

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 3RD FEBRUARY 2019**

- Panama unites the world at WYD
- Framing the Covington kids
- SRE - Why we need to keep it
- Is this the real face of Jesus?
- Movie review: Mary Queen of Scots
- How you can live your Lent

*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 - 9TH & 10TH FEBRUARY 2019

| Mass | 5:30pm | 8am | 10am | 5:30pm |
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| Acolytes | W Khouw | L Cavallo | J Rodrigues | K Collins |
| Readers | R Winder | R Camilleri | I Vellis | L Quinn |
| Ministers of Communion | N Barry Y Sassine | J Murphy P Foran | P Kelly K Hicks | L Farlow E Torres |
| Musician/Choir | IHM Choir | A Tran | J Zhu | M Farlow |
| Flower Arrangers | N Zalloua, Rose Khoury | | | |
| Counters | T Flanagan, K Collins, I Prygiel | | | |
| Bankers | P Page, J Page | | | |

PARISH CONTACTS

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| Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish Priest: Fr Greg McGregor Assistant Parish Priests: Fr Thomas Alukka 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 |
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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, 3rd February 2019: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

At the end of today's Gospel we hear how Jesus' hometown crowd were so outraged by his words that they wanted to throw him off a cliff. How things have changed! These days many young adults tie a rope around their ankles and willingly hurl themselves from any precipice available! It seems that some young people enjoy the challenge of facing down their fears, trusting the generally good track record of those who have done it before them and publicly showing their courage, even to the brink of death. Those of us not courageous or stupid enough to attempt a bungee jump have to concede that to do it, for whatever reason, is heroic stuff.



Heroic stuff is at the heart of today's readings. Even though the crowd hated what they heard, Jesus preached boldly to his own people. Jeremiah was similarly courageous in his teaching, in the face of enormous persecution from his people. And Paul knows the only reason one can endure hardships and rejection and even be seen as stupid in the eyes of the world is for the sake of love. The word 'love' has to be one of the most misused words in our language. We say we love our house, holiday, car, and even ice cream. But using love in this way we scarcely come close to what Christian love is all about.

St Paul teaches today that love is not primarily about warm fuzzy feelings and violins. Paul knew that Christian love is an intensely practical business. There is no point in any of us saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. Indeed as St John was to sharply say in his letter in the New Testament, 'If you say you love God and hate your neighbour, you are a liar'. We can say the right words about loving God and each other all we like, but if we do not show it in how we live, then we are noisy gongs and clanging cymbals. There is no getting around it: Christian love always and everywhere involves sacrifice. So, how can we love like this? Why should we love like this?

We can love sacrificially because other people have loved us in the same way. When anyone has been gentle, kind and patient with us, when they did not insist on their own way, were not irritable, resentful or enjoy our downfall, we were on the receiving end of love. They showed us how to do it. That's love. We can take this enormous gamble to love like this only when others have loved us enough to tell us the truth about ourselves and we in turn have spoken the truth to them. That's love. And we can plunge into the unknown, even to the brink of death, because along with others we have held on to hope in the face of difficult times. That's sacrificial love and that is what Christian love is all about.

Jesus does not promise us in the Gospel that any of this is going to be easy, just necessary if we are going to live life to the full. And we also have legions of companions who have been down this road before us. From Jeremiah to Jesus to Paul to the martyrs and saints and to our own families, we know that it is possible to face down our fears, trust the track record of those who have done it before us, publicly show our courage, even to the brink of death and leap into the future with only three ropes tied to our ankles. On one is written 'faith'. On the second is written 'hope' and on the third and strongest rope is written 'love'. Let's pray in this Eucharist, then, for the grace to be foolish in the eyes of the world and heroic in the courage it takes to love others sacrificially, and be loved by them, even to the point of death.

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PARISH WEBSITE UP & RUNNING

As the new year has commenced, so has our new website! This website will provide Information about our Parish, including how to register for Sacraments, news and events and our weekly Bulletin.

The website is accessible at <http://www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au>

HELP NEEDED

We have a parishioner in need who has recently been injured and requires some advice on running their business. If there are any parishioners who may be able to assist their fellow parishioner in their time of need, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

READINGS

This Week: Jer 1:4-5. 17-19 1 Cor 13:4-13 Lk 4:21-30
Next Week: Is 6:1-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

BAPTISM Please pray for **CALLEN SIMPSON** as we welcome him into our Parish community through the sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, 10th February 2019**. Let us pray also for his parents and Godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Callen in the practice of the faith.



FRIDGE IN PARISH CENTRE

The fridge in the Parish Centre is being replaced with a smaller fridge. May anyone who uses this fridge please keep it clean and do not leave anything in it to expire. Thank you for your co-operation.

2019 SACRAMENTAL DATES

In 2019 the Sefton Parish will offer the following Sacramental programs:

Confirmation: End of June (date TBA), 7pm Parent Night: Wednesday May 22, 7pm
First Communion: Sunday September 8, time TBA Parent Night: Wednesday July 31, 7pm
Reconciliation: Wednesday November 20, 7pm Parent Night: Wednesday October 16, 7pm

Closer to the dates information and application forms will be made available through the Parish and local schools. The forms will also be available on the Parish website. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like further information.

