

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 28TH OCTOBER 2018

- Blessings for the cute and cuddly
 - **NEW LOOK Catholic Weekly - Win an iPad - LAST CHANCE**
 - Students urge Synod to have courage
 - Parish priest and...clan chief
 - Grace flows abundantly at men's gathering
 - Movie review: Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer (GVN)
- 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 - 3RD & 4TH NOVEMBER 2018

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	C McDermott	L Cavallo	C Kelly	B Freeburn
Readers	M Flanagan	P Foran	T Tierney	S Faitua
Ministers of Communion	T Flanagan N Barry	C Wood J Murphy	P Kelly E Torres	S Garrett M Williams
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	A Tran	Tongan Choir	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	L Jones, S Johns			
Counters	T Flanagan, K Collins, I Prygiel			
Bankers	L Farlow, M Farlow			

PARISH CONTACTS

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Assistant Parish Priest: Fr Thomas Alukka

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Sunday, 28 Oct 2018: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

One Monday, three priests, a Franciscan, a Dominican and a Jesuit were having a hard time on the golf course. The golfers in front of the priests were the slowest and worst they had ever seen. Golf balls were going everywhere. Against golfing etiquette, the group never asked the priests to 'play through'. By the 18th hole the priests were furious. At the clubhouse, just as they were going over to blast the group, they were told that the men were blind. The Franciscan, moved with remorse at how they had spoken about the group, said to the Dominican and the Jesuit, 'I am going to say Mass every day that God may grant them a miracle and restore their sight'. The Dominican, equally filled with regret, told the Jesuit and the Franciscan that he was going to get the blind men an appointment with the best eye surgeon in town. The Jesuit, however, looked at the Franciscan and the Dominican and declared, 'I can't see why they don't play at night!'



To have any type of disability in first century Palestine not only meant financial hardship, but social segregation. Because Jesus' contemporaries did not understand the causes of disability and illness they assumed it was, to some degree, a curse sent by God in punishment for sins. They also thought the curse could be caught. So the blind, the lame, the crippled, the leper and the bleeder were desperately poor and socially outcast. Incredibly in our day, with all our supposed sophistication, some Christians have made similar statements about God cursing gay people with AIDS. Given the way Jesus acts toward those he encounters with illness, we know that God never sends disease as a curse for sin. Bartimeaus is, however, a desperate man and in the story he acts desperately, calling out until he is heard. And in one of the strangest questions in the Gospel, Jesus asks a blind man what it is he wants. Maybe Jesus wants Bartimeaus to name his deepest desire. Maybe Jesus knows that it is, often, the unseen hurt that is the most diseased and needs healing first. Whatever of his motives, Jesus' question gives the man dignity. American dramatist, Michael Moynahan, has written a moving play entitled Bartimeaus which centres around that pivotal question, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. The action of the parable, as we have it in the Gospel, freezes when Jesus puts the question.

As Bartimeaus considers his options, he hears the voices of those he might have to look at if he regains his sight. The poor remind him that, 'once before you could see and what you saw disgusted you'. The hungry ask, 'do you have the courage to experience and share my hunger?'. The elderly inquire whether he wants to see those 'put away because we remind you of the frailty of life'. The captives challenge him to see those 'unjustly bound and oppressed'. And finally the Self wants to know, 'Are you willing to look inside yourself to see your beauty and ugliness, darkness and light?'. It's a gripping scene. It reminds us all that sight, and the insight that can come from what we see, bestows on us the dignity of having options and the responsibility to do something about what we behold. We are in the position of making choices about what we look at. Not everything in the world needs to be seen. There is enough violence and abuse of human dignity in real life to discourage us from seeking out most fictionalised portrayals of it. We cannot, however, let ourselves off the hook in regard to seeing the world as it is and doing something about creating a better vision of humanity for everyone, everywhere.

Michael Moynahan's play finishes, like the Gospel story, with Bartimeaus requesting from Jesus the gift of sight. But in the play, in a powerful twist, as Bartimeaus follows Jesus on the path, he stops, turns and sees the human faces behind the challenging voices. He goes back, embraces them and together they walk the Christian path. In this Eucharist, then, the same question is put by Jesus to us, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. And if our answer is to have sight or insight, then let's also pray for the courage to shoulder the responsibility that comes with every gift.

