

**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 24TH JUNE 2018**

- Concrete bed: Sleeping out for homelessness
  - Targeting Confession: Governments move against confessional seal
  - Big, little university: Catholic Institute
  - Straight questions, straight answers
  - Movie review: Incredibles 2
  - A man of honour: Jerome Lejeune
- 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 - 30TH JUNE & 1ST JULY**

| Mass                          | 5:30pm                                       | 8am                    | 10am                   | 5:30pm                  |
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| <b>Acolytes</b>               | W Khouw                                      | B Freeburn             | J Rodrigues            | D Bui                   |
| <b>Readers</b>                | R Toinette                                   | L Abouchabake          | T Tierney              | M Farlow                |
| <b>Ministers of Communion</b> | A Pham<br>N Barry                            | J Freeburn<br>J Murphy | E Torres<br>M Lonergan | J Luciano<br>M Williams |
| <b>Musician/Choir</b>         | IHM Choir                                    | A Tran                 | Tongan Choir           | M Farlow                |
| <b>Flower Arrangers</b>       | N Zalloua, R Khoury                          |                        |                        |                         |
| <b>Counters</b>               | J DeMartin, N VanDen Nieuwenhuizen, I Culpan |                        |                        |                         |
| <b>Bankers</b>                | L Farlow, M Farlow                           |                        |                        |                         |

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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| <p><b>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church</b></p> <p><b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr Greg McGregor<br/> <b>Assistant Parish Priest:</b> Fr Thomas Alukka<br/> <b>Parish Secretary:</b> Leisa Farlow<br/> <b>Office Hours:</b> Tue—Fri (9:30am—2:30pm)<br/> <b>6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton NSW 2162</b><br/> <b>Phone:</b> 02 9644 4026, <b>Fax:</b> 02 9743 7407<br/> <b>Email:</b> office@ihmsefton.org.au<br/> <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<br/> <b>School Office:</b><br/> <b>30 Proctor Parade, Sefton, NSW 2162</b><br/> <b>Phone:</b> 02 9644 3555, <b>Fax:</b> 02 9644 8214<br/> <b>Email:</b> info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au<br/> <b>Family Educator:</b> Mrs Claude Bourizk</p> |
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**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton**

6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton, NSW 2162

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

**Sunday, 24 June 2018: The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

When it came for the first son of (the now) Queen Elizabeth to be named, he was called Charles Philip Arthur George. What a catalogue of family and kingly tradition! One can imagine the consultation within the family and the royal household to get the names right, to link this heir to the throne to a glorious past, hoping for more than a nominal influence on his future. We can be sure of one thing. 'Oscar' or 'Marmaduke' were not going to be on the list of possibilities talked about. They had no history thought to be relevant. Tradition was foremost. It was the same in the village where another Elizabeth gave birth to a son. The whole village was quite certain that the child would be called Zechariah after his father. The tyranny of the expectations of 'neighbours and kinsfolk' can be very oppressive when it comes to naming a child, and this was no exception. But, Elizabeth resisted: 'Not so: he shall be called John.' No doubt, she had received this name from her husband Zechariah who had himself received a divine imperative. He, in turn, had no hesitation in writing on a writing tablet, 'his name is John'— is John. Present tense. God had already signified the name of this child, 'John', come what may. This caused great consternation in the village, because this was a shocking break with tradition. This could only mean that more shocking breaks with tradition were to come. And that turned out to be the case. This boychild of Zechariah was destined to enter the priestly service of the temple, just as his father and his father etc had done for generations. Everyone knew his place and role – everyone should know his place and role, but this 'John'? 'What, then, will this child be?' This is the question on the lips of all parents – hope aroused, a future envisaged. What irreplaceable role in the unfolding history of the universe? What unique role in the unfolding of God's plan for that history? The villagers were shocked enough by the declaration of the name. In the last verse of today's reading, we get a premonition of a further shock to come. This now young man is not preparing for priestly service at the Temple! He is out in the wilderness! He has adopted the lifestyle of the most marginal, living outside settled existence (where tradition suffocates). In another gospel we read that he had a rough coat of camel hair to keep out the cold of the desert night, and he ate locusts and wild honey, the subsistence diet of the poorest. Possibly, he came across the Essenes, (famous for the Dead Sea Scrolls), a sect which also rejected the tradition of temple worship. Instead they focused on water rituals, cleansing themselves in preparation for the coming clash between Light and Darkness. John certainly shared their practice of immersing people in water as a sign of repentance and preparation. The Greek word for immersing people in this way is to 'baptise' them. He would become John the Baptist, John the Baptist.