MESSAGE FROM OUR FAMILY EDUCATOR - CLAUDE BOURIZK

FAMILY CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS AND PAGEANT:

On Christmas Eve, over 40 children from our school took part in the Vigil Mass. The children put on a Tableau of the Christmas story and were involved in all aspects of the Mass - Procession of the Gospel, responsorial Psalms, the offertory and prayers of the faithful. The children were angelic, and it was a grace filled evening. Many thanks to the parents for your support in bringing the children to all the rehearsals, and helping with the costumes, props and setting up, especially Miss Kristy for assisting me! But a very big thank you to the children for doing a wonderful job, I'm sure the lolly bags didn't go to waste!

IHM - ST VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH PROGRAM.



At IHM, we are very committed to supporting The St Vincent De Paul outreach program. We live our faith in action by caring for, and nurturing, the less fortunate in our society through our monthly sandwich making days where we make and donate over 400 sandwiches for the night patrol, and our 'Behind the Scenes' work in the kitchen at Lewisham where we prepare food and pack toiletries and snack packs as well as many other jobs in readiness for the trucks to go out that night. Vinnies depend on our school and other schools like us to make this important work happen. We need your help! If you can spare a couple of hours once a month, please let me know or just come along on the advertised days.

Thank you to the wonderful ladies and gentlemen who came along during the holidays (January 7th) to help me with the sandwiches. Lisa Aronis and her daughter Elizabeth, Maryanne Shrestha and her daughters Rhianna & Rhikita, Our parishioners Barbara Saidi, Carol Woods, Joe Fernandez, Pascarl El-Hage and Marie Ross. Also to the following for your much appreciated donations to help purchase the ingredients for the sandwiches: Mrs Barbara Saidi. God Bless you all for your generosity and love.

Next Sandwich making day is Monday 11th February at 8:30am in the hall (Parent Volunteer inductions 9am & 2pm).

Next Vinnies 'Behind the Scenes' at Lewisham is Thursday 7th February.

Have a blessed week, until next time.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Sat 2nd Vigil | 9:15am 5:30pm | For all Souls in Purgatory <i>RIP</i> Mary Therese Breen Anniversary |
| Sun 3rd | 8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm | Intentions of Arnel Alimangohan Intentions of all Clergy For the Good Health of Betty & Ken Rolls |
| Mon 4th | 9:15am | Welfare of all Parishioners |
| Tue 5th | 9:15am | <i>RIP</i> Frank Lonergan (8th Anniversary) |
| Wed 6th | 9:15am | Anniversary of Joseph & Grace Rodrigues |
| Thu 7th | 9:15am | <i>RIP</i> William Loos (Anniversary) |
| Fri 8th | 9:15am | Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata |
| Sat 9th Vigil | 9:15am 5:30pm | Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata For Giacobe Nguyen Bac Nha & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 10th February

- 11:00am - Baptism of Callen Simpson

Monday, 11th February

- 8:30am - Vinnies Sandwich making

Tuesday, 12th February

- 9:15am - Yr 2 attending Mass
- **Office Closed from 12pm**

Tuesday, 26th February

- 9:15am - Yr 6 & Kindy attending Mass

Saturday, 2nd March

- Legion of Mary 63rd Anniversary

Wednesday, 6th March

- Ash Wednesday - Yr 3-6 attend Mass

Sunday, 10th March

- First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, 17th March

- Second Sunday of Lent

Tuesday, 19th March

- 9:15am - Yr 5 & Yr 1 attending Mass

Saturday, 23rd March

- NSW State Election

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Dante Petricca, Filippo Manganaro, Arthur Tomkins



RIP ANNIVERSARY

Mary McMillan, Anne Maher, Frank Lonergan, Keith Rush, Hugh McCafferty, Mary Cook, John Rush, Janet Farrell

OUR SICK

Betty & Ken Rolls, Joan Gray, Rolande L'Olive, Francis Defosses, Alicia Bezett, John Morrison, Rosina Pellegrino, Youssef Ghabban, Monica McIntyre, 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

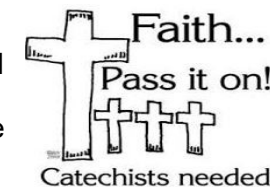


ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP TEACHING DAY

All parishioners are invited to attend the **Teaching Day – A Pilgrimage through Lent** at St Joseph's Catholic Church 126 Liverpool Rd Enfield on **Saturday 9th February**. The event will take place from **9:45am to 3:30pm**, the cost of the day is **\$15**, please bring a dish for the communal lunch - coffee and tea provided. If you have any queries, feel free to contact **Rose on 9642-2359 or 0412 115 961**. Thank you

CATECHIST SUNDAY

Please keep in your prayers our Catechists and the wonderful work they do in our local State schools as we celebrate Catechist Sunday this weekend. If anyone is interested in becoming a Catechist or a Catechist assistant, please contact the Parish Office. We would love to hear from you!



'OF LIFE AND LOVE' MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Each course will be held over 3 consecutive Wednesdays. 2019 dates include: **March 13, 20, 27 and October 16, 23, 30**. To book online, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/ZWSU> or contact LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org

MULTICULTURAL MASS 2019

There is a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at 2pm on Sunday 17th February, 2019 Celebrating Interculturality. Celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Fisher. All are welcome to attend.