

Mass Times:**Monday to Saturday** : 9:15am**Saturday:** 5:30pm (Vigil) ; **Sunday:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:30pm**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 19TH AUGUST 2018**

- New labourer for the vineyard - Matt Meagher ordination
 - Peakhurst parish: Mighty drought fundraiser
 - Legal tragedy: Academics speak out on euthanasia
 - A light in darkness
 - Movie review: The Darkest Minds
 - Universities and Colleges Open Days liftout
- 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 - 25TH & 26TH AUGUST 2018

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	C Kelly	T Kelly	J Rodrigues	D Bui
Readers	J Taufaa	M Heim	V Visevic	S Faitua
Ministers of Communion	P Kelly M Abraham	R Camilleri P Foran	K Marson I Vellis	M Cowan M Williams
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	A Tran	J Zhu	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	L Jones, S 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, 19 August 2018: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

In the early 1970s there was an edition of Readers Digest that told how a jet crashed in the Andes. It was a good case study in moral reasoning. The issue was that some of the survivors of that crash resorted to cannibalism to survive. The question the author posed was, 'Is it ever ethical to eat another human being?' Whatever the extreme and specific ethical arguments for cannibalism might be, the thought of eating another person is repulsive to most of us. Yet many people outside Catholicism often think that we are Christian cannibals, feasting on Jesus' flesh and blood. The best traditions in the Church have always been very careful in the language they use about how Jesus is present in the Eucharist. We are not cannibals. We are not eating Jesus' liver, brain and bones.



In the Catechism when it speaks of the Eucharistic real presence, it never refers to 'Jesus' but always to 'Christ'. The distinction matters. The Eucharist is a Sacrament of Easter. It is the glorified, risen Christ who is wholly and truly present under the form of bread and wine at the Eucharist. Popular piety and legends that speak too explicitly about the physicality of the Eucharist have not helped us have sensible thinking. As a Catholic I believe that Christ, raised by God from the dead, is truly and personally present to me in the Eucharist. How – is a question that misses the point of the gift. Chapter six of John's Gospel is a discourse on the Eucharist. It is also, and at the same time, a discourse about Jesus' passion and death and our mission to follow in his way. For Jesus, the new Moses, not only gives bread to the people, but also in his passion, death and resurrection he gives us himself. This is why the Church has always linked the events at Easter with the celebration of Eucharist.

Why have we been given this unique gift? The Eucharist is not meant to be a feast for a privileged few. It's not a private devotion. It's not meant to be something that only assures us of our own particular salvation. It is meant to be something that empowers all Christians to go out and transform the world with love and goodness for Christ's sake. The Church has always linked what we do away from the Eucharist with what we celebrate at it. This doesn't mean that all of us can rush out and feed the world's poor. It does mean that most of us can assist other groups or people who do precisely that. And it does mean that when we think about who we will vote for as political leaders, we ask about their platform in relation to those in our country and world who are suffering the most. The former General of the Jesuits, Fr Pedro Arrupe once said, 'If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world'.

Sometimes we can think of the Eucharist as a magical act. Jesus counters such a notion in today's gospel when he tells us that he gives us himself 'for the life of the world'. The Eucharist does not turn us into cannibals; it's meant to make us radicals, radically committed to all God's people everywhere.

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READINGS

This Week: Prv 9:1-6

Eph 5:15-20

Jn 6:51-58

Next Week: Jos 24:1-2, 15-18

Eph 5:21-32

Jn 6:60-69

DONATION OF USED GOODS

For public health & safety, please do not leave any unwanted goods (including religious items) outside the church or presbytery. Kindly take them to the Vinnies shop at Chester Hill during their opening hours.

ALL CATECHISTS

All catechists: **you have mail**. Please check your mailbox and continue to do this on a **weekly basis**. Thank you.



FATHER PETER STOLL OMI

Fr Peter Stoll OMI will be passing through Sefton in the coming weeks. He would love to catch up with any parishioners who are interested. He will be at **DOOLEY'S CATHOLIC CLUB REGENTS PARK on Tuesday 21st August at 12noon** for lunch. All welcome!

PARISH RETREAT

Is Jesus calling you today to come to Him and rest your weary spirit in Him?

That's how much God loves you! He is compassionate and understanding and wants your undivided attention and love. So, please join us this year at our Annual Retreat Weekend and experience this wonderful love of God. As we free ourselves from the daily routines of life, the demands of family and work, we will be more able to present to God an open and receiving heart, a listening ear and eyes willing to see the wonder and reality of His presence all around us.



Why do people keep coming back year after year (some over 20 years)?

