



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



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



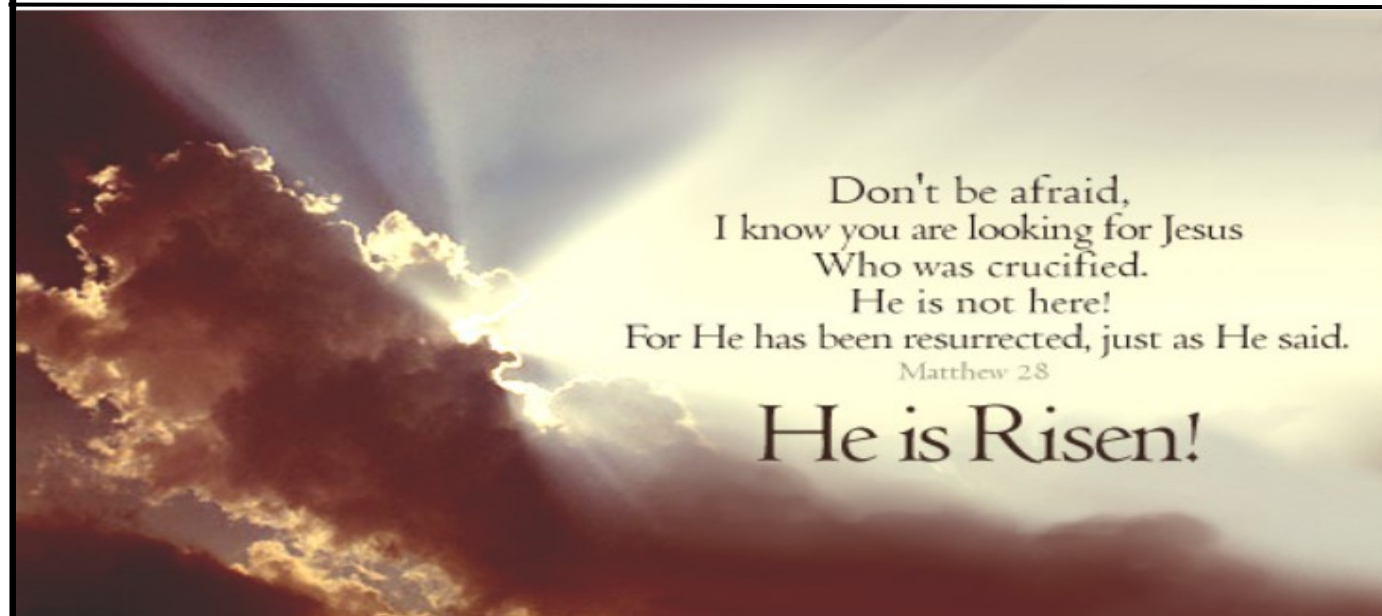
Sunday, 1 Apr 2018: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

CONFIRMATION —Tuesday 19th June, 7pm

Applications for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** are now open for children in Year Six and above, who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. Application forms are available in the church foyer as well as on the Parish website, <http://www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au>. Please **submit applications to the Parish Office by Friday 13th April 2018**. Applications can be dropped in the mailbox on the Presbytery's door or email to sefton@oblates.com.au.

PARISH HANDOVER

In preparation for the handover of the Parish to the Archdiocese of Sydney, we are doing a recall of all keys. **If you are in possession of any keys relating to the parish, please return keys to the parish office as soon as possible.** For groups with existing bookings, key will be signed out before the event and signed in after the event, through arrangement with the parish office. Thank you for your cooperation.



MINISTRY ROSTER - 7TH & 8TH APRIL

Mass	7:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	T Kelly	J Rodrigues	B Freeburn
Readers	R Winder	P Foran	I Vellis	L Farlow
Ministers of Communion	M Flanagan T Flanagan	B Murphy M Abraham	E Torres M Lonergan	J Freeburn P Inmidowojo Akeje
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	A Tran	J Zhu	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	N Zalloua, R Khoury			
Counters	D Corbett, P Kelly, M O'Brien			
Bankers	P Page, J Page			

PARISH CONTACTS

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Dear Parishioners,

Easter is the most sublime feast of the Liturgical Year in which we proclaim and celebrate the victory of Jesus of Nazareth the Risen Lord Our Saviour, over sin and death. We let the words of the angels resound in our ears, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen" (Luke.24:5). This year we make this joyful proclamation at a time when we as a parish are in transition. Seventy years of pastoral care of Oblates of Mary Immaculate has come to an end. Some of you may feel like the disciples who went looking for Jesus on the first Easter Sunday and instead found an empty tomb. You may go through all kinds of emotion. But the Risen Lord will accompany each one of us to accept the change and go forward with an open heart.

