 13th October.**

Enquiries: Kath 9644 8163 or Margaret Cowan 0411 089 391.

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 jpointo@sydneycatholic.org or call us 9307 8465.

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

Catholic Bushwalking Club

Is looking for new members. Bushwalking, Camping, Canyon and Skiing trips. Please apply via website www.bcbns.org.au or contact Linda 0478 919 427.

Mass Intentions:

Vigil	5:30pm	Joan & Kathy Watson (RIP)
Sun 8	8:00am	Isidro Cabuay (RIP)
	10:00am	Intentions of all parishioners
	5:30pm	John Brooks Intentions
Mon 9	9:15am	Giacobe Nguyen & Souls in Purgatory
Tue 10	9:15am	Jessie Coluccio (RIP)
Wed 11	9:15am	Cecilia Nadile (RIP)
Thu 12	9:15am	Kathleen Leto (RIP)
Fri 13	9:15am	Warren Hall (RIP)
Sat 14	9:15am	Intentions of Grace Rodrigues

Parish Diary:

Sun 8	27th SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME
6:30pm	<i>J-Walker Senior Youth Meeting (Every second week)</i>
Mon 9	Weekday, Ordinary Time 27
Tue 10	Weekday, Ordinary Time 27
10:00am	<i>Legion of Mary Meeting</i>
Wed 11	Weekday, Ordinary Time 27
Thu 12	Weekday, Ordinary Time 27
7:00pm	<i>J-Walker Youth Meeting</i>
Fri 13	Weekday, Ordinary Time 27
9:30am	<i>Yoga</i>
Sat 14	Weekday, Ordinary Time 27

Please pray for



Recently Deceased:

Patricia Margaret Bottrell, Alfreda Kubousek

RIP Anniversary:

F. J O’Regan, T. Shortall & P. O’Reilly OMI. Isidro Cabuay, Catherin M. Duffy, David E. Hammond, Ivy Hurrell, James Toth, Kathleen Callaghan, Robert R. Baker, Matthew McLoughlin, John R. Gordon, Kathleen A. Reynolds, Williams, Margaret A. Hamling, Evylim Shaw, Frederick W. Collins, Victor G. Waddington, Florence M. Quinn, Josephine B. Portelli, Jeannette Portelli, John M. Maher, Timothy A. Dunn, Joseph Trattner, James M. McFarlane.

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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