At these Retreats, many of us have found healing and compassionate understanding, deepening of faith, strength for life's journey, a sense of belonging and a hunger to experience a deeper relationship with God and hear His voice more clearly than in the midst of the noise of daily life. It is a time to allow God to renew us physically and spiritually as we meditate on scriptures, sit and contemplate the beauty of His creation, pray and reflect and listen from the heart to what God may be saying to us. It is a time of many blessings. It is also a time of community, laughter and friendship as we gather on Saturday evening for a get-together, have some nibbles and drinks and enjoy each other's company. This year, the program includes religious sessions each day with Fr James Jeyachandran OMI, who will be flying across from Perth to be our guest speaker. There will be quiet time for prayer and reflection, or walks in the grounds savouring the stillness and beauty of God's creation. The Carmelite Community also welcomes us to join them in the Eucharist, Liturgy of the hours and silent prayer. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.

Date of Retreat - Arrive from 3.00pm with dinner commencing from 6.00 pm on **Friday, 19th October** and ending after lunch on Sunday, 21st October 2018.

Cost of Retreat - \$200 per person. Single and double rooms are available, the double rooms have either 2 single beds or a double bed.

Location of Retreat - Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road Varroville. The location of the Centre is approximately 45 min. from Sefton and is set in beautiful semi-rural and peaceful surroundings.

Amenities - All rooms feature en-suites with many rooms having direct, level access to the prayer room, dining room, conference room and chapel. All at the Centre are friendly and hospitable; the food is plentiful, home-made and appetising and the amenities are comfortable and clean.

For more information, please contact Kath on 9644-8163 or the Parish Office on 9644-4026.

A deposit of \$30 is required on booking. Booking forms are located on the table in the foyer of the church. Please place your booking form and deposit in an envelope and leave in the letterbox at the front door of the Presbytery. Any special dietary needs can be catered for so please make a note of these on the form if necessary. Transport can be arranged for those needing it, be sure to tick the box on the bottom of the form. For drivers, a map of the area will be provided.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE UNBORN

Most Rev. Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will offer the annual *Memorial Mass for the Unborn* on **Wednesday 29th August at 7:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral**. The mass will be offered in commemoration of the unborn children lost to abortion and in solidarity with the mothers and fathers who grieve this profound loss. During the mass, 74 candles will be brought forward in remembrance of the 74 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8400 or LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 18th	9:15am	RIP Bui Thi Nhiem
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Mirko Maricic (5th Anniversary 4/7)
Sun 19th	8:00am	RIP Pham Van Kha
	10:00am	RIP Tran Van Vy
	5:30pm	All Souls in Purgatory especially Mr Aleksander Wota
Mon 20th	9:15am	Welfare of all Parishioners
Tue 21st	9:15am	Pray for Br. Mark Murphy
Wed 22nd	9:15am	RIP Margaret Fox
Thu 23rd	9:15am	RIP Michael Rooke (1st Anniversary) & RIP Colin Dean Lane-Smith (Anniversary)
Fri 24th	9:15am	Intentions of Charlie & Lena Theuma
Sat 25th	9:15am	RIP Marika Nagib (20/7/18)
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Augustine Thinh Nguyem

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased

Mary Low, Br Mark Murphy, Fr John O'Doherty OMI

RIP Anniversary

Tony Hodson, Kevin Edwards, Barbara Rogers, Pietro Sorace, Franciszek Lesniak, Clarice Gorman, Micheal Rooke, Colin Dean Lane-Smith

Our Sick

Rosina Pellegrino, Youssef Ghadban, 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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every Thursday, 6-8pm, a group of St Vincent de Paul volunteers meet at the Parish Centre at IHM Sefton to go out into the community and assist those in need at their homes. This group has been active in the local area for over 40 years and are currently seeking new members to help out with this great initiative. Pairs of volunteers conduct home visits as prescribed by the regional office of St Vincent de Paul. If you wish to join the band of amazing volunteers, please register your interest with Geoff Barrett on 9897-3509. Thank you for considering this worthwhile mission.

CATHOLICARE SYDNEY

A representative from Catholic Care will be conducting a presentation for parishioners interested in learning about their entitlements and gaining assistance in relation to services available for in-home care.

When: Wednesday 22 August

Time: 10.00am start, so arrive from 9.30am

Where: St Mary Queen of Heaven church, 15 Georges Crescent, Georges Hall

Presenter: Deborah Absalom, Catholic Care

RSVP or Enquiries: Veronica 0407 231 262

Following the presentation there will be time for questions, discussion. Morning tea will be provided afterwards. If any parishioners are interested, you are most welcome to come along.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed, 22nd August

- 10:00am Catholic Care Presentation at St Mary Queen of Heaven Georges Hall

Wed, 28th August

- 10:30am - Mass & Anointing at Chester Hill Aged Care

Wed, 29th August

- 10am - Mass & Anointing at Abel Tasman Village Aged Care
- 7:00pm - Memorial Mass for the Unborn at St Marys Cathedral

Tues, 4th September

- 11:00am - Mass & Anointing at Weeroona Village

Sun, 9th September

- 10:00am & 12:00pm - First Holy Communion Masses

