



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.

St Patrick's Day Mass

All are welcome to join with Bishop Terry Brady to celebrate the Annual Feast Day Mass for St Patrick.
 Time: **10am - 17th March 2018**, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

MINISTRY ROSTER - 17TH & 18TH MARCH

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	B Freeburn	J Rodrigues	C McDermott
Readers	R Winder	T Evans	L Vakauta	M Heim
Ministers of Communion	M Flanagan T Flanagan	J Freeburn L Abouchabake	K Hicks I Vellis	L Farlow M Cowan
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	A Tran	Tongan Choir	O Nguy-Lobo/A Tran
Flower Arrangers	NO FLOWERS DURING LENT			
Counters	M Lonergan, P Rolfe, J Horsley			
Bankers	I Prygiel, M Enright			

PARISH CONTACTS

<p>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Administrator: Fr James Jeyachandran OMI Parish Secretary: Leisa Farlow (Tue & Fri) / Elizabeth Bui (Wed & Thu) Office Hours: Tue—Fri (9:00am—2:30pm) 6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton NSW 2162 Phone: 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 Phone: 02 9644 3555, Fax: 02 9644 8214 Email: info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au Family Educator: 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, 11 Mar 2018: Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B

HOMILY by Richard Leonard SJ

As Christians in the world we cannot help but be influenced by the developments that happen around us. Indeed, we believe that many of these advances are gifts from God, given to us to enjoy. But not all developments in thinking and practices are for the better. One recent and alarming development is the false thinking that we cannot judge other people, or that we should not be judged. The wider community regularly maintains that no one is in a position to judge another's behaviour or statements. This approach holds that everyone's words and actions are of equal value. This position is many things, but it's certainly not Christian, but this hasn't stopped it from finding a home amongst us. We regularly hear statements from Christian men and women like, 'We're not in a position to judge' or 'You can't judge them' and 'If it's fine for them, then it's fine'. This thinking has a name. It's called moral relativism and it tries to claim that the morality of behaviour is only determined by the person who does the act, or the context within which the action is taken.



Our Catholic tradition teaches us that a context is very important in trying to work out if someone is to blame for what they say and do, but that a person's particular circumstances never change the fact that the words or actions are in themselves wrong. We hold that while all human beings have equal value and dignity, we do not believe that everyone's opinion and actions are of equal worth. We believe that 'right judgment' is a gift of the Holy Spirit and that it's best exercised with humility and compassion. When I hear people say I should not judge others, I assume they are telling me that I should not condemn other people. There is a world of difference between judging and condemning. To judge is to make an assessment. To condemn is to damn. As Christians we judge because we have to keep discerning how the things of the world can be reconciled with the things we hold to be true. Condemnation is the prerogative of God alone, who sees all, knows all and loves all. In today's Gospel, however, John tells us that even God has forfeited the right to condemn the world, but has sent Jesus to be the world's light, life, truth and saviour.

The Gospel reminds us that if we feel condemned for what we have done and said, then it's because we have condemned ourselves, not because God condemns us. John tells us that even when we find ourselves lost in the darkness of our most destructive behaviour, the saving love of Christ is always available to us, inviting us to come out of the darkness into his light. What a great metaphor the light and dark is for making the best judgments in our own lives. Alarm bells should always ring when we find ourselves not wanting anyone else to know what we have said or done. Secrecy is often the ally of sin and the more open and transparent we are, the more confident we can be that we are walking as children of the light.

May this Lenten Eucharist enable us to let go of the desire to condemn others and ourselves, and to receive again the compassionate, just and humble gift of right judgment that helps us to see the darkness for what it is, and keeps us walking in the light of Christ.

READINGS

This Week: 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21
Next Week: Jer 31:31-34 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

BAPTISM

Please pray for **SEAN PATRICK REILLY** as we welcome him into our parish community through the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, 11th March. Let us pray also for his parents and godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Sean in the practice of the faith.



VINNIES SANDWICH MAKING

Parishioners are invited to join IHM school community in the next Vinnies Sandwich making.

We at IHM are committed to living in action, our school motto of "In Giving, We Receive". One of the initiatives we highly value is our monthly sandwich making. The school supplies the bread and fillings for 250 sandwiches, our wonderful parents and parishioners come together and prepare the sandwiches. We deliver them to the Vinnies kitchen in Lewisham, ready to go out on the night patrol trucks which serve them to the needy in various locations around our city. Some parents are not able to physically attend but will make a donation to go towards purchasing ingredients etc. That is also gratefully accepted. Our next rostered day is **Monday 12th March 2018, in the hall** straight after assembly, any help would be appreciated.

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

All welcome to the Mass. Please consider car pooling for parking purposes. Due to the overwhelming response, dinner tickets are now sold out.



MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 10th	9:15am	RIP Laurie Horsley
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Vincent Hughes
Sun 11th	8:00am	RIP Ann & James Sharrock
	10:00am	RIP Ivan Visevic
	5:30pm	Iva Cuk - Recently Deceased
Mon 12th	9:15am	All Parishioners
Tue 13th	9:15am	Intentions of Martin Vukoja
Wed 14th	9:15am	RIP Janet Daoud
Thu 15th	9:15am	RIP Paul de Reland
Fri 16th	9:15am	RIP Rocco & Teresa Badolato
	7:30pm	RIP One Year Anniversary Jessie Coluccio
Sat 17th	9:15am	RIP Angelo & Rodrigo Petricca
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Vincent Anh V Nguyen & Vincent Chong V Nguyen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, 11th March

- 11:00am - Baptism of Sean Reilly

Tue, 13th March

- Year 5 and Year 1 attend Morning Mass

Fri, 16th March

- 11:00am - Mass at Jocelyn St Aged Care
- 2:30pm - Stations of the Cross
- 7:30pm - One year Anniversary Mass for Jessie Coluccio

Sat, 17th March

- 2:00pm - Tongan Community Mass

WE PRAY...

Recently Deceased

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

RIP Anniversary

Fr H McFall OMI, Fr R Hennessy OMI, Daphne Miller, Margaret Lawless, Norma Agnes Rush, John Bede Finneran, Donald Vivian Anderson Low, Val Maycock, Jeanelle Fullager-Meyer, Jessie Coluccio

Our Sick

Bishop G Robinson, Sister Marie O'Dea, Alma Ryan, Tram T Nguyen, 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

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