

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 29TH JULY 2018**

- Miracle Cure? - Ricky Peterson
- WYD '08: Ten year celebration
- Parish debate
- Happy birthday Humanae Vitae
- Movie review: The Equaliser 2
- Monica Doumit: Fr Frank's own goal

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 - 4TH & 5TH AUGUST 2018

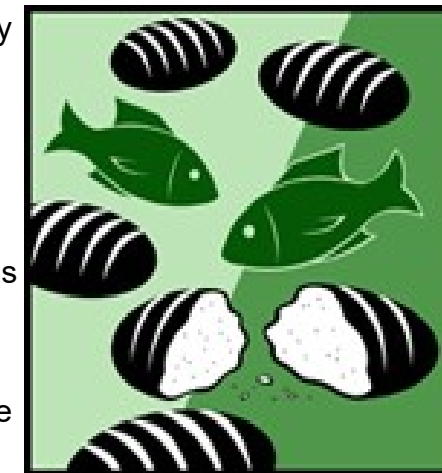
Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	B Freeburn	J Rodrigues	C Kelly
Readers	J Toinette	M Abraham	T Tierney	M Farlow
Ministers of Communion	M Flanagan T Flanagan	J Freeburn M Lonergan	E Torres K Hicks	P Kelly L Farlow
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	A Tran	J Zhu	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	E Bui, N Bui, D Johns			
Counters	M Lonergan, P Rolfe, J Horsley			
Bankers	I Prygiel, M Enright			

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**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton**

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Parish Priest: Fr Greg McGregor**Assistant Parish Priest:** Fr Thomas Alukka**Sunday, 29 July 2018: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

Recently I was invited to a relative's home for dinner. This family has been having more than a little trouble with their 13-year-old daughter, who is going through a particularly defiant and rebellious stage. The young girl was not happy with the vegetables her mother served at dinner and so she refused to eat them. The uneaten vegetables became the staging ground for an adolescent conflict. Trying to coax the girl into eating, her mother calmly used some lines I'd heard before. 'Wasting food is a sin' and 'There are starving people in the world who would be grateful for what you don't want'. With that the girl jumped up and left the dining room. A few minutes later she returned with an oversized envelope and a marker pen. She began to stuff the food into the envelope and as she did she angrily asked, 'What starving people do you want me to send these vegetables to?'



Who said being a parent was easy? Celibacy had never looked better!

In today's Gospel, after the 5,000 have been fed, Jesus says, 'Gather the pieces together that are left over. Let nothing be wasted'. Some of us have never truly been hungry, so it can be hard to fully appreciate how wasteful our developed world must appear to those who watch their families die of starvation. People who lived through the Depression or have lived through wars often carry the scars of being hungry. To this day some of them are on guard against waste. Others try to numb the memory of want by overindulging. For most of us in the developed world, especially 13-year-old middle-class kids, hunger has only ever been fleeting, and we are presently eating ourselves into obesity.

Some people would prefer to think of the story of the feeding of the five thousand exclusively in spiritual terms. There is no question that today's Gospel refers to the Eucharist where all are spiritually nourished by Christ our host. It also refers to the eternal banquet where hunger will be no more. But this Gospel asks us to look at our world through the eyes of Christ's kingdom where the mighty will be cast down from their thrones, the poor will be raised up, and the rich who will not share will be sent away.

There is such a thing as healthy guilt. It's where we become aware of what we have done or failed to do to bring about Christ's Kingdom in our world. Given that it is entirely unnecessary for 29,000 people, on average, to die each day because of lack of food and water and the diseases this brings, guilt on our part seems a reasonable response. It becomes a healthy moment in our lives when we decide to change our priorities, and call for similar changes in a nation's priorities which spends more on bombs than starving babies.

I often wonder what God thinks when he hears wealthy nations say that the reason they refuse to share more with the poor is because these poorer nations often have unelected despots who divert their country's wealth into Swiss bank accounts or nuclear and conventional weaponry programmes. Even in the face of these complex issues we could find a way to feed the hungry who might, one day, be empowered to take charge of their nations.

'What starving people do you want me to send these vegetables to?', the 13 year old asked. To which I wanted to reply, 'Put your own name on the envelope because your own comfort makes you the neediest person in the world'.

May this Eucharist enable us to do on earth what is done in heaven, where the hungry are welcomed and fed, the leftovers are gathered together and nothing is wasted.

