SACRED HEART CHURCH

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Administrator: Fr Greg McGregor

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SUNDAY MASS: Sunday: 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES: Wednesday and Friday – 8:00am

CONFESSIONS: On Request

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office

**Sunday, 2 December 2018: First Sunday of Advent - Year C**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** **Alleluia, alleluia!** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia!**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

**VILLAWOOD MASSES:**

**Monday – 3rd December** St Francis Xavier. No Mass

**Tuesday – 4th December** St John Damascene. No Mass

**Wednesday – 5th December** 1st Week in Advent. Mass 8:00am

**Thursday – 6th December** St Nicholas. No Mass

**Friday – 7th December** St Ambrose. Mass 8:00am

**Saturday – 8th December** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. No Mass

**Sunday – 9th December** 2nd Sunday of Advent. Mass 9:00am

**SEFTON MASSES: INDIAN MASSES AT VILLAWOOD:**

**Monday to Friday** 9:15am **Tuesday to Friday** 7:00pm

**Saturday** 9:15am, 5:30pm (Vigil) **Saturday** 9:30am

**Sunday** 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:30pm **Sunday** 10:15am

Total of both collections last Sunday: $423.25

**PRAY FOR ALUKKA FAMILY**

As you may be aware, Fr Thomas’ dad has passed away and hence, Fr Thomas is in India for six weeks to grieve and organise family affairs. Please keep Fr Thomas and his family in your prayers during this difficult time. Please note also that mass times have been amended so Fr Greg can take care of both Sefton and Villawood Parishes efficiently.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY - PULPIT POINTS 2nd DECEMBER 2018**

• Bill comes home: Former Governor-General prepares for his First Communion

• Asia Bibi protest

• Archbishop Fisher OP: Christ is our King

• All for her: Californians push to consecrate their state to Mary

• Movie review: Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald

• New Catholic students curriculum

*Available in the foyer. $2 – all money goes to the poor.*

**HALL USAGE**

If you regularly use the Church hall, please contact the Parish office on 9644 4026 for future bookings. Thank you.

**MASS TIME CHANGES FOR FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER**

On **Friday 14th December, there will be no 8:00am Mass**. However, Sacred Heart Primary School will have their end of year Mass and Awards Ceremony on at 9:15am that day. Parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass instead.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARD**

With Christmas fast approaching, our Parish is now selling the **2019 Columban calendars for $9** as well as **Christmas cards from St Vincent de Paul for $6 for a pack of 10**. If you wish to buy either, please contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER**

An invitation is extended from Fathers Greg and Andrew to join them at the **Sefton Presbytery on Wednesday the 5th of December from 6pm** for a Christmas ‘Get-Together’. Everyone who has helped and supported our Parish over the last year, feel free to come for a few minutes or a few hours for food and drinks.

**SCHOOL END OF YEAR CONCERT**

On **Tuesday 11th December from 5:00pm**, Sacred Heart Primary School will be hosting their end of year Christmas Concert. This will involve the singing of Christmas songs as well as playing out the Nativity Scene. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**CATHOLIC CEMETARIES AND CREMATORIA**

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria warmly invites you and your family to join them at the annual **Twilight Carols at Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery on Thursday 13th December 2018, commencing at 6:30pm**. Fireworks to follow at 9pm.

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria also wish to extend the invitation to join them at the annual **Christmas Remembrance Service 2018**, presided by Bishop Terence Brady **at St Mary’s Cathedral Sydney on Sunday 16th December 2018 commencing at 7:30pm**



**LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS**

Come and celebrate with Bishop Richard Umbers and Gary Pinto the end of the Year of Youth and the Launch of the Lights of Christmas. Join us on the **5th of December** for:

**5:30PM Mass** celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers.

**6:30PM Concert** on the Cathedral steps featuring Gary Pinto.

**7:30PM Lights** of Christmas celebration followed by official opening with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian.

A great way to spend your Wednesday evening by joining the thousands of Sydney-siders for the opening of the Lights of Christmas.

**A CHORAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CONCERT**

On **Friday 14 December, St Mary’s Cathedral** will celebrate with carols and Christmas joy for the annual, and much anticipated ‘*A Choral Christmas Celebration*’ concert. There will be two **performances at 11am & 7pm with tickets starting from $20**. For more information, visit www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc

**AN ADVENT APP FOR CHRISTMAS – MEET ME IN THE SILENCE**

Walk the journey to Advent on your mobile device. Each day delivers a new video, podcast or written feature to assist you prepare for Christmas and meet Jesus in the silence, despite the busyness of the Christmas season.

The Advent Calendar App is free and available on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Search for "Xt3 Advent" in the Google Play store or the App store, or visit ww.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent

**BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION**

St Charbel’s College at Punchbowl is seeking a CA or CPA qualified accountant for a full-time role as its Business Manager. If interested, contact **Mr Greg Smith on 0404 607870**

**CATHOLICCARE HOME CARE PACKAGES**

CatholicCare provides services in your home to help you live independently. From occasional or short-term services to round-the-clock options, CatholicCare can help you decide on services to meet your individual needs. For more information, please contact **CCareline on 13 18 19.**

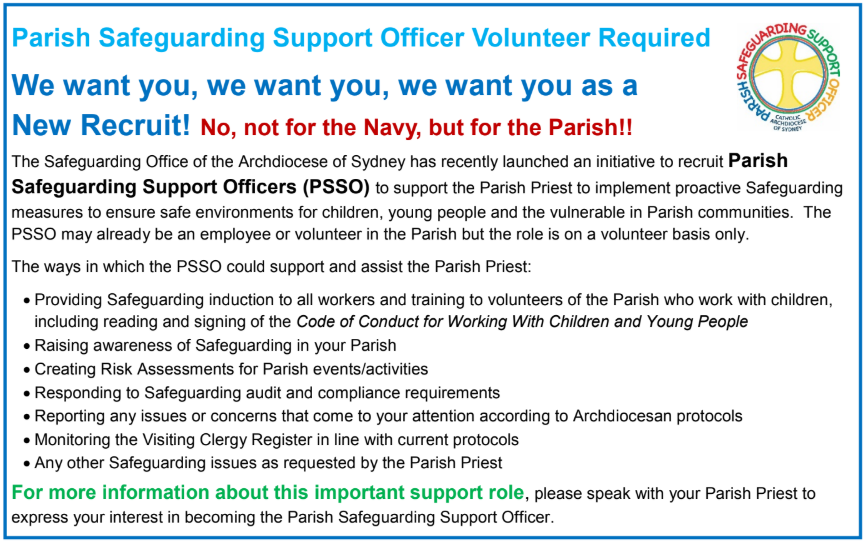
**CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUNDING**

Would you like to receive a quality Catholic Education for your child? Is the cost of sending your child to a Catholic School holding you back from this? We are here to assist you however we can.

Do you live in government housing? Do you hold a current Health Care Card? Is your only source of income Centrelink? You could be eligible for heavily reduced fees.

If you don’t satisfy the above eligibility no need to panic, you still may be eligible for a reduction in your child’s school fees, if you are a low income worker. We will also help you set up payment plans for the small amount of fees you may be required to pay. All you will need to do is ask and our staff at your local Sydney Catholic School will be ready to assist you with this process, with the upmost of confidentiality.

For enquiries, please contact Sydney Catholic Schools, Southern Region Office, Mr Simon Wilson (Professional Officer, Assistant to the Regional Director) on (02) 9772 7000.





**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 **ph 02 9390 5812**.