

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 18TH NOVEMBER 2018**

- Mary & Frederik visit Francis
 - Remembering the fallen: Surry Hills
 - Bring the family! Lights of Christmas
 - Students' changing religious attitudes
 - Movie review: Dr Seuss's The Grinch
 - The Marine & the Charismatic who became Deacons
- 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 - 24TH & 25TH NOVEMBER 2018

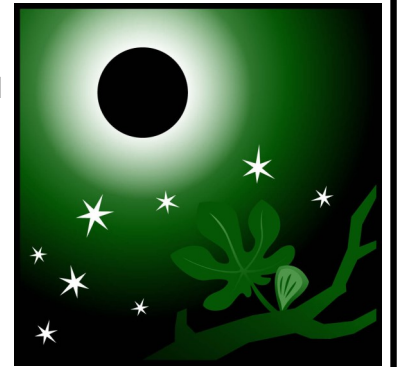
Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	D Bui	L Cavallo	C McDermott	C Kelly
Readers	A Roberts	Immaculata Sisters	M Keep	M Faitua
Ministers of Communion	M Flanagan T Flanagan	C Wood R Camilleri	E Torres K Hicks	P Kelly L Farlow
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	A Tran	J Zhu	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	L Ghadban, R LaRosa			
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, Fr Andrew Feng**Sunday, 18th November 2018: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

Several years ago, the film 'The Pianist' won Best Picture at the Oscars. It's the true story of Wladyslaw Szpilman (Brody) who was a celebrated classical pianist in Warsaw during the 1930s. He came from an affluent and intellectual family. Like all Jews of Warsaw, in November of 1940 the Szpilmans are herded into the Jewish Ghetto. Unlike most of the others Wladyslaw comes out each day to work as a cocktail pianist in a Warsaw café. Polish Jews and Christians remember and admire his playing. So much so that in the summer of 1942 while the rest of his family are deported to Treblinka, Wladyslaw is rescued from the train by a Jewish collaborator. The Polish resistance hides him in Warsaw. When his whereabouts are discovered Wladyslaw goes on the run and survives in a city which barely survives the war. Toward the end of the film there is a magnificent scene where the now-skeletal Wladyslaw is caught by a Nazi Army officer hiding in one of the few Warsaw houses left standing. He asks Szpilman what he did for a living, and then invites him to sit and play the piano in the drawing room of the house. In the midst of the almost total destruction of the world around them, Wladyslaw enables beauty to have the last word over the horror of war. It changes both men. It's the first time the pianist has played in years, and his concerto touches something human in the German soldier which leads him to protect Wladyslaw.



In today's Gospel we get a very vivid picture of how the end of the world might break in upon us. It's clear that Mark thought it was going to happen in the lifetime of some of his hearers. It didn't, and many generations later we're still waiting. This is not to say that the reign of God doesn't regularly break in upon us. Wladyslaw's playing shows how music can do it. We believe that every day more good is done in the world than evil; else this world would destroy itself. And we hold that the source of all love is Christ. So, every time we are kind rather than cruel, patient rather than intolerant, generous rather than selfish, beautiful rather than ugly, the reign of God bursts into our lives. One translation of verse 27 in today's Gospel reads, 'Then he will send out the angels and gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven'. The whole idea of 'the elect' has exercised the imagination of several generations of Christians ever since this verse was written. The Protestant Reformation was, in part, based on who Christ elects to be his own, how we get elected, and how we stay that way. John Calvin was especially interested in this question and he rightly linked the goodness of our lives with those elected by Christ. But Calvin and many Catholic scholars have interpreted the meaning of this text too narrowly.

Remembering that Mark thinks the end of the world is soon, that his community is being persecuted for their Christian faith and that Christianity has not spread all that far by the time he writes this Gospel around 65 AD, it's somewhat surprising to read that the elect might be made up of people who come from the ends of the earth. We can safely assume that at this time not many people, beyond the Mediterranean basin, had heard about Christ. Even if this more generous and inclusive reading is not what Mark means when he refers to this world, it would be mean-spirited of us to imagine that all he means in reference to the elect in heaven are only those professing Christians who had died in his lifetime. The more consoling reading of who is in the elect, is to understand it as including anyone, anywhere, whose life enables faith, hope, love, beauty, justice and peace to break in upon the world. And so what makes being a Christian so special? We know who's doing the electing and why, and we have each other as we struggle to live out Christ's reign every day – until he comes again.

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MINISTRY ROSTERS - URGENT!!**READERS**, please return form by **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.**ACOLYTES**, please fill in the availability form in the sacristy ASAP for collection on the **25th November**.

