

**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 After Morning Mass until 10:20am  
**Baptisms:** 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:00am  
**Weddings and Funerals:** Contact Parish Office



**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton**

6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton, NSW 2162

**Parish Priest:** Fr Greg McGregor  
**Assistant Parish Priest:** Fr Thomas Alukka

**Sunday, 13 May 2018: The Ascension of the Lord - Year B**



**PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR**

Seeking an early childhood educator or Occupational Therapy/Speech Therapy student to work with a family and therapists on an early intervention learning program for a beautiful 4 year-old boy. Require to work a 2-hour block a day, for a total of 6 to 14 hours per week. Prefer hours between 3:30 to 7:30pm. The sessions will be at the family home at Sefton. Training will be provided. Hourly rate negotiable based on experience. Please contact Teresa on 0422 120 330 for more information.

**CATHOLIC CARE SYDNEY**

To help Seniors live independently at home, we support all four levels of Home Care Packages in South West Sydney. Call us on **13 18 19** and we can assist you to arrange an assessment through My Aged Care.

**MINISTRY ROSTER - 19TH & 20TH MAY**

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	W Khouw	L Cavallo	J Rodrigues	C Kelly
<b>Readers</b>	J Toinette	M Abraham	M Keep	M Farlow
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	A Pham Y Sassine	L Abouchabake P Foran	K Hicks I Vellis	I Abraham P Kelly
<b>Musician/Choir</b>	IHM Choir	A Tran	Jessica Zhu	Mitchell Farlow
<b>Flower Arrangers</b>	N Zalloua & R Khoury			
<b>Counters</b>	L Windram, P Page, M Brown			
<b>Bankers</b>	J Williams & W Williams			

**PARISH CONTACTS**

<p><b>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church</b></p> <p><b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr Greg McGregor  <b>Assistant Parish Priest:</b> Fr Thomas Alukka  <b>Parish Secretary:</b> Leisa Farlow  <b>Office Hours:</b> Tue—Fri (9:30am—2:30pm)  <b>6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton NSW 2162</b>  <b>Phone:</b> 02 9644 4026, <b>Fax:</b> 02 9743 7407  <b>Email:</b> office@ihmsefton.org.au  <b>Parish Website:</b> www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au</p>	<p><b>Immaculate Heart of Mary - Primary School</b></p> <p><b>Principal:</b> Mr. John Kennedy  <b>School Office:</b>  <b>30 Proctor Parade, Sefton, NSW 2162</b>  <b>Phone:</b> 02 9644 3555, <b>Fax:</b> 02 9644 8214  <b>Email:</b> info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au  <b>Family Educator:</b> Mrs Claude Bourizk</p>
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Aren't we lucky we don't take the Scriptures literally? If we did it would appear from today's Gospel that only multilingual, snake-wrangling, poison-drinking exorcists, with a gift for healing, would be seen as the genuine Christian article. That would leave most of us out in the cold.

This passage, however, is a dramatic addition to Mark's Gospel to show that even though Jesus is now at the right hand of God, he sends his disciples out to the whole world to carry on his ministry, and that he will protect us when trials come. And even though there have been tragic and shocking chapters in our 2,000 year history, it's good for us to remember what God has done in and through us as we have gone out and proclaimed the saving love of Christ. Today 33% of the world's population are, at least nominally, Christian, numbering 2.1 billion people, making us the largest religion in the world. Our Catholic family accounts for just over half this group. We have around 1.1 billion Catholic brothers and sisters worldwide. Many Christians continue to be persecuted or discriminated for their faith, and some continue to die for their love of Christ which impels them to seek justice for all.

But the feast of the Ascension is not just an opportunity for us to look back on how we have tried to fulfil the command of the Lord to go out to the world. Indeed, this feast is primarily focused on where we are going from here on in. The Ascension promises us that just as the Father raised Jesus from the dead, so too the Father, Son and Spirit will welcome us into heaven as well, to be at Christ's right hand for eternity. This parable demonstrates the point.

In 1939 a father and son were famous art collectors. When World War II broke out, the son volunteered. In 1944 the son died in battle while rescuing another soldier. A year later, a young man came to see the father. 'Sir, you don't know me but I was with your son when he died. I want you to know he didn't suffer.'

'I know you both loved art, and though this isn't much, I want you to have it.' He gave the father a package. Inside was a portrait of the son. It was rough work, but the father welled up with tears. 'It was the least I could do for your son because he saved my life.'

A few months later, the father died. At the art auction which followed, investors gathered from around the world. The first item up for bid was the portrait of the son.

The auctioneer tried to start the bidding, '\$200 ... \$100 ... Any bids? Any at all?' The investors called out, 'Skip this one. Where are the Rembrandts?' Just then a man spoke up from the back. 'I'll give you ten dollars for the painting. It's all the money I have.' It was the gardener at the father's estate. So the auctioneer brought down his gavel. 'Sold for ten dollars!' An investor called back, 'Can we now get on with it?'

But the auctioneer continued, 'The auction is over. According to the will, whoever bought this painting would inherit the estate, including all the art.'

No matter what they said the wealthy investors couldn't buy their way into the inheritance. Only the one who had the eyes of love, and knew what he was looking at, inherited everything the Father and Son had to offer.

May we go out from this Feast of the Ascension so confident of our spiritual inheritance to come, that we lavish its riches on all we meet right now. Because when it comes to Christ's kingdom, there's plenty for everyone.