Easter is an experience for us to discover the joy of believing in Jesus by being in solidarity with the poor and the marginalized. It also invites us to discover that our faith in Jesus is a gift given to each and every one of us. Easter is quite a fitting season to thank God for our faith in the person of Jesus, the Christ. God has bestowed upon us this unique gift of our faith in God's only begotten Son. Thus, we also need to thank all those who were instrumental in communicating to us this gift of our faith. I am grateful to each one of you for allowing me to experience the Risen Lord in your Sefton community. I will be leaving here on the 27th of April with a wealth of experience of community spirit and faith that I will always treasure in my life. Working here has been a fantastic and tiresome experience and I am thankful for all the people who came in contact with me.

As we all try to follow the footsteps of Jesus, there are many challenges and difficulties. Our Christian discipleship always invites us to care for those in need since it is our duty to recognise the face of Jesus in those who suffer with their many faces. Our Easter joy must make us recognise ever more deeply the demands of Christian discipleship. We need to do all we can to alleviate the pains of those around us. May they recognise in and through us the joy and the beauty of believing in Jesus and in becoming his disciples. May we become the agents of the peace the Risen Saviour communicated to His disciples.

"I wish you all, our beloved parishioners, the joy and the peace of the Risen Saviour!"

Fr James Jeyachandran OMI

READINGS

This Week: Acts 10:34-37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
Next Week: Acts 4:32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

OBLATE FAREWELL - MESSAGES FROM OUR ABSENT OBLATE FATHERS:

Fr Tony Maher OMI: My sincere apologies for my inability to attend the celebrations marking the Oblate presence in Sefton Parish. It is a sad day for us all. But I take this opportunity, as twice Parish Priest, to simply thank you for your kindness, hospitality and friendship for my personal time with you. Sefton is a great Parish and a spiritual home to so many of us. I know that your goodness, warmth and love will extend to all new Pastors lucky enough to minister among you. Again many thanks, and may the fullness of God's blessings always be with you.

Fr Brian Harris OMI: I regret that because of ill-health, I will be unable to attend the Oblate Farewell planned for Monday, 2nd April. I have fond memories of my four years at Sefton from 2008 to 2011. There were so many welcoming and caring parishioners who made my time there so enjoyable. In the past 70 years many Oblates have served in Sefton Parish and I am sure they would all have appreciated the loving care shown to them by so many parishioners and the obvious devotion that exists making the parish a place where God certainly has his home. I pray that everything will be a success on the day. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. Yours in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate.

Fr Peter Stoll OMI: I just returned to Rome and had your lovely invitation in the mail. Thank you for inviting me. Unfortunately I would not be available at that time because I should be in another part of this wonderful Oblate world. All farewells are hard whatever the reasons. But memories are wonderful because they keep us going in faith and in hope. This year I celebrate my 40th year as an Oblate priest. My first obedience, as were many other young Oblates at that time, was to your great Parish (From 1 Jan 1979 to 10 June 1983). What a great time I had with you all! In a sense I knew nothing because it was you the parishioners that gave me such a wonderful start to serving as a priest in your Parish. I have wonderful memories of my Oblate community, the Sisters community, the school community, the Sefton Choir, the Ladies club, the Bingo crowd as well as the Sefton youth. I improved in so many things...hopefully in my homilies hehhee! I still remember playing tennis one Saturday afternoon and then having to race back for confessions and then caught by our friends the police on Rose St!!! But at least I was given the opportunity to make mistakes and hopefully keep on learning and improving. So as your invitations put it, it is with great thanksgiving that we celebrate the Oblates living and serving in the Parish of Sefton. However it was you the Sefton Parishioners that cared for us and we thank you for that care and I believe and am certain we will continue to care, pray and remember each other in the future. I will be with you all in Spirit on the 2nd of April while flying somewhere in Asia. Yours in Jesus and Mary Immaculate.

