

**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**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.

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.

MINISTRY ROSTER - 21ST & 22ND APRIL

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	B Freeman	E Lobo	Adam
Readers	M Flanagan	M Abraham	M Keep	M Farlow
Ministers of Communion	A Pham	J Freeburn	E Torres	M Cowan
	T Flanagan	J Murphy	I Vellis	S Garrett
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	A Tran	ONguy-Lobo	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	T Khoury, S Khoury			
Counters	D Corbett, P Kelly, M O'Brien			
Bankers	P Page, J Page			

PARISH CONTACTS

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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, 15 Apr 2018: Third Sunday of Easter - Year B**

Sometimes a piece of theatre can be so powerful it stays with you for your whole life. Many years ago I saw Jesuit dramatist Michael Moynahan perform his mime entitled 'Come-Passion'. It starts with a clown happily doing tricks and juggling for the audience. Soon, Jesus is led in by the soldiers and is crucified. The clown watches on in horror. When Jesus dies and the soldiers go home the clown remains at the foot of the cross. He removes the nails from the hands and feet of Jesus and cradles the corpse in his lap, as in Michelangelo's Pieta. He weeps for the evil that saw a just man crucified. Just then, the soldiers return and find the clown grieving over the body of Jesus. They crucify the clown. The clown suffers and dies on the cross. As they leave Jesus is raised to life, he sees the suffering clown, removes the nails, cradles him in his arms and holds him for what feels like an eternity.



When I saw this mime you could have heard a pin drop, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

The word compassion comes from the Latin word *compati* meaning to bear or suffer with. It's not pity, sympathy or commiseration. Those words imply that we stand outside an experience and feelingly look in on it. Compassion is about 'fellow-feeling'. It's what the Good Shepherd embodies, and what Easter is all about. If we are worthy followers of Jesus we will all have our fair share of Good Fridays, but Easter Sunday tells us that just as the Father remained faithful to Jesus, so Jesus will remain faithful to us, as one with us.

In recent years the bishops, who are often called shepherds of the local Church, have come under extraordinary scrutiny. And rightly so. All of us who are living the Christian life are accountable for what we have done and have failed to do, and the bishops are no exception. It's a tough time to be the local shepherd. The flock is highly educated and we no longer follow anyone's lead with a herd mentality. We want to know our shepherd, hear his compassionate voice call for justice for victims everywhere, but especially ones who have been injured in any way by the Church. We want to be confident that what our local shepherd says and does is what Christ the Good Shepherd would say and do. Over these past years our sense of dismay has come from a very few bishops who have chosen the so-called good name of the church, its social status and power, their public profile and even the threat of moral and financial liability over the voices of the most vulnerable members of our flock.

Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn't liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them so dearly that he lays down his own life for them.

Let's pray at this Eucharist that we always have the leaders we deserve, ones whose compassion is so transparent that it inspires us to be the same, even towards them.

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READINGS

This Week: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5 Lk 24:35-48
Next Week: Acts 4:8-12 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

PARISH MINISTRIES — VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

To show our gratitude for volunteers who have served faithfully in our various Parish Ministries, I would like to invite you to a **Volunteer Appreciation Lunch!** Please join your fellow parish volunteers for a light lunch on:

Sunday 22nd April 2018, 12pm – 1:30pm in the Parish Centre.

For catering purposes, please leave your name and number of people attending on the list in the foyer.

I look forward to seeing you all. *Fr James*

CALL TO PARISH MINISTRY



Each of us is called to the primary ministry of service to our parish by our regular participation in Sunday Mass, building up a vibrant Catholic family community. Most of us are called to serve in various parish ministries with responsibility according to our resources of time and talent. A parish family depends upon each of its members to help one another in worship, charity and service. As you are aware, the vitality of the parish equates to the involvement and interest of its parishioners. We sincerely thank

those who are already engaged in our parish ministries! And now, we ask you, especially young adults, new retirees, established families, single persons, to determine your call to any of our parish ministry roles. As you know, such a call, for whatever period of time, is so much more than volunteerism. It is a grace of service to which we are called to make a difference in our parish community. Please consider participating by filling out the **Parish Ministry Signup Form** (in the foyer) and drop it into the collection basket or at the Parish Office. You will be contacted by ministry co-ordinators with further information.

Currently we have an urgent **need for Eucharist Ministers** who are able to **visit the elderly and homebound** in our parish. Please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr James if you are able to help. *Fr James*

CONFIRMATION — Tuesday 19th June, 7pm

Application forms are available in the church foyer as well as on the Parish website, <http://www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au>. Please **submit any final applications to the Parish Office by Monday 16th April 2018**. Applications can be dropped in the mailbox on the Presbytery's door or email to sefton@oblates.com.au.

ANZAC DAY CONCERT

The Anglican Church, St John Mark, will be hosting an **Anzac Day concert** in their church in Proctor Parade Chester Hill on **Sunday 22nd April from 2:00pm**. The Bankstown Choir will be performing. All welcome.

JOIN POPE FRANCIS IN PANAMA FOR THE 34TH WORLD YOUTH DAY IN JANUARY 2019

Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on 15 January 2019 which will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City. Register your interest and find out more by visiting the website www.sydneycatholicyouth.org.wyd



MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 14th	9:15am	<i>Intentions of Marie Banham & family</i>
Vigil	5:30pm	<i>RIP Luke Cuc V Hoang</i>
Sun 15th	8:00am	<i>RIP Mercia Loos</i>
	10:00am	<i>RIP Janet Daoud</i>
	5:30pm	<i>RIP Eamon Howe (anniversary)</i>
Mon 16th	9:15am	<i>RIP Paul Garretty (anniversary)</i>
Tue 17th	9:15am	<i>RIP Branko Udovicic</i>
Wed 18th	9:15am	<i>RIP Sretko</i>
Thu 19th	9:15am	<i>RIP Branko Udovicic</i>
Fri 20th	9:15am	<i>RIP Sretko</i>
Sat 21st	9:15am	<i>Thanksgiving Mass - Thomas (Hyun Soo Lee) family</i>
Vigil	5:30pm	<i>RIP Giuse & Anna</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon, 16th April

- Last Day to submit Confirmation applications

Sun, 22nd April

- **11:00am** - Baptism of Marco Cimadori, Isabella Krahe and Michele Cagnetta
- **12:00** - Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Sun, 25th April

- 9:15am - Anzac Day Mass

Fri, 27th April

- Goodbye Fr James & Welcome Fr Greg

SICK LIST

Our Sick List will be cleared at the end of the month. Please submit any person(s) you wish to add to the sick list from next month to the Parish Office. Thank you.

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased

Brian Hodgins

RIP Anniversary

Fr A McCusker OMI, Anne Marie Seymon, Meg Fawcett, Paul Lindsay Garretty, Glen Francis Mudge, John Cosimo Marfia,

Our Sick

Annette Evans, Pedro Kim, Frances Desfosses, 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,

CATHOLIC WEEKLY - PULPIT POINTS 15TH APRIL 2018

- Care for the dying: 80% miss out.
- Queens of the greens.
- All welcome. Mass for Autism.
- Just do it. Pope's new exhortation.
- Movie Review: Midnight Sun.
- History's lessons: Religious freedom in Australia.

Available in the foyer - \$2. All money goes to the poor.

FOR YOUR DIARY.... The Immaculate Heart of Mary **Parish retreat** will be held from **Friday 19th to Sunday 21st October**. Further details and registration to come.