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READINGS

This Week: 2 Kgs 4:42-44 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15
Next Week: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35

FR DONAL MADIGAN OMI

Fr Donal, a previous (much loved) parish priest here at Sefton, is retiring to Melbourne and his final mass which he will celebrate will be **Sunday 5th August at 10:00am at Eagle Vale** for any parishioners who wish to attend. The address is **2 Aquamarine Drive, Eagle Vale**. We wish Fr Donal a relaxing and blessed retirement.

READERS MEETING

Will be held on **Wednesday 1st August at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre**. Please make an effort to attend.

ACOLYTE AND MUSICIAN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from anyone who would like to become an acolyte or help with the music at weekend masses. Training will be required and supplied in order to prepare you for these rewarding ministries. If you believe these are areas you may be able to assist within our community, please leave your details on the form at the back of the Church (in the foyer). Thank you.

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.



CWF APPEAL

The Charitable Works Fund Appeal for August will be held at all masses next weekend, **4th and 5th August**. 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.

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**. An Information Evening is being held on **Thursday, 23rd August, at 6pm**, at the **Aquinas Academy, 5th floor, 141 Harrington St, The Rocks, Sydney 2000**. RSVP by 17th August. Contact: Marie 0418 265117 Email: info@spiceodyssey.net.au

AUGUST HEALING MASS

All parishioners are invited to attend the August Healing Mass at **St Joseph's Catholic Church 126 Liverpool Rd Enfield** on **Friday 3rd August**. If you have any queries, feel free to contact Rose on 9642-2359 or 0412 115 961. Thank you

THE BISHOP'S BLEND

Bishop Richard Umbers is hosting the fifth edition of a series of breakfast events for young professions, titled The Bishop's Blend, on **Monday, 6 August 2018 at 7:00am**. The purpose of these events is to bring young Catholic professionals together for a quarterly breakfast, and for them to hear from a well-versed professional in a chosen field how they personally live their faith in the workplace. It will also be an opportunity for those who attend to network with other young Catholic professionals.

COMMUNICATING HOPE AND TRUST

How can we share the message of Christ and his Gospel in contemporary Australia? Speakers from here and abroad will challenge delegates at the Australian Catholic Communications Congress to take up Pope Francis' call for Catholics to "communicate hope and trust". **September 5-7 in Brisbane**. All are welcome. Find out more and register at www.catholic.org.au/accc



BAPTISM Please pray for **SKYE REBOREDO, SAVANNAH REYES and EDWARD MEAS** as we welcome them into our parish community through the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, 29th July 2018. Let us pray also for their parents and godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Edward, Savannah and Skye in the practice of the faith.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 28th	9:15am	Intentions of Harold Falk
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Bernardo Ciamponè
Sun 29th	8:00am	RIP Anna Nguyen
	10:00am	RIP Jacqueline, Colleen & Marian Vellis
	5:30pm	RIP Sr Veronica McCarthy
Mon 30th	9:15am	RIP Youssef Boulos (Anniversary)
Tue 31st	9:15am	RIP Ben MacDonald (recently deceased)
Wed 1st	9:15am	RIP Deanna Savassa
Thu 2nd	9:15am	RIP Fernando Varducci
Fri 3rd	9:15am	RIP Denis Day (Anniversary)
	7:00pm	Welfare of all Parishioners
Sat 4th	9:15am	RIP Denis Day (Anniversary)
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Anna Tam T Ha

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased

May House, Marika Nagib



RIP Anniversary

Patricia Eillen Steele, Fr G Nanni OMI, Benito Greco, Margaret Anne Kelly, Denis Day

Our Sick

Br Mark Murphy, Barry Ryan, Monica McIntyre, Harold Falk, Varghese Alukka, Bryant Wilson, Kieran McGregor, Alma Ryan, 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

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 abel.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 abel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, 29th July

- 11:00am - Baptism of Edward Meas, Savannah Reyes & Skye Reboredo

Tues, 31st July

- 9:15am - Year 2 attend Parish Mass
- 10:30am - Deanery Meeting

Wed, 1st August

- 2:00pm - Mass & Anointing at Chester Hill Aged Care
- 7:00pm - Parent Only Info Night for First Holy Communion

Sat 4th & Sun 5th August

- Commitment Masses for First Holy Communion

Tues, 7th August

- Mass & Anointing at Weerona Village, Bass Hill

Wed, 8th August

- Parish Office Closed due to staff training

Planned Giving & tax receipts are now available on the table in the foyer of the church for those who requested them.