

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, 8 July 2018: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B****CATHOLIC WEEKLY - PULPIT POINTS 8TH JULY 2018**

- Panama revs up for WYD
- Broken Bay Bishop for Melbourne
- Books best for kids
- Gunnedah marks 100 years
- Movie Review: Gotti
- Faith is key for playwright

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 - 14TH & 15TH JULY 2018

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	C Kelly	Adam	B Freeburn
Readers	J Taufaa	R Camilleri	M Keep	L Farlow
Ministers of Communion	N Barry M Abraham	P Kelly B Murphy	E Torres K Marson	J Freeburn M Farlow
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	A Tran	J Zhu	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	N Zalloua, R Khoury			
Counters	J DeMartin, N VanDen Nieuwenhuizen, I Culpan			
Bankers	L Farlow, M Farlow			

PARISH CONTACTS**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church****Parish Priest**: Fr Greg McGregor**Assistant Parish Priest**: Fr Thomas Alukka**Parish Secretary**: Leisa Farlow**Office Hours**: Tue - Fri (9:30am - 2:30pm)**6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton NSW 2162****Phone**: 02 9644 4026, **Fax**: 02 9743 7407**Email**: office@ihmsefton.org.au**Parish Website**: www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au**Immaculate Heart of Mary - Primary School****Principal**: Mr. John Kennedy**School Office**:**30 Proctor Parade, Sefton, NSW 2162****Phone**: 02 9644 3555, **Fax**: 02 9644 8214**Email**: info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au**Family Educator**: Mrs Claude Bourizk

If ever we needed convincing just how fickle a home town crowd can be, all we have to do is recall what happened around the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Only two weeks before she died, London papers sold out with headlines which read, 'Diana, say No to Dodi', or 'Soap-opera queen flees England to be with Muslim lover', and 'Diana: a national disgrace'. We were told that Diana was mentally ill, spoilt and a scheming temptress.

The death of a 36-year-old mother of two is always an immense tragedy. But who could have predicted that we could change our minds, literally over one Paris night, and come to see that Diana was in fact the 'queen of hearts' and a modern icon. How could we have missed that two weeks earlier?

What happened to the memory of Diana is not far from what happened to the memory of Jesus in the earliest Church. In today's wonderful reading from Mark's Gospel we would expect to find Jesus' home town accepting and welcoming him with open arms. Jesus' ability to teach so well, his wisdom, and deeds of power, however, cause so much offence that the hometown crowd turn on him because he claims too much for himself. Jesus, literally, gets the hell out of there.

The Gospel of Mark, written at the beginning of the persecution of the Christians, finds great consolation in these stories of Jesus' suffering and rejection. And is it any wonder? The first generation of Christians were being expelled from the synagogue and, no doubt, many of them were experiencing similar rejection from their families and friends. Maybe some of them had to leave town as well. In this context their fate was an identification with that of Jesus. It gave meaning and direction to their plight. It gave them hope.

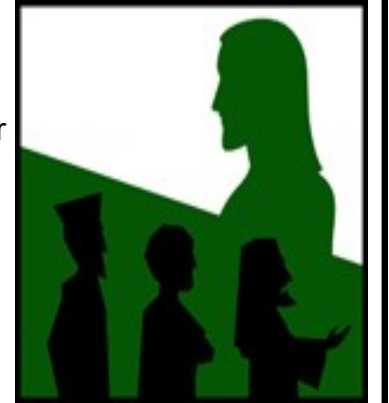
The experience of rejection, misunderstanding and frustration is also a reality in many of our lives. Even having Christian faith these days can see us derided as fools or pushed out of certain circles. In this context, we can draw on the same hope and courage that has always sustained the Christian community.

On a more worrying level, however, as a community we can run the risk of acting like the residents of Nazareth. No matter how much wisdom, authority or goodness some people demonstrate in our Christian community, it seems some people are told they are not acceptable, we take offence at them and drive them away. Some Catholics have simply walked away from us because our community disbelieves that Christ's gifts can be manifest through them as well. Nazareth did not value what was in its midst because it thought it knew better.

Today's Gospel also has a practical impact in our homes, where we don't get away with very much, and affirmation can be sparingly given. This can be taken to unhealthy extremes when parents and siblings speak highly of their spouse, children, brothers or sisters to everyone except to the person being praised. We are often so worried about a family member 'getting a big head' that they never hear from us the encouragement they deserve. As Christians we should look for opportunities to build up and praise those we know and love.

