

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



CATHOLIC WEEKLY - PULPIT POINTS 3RD JUNE 2018

- Supercharged for charity
- An obvious Saint: Caroline Chisholm
- Two new Jesuits
- Pro-lifers threatened
- Movie review: Solo: A Star Wars Story
- Religious Freedom Bill launched

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

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on Tel: 02 9390 5812.

MINISTRY ROSTER - 9TH & 10TH JUNE

| Mass | 5:30pm | 8am | 10am | 5:30pm |
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| Acolytes | T Kelly | C Kelly | J Rodrigues | L Cavallo |
| Readers | A Roberts | Immaculata Sisters | L Vakauta | L Quinn |
| Ministers of Communion | A Pham Y Sassine | P Kelly P Foran | M Lonergan K Marson | S Garrett M Williams |
| Musician/Choir | IHM Choir | A Tran | Tongan Choir | A Tran |
| Flower Arrangers | E Bui, N Bui, D Johns | | | |
| Counters | T Flanagan, M Flanagan, I Prygiel, K Collins | | | |
| Bankers | P Loos & S Johns | | | |

PARISH CONTACTS

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Assistant Parish Priest: Fr Thomas Alukka
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Family Educator: Mrs Claude Bourizk



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Sunday, 3 June 2018: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - Year B

In years gone by the major focus of this feast of Corpus Christi was a procession that usually concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Many of us have fond memories of Benediction: a bejewelled cope and monstrance, the flickering candles, the Divine Praises and Latin hymns. It all worked to create a magical atmosphere. As richly theatrical as it was, the magical side of it was part of the problem.

In medieval times Catholics rarely received Holy Communion. So much so it was in this context that the Church ruled that we have to communicate at least once a year. In the absence of communion, veneration of the Blessed Sacrament took on a great significance. Seeing the host was thought to impart an intense power.

Although in the last 100 years we have been encouraged to receive communion more frequently, the magical properties ascribed to the host persist in some people's devotional thinking.

As Catholics we believe that Jesus is really and personally present to us in the broken bread and shared cup of the Eucharist. And although we believe that Christ is present in the Scriptures, the assembly and the ministers of the Church, we hold that Christ's presence under the form of bread and wine is one filled with the greatest intimacy and uniqueness.

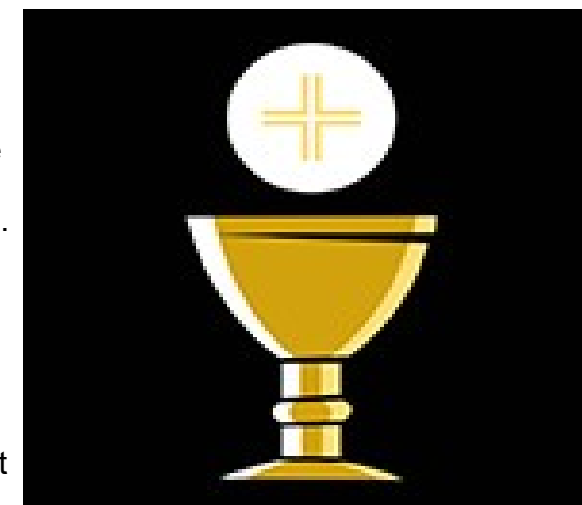
The Eucharist is not intimate and unique because it is magic. It's not intimate and unique because we gaze upon the elements. The Eucharist is intimate and unique because earthly signs are transformed by God's love, and are consumed in faith. As we eat and drink these elements Christ becomes part of us, and we come alive in Christ.

In the fifth century Saint Augustine taught his people that if they truly loved the Eucharist they would become what they eat. The same is true for us today. By receiving into our hands the bread – blessed and broken, the cup – poured and shared, we say 'Amen' to becoming the same in Christ: blessed, broken, poured out and shared in love. We commune with God and God with us in the Eucharist so that just as earthly gifts are transformed into Christ so through us will be the entire world, and all things in it.

There is a huge and important difference between grace and magic. One is a trick for show. The other is the power of love, which expresses itself in faith, hope and service. In a profound poem French Jesuit Didier Rimaud challenges those of us who love the Eucharist to see it linked to the liberation begun in the Exodus, consummated in the Resurrection and working in our world today.

In remembrance of you, we take the bread of Easter in our hands, this Bread do we consume: It does no longer taste of bitter herbs, nor of unleavened bread. It is the bread of a land promised us where we shall be set free. In remembrance of you, we take the wine of Easter at our feast, this wine do we hold dear. It does no longer taste of bitter springs, nor of dark salty pools. It is the wine of land promised us where we shall be made whole. In remembrance of you, from exile we return. In remembrance of you, we walk across the sea! No wonder the early Christians called the Body and Blood of Christ, 'food for the journey'. May this Eucharist strengthen and embolden us to help God liberate and transform the world through how we spend our lives.

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READINGS

This Week: Ex 24:3-8 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Next Week: Gen 3:9-15 2 Cor 4:13-5:1 Mk 3:20-35

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

- First Holy Communion: **Sunday 9th September** - Two Sunday masses **10:00am** and **12:00 noon**
- Reconciliation: **Wednesday 21st November** at **7:00pm**

These dates have now been confirmed and further details will be given throughout the year close to enrolment time for each of the sacraments.

