



**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



**KINDERGARTEN 2019**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Primary School Sefton are looking at enrolments for next year already! If you have a pre-schooler who turns 5 before 31/7/19 and would like to enrol him/her at **IHM for 2019, enrolment forms are now available.** If you know of anyone else who may be considering a Catholic education for their child, please let them know about Immaculate Hear of Mary Catholic Primary School.



**OPEN DAY—AUBURN CAMPUS**

**March 7, 4pm –8pm**  
 13 Park Road, Auburn

**MINISTRY ROSTER - 10TH & 11TH MARCH**

| Mass                          | 5:30pm                         | 8am                | 10am               | 5:30pm                  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Acolytes</b>               | Adam                           | L Cavallo          | C Kelly            | K Collins               |
| <b>Readers</b>                | A Roberts                      | Immaculata Sisters | I Vellis           | L Farlow                |
| <b>Ministers of Communion</b> | N Barry<br>Y Sassine           | C Wood<br>J Murphy | P Kelly<br>K Hicks | S Garrett<br>M Williams |
| <b>Musician/Choir</b>         | IHM Choir                      | A Tran             | E & A Luis         | O Nguy-Lobo/A Tran      |
| <b>Flower Arrangers</b>       | NO FLOWERS DURING LENT         |                    |                    |                         |
| <b>Counters</b>               | M Lonergan, P Rolfe, J Horsley |                    |                    |                         |
| <b>Bankers</b>                | I Prygiel, M Enright           |                    |                    |                         |

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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| <p><b>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church</b><br/> <b>Administrator:</b> Fr James Jeyachandran OMI<br/> <b>Parish Secretary:</b><br/>                 Leisa Farlow (Tue &amp; Fri) / Elizabeth Bui (Wed &amp; Thu)<br/> <b>Office Hours:</b> Tue—Fri (9:00am—2:30pm)<br/> <b>6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton NSW 2162</b><br/> <b>Phone:</b> 02 9644 4026, <b>Fax:</b> 02 9743 7407<br/> <b>Email:</b> sefton@oblates.com.au<br/> <b>Parish Website:</b> www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au</p> | <p><b>Immaculate Heart of Mary - Primary School</b><br/> <b>Principal:</b> Mr. John Kennedy<br/> <b>School Office:</b><br/> <b>30 Proctor Parade, Sefton, NSW 2162</b><br/> <b>Phone:</b> 02 9644 3555, <b>Fax:</b> 02 9644 8214<br/> <b>Email:</b> info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au<br/> <b>Family Educator:</b> Mrs Claude Bourizk</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

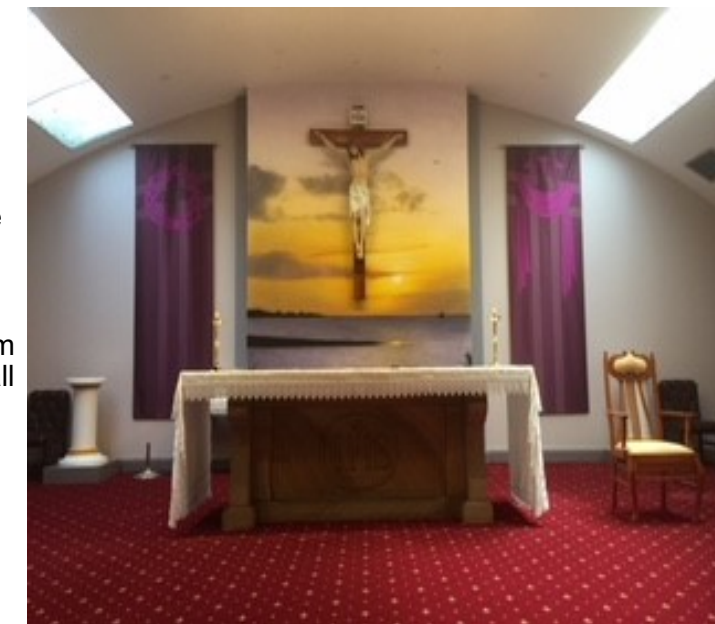
**Administrator:** Fr James Jeyachandran OMI