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## READINGS

**This Week:** Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20  
**Next Week:** Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MUMS AND GRAND-MOTHERS! MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND MAKE YOUR DAY EXTRA SPECIAL...

God, our Mother and our Father,  
Look with favour on all those we call 'mother'.  
Bless them and keep them as they bless and keep us.  
We make this prayer through Mary, who intercedes for us.  
Amen.



## CWF APPEAL

The Charitable Works Fund Appeal for May will be held at all masses this weekend, 12th and 13th May. You will find envelopes on the pews in the Church. Thank you for your generosity. *"Almsgiving helps us to recognise our neighbour as our brother or sister, and to acknowledge that what we possess is never ours alone."* Pope Francis @ Pontifex, 3rd March 2018.

## PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT FOR CONFIRMATION

The Information Night for parents of candidates for 2018 Confirmation will be held on **Wednesday 16th May at 7:00pm in the Oblates Room** beside the Church. Please ensure your attendance as on this night you will receive information and materials regarding the program.

## CATHOLIC WEEKLY - PULPIT POINTS 13TH MAY 2018

- 200 years with us
  - Catholic Schools speak out
  - The women who support mums: Marilyn Rodrigues
  - Gunnedah's major milestone
  - Movie Review: Traffik
  - Monica Doumit: Fair work: Do teens have rights?
- Available in the foyer - \$2. All money goes to the poor.*

## FATIMA DAY – 4:00pm 13TH MAY 2018 - ALL HALLOWS CHURCH – 2 HALLY STREET, FIVE DOCK

Last October, on the feast of Our Lady of Victory, later to be known as Our Lady of the Rosary, well over one million lay people gathered in Poland around the Polish borders to pray the Rosary for the protection of their country and to intercede for their young people. Ireland, Italy, England and France followed to pray for their countries. Now 53 sites around Australia will do the same for our country on 13th May. Mother's Day - What a coincidence! Oz Rosary 53# because there are 53 Hail Mary's in the Rosary and there will be 53 sites around Australia in which to pray. ALL HALLOWS FIVE DOCK is one and everyone is welcome!

## HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Date: 7th - 9th June 2018  
Venue: Fairfield RSL

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Full registration cost: \$199 (see our website for other registration options). Register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com Phone: 1300 734 880

## BISHOP VINCENT LONG

You are invited to hear Bishop Vincent Long, an ardent supporter of Pope Francis, speaking about "the New Dawn of the Church" at 'Winbourne', the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa 11.00 am to 1.00 pm on **Saturday 16th June 2018**. Entry by donation. Registration 10.00 am. For further information contact Dennis Farrar 0425209840. Organised by the Passionist Family Group Movement.

## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Sat 12th</b>	9:15am	RIP George & Martha Abraham
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	RIP Anton Nguyen
<b>Sun 13th</b>	8:00am	RIP Brian Hodgins
	10:00am	RIP Janet Daoud
	5:30pm	Pray for all Mothers
<b>Mon 14th</b>	9:15am	Giacobe Nguyen Bac Nha and all Souls in Purgatory
<b>Tue 15th</b>	9:15am	Sisters of the Immaculata - Pray for Direction
<b>Wed 16th</b>	9:15am	Jules Tambicannou and Marie Madeleine Nguyen Thi Luu
<b>Thu 17th</b>	9:15am	RIP Sulvian Hart
<b>Fri 18th</b>	9:15am	RIP Florence Rodrigues
<b>Sat 19th</b>	9:15am	Sisters of the Immaculata - Pray for Direction
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	Welfare of Salem, Yolla & Elio Sassine

## WE PRAY FOR...

### Recently Deceased

Tram Nguyen, John O'Brien

### RIP Anniversary

Dudley Peter Garrott, Barbara Garrott, Don Emery, John Windram, Eileen Smith, Fr K Casey OMI, Rose May Thompson, Madeline Johnson, Jeanette Milanovic

### Our Sick

Kieran McGregor, Alma Ryan, Annette Evans, Kevin & Moira Magnussen, Bishop G Robinson, Sister Marie O'Dea, John Mealing, David McGeachie, Kath Coughlin, Mary Keane, Bob Rodrigues, Spiteri family, Leslie Cotter, Matthew Barrington, Lydia Gwynne, Leo Hackett



**BAPTISM** Please pray for **ADELINE JUDITH WILLIAMS** as we welcome her into our parish community through the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, 13th May 2018. Let us pray also for her parents and godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Adeline in the practice of the faith.

**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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 12th & 13th May

- CWF Appeal at all weekend Masses
- Sun 11:00am - Baptism of Adeline Judith Williams

### Tue, 15th May

- 9:15am - Year 2 attend Parish Mass

### Wed, 16th May

- Parish Office & Presbytery closed from 11:00am
- 7:00pm - Parent Information Night for 2018 Confirmation

### Fri, 18th May

- 2:00pm - Mass at Chester Hill Aged Care

### Sun, 20th May

- Commitment Sunday for Confirmation Candidates at Saturday Vigil mass and all Sunday masses

## PRESBYTERY AND PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Presbytery and Parish Office will be unattended every Monday. The Church will be closed after morning Mass on Monday also.

## CHANGES TO THE PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS

Please also note, the Parish email address has changed to [office@ihmsefton.org.au](mailto:office@ihmsefton.org.au)

## RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will now commence immediately after the 9:15am mass on Saturday morning until 10:20am or until required.