

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 11TH NOVEMBER 2018**

- All Saints leads the way
 - Pinned by the logic of life
 - Archbishop Fisher: The good, the bad and the odd
 - Pakistan caves in on Asia Bibi
 - Movie review: The Nutcracker and the Four Realms
 - Christous Rex Pilgrimage
- 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 - 18TH & 19TH NOVEMBER 2018

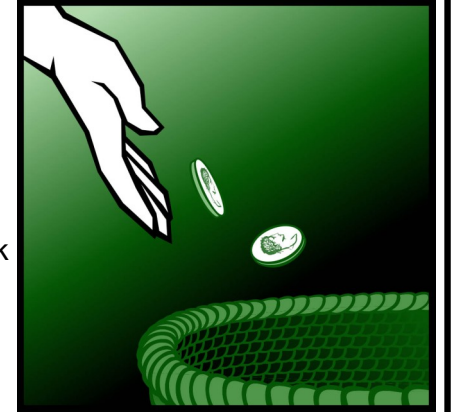
Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	B Freeburn	K Collins	L Cavallo	?
Readers	Y Sassine	R Camilleri	A Pham	S Faitua
Ministers of Communion	J Freeburn P Loos	B Murphy P Foran	M Lonergan I Vellis	M Cowan S Garrett
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	A Tran	Tongan Choir	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	E Bui, D Johns			
Counters	T Flanagan, K Collins, I Prygiel			
Bankers	L Farlow, M Farlow			

PARISH CONTACTS**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church****Parish Priest:** Fr Greg McGregor**Assistant Parish Priests:** Fr Thomas Alukka
Fr Andrew Feng**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, 11th November 2018: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

In today's Gospel Jesus lines up the religious leaders of his day and lets them have it with both barrels. It may come a surprise to learn that hypocrisy is the sin Jesus condemns most frequently in the Gospels. He could not bear it. And nor should we. Being powerful and rich is not a problem in itself. As with all gifts, it is what we do with them that show us up for who we are. The problem with religious, political, social or even family power, and the wealth that can come from it, is that it is so seductive. The more powerful and rich we become, the more we can think everything is our due. We can take our eye off the Giver of all gifts and avoid our responsibility to share with those who are left with nothing. In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus does not praise the widow because she is poor. There is no nobility in poverty. Jesus praises her for being generous and he indicates how the poor teach the rich about what really matters in life. This story teaches a similar lesson.



Centuries ago, the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was a big uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jew won, the Jews could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews would leave. The Jews realised that they had no choice. They looked around for a champion who could defend their faith, but no one volunteered. It was too risky. So they picked Moshe, an old, poor man. Moshe had nothing to lose so he agreed, but on one condition. Not being a learned man he asked that neither side be allowed to speak. The Pope agreed. The day of the great debate came. Moshe and the Pope sat opposite each other for a full minute before the Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moshe looked back at him and raised one finger. The Pope waved his fingers in a circle around his head. Moshe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moshe pulled out an apple. The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.'

An hour later, the cardinals were all around the Pope asking him what happened. The Pope said: 'First I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that there was one God common to both our faiths. Then I waved my finger around me to show him that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was also right here with us. I pulled out the wine and the wafer to emphasise the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything.'

Meanwhile, the Jewish community had crowded around Moshe, amazed that this old, poor man had done what all their scholars had insisted was impossible! What happened?' they asked. 'Well,' said Moshe, 'First, he said to me that the Jews had three days to get out of here. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here.' And then?' asked a woman. 'I don't know,' said Moshe. 'He took out his lunch and I took out mine.'

May this Eucharist, then, give us strength to avoid being seduced by power, riches and greed. May we use whatever gifts we receive to build up the entire human family and may we never stand condemned by Jesus for coming here each Sunday and saying one thing, and then leaving here and doing the very opposite.

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MINISTRY ROSTERS

READERS, please return form by **next Sunday, 18th November** so that the new roster can be prepared before next meeting on the 28th November.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of Holy Communion, please collect the form from the table in the foyer, fill it in and have it returned by **18th November** so that new rosters for Christmas can be compiled.

READINGS

This Week: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44
Next Week: Dn 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32

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

A Funeral Prayer Service for the repose of Faye's soul will be held on **Tuesday 13th November at 12:30pm** here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.