**Sunday, 4 Mar 2018: Third Sunday of Lent - Year B**

**HOMILY by Richard Leonard SJ**

In recent years the Ten Commandments have become an unusual staging ground for various groups within the Church. Some people complain that young Catholics don't know them off by heart. This position is countered by those who say that rather than being able to recite them we should live them, though it's hard to see how we can do one without the other. Still, others rightly claim that Jesus summarised them in his new commandments, 'To love God with all our heart, mind and soul and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.'  
 The problem with teaching the Ten Commandments is not what they say, but how they say it. The idea of 'coveting' anything, but especially 'wives, slaves, ox and ass' are all a bit dated these days.



In an article entitled 'Preaching to the Modern Pagans' journalist Bryan Appleyard tells how he interviewed a person who kept quoting them at length. Later he decided to read them for the first time since childhood and he was struck by their insightfulness into the human character. Appleyard thought all the Ten Commandments needed was a makeover so that we can reclaim the power of them.  
 'You shall have no other gods beside me.' *Be serious!*  
 'You shall not carve idols for yourselves ... nor bow down before them.' *Get real!*  
 'You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.' *Be humble!*  
 'Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day ...' *Be quiet!*  
 'Honour your father and your mother ...' *Respect age!*  
 'You shall not kill.' *Do not kill, for all murder is suicide!*  
 'You shall not commit adultery.' *Mean what you say!*  
 'You shall not steal.' *Do not steal, or all the world will die!*  
 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.' *Honour others, their frailties are usually your own!*  
 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house or wife ...' *Be kind, be generous and don't play around!*  
 So by putting some ancient words into the modern vernacular we are exhorted this Sunday to seriousness, facing reality, humility, creating space, respecting age, honesty, and fidelity, and we are bluntly told to stop killing and stealing. There is nothing old fashioned about these challenges. As in other instances, we can see that it's not what our tradition has to say but the way we say it that can be the problem.  
 And today's Gospel tells us of the consequences of moving away from these guiding principles. I think we need to take Jesus' anger very seriously. Rightly we have emphasised the love and compassion of Jesus over recent decades because for far too long the steadfast love of Christ was under-emphasised. We should never think, however, that it cancels out the anger God feels when he sees an unjust world filled with people who know better and do nothing.  
 God has given us the Ten Commandments, the Law, the Prophets and Jesus his Son, so that we might know the Way, the Truth and the Life. When we are called to account for how we spent our lives, whom we loved and how we made the world a better place for all, most of us will not be able to plead ignorance. May our Eucharist this Sunday enable us to be mindful of what the Ten Commandments say, but even more may it give us the courage and strength to live them out in a world that needs witnesses to them more than ever.

## READINGS

**This Week:** Ex 20:1-17      1 Cor 1:22-25      Jn 2:13-25  
**Next Week:** 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23      Eph 2:4-10      Jn 3:14-21



**SINCERE SYMPATHY** and loving prayers from the parish family to Joan and all the Horsley family on the passing of Laurie, a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Joan and Laurie have resided in the parish for 59 years, raising their seven children. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAY 2.30PM

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, is a popular Lenten Devotion. Our school and parish communities will join as a group and pray the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent to call to mind the Passion of Christ, that is, the journey Jesus took from his condemnation to his death. I invite all families to attend at least one Friday, bring your toddlers and bring a friend, everyone is welcome.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

During Sundays of Lent Mrs Claude Bourizk, Family Educator, will be running the children's liturgy, which is a liturgy for the proclamation of God's **Word** for **children** appropriate to their understanding. . All children between the ages of 4-12 years are most welcome at **10am Mass on Sundays**.