READINGS

This Week: Dn 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32
Next Week: Dn 7:13-14 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33-37

PRAY FOR VARGHESE ALUKKA

Please keep Fr Thomas' dad in your thoughts and prayers as he has been moved to ICU in India.

SINCERE SYMPATHY and loving prayers from the parish family to the family, relatives and friends of **Kevin Mahony** who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.

A Funeral for Kevin will be held on **Thursday 22nd November at 12:30pm** at Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood.



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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

An invitation is extended from Fathers Greg, Thomas and Andrew to join them **at the Presbytery on the 5th of December** for a Christmas 'Get-Together'. Everyone who has helped and supported the Parish over the last year, feel free to come for a few minutes or a few hours for food and drinks.

WELCOME BEN!

As you may be aware, we have been blessed with the allocation of a seminarian to our Sefton Parish for the next six months! Please make welcome **Ben** as he shares in Masses and other events with our Sefton and Villawood communities from this week, **21st November**, a week earlier than anticipated.

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**.

MESSAGE FROM OUR FAMILY EDUCATOR - CLAUDE BOURIZK

Liturgy of the Word with Children will take place during the season of Advent leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Children are lead to the Oblate room **during the 10am Mass** to reflect and complete activities about the Christmas Story with a focus on a different theme each week. Children's Liturgy will start on **Sunday 2nd December 10am** (1st Sunday of Advent) and continue each Sunday in Advent. In preparation for Christmas, all children and parents are invited to attend Mass during the season of Advent.

All children are invited to take part in the Christmas Vigil Mass on **Monday 24th December at 5:30pm**. Children will be involved in a nativity scene and various parts of the mass, including the readings, and Processions. **Practices will take place on Sunday 16th December after 10am mass and Thursday 20th December at 1pm**. Children need to attend the practices to be involved in the mass. If your child wishes to be involved in the mass, please email claude.bourizk@syd.catholic.edu.au or Tel: 0413 860 075.

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.

SYDNEY CATHOLIC MEN'S MINISTRY NETWORK MEETING

Calling all Men! We all need the supportive brotherhood of other good men. Come and find out more about men's ministry in the Sydney archdiocese. Find out how you can start or join a local men's group in your area with support from us. Hosted by Bishop Richard Umbers, speakers include Tristan Ross, former lieutenant in the army and Ben Galea from Young Men of God. **Friday night November 23, 6.30pm Mass, 7.30pm Dinner, 8.30pm Presentations. St. Paul of the Cross Parish, 532 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill**. Register: www.trybooking.com/431767 More Info: christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to assist with the selling of Christmas items for the parish after Mass in the coming weekends. If you are able to give 15 minutes of your time after Mass, we would very much appreciate your help. Please contact the Parish office if you are able to help.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 17th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Intentions of the Zuzul Family <i>RIP Hilton</i>
Sun 18th	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	Intentions of the Banham Family <i>RIP Francisco Alcobendas</i> Intentions of the Perera Family
Mon 19th	9:15am	<i>RIP James & Eileen Ryan</i>
Tue 20th	9:15am	<i>RIP Robert James Quinn (15th Anniversary)</i>
Wed 21st	9:15am	Intentions of the Banham Family
Thu 22nd	9:15am	<i>RIP Margaret Fox</i>
Fri 23rd	9:15am	Intentions of Iris Hughes
Sat 24th	9:15am	<i>RIP Phat Dinh (Anniversary 23/11)</i>
Vigil	5:30pm	<i>RIP Lucia Cong t Hoang</i>

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kevin Mahoney, Faye Budd, Michelle Barbeau



RIP ANNIVERSARY

Elizabeth Poelczer, Robert Quinn, Bianca Fabbian

OUR SICK

Francis Defosses, Alicia Bezett, Arthur Tomkins, John Morrison, Rosina Pellegrino, Youssef Ghabban, 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



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.

The Epiphany Pilgrimage - The Journey of the Magi

Are you looking for a different way to start the 2019 new year? Maybe to meet some new people, get fit and conclude the Christmas season on a spiritual high? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit, 7 day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany. The pilgrimage begins at Emu Plains on 2 January, 2019 and finishes at Bell on 8 January, 2019.

Registrations for the full pilgrimage close 9 December with day walk registrations available on the day. For further information and to register see www.epiphanypilgrimage.org or for general information and current news see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 18th November

- 11:00am - Plenary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 20th November

- Arrival of Ben the Seminarian
- 9:15am - Kindy & Year 6 to attend Parish Mass & Reconciliation

Wednesday, 21st November

- 7:00pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, 25th November

- 11:00am - Baptism of Otis Ward
- Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday

Tuesday, 27th November

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

Wednesday, 28th November

- 10:00am - Mass & Anointing at Abel Tasman Chester Hill

Sunday, 2nd December

- First Sunday of Advent