

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 2ND SEPTEMBER 2018**

- Catholics gather with Francis in Dublin
- The awkward blessing of natural family planning
- Taste & believe - The monks who brew beer
- The joy of religious life
- Movie review: Christopher Robin
- Families celebrate with Francis

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 02 9390 5812.

MINISTRY ROSTER - 8TH & 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	?	D Bui	C Kelly
Readers	R Winder	Immaculata Sisters	I Vellis	L Quinn
Ministers of Communion	A Pham N Barry	L Abouchabake P Foran	K Hicks K Marson	P Kelly L Farlow
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	A Tran	J Zhu	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	E Bui, N Bui, D Johns			
Counters	L Farlow, M Farlow			
Bankers	P Page, J Page			

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, 2 September 2018: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

I read a terrific book the other day entitled 'Shadows and the Dark'. It is by Australian Jesuit Fr John Cowburn who is Professor of Philosophy at Jesuit Theological College, Melbourne. This book explores how we can hold to a loving God in the face of evil. The idea for the book came when Fr John fell from his bicycle, broke his collarbone and was awaiting surgery in hospital. While there, an old religious sister came to his room to give him Holy Communion before going to the operating theatre. Fr John told her about the accident. Sister said, 'Well Father, God must have known you needed a little holiday, so he arranged for your fall'. John replied, 'If that's true Sister I'm pleased God didn't want me to take a sabbatical!' From Jesus' day to ours, when bad things happen to good people it seems easier to blame God or Satan. By his own admission, Fr John had an accident because he didn't take enough care on his bike. End of story. That God can bring something good out of such an accident is grace building on nature. What Jesus confronts in today's Gospel is 'The-devil-made-me-do-it' theology. And his response is as challenging now as it was in first century Palestine.



For as long as we blame our most destructive behaviour on evil acting upon us in all its guises, empty promises and powers, then we remain some way from taking the sort of responsibility for the condition of our hearts that might see them fully converted by Christ's saving love. This is not to say that evil does not exist or that it cannot have a powerful effect upon us, quite the opposite. Just as grace builds on love and goodness, evil grows out of estrangement and hatred. As Christians we hold that God has given us free will, and evil's hold on our hearts is often the result of the poor choices and smaller compromises we have made along the way. The way we look at the evil in our lives and the world also affects our compassion. For if we're not in touch with the greed that leads to theft, the anger that leads to murder, the desire for power that leads to rape, or the alienation that leads to terrorism, then it's hard for us to be compassionate toward the perpetrators of these evil acts. The degree to which we know what our hearts are capable of leads us to be grateful for the graces we receive and cultivate, and to be compassionate toward those who have missed out on this good news and who, by nurture or free will, have chosen evil as their fundamental option.

May this Eucharist enable us to take in the broken body of Christ because we know we are a broken people in need of its power, and as Christ's blood is poured for us, may we be poured out in love, so that, through us, others might hear His call to a conversion of heart.

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PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND PASTORAL APPEAL

Once again, we ask of your generosity regarding the Priests' Retirement Fund due to the significant assistance it provides to retired priests. Archbishop Anthony is committed to supporting priests when they move from a full-time ministry so that they are not disadvantaged with respect to housing, living expenses, health care and transport to name a few. However, in order to provide this support, we need to increase the income to the Retirement Fund. The Fund currently runs at a significant deficit despite the archdiocese contributing one dollar for every dollar raised by the annual appeal. Thus, we ask for any donation you are able to give in order to provide assistance to our retired priests who have so generously given their lives to our community and faith. This appeal will occur this weekend on the **1st and 2nd of September** at all masses and we are extremely grateful for any donation you are able to contribute, be it large or small.

READINGS

This Week: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Next Week: Is 35:4-7

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

ANNUAL LEAVE FOR FR GREG

Fr Greg will be away from 10th September until 10th October on annual leave, taking a well earned break. During this period, Fr Thomas will be acting Parish Priest and conducting all masses.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 9th of September this year at 10am and 12noon masses. We wish the students partaking in this Sacrament a most wonderful day and may they be enriched by the blessed Sacrament.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH MASS

There will no longer be a mass on the first Friday of each month due to a lack of attendance. However, there will still be an evening mass on Friday 2nd of November as this falls on All Saint's Day.

CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY - 8TH SEPTEMBER

The Sefton Parish's Legion of Mary invites all auxiliary members and parishioners to a morning tea in celebration of our Blessed Mother. The morning tea will be held on Saturday 8th September (after 9:15am morning mass) in the Parish Centre.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The 2018 Reconciliation program is currently accepting enrolments for baptised Catholics in year 2 or above to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 21st November, 2018. If you would like to enrol your child in this Sacrament, please complete the application form at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish Office by Wednesday 26th September.

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.

ACOLYTES AND MUSICIANS DESPERATELY NEEDED

We are currently seeking 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 talk to Father after mass or contact Leisa in the parish office. Thank you.

PARISH RETREAT

The annual Sefton Parish Retreat is to be held from Friday, 19th October to Sunday, 21st October at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre in Varroville. The cost of the retreat is \$200 per person. A deposit of \$30 is required on booking and booking forms can be found on the table in the foyer of the church. For more information, please see the form at the back or contact Kath on 9644-8163 or the Parish Office on 9644-4026.



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.

SEPTEMBER HEALING MASS

All parishioners are invited to attend the September Healing Mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church 126 Liverpool Rd Enfield on Friday 7th September. If you have any queries, feel free to contact Rose on 9642-2359 or 0412 115 961. Thank you

UPCOMING RETREATS

- Praying in the Cloud – 8th September
- Pilgrimage Walk 2018 – 23rd September
- More Alive, More Human – 28th-30th September
- Sefton Parish Retreat – 19th-21st October
- Yearning For Peace – 3rd-25th February

Please see flyers at the back of the church if interested, or contact the parish office if they have been removed.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 1st	9:15am	Intentions of the Banham and Cullen Families
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Maria Oanh T Nguyen (Anniversary 2/9)
Sun 2nd	8:00am	RIP Rafca Barakat (1st Anniversary 30/8)
	10:00am	RIP Anjelko Lisica (10th Anniversary)
	5:30pm	RIP Philippe L'Olive
Mon 3rd	9:15am	Intentions of all Parishioners
Tue 4th	9:15am	For all Holy Souls
Wed 5th	9:15am	Repose of the Soul of Br. Mark Murphy
Thu 6th	9:15am	Intentions of Ana Zuzul
Fri 7th	9:15am	Intentions of Chantelle DeCastro on her Birthday
Sat 8th	9:15am	Legion of Mary - Pray for all Parishioners
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP The Watson Family

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased

William Joseph Richards, Mary Low, Br Mark Murphy

RIP Anniversary

Keith Wood, Barry Boyle, Frank Freeburn,

Our Sick

Sheila Field, 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues, 4th September

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

Fri, 7th September

- First Holy Communion Retreat Day & Reconciliation

Sat, 8th September

- 10:00am - Legion of Mary Morning Tea in Parish Centre

Sun, 9th September

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

- Fr Greg commences annual leave

Tues, 11th September

- 9:15am - Year 4 attend Parish Mass

Tues, 18th September

- 9:15am - Year 3 attend Parish Mass

Sun, 23rd September

- 11:00am - Baptism of Lui Taulanga & Tukimomo Taulanga

Wed, 21st October

- Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Volunteer Required

We want you, we want you, we want you as a

New Recruit! No, not for the Navy, but for the Parish!!



The Safeguarding Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney has recently launched an initiative to recruit Parish Safeguarding Support Officers (PSSO) to support the Parish Priest to implement proactive Safeguarding measures to ensure safe environments for children, young people and the vulnerable in Parish communities. The PSSO may already be an employee or volunteer in the Parish but the role is on a volunteer basis only.

The ways in which the PSSO could support and assist the Parish Priest:

- Providing Safeguarding induction to all workers and training to volunteers of the Parish who work with children, including reading and signing of the Code of Conduct for Working With Children and Young People
- Raising awareness of Safeguarding in your Parish
- Creating Risk Assessments for Parish events/activities
- Responding to Safeguarding audit and compliance requirements
- Reporting any issues or concerns that come to your attention according to Archdiocesan protocols
- Monitoring the Visiting Clergy Register in line with current protocols
- Any other Safeguarding issues as requested by the Parish Priest

For more information about this important support role, please speak with your Parish Priest to express your interest in becoming the Parish Safeguarding Support Officer.