

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 14TH OCTOBER 2018**

- Archbishop apologises to youth
- **NEW LOOK Catholic Weekly - Win an iPad**
- Oullet answers Viganò
- Dominican Sister's joy
- Movie review: A Star is Born

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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 - 20TH & 21ST OCTOBER 2018

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	C Kelly	C McDermott	T Kelly
Readers	J Toinette	Immaculata Sisters	L Vakauta	L Quinn
Ministers of Communion	A Pham M Abraham	P Kelly R Camilleri	M Lonergan K Marson	M Farlow M Cowan
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	A Tran	Tongan Choir	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	L Ghadban, R LaRosa			
Counters	P Page, L Windram			
Bankers	J Williams, W Williams			

PARISH CONTACTS

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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, 14 October 2018: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

John Calvin, one of the founding fathers of the Protestant Reformation, reacted against what he saw as medieval Catholicism's adherence to the sacramental law as a means to salvation. 'If you keep the law, the law will keep you.' He was right to condemn the preaching of some Catholic priests of his day. Calvin maintained that since time began God predestined those who, by faith, would be saved. Calvin argued that the rest of humanity would be lost. It was impossible to know for certain, Calvin argued, who was who. This was tough stuff! Within a few years, however, his own congregation in Geneva wanted to know how anyone could be sure they were on the right path to salvation. Calvin's disciples taught that strict and right behaviour was an indication of who belonged to those elected by God to be saved. Not dancing, drinking, swearing or gambling, but working hard, saving one's money and the careful observance of the Ten Commandments became the benchmarks of the elect. Within a few generations of Calvin's death, it is easy to see that the observance of the strict, Protestant, moral code had replaced the seven Sacraments as the way of being assured of heaven. The rich young man wanted to be assured of salvation too. He was a good man; an observant Jew and someone Jesus looked on with love. But he was hoping the law would save him. He wanted to be sure of gaining heaven by jumping through the right hoops, at the right time, for the right reasons. Jesus doesn't reject the importance of faithful and good living, but he offers the young man a relationship that would make sense of the choices involved in following him. Without a loving relationship with God, who calls us to live the best life we can, the fulfilment of any law, civil or moral, is a tyranny. We do not believe in a tyrannical God. We do believe, however, in a God who makes demands of us, who often challenges us in the places where we are most vulnerable. For the young man, his money was an obstacle. He could not embrace a relationship with Jesus because this would have placed in peril his wealth and the comfort that his many possessions afforded him. For the earliest Christian community today's Gospel highlights serious issues on which people left their company: the role of the law in following Christ; the divide between rich and poor; the commitment demanded of followers in the earliest community. In comparison to our forebears in faith, we have domesticated this radical edge of the Gospel. We often comfort ourselves with the assurance that the law will save us, whereas Jesus tells us that salvation comes from a loving relationship with him, shown in the sacrifice of our lives. To the degree that any law enables us to deepen this relationship with Jesus and to serve his people, then it is helpful and good. If a civil or religious law gets in the road, then its moral authority over us is questionable.



In a world where the vast majority of the world's wealth and resources are held and used by a dominantly white, educated and, at least nominally, Christian First World, then the demands of today's Gospel should be as confronting to us as they were to the rich young man. 'There is still one thing you lack, sell everything and come follow me.' It has suited us to move away from this financially hard teaching of Jesus. The law and money are in themselves neutral things. They can be used for good or evil. At their worst the law and money seduce us into pride, greed and power. At their best they can serve the liberation of all people and enable our world to better reflect the Kingdom of dignity, justice and equality Jesus taught and lived.

Given that all things are possible for God, let's pray in this Eucharist that we might stop domesticating the Gospel but allow it to lead us more deeply into a relationship with Jesus who looks on us, loves us and calls us to write the law of love on our hearts in such a way that there will be justice for all people.

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Q&A: November 5 @ 5.30pm - Aquinas Academy Sydney

READINGS

This Week: Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30
Next Week: Is 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

FATHER THOMAS ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Thomas will commence his annual leave on Monday. We wish Fr Thomas a safe and relaxing break, and thank Fr Gerry as he returns to Villawood to assist Fr Greg during this time.