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Please continue to keep in your prayers Varghese Alukka, Fr Thomas' dad, who is seriously ill. May God keep him pain free and comfortable at this time. Fr Thomas will be away for two weeks whilst he visits with his father in India. During this time, Fr Greg will minister to both IHM Sefton and Sacred Heart Villawood Parishes.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

Friday 8th June is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Fr Greg will be saying mass for the school and Parish at **Sacred Heart Church Villawood at 9:15am**. As a result, there will be no morning mass here at IHM Sefton although there **will be a communion service**. All parishioners are welcome to attend mass at Sacred Heart Villawood on this day (120 Carawatha Street, Villawood).

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Any parishioners who are not already involved in the parish planned giving scheme but would like to commence, please contact the Parish Office as the envelopes for the next financial year will soon be distributed. Also, if you would like to contribute via direct debit of your credit card, please see the Parish Office to collect the appropriate forms. Thank you.

BISHOP VINCENT LONG TALK

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.

NIGHT OF PRAYER AND REPARATION

The World Apostolate of Fatima Aust. Inc. Sydney Archdiocese Committee invite you to attend our Night of Prayer and Reparation on The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart **Friday the 8th of June**, at St Dominic's Parish Flemington, with Solemn Mass to **commence at 9:00pm** followed by the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, Re-dedication and Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, a short break, to end Saturday morning at 1:30am with the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, Mass and morning prayers. Please see flyer at back of church for more information.

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE TO EUROPE

Fr. Praveen Paul would like to invite you for a 17-day pilgrimage that he is leading featuring Avila, Fatima, Santiago, Santander, Lourdes, Milan, Padua, Assisi and Rome departing on 15th August, 2018 for an all-inclusive price of \$7200. Call now for early-bird discount of \$1000. Optional extension to Medjugorje / Padre Pio & Lanciano available. Next pilgrimage to Europe departs on 7th October 2018 at same price. This fare includes Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners. Tips and Single Supplements not included. For enquiries & bookings call 0406760680 & 1300721561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

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

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Sat 2nd | 9:15am | RIP Bruno Nadile (Anniversary) |
| Vigil | 5:30pm | RIP Ibrahim El Bayeh & Hanna Sassine |
| Sun 3rd | 8:00am | RIP Hanna Hassarati (Anniversary) |
| | 10:00am | RIP Paul Tong & Peter Tong (Anniversaries) |
| | 5:30pm | Mass for the intentions of Yosipa Petric |
| Mon 4th | 9:15am | RIP Bert Whiting (Birthday) |
| Tue 5th | 9:15am | RIP Denzil Jacob |
| Wed 6th | 9:15am | RIP Tom Rodrigues |
| Thu 7th | 9:15am | RIP Jure Skare |
| Fri 8th | 9:15am | RIP Kevin Isberg |
| Sat 9th | 9:15am | Personal Intentions of the Visevic family |
| Vigil | 5:30pm | All deceased members of the Nguyen and Hoang families, especially Tram Nguyen (recently deceased - 7/5/18) |

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased

Tom Payne (Val McAuley's brother), Lew Zammit, Tram Nguyen, Franco Sfarra

RIP Anniversary

Arthur James Field, Kathleen Mary Watson, Denzil Jacob, Fr Jim Carroll OMI, Fr Thomas Haugh OMI, Patricia Dawn Tracey, Pamela Manning, Jadwiga Molski, Frank Walker

Our Sick

Harold Falk, Varghese Alukka, Bryant Wilson, 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

GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE—CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF HUMAN VITAE

Chris Gordon from the Life, Marriage and Family Centre will speak on this topic at various locations across Sydney. What did God intend for human sexuality? How have couples responded to the call in Paul VI's seminal encyclical Humane Vitae to be open to life? How can we change our cultural attitudes around sex, the transmission of life, marriage, providence and babies? All welcome. Plenty of time for questions. **For dates and locations see the flyer at the back of the Church.** More info: ph 9307-8402, lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org

YEARNING FOR PEACE

Marie Fonseca is organising her 7th tour to India "Yearning for Peace" to Goa, Karnataka and Kerala, from **February 3 – February 25, 2019**. The highlight of this tour will be a five night's meditation/yoga retreat with daily mass led by Fr. Joe Pereira (Kripa Foundation, Mumbai), in Goa.

For further information, please contact: Marie Fonseca: 0418 265117. Email: info@spiceodyssey.net.au
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, 3rd June

- **10:45am** - Baptismal Classes after 10am mass, meet in the foyer of the Church

Thurs, 7th June

- **10:30am** - Mass at Abel Tasman, Chester Hill

Fri, 8th June

- **9:15am** - Communion service at IHM Sefton (No morning Mass)
- **9:15am** - Sacred Heart School Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart at Villawood (All welcome)

CHANGES TO THE PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note, the Parish email address has changed to office@ihmsefton.org.au

CHURCH ACCESSIBILITY

Our church will now be open on a Monday once again.