FAREWELL WITH GRATITUDE

As we gather on this weekend to farewell the Oblates after close on 70 years of service to the people of Sefton, there will be many memories of the priests who served in the parish over that time. Parishioners will remember the various men with their foibles, their generosity and their idiosyncrasies. There will be sadness at their departure but also laughter and gratitude for their generosity and service among the people of Sefton, from the earliest days when things were really tough to the present time when the difficulties are of a different nature. But for the Oblate priests any discussion of their life and ministry at Sefton will invariably call to mind, with gratitude and appreciation, one name in particular, **Mrs Daphne Host**, our House-keeper for some 31 unbroken years. Daphne was a huge part of our life, our well-being and our contentment. There are two names that will always be part of our history in Sefton, and both arrived around the same time many years ago, Mrs Daphne Host as our House-keeper and **Mrs Judy Page** as the Parish Secretary. Both gave many years of devoted and sterling service to the Oblates and to the parish. Judy Page retired a couple of years ago after 30 years of delightful and generous service.

Daphne tells the amusing story that she was taken on by Fr Joe McCann for a four-day trial, that four days morphed into some 31 years of not just great service, but of genuine friendship and support. We were delightfully catered for, and seldom was a house full of men so well cleaned and maintained as the Sefton residence. Over the years, the community consisted of men of diverse nationalities and cultures, from Australian, Irish, Indian, Sri Lankan, Vietnamese, Polish, Chinese and Italian to mention but a few, and all had their tastes and preferences met with good humour and a smile that spoke of her generosity and love for all. There is a huge sadness in leaving the parish and its parishioners but there is also a genuine sense of loss and appreciation as we bid farewell to Daphne who was so much a vital part of our life and ministry. We can certainly say we were lovingly cared for, we lived in a beautifully maintained residence and we were blessed with the gift of Daphne for so many years. As we leave Sefton so also does Daphne, we thank her from the bottom of our hearts for being so much a part of our life and ministry. May God reward Daphne with many years of good health and happiness as she and Brian begin a new phase in their lives. We will be forever grateful for her part in the life of our community.

We also bid farewell to **Mrs Elizabeth Bui** on 5th April. Elizabeth has worked as our Secretary for the past 3 years and has proven to be a most wonderful person as well as a wonderful secretary. We will miss Elizabeth and all her skills immensely and wish her and her family all the best and many blessings for their future. Thank you for your service to our Parish Elizabeth!

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 31st	9:15am	<i>No Morning Mass</i>
Vigil	5:30pm	<i>Easter Vigil</i>
Sun 1st	8:00am	<i>RIP Mercia Loos</i>
Easter	10:00am	<i>RIP Michael Patrick O'Brien</i>
Sunday	5:30pm	<i>No Evening Mass</i>
Mon 2nd	9:15am	<i>RIP Maria Bui Thi Nhiem</i>
	4:00pm	All Parishioners
Tue 3rd	9:15am	<i>RIP Maria Pham Tuyet Tring</i>
Wed 4th	9:15am	<i>RIP Cyril Rodrigues</i> <i>(Anniversary on 31st March)</i>
	7:00pm	<i>Memorial Mass for Professor James Henri 4th March 2018</i>
Thu 5th	9:15am	<i>RIP Laurie Horsley</i>
Fri 6th	9:15am	<i>Good health of Frances Desfosses</i>
	7:00pm	<i>Intentions of Zuzul Family</i>
Sat 7th	9:15am	<i>Intentions of Marie Banham & family</i>
Vigil	5:30pm	<i>RIP Gavin Clarke (2 year anniversary on 3rd April)</i>

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased

Horace Delaney, Anton Nguyen, Professor James S Henri

RIP Anniversary

Fr N McNaboe OMI, Fr H Goerke OMI, Fr J O'Shaughnessy OMI, Hilary Chapman, Cyril L Rodrigues, Gavin Clarke, Mary Clifford

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, Frances Desfosses

SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM MRS JOAN HORSLEY

Mrs Joan Horsley would like to thank all the wonderful Parishioners who attended the funeral of her late husband Laurie and also for all the support she has received on the passing of her beloved husband. May God bless you all. Joan would also like to express her heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the Oblate Fathers for all their support and guidance to herself and her family over the past 59 years.

LOST AND FOUND.... A medallion was found in the Church during the week. If you have lost one, please contact the Parish office during business hours to arrange collection.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, 1st April

- Easter Sunday - No evening Mass

Mon, 2nd April

- 4:00pm - Oblate Farewell Mass

Wed, 4th April

- 7:00pm - Memorial Mass for Professor James Henri

Fri, 6th April

- 7:00pm - First Friday of the Month Mass

Sun, 8th April

- 11:00am - Baptism of Scarlett Azar

PROJECT COMPASSION

As the season of Lent has now come to an end, please return your full Project Compassion boxes & envelopes as soon as possible to the Church. Thankyou for your kind donations which will change the lives of many.