PARISH RETREAT - FINAL PAYMENTS REQUIRED

The annual Sefton Parish Retreat is to be held from **Friday, 19th October to Sunday, 21st October** at **Mt Carmel Retreat Centre in Varroville**. Final payments are required by **Thursday, 18th October** so please arrange to visit the Parish office between **10am and 2:30pm, Tuesday - Friday** to make this payment. Please call the Parish office on 9644-4026 if you have any problems. Thank You.

SINCERE SYMPATHY and loving prayers from the parish family to the family, relatives and friends of **Frances McDermott** who recently passed away. May she rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.

A Thanksgiving Mass to celebrate the life of Frances will be held here at IHM Sefton on **Wednesday, 17th October at 11:00am**.



TOM WESTON FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Tom Weston has been changed to **Thursday, 18th October at 10:30am** to be held here at IHM Sefton. The Requiem Mass will be followed by a burial at Rookwood Cemetery.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL

The Catholic Missions Appeal will be held on the weekend of the **20th and 21st October**, which happens to coincide with World Mission Day. Please give generously to support our Catholic Missions. Thank you.

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 **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. Anyone wishing to make First Holy Communion in 2019 will need to have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation to be eligible.

VINNIES MONTHLY OUTREACH PROGRAM

At Immaculate Heart of Mary, as a parish and school initiative, we are committed to supporting the wonderful work of St Vincent De Paul's night patrol trucks by providing 350 sandwiches on a monthly basis. There is a group of dedicated people who support us in this initiative, but we can always use extra pairs of hands. Our next sandwich making day is **Monday 22nd October** starting from **8.30am in the school hall**.

BAPTISM Please pray for **MARCELLINO SIONE GREGORY TUPOU** as we welcome him into our Parish community through the sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, 14th October 2018**. Let us pray also for his parents and godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Marcellino in the practice of the faith.



OF LIFE AND LOVE - PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

This excellent course for engaged couples gives particular emphasis to the spiritual and sacramental dimensions of marriage, while also paying due attention to the practical elements as well. It highlights the importance of God's grace and human love in building a happy relationship, and it suggests ways in which married love can grow over the years. Topics include the beauty of Christian marriage, openness to life, family of origin, communication and the nuptial paradigm. An approved course for marriage preparation in the Catholic Church.

October 17, 24 and 31, 7-10pm, Assisi Centre, Catholic Education Office, behind St. Joachim's Parish, 3 Keating St. Lidcombe. **More Info:** Life, Marriage and Family Sydney Ph: 9307 8400 or E: LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or to register: www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=335146&

ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING

'A Place to Call Home: Making a Home for Everyone in our Land'. Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year on **Saturday 20th October from 11:00am-3:30pm** at **St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North**. Please arrive half an hour beforehand and RSVP to:

email: jpointo@sydneycatholic.org

phone: 9307 8465 .

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 13th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	<i>RIP</i> Jure Zuzul <i>RIP</i> Bill & Elsie Williams
Sun 14th	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	<i>RIP</i> Janet Daoud Intentions of Grace Rodrigues Pray for All Holy Souls & unborn babies
Mon 15th	9:15am	<i>RIP</i> Joseph Abdo (16th Anniversary on 8th October)
Tue 16th	9:15am	<i>RIP</i> Peter Ross
Wed 17th	9:15am	Intentions of Neda Petricevic
Thu 18th	9:15am	Intentions of Harold Falk
Fri 19th	9:15am	<i>RIP</i> Eddie O'Reilly (Anniversary)
Sat 20th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	<i>RIP</i> Roma Swindells <i>RIP</i> Saidi Family

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Frances McDermott, Marie-Claire Rose, Tom Weston

RIP ANNIVERSARY

Kevin Baker, Tim O'Connor, Salwa Boujaoude, Michael Chambers

OUR SICK

John Morrison, Rosina Pellegrino, Youssef Ghadban, Monica McIntyre, Harold Falk, Varghese Alukka, Bryant Wilson, 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

ALL CATECHISTS

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



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.