

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, 17 June 2018: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

CATHOLIC WEEKLY - PULPIT POINTS 17TH JUNE 2018

- ACT attacks Confession
- Australia Day honours
- Exclusion zone reaction
- Lewisham makeover
- Book review: Made for this
- The Domremy stargazers

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 - 23RD & 24TH JUNE

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	Adam	L Cavallo	C Kelly	T Kelly
Readers	J Toinette	T Evans	A Pham	M Heim
Ministers of Communion	P Loos Y Sassine	L Abouchabake M Abraham	P Kelly K Hicks	L Farlow S Garrett
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	A Tran	Tongan Choir	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	H Vaka'uta			
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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Immaculate Heart of Mary - Primary School

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In Australia, so far as I know, a farmer ploughs the land and then plants the seed. In Galilee, the farmer scattered the seed on the old field and therefore on tracks which people made walking across it after cropping, on thorny areas, and also on what he hoped was good soil. He then ploughed in the seed.

It is a wonder that anything grew, and generally the return was about 7:1. In a previous parable Jesus had spoken of the Kingdom he was inaugurating as if it would turn out to be like a bumper harvest of up to a hundredfold.

What would such a harvest mean for a peasant tilling the rocky soil of Galilee? It would mean release from the endless servitude to a landlord, generation after generation. It would mean liberation, not only from hunger, but from the power structure which was quite content with a permanent underclass of subsistence farmers.

In other words, Jesus was telling his listeners that God's Kingdom would turn the world as they knew it 'upside down'. As Mary sang in the Magnificat: 'The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.' Power structures would be shattered by the impulses of the Gospel to create a society where there was a just distribution of the world's resources.

Naturally, the peasant farmers of Galilee wanted to know 'when' and 'how'. We want to know the 'when' and the 'how' of the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus' answer to them, and to us, is basically: 'It is not for you to know. Just get on with the sowing of the Gospel seed. Something will happen with the seed you sow, something out of all proportion to your part in the process.'

Our Lord pictured this by contrasting the tiny mustard seed and the mustard bush which he even exaggerates into a tree in which birds could find shelter!

In this parable Jesus says: 'Be patient, allow the creative power of God to work in the earth and the small seed will be "raised up".'

When did God's creative power work in the depths of the stony ground so that the Gospel Seed was raised up? The answer is, of course, in the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

And what effect did this have? We read in the Acts of the Apostles concerning the early Christian community that 'The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.' (Acts 2:44)

In other words, the social system was being subverted by the power of the Gospel. A more just distribution of resources was taking place in the immediate aftermath of the proclamation of the Resurrection by Peter on the Feast of Pentecost.

I think it is very telling that a little further on in the Acts of the Apostles we read: 'The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no-one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power.' (Acts 4:32-33)

There is a correlation between the commitment of Christians to a just distribution of the world's resources and the proclamation of the Lord's resurrection. Only if the commitment is authentic and real will the proclamation be powerful and effective.

So, let us lead lives with an authentic dimension of social justice, let us get on with sowing the seed of the Gospel whenever we get the opportunity, let God get on with germinating that seed with the power of the Resurrection so that the Tree of Life may grow to such a height that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade.'



READINGS

This Week: Ez 17:22-24 2 Cor 5:6-10 Mk 4:26-34
Next Week: Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66. 80

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION ROSTER

Is available for collection in the church foyer. Please collect your roster prior to the beginning of July.

2018 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion: **Sunday 9th September** - Two Sunday masses **10:00am** and **12:00 noon**. Please find application forms and First Holy Communion preparation program information in the foyer of the Church, on the back table. Completed forms must be lodged at the Parish office by **Wednesday, 4th July**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Please keep in your prayers our candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit on **Tuesday 19th June**, with Bishop Tony Randazzo celebrating the Mass at 7:00pm.

This weekend, we welcome Fr Thomas back from his overseas trip to visit his father who has improved greatly. Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for both Fr Thomas' dad, Varghese Alukka, and also Fr Greg's dad Keiran McGregor as they both recover from their recent illnesses

CALL TO MINISTRY

Everyone loves the floral arrangements about the church & how they brighten the area. You too can be part of this beautiful and rewarding craft! Think about joining the parish flower arranging group. You and a friend can spend an hour or two creating colourful arrangements for special celebrations and regular Sundays. You'll only be needed 1 day every 5 weeks or so and can choose a Friday or Saturday to do it. This may be the opportunity you've waited for. Please call **0435 154 511** for more information



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 be distributed from the weekend of 23rd/24th June**. 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.

If you require a receipt for planned giving envelopes for the end of the 2017/2018 financial year, please put your name, contact number and envelope number on the list which is in the foyer of the Church on the table. Thank you

2018 HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

Our parish will hold the **Holy Father's Appeal** (Peter's Pence) **next weekend (23rd/24th June)** for which we'll ask your support. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. To give, please use the appeal envelopes provided (on the table at the back of the Church) or phone the Fundraising Office during office hours on 1800 753 959.

RELIC OF ST ANTHONY

Parishioners and friends of St Anthony are invited to join the celebrations culminating in the reception of the Holy Relic on **Thursday 21st June**, and Masses and public veneration of the Relics on **Friday 22nd June**. See parish website: www.stanthonychurch.org.au or phone 9631 3316 for full details of the celebrations

ST JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP RETREAT

Fr. Rony George VC and Fr. Joby George VC of the Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby, will be conducting a retreat for the **St Joseph Prayer Group at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 126 Liverpool Rd, Enfield on Saturday, 23rd June**. For inquiries please contact Rose: Tel 0296422359, Mobile 0412 115 961. email: rosetwymansydney@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 16th	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of the Immaculata
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP John O'Brien (Recently Deceased)
Sun 17th	8:00am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of the Immaculata
	10:00am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of the Immaculata
	5:30pm	Special Intentions of the Sisters of the Immaculata
Mon 18th	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of the Immaculata
Tue 19th	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of the Immaculata
Wed 20th	9:15am	RIP Wadih Ghadban (Anniversary)
Thu 21st	9:15am	Intentions of David McGeachie
Fri 22nd	9:15am	RIP Margaret Fox
Sat 23rd	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of the Immaculata
Vigil	5:30pm	Thanksgiving for Pham family

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased

Damian O'Neill, Moira Magnussen, Tom Payne (Val McAuley's brother), Lew Zammit, Tram Nguyen

RIP Anniversary

Alice Mary Welsh, Fr Noel Geraghty OMI, Patricia Freeman, Jack Walsh, Evelyn Frances Collin, Patricia Margaret Lee, Vera Fitzgerald, Jane Lillian Mowlds, Maria Rose Delfino

Our Sick

Monica McIntyre, Harold Falk, Varghese Alukka, Bryant Wilson, Kieran McGregor, Alma Ryan, Annette Evans, Kevin 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

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note the Parish office will be closed all day on **Tuesday 19th June**.

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

Sun, 17th June

- **10:45am** - Fundraising BBQ for the Tongan Community Youth Group, in front of the Parish Centre – come & enjoy a bite to eat and a chat after mass!

Mon, 18th June

- **9:00am-3:00pm** - Confirmation Retreat, including Reconciliation at 2pm

Tues, 19th June

- Parish office closed all day
- **9:15am** - Year 4 to attend Parish Morning Mass
- **7:00pm** - Sacrament of Confirmation

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.