PLenary COUNCIL MEETING FOR SEFTON AND VILLAWOOD PARISHES

As you may be aware, the Church in Australia has initiated the Plenary Council 2020 to allow each person to communicate their story and experience of faith and the Church. For our Villawood and Sefton parishes, a meeting has been organised **after the 10am Mass at Sefton Church on Sunday 18th November in the meeting room (Oblate room)**. This is an opportunity for people to create time and space to consider the question; *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"* Please join our community on Sunday 18th November to discuss the role you and your Parish can play in helping the Church in Australia.

CWF & CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEALS

Thank you for your generosity these past few weekends in supporting the CWF and Catholic Mission appeals. Our Parish raised \$2177.85 for Catholic Missions and \$4393.25 for CWF! This is an amazing effort and will help those in need so thank you all!

"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.

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 19th November** starting from **8.30am in the school hall**.

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.

MASS FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Most Rev Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, at **St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 18th of November at 10:30am**. **RSVP and enquiries** can be directed to LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or call 9307 8401.

LOURDES DAY MASS 2018

On **Saturday, 1st December 2018 at 10am**, the Order of Malta are holding their annual Lourdes Day Mass at **St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**. The Mass is open to all, but in particular those who are sick or infirm and may wish to receive a special blessing. Please find leaflets at the back of the Church for more information.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS

All parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests, celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady. The mass will be held on **Wednesday, 21st November at 12pm at Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery**. Light refreshments will follow in the Mary, Mother of Mercy Condolence Lounge. Please **RSVP by 15th November** to Nancy Murdocca by either phone: 9646 6908 or email: nancym@catholiccemeteries.com.au

UPCOMING RETREATS

Advent Retreat - The Fulfilment of Promise

Let's prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas with a one-day Silent Retreat. **Saturday 1st December, 2018 (9.30am-4pm)**. Cost \$50 which includes lunch. Venue: **The Centre 14 Francis St, Randick**. All ages welcome. Register at verbumdeisydney@gmail.com or phone us on 9341 5848.

Footsteps of St Paul - Pilgrimage to Greece

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and his letters from the New Testament following his footsteps on a **14-day pilgrimage to Greece departing on 14 of May, 2019**. This pilgrimage features the saint's missionary through Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Hosios Loukas, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. This all-inclusive fare includes a 3 Night Cruise with all meals + Stay Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Return Airfares + Local Transfers+ Priests. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 10th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	RIP Robert Henry Barrington RIP George, Bessie & Fox Family
Sun 11th	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	Repose of the Soul of Sheila Field For all deceased members of the Visevic Family RIP Deon & Lionel Vellis (Anniversary)
Mon 12th	9:15am	RIP Roma Swindells
Tue 13th	9:15am	RIP Vittorio Meli (5th Anniversary)
Wed 14th	9:15am	RIP Janet Daoud
Thu 15th	9:15am	RIP Dr Darren Weinman
Fri 16th	9:15am	Intentions of the Field Family
Sat 17th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Intentions of the Zuzul Family RIP Hilton

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Faye Budd, Michelle Barbeau, Josephine Agius

RIP ANNIVERSARY

Allan Hollis, Mai Dat

OUR SICK

Alicia Bezett, Arthur Tomkins, John Morrison, Rosina Pellegrino, Youssef Ghadban, Monica McIntyre, Harold Falk, Varghese Alukka, Bryant Wilson, Alma Ryan, Kevin Magnussen, Bishop G Robinson, John Mealing, David McGeachie, Kath Coughlin, Mary Keane, Bob Rodrigues, Spiteri family, Leslie Cotter, Matthew Barrington, Lydia Gwynne, Leo Hackett

THE BISHOP'S BLEND

Bishop Richard Umbers is hosting the sixth edition of a series of breakfast events for young professions, titled The Bishop's Blend, on **Thursday, 15 November 2018 at 7:00am at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel**. The purpose of these events is to bring young Catholic professionals together for a quarterly breakfast, for them to hear from a well-versed professional on how they live out their faith in the workplace. It will also be an opportunity for attendees to network with other young Catholic professionals.

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.