When Diana died it was a bit late for the world to decide she did worthwhile things. It was too late for Nazareth after it rejected Jesus as well. In Mark's Gospel he never returns there. But it's not too late for us. May it never be said that we despised wise people who have something to teach us, and that we dragged down those whose gifts and talents reflected the power of God.

This Sunday Jesus reminds us that it's never too late to stop our disbelieving.



READINGS

This Week: Ez 2:2-5 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6
Next Week: Am 7:12-15 Eph 1:3-14 Mk 6:7-13

LIVE-IN CLERGY CONFERENCE

Fr Greg and Fr Thomas will both be away from our Parish from **Monday afternoon 16th July** until **Thursday afternoon, 19th July** for the annual Archdiocese live-in conference at Leura. **Morning mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be replaced by a communion service.**

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

This weekend, **7th/8th July**, our Parish will be holding our annual **St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal** to help our Vinnies volunteers rebuild lives this winter. Please give generously to this cause.

CATECHIST MEETING

A catechist meeting will be held on **Thursday 19th July at 10:00am in the Parish Centre**. It is important that all catechists attend. Thank you.

2018 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. Please lodge completed forms at the Parish office **as soon as possible**.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The Parish Planned Giving Envelopes for the **2018/2019 financial year** are being distributed at the back of the Church, **in the foyer**. They are arranged in alphabetical order.

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.

PARISH RETREAT

The Immaculate Heart of Mary **Parish retreat** will be held from **Friday 19th to Sunday 21st October at the Varroville Carmelite Retreat Centre** (before Campbelltown). We are very fortunate to have Fr James Jeyachandran lead the retreat this year. Please place your details on the form in the foyer to express your interest to attend as numbers are limited.



HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If you would like Fr Greg to sign off on your child's high school application, please attach a family photo to the completed application and drop off to the Presbytery during business hours (**Tue-Fri between 9:30am and 3:30pm**) or in the Presbytery letterbox out of office hours.

SEA SUNDAY APPEAL

Sea Sunday takes place today, **8 July 2018**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy. The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency, supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. If you would like to know more about the Apostleship of the Sea, please visit our website: www.aos-australia.org To donate to this vital work, please send cheques to: **Apostleship of the Sea, Sea Sunday Appeal, GPO Box 368, Canberra ACT 2601** or transfer funds to: **ACCOUNT NAME:** Australian Catholic Bishops Conference; **BSB:** 062 784; **ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 29745200; **REFERENCE:** Sea Sunday Appeal. Thank you for your prayers and support.

CATHOLICCARE SYDNEY

Join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team to raise funds for CatholicCare Sydney's HOPE program in this year's City2Surf. We're aiming to raise \$75,000 to help vulnerable young mothers and their babies. Challenge yourself and run for HOPE! Register online at <https://fundraise.catholiccare.org/city2surf> and join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team today! For further information please contact **Ashleigh Green** on **0419 954 839** or at community@catholiccare.org.au



MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 7th	9:15am	RIP Damir Lisica (2nd anniversary)
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Maria Thuy T Hoang (7/7) and RIP Anna Ly Hoang (14/7)
Sun 8th	8:00am	RIP Peter Vu, Maria Nguyen & Anna Nguyen
	10:00am	RIP Yousef & Noor El Khoury
	5:30pm	Pray for the good health of Janet John
Mon 9th	9:15am	Welfare of all Parishioners
Tue 10th	9:15am	RIP John Diamond
Wed 11th	9:15am	RIP Ivan Visevic (2nd Anniversary)
Thu 12th	9:15am	RIP Eddie O'Reilly
Fri 13th	9:15am	RIP Craig McAuley (Anniversary)
Sat 14th	9:15am	Personal Intentions of the Visevic Family
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Judith & Michael Cullen (Judith's Anniversary)

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased

Ben MacDonald

RIP Anniversary

John Diamond, Fr R McGregor OMI, Edward O'Reilly, Stella Granger, Catherine Fawl

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

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP: APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. **Applications close 23 July 2018**. Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

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

2018 HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

Our thanks go to all of you who opened your hearts and gave generously towards the Holy Father's Appeal. Because you chose to give, you have given hope to those who are in most need of our generosity and compassion. If you missed appeal weekend, you can still give by phoning the Fundraising Office on 1800 753 959. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat & Sun, 7th & 8th July

- Vinnies Winter Appeal

Mon, 16th - Thurs, 19th July

- **Clergy Conference** - Father Greg and Father Thomas away

Thurs, 19th July

- 10:00am - Catechist meeting, Parish Centre

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.