## CONFIRMATION TUESDAY 19TH JUNE 2018

Confirmation is the Sacrament by which Catholics receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Catholic Christians in Year Six and above who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion are eligible to enrol in the Confirmation Program. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives candidates the increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every situation. **Confirmation will be celebrated at IHM Sefton Parish on Tuesday 19th June at 7pm.**

Applications are available in the foyer of the church as well as on the Parish website, <http://www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au>. Please submit applications before 13th April 2018 to the Parish Office at 6 Kerrinea Road Sefton.



## Oblate Farewell Mass & Dinner

Please join in a celebration of Thanksgiving and Farewell to our Oblates of Mary Immaculate priests for their 70 years of care of Sefton Parish on

**Easter Monday 2nd April**

**Mass at 4:00pm**

**Dinner in the Parish Hall from 5:30pm**

Tickets for Dinner will be available for purchase after weekend Masses. \$10/Adult , \$5/Child



## MASS INTENTIONS:

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| <b>Sat 3rd</b>  | 9:15am                      | RIP Laurie Horsley<br>Recently Deceased  |
| <b>Vigil</b>    | 5:30pm                      | Pham Family - Pray for<br>Peace  |
| <b>Sun 4th</b>  | 8:00am<br>10:00am<br>5:30pm | RIP - Christine McDonald<br>Anniversary 28th Feb<br>Georges Family - Mass of<br>Thanksgiving RIP<br>Caterina & Joseph -<br>Anniversary |
| <b>Mon 5th</b>  | 9:15am                      | All Souls in Purgatory &<br>Souls of Unborn Babies   |
| <b>Tue 6th</b>  | 9:15am                      | RIP Vanda Nubia<br>Pinheiro Siqueira<br>Recently Deceased<br>8/2/18  |
| <b>Wed 7th</b>  | 9:15am                      | RIP - Laurie Horsley<br>Recently Deceased  |
| <b>Thu 8th</b>  | 9:15am                      | RIP - Maria Huang Chen<br>Tsai She<br>Recently Deceased  |
| <b>Fri 9th</b>  | 9:15am                      | RIP - Mr Tom Wong  |
| <b>Sat 10th</b> | 9:15am                      | Laurie Horsley (RIP)   |
| <b>Vigil</b>    | 5:30pm                      | RIP - Vincent Hughes   |

## WE PRAY...

### Recently Deceased

Laurie Horsley, Maria Huang Chen Tsai She, Vanda Nubia Pinheiro Siqueira, Iva Cuk

### RIP Anniversary

Fr C Cox OMI, Colin Lawless, Craig Bass, Gregory Sole, Lillian Maunsell, Maureen Brooks

### Our Sick

Bishop G Robinson, Sister Marie O'Dea, Alma Ryan, David McGeachie, Lena Theuma, John Mealing, Kath Coughlin, Mary Keane, Lidia Stuccio, Kevin & Moira Magnussen, Bob Rodrigues, Spiteri family, Leslie Cotter, Matthew Barrington, Lydia Gwynne, Leo Hackett, Lucia Iacono, Ted O'Connell, Noel Rigney-Johnson

## Volunteer with Palms Australia-



**Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting and dirty"**

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but **immerse themselves in overseas communities** for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, **share them with our global family!**

Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to [www.palms.org.au/volunteer/](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer/)

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*If you want to walk fast, walk alone...! But if you want to walk far, walk together...!*

*There is a lot of difference between human being and being human. Few understand it!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sat/Sun, 3rd & 4th March

- Dinner tickets for Oblate Farewell available after weekend Masses

### Sun, 4th March

- Baptismal Classes after 10am mass - Meet in the foyer of the Church

### Wed, 7th March

- IHM Primary School Open Day (9am, 12pm & 3:30pm)
- Trinity Catholic College Open Day - Auburn Campus

### Fri, 9th March

- 2:30pm - Stations of the Cross