But, we are leaping ahead of today's gospel! We can be certain that God continues to encourage parents to break with those traditions which might constrain those children who are to play a great role in the history of salvation. Let us pray that parents will not resist this choice for fear of what the neighbours and kinsfolk might think as their child launches out in a most eccentric way, to live on the margins of their expectations. Indeed, Pope Francis constantly urges us to be challenged by those existing on the margins. This encompasses not only those who are suffering exclusion, injustice or who are simply without the necessities of life. He is also concerned with those on the peripheries of world power. Perhaps this is best symbolised in the choosing of a Cardinal from Tonga which has only 15,000 Catholics! We could pause for a moment to pray that we are sufficiently open to receive God's messengers, who may erupt from the margins, from 'the wilderness' of the peripheries, even from Argentina!

## READINGS

**This Week:** Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66. 80  
**Next Week:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15 Mk 5:21-43

## READERS MEETING

Will be held on **Wednesday 27th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre**. Please make an effort to attend, especially our new readers.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION ROSTER

Is available for collection in the church foyer. Please collect your roster immediately as it commences **next weekend**.

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The Parish Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2018/2019 financial year are being distributed from this weekend, **23rd/24th June**. Please collect your envelopes at the back of the Church, in the foyer. They are arranged in alphabetical order. 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*

## 2018 HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

The Holy Father's Appeal is on this weekend. The appeal highlights the global charitable causes of Pope Francis and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, the refugee crisis and poverty, to name a few. It's an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we ask you to give what you can. 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. Thank you.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019 SUBSIDIES ON OFFER

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites young adults to pre-register for the **WYD 2019 Panama** via Washington DC pilgrimage, which will be led by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.  
**How does the subsidy work?**

Pilgrims wishing to accept the offer of a subsidy need to pre-register by depositing a minimum, non-refundable deposit of \$1,000. The deposit will confirm your place on the pilgrimage. The Archdiocese of Sydney will then add \$1,000 to your account. The indicative cost of the pilgrimage is \$8,686. For pilgrims considering the optional Mexico extension, the indicative total cost is \$9,786. Note that should the pilgrimage not go ahead as planned, all deposits shall be returned in full.

### How do I make a deposit?

Step 1: Reference your deposit using: WYD19 + FULL NAME (Eg. WYD19PETERHARRISON)

Step 2: Select and pay your deposit amount to: **BANK ACCOUNT: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney**  
**BSB: 062 000 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10289801**

Step 3: Email [abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org) the details of the transaction.

Step 4: Wait for an email confirming your deposit. Once registration officially opens, your deposit and subsidy will be transferred into your COSMOS account.

We are all excited to journey with you and enjoy this experience of a lifetime. For more information, you can contact me on [abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org)

## 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**.

## VINNIES SANDWICH MAKING

Once a month, we at IHM are committed to making 250-300 sandwiches for the Vinnies night patrol trucks as part of our community outreach program. The next day is **Monday 2nd July** in the hall from **8.30 am onwards**. If you are available and can spare a couple of hours, you are most welcome to join us, there is always a good cuppa and a biscuit to be had. Thank you again to our amazing army of helpers who help out on a monthly basis, whether it is making the sandwiches or donating money to help buy ingredients especially Barbara and Paula for your generous donations. *Mrs Claude Bourizk - Family Educator*

## MASS INTENTIONS:

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| <b>Sat 23rd</b> | 9:15am  | Special Intentions of the Sisters of the Immaculata |
| <b>Vigil</b>    | 5:30pm  | Thanksgiving for Pham family                        |
| <b>Sun 24th</b> | 8:00am  | RIP Marco Antonio Caltabiano                        |
|                 | 10:00am | RIP Ian Maurer (Anniversary)                        |
|                 | 5:30pm  | RIP Philippe L'Olive                                |
| <b>Mon 25th</b> | 9:15am  | Intentions for the good health of Mirko Zuzul       |
| <b>Tue 26th</b> | 9:15am  | Family Peace Mass                                   |
| <b>Wed 27th</b> | 9:15am  | Intentions of Charlie & Lena Theuma                 |
| <b>Thu 28th</b> | 9:15am  | RIP All Souls and Neglected Souls                   |
| <b>Fri 29th</b> | 9:15am  | Intentions for the good health of Harold Falk       |
| <b>Sat 30th</b> | 9:15am  | RIP Pierre Haddad                                   |
| <b>Vigil</b>    | 5:30pm  | Family Peace Mass                                   |

## WE PRAY FOR...

### Recently Deceased

Damian O'Neill, Moira Magnussen

### RIP Anniversary

Philip Carroll, Cornelia Hoppenbrouwer, Maria Wlodarczyk, Margaret Monica Hodson, John Vincent O'Rourke, Norma McDermott

### 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 Gwynne, Leo Hackett

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

## 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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR....

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tues, 26th June

- **9:15am** - Kindergarten + Year 6 to attend Parish Morning Mass

### Fri, 29th June

- **10:30am** - Mass at Chester Hill Aged Care

## CHANGES TO THE PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS

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

## CHURCH ACCESSIBILITY

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