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EXPLORE A NEW MISSION
Opportunities now open in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa and Myanmar
For info call 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au
Q&A: November 5 @ 5.30pm - Aquinas Academy Sydney

READINGS

This Week: Jer 31:7-9 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52
Next Week: Dt 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28-34

WELCOME FATHER ANDREW!

In surprising news, we are pleased to announce that Fr Andrew Feng will be joining us here at IHM. Fr Andrew will be staying with us for a few months and will assist in the parish as well as partaking in duties in the Australian Army Reserve. Please make Fr Andrew feel at home as we welcome him to our parish.

READERS MEETING

To be held on **Wednesday 31st October at 7.30pm** in the **Parish Centre**. Please make an effort to attend.

FATHER THOMAS ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Thomas will be on annual leave until early November. We wish Fr Thomas a very happy and blessed birthday for 26th October. Thanks to Fr Gerry as he returns to Villawood to assist Fr Greg during this time.

SINCERE SYMPATHY and loving prayers from the parish family to the family, relatives and friends of **Michelle Barbeau (daughter of Roland & Laurie Barbeau)** who recently passed away. May she rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.

A Memorial Service will be held on **Wednesday 31st of October from 9:30am-10:30am** at **Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood** with a reception to follow.



BAPTISM Please pray for **SOPHIE SUMMERTON and RICKY, RUBIN & ROBERT**

NGO as we welcome them into our Parish community through the sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, 28th October 2018**. Let us pray also for their parents and Godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Sophie, Ricky, Rubin and Robert in the practice of the faith.



CWF APPEAL

The Charitable Works Fund Appeal for November will be held at all masses the weekend of **3rd and 4th November**. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Whilst the priests are more than happy to offer Mass intentions, can you please book all Mass intentions through the Parish Office as Masses are booked out at least one week in advance, as well as further into the future. As such, asking for a Mass intention immediately before Mass will only result in disappointment. Please note, Priests are only allowed to offer one Mass intention each Mass. Thank you.

TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED

Some of our Parishioners would love to attend Mass but are unable to make their own way to Church and require transportation. If you are able to assist in this regard, please contact the Parish Office.

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 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&

CATHOLICCARE PRESENTATION

You don't have to work out the home care system on your own. Staying independent in your own home is a priority for many Australian Seniors. CatholicCare's Home Care Specialists can guide you through the complicated government systems. Join us and find out how to access in-home support and caring services.

When: Wednesday 7th November 10:00am (share a cuppa from 9:30am)
Where: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Sefton - Oblate Rooms (next to Church)
RSVP: Parish Office: 9644-4026

Who should attend? Seniors (even those who don't need home care today); their friends and family; and community members who have regular contact with Seniors and may be able to help them get a start with organising home care.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 27th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	RIP Bui Thi Quy Maria RIP Zalloua Family
Sun 28th	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	RIP Bill Lockhart (Anniversary) Personal Intentions of the Visevic Family RIP Peter Ross
Mon 29th	9:15am	Intentions of David McGeachie
Tue 30th	9:15am	RIP Fred Pham (Anniversary)
Wed 31st	9:15am	RIP Maria Nguyen (10 Years Anniversary)
Thu 1st	9:15am	All the Deceased Members of the Visevic Family
Fri 2nd	9:15am	Deceased members of the Ding & Pham Families
Sat 3rd Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	RIP Departed Legionary Souls All deceased members of the Nguyen & Hoang Families

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michelle Barbeau, Josephine Agius, Frances McDermott

RIP ANNIVERSARY

Fred Pham, Norma Manning, Stephen Low

OUR SICK

Arthur Tomkins, 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 28th October

- 10:00am - First Holy Communion of Josh Barakat during Mass
- 11:00am - Baptism of Sophie Summerton and Ricky, Rubin & Robert Ngo

Tuesday, 30th October

- 9:15am - Years 1 & 5 to attend Parish Mass
- 10:30am - Mass & Anointing at Chester Hill Aged Care

Wednesday, 31st October

- 9:30am - Funeral of Michelle Barbeau

Friday, 2nd November

- 7:00pm - All Souls Remembrance Mass

Saturday, 3rd November

- Father Thomas returns from Annual Leave



Friday 2nd November, 2018 at 7:00pm

Join our parish community in prayer for all our deceased family members and friends, especially those who have died **this past year**. Everyone is invited to write names of the deceased from the past 12 months only in the **Remembrance List** in the Church foyer. Before Mass, names of the deceased will be called and families and friends may light a candle in their honour.