

**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 10TH FEBRUARY 2019**

- Marie Kondo's gift to Vinnies
- Bishop slams Teacher's Union
- Legendary Port Macquarie Priest passes away
- Charismatic leader visits Sydney
- Movie review: Roma
- To excommunicate ... or not

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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 - 16TH & 17TH FEBRUARY 2019**

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	C Kelly	A James	Ben	C McDermott
<b>Readers</b>	Y Sassine	P Foran	M Keep	M Faitua
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	A Pham P Kelly	L Abouchabake B Murphy	M Lonergan I Vellis	J Luciano M Cowan
<b>Musician/Choir</b>	IHM Choir	A Tran	Tongan Choir	M Farlow
<b>Flower Arrangers</b>	L Jones, S Johns			
<b>Counters</b>	T Flanagan, K Collins, I Prygiel			
<b>Bankers</b>	P Page, J Page			

**PARISH CONTACTS**

<b>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church</b> <b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr Greg McGregor <b>Assistant Parish Priests:</b> Fr Thomas Alukka <b>Parish Secretary:</b> Leisa Farlow <b>Office Hours:</b> Tue - Fri (9:30am - 2:30pm) <b>6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton NSW 2162</b> <b>Phone:</b> 02 9644 4026, <b>Fax:</b> 02 9743 7407 <b>Email:</b> office@ihmsefton.org.au <b>Parish Website:</b> www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au	<b>Immaculate Heart of Mary - Primary School</b> <b>Principal:</b> Mr. John Kennedy <b>School Office:</b> <b>30 Proctor Parade, Sefton, NSW 2162</b> <b>Phone:</b> 02 9644 3555, <b>Fax:</b> 02 9644 8214 <b>Email:</b> info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au <b>Family Educator:</b> 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, 10th February 2019: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

Think about this for a minute! It is time to elect a world leader, and yours is the deciding vote. Here are the facts about the three leading candidates: Candidate A associates with crooked politicians, consults with astrologers, has had two mistresses, is severely disabled, chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.

Candidate B was kicked out of office twice, slept until noon, used opium at university, is an undiagnosed manic-depressive and drinks a bottle of whiskey every day.

Candidate C is a decorated war hero, vegetarian, doesn't smoke or drink, except for an occasional beer and has never had an extra-marital affair. Who would you choose? Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt. Candidate B is Winston Churchill. Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.



Sometimes the best candidate on paper is the worst leader in reality. Thank goodness Jesus did not hire a management consultancy to help him recruit his earliest disciples. On paper Peter, James and John would not have got past expressing interest in the job. Jesus recognised, however, that they had the three things necessary for Christian leadership: faith, hope and love. Not that they had it immediately. We know they constantly misunderstood Jesus and tried to steer in other ways. They made promises they did not keep and they abandoned Jesus when the going got tough. But they had the one thing that nearly all great leaders have in their formation: a mentor who knows they are not perfect, forgives their limitations, tells them the truth, brings them back to what they are actually on about and inspires them by what he says and how he lives.

Sometimes we think the Gospel always demands a very different lifestyle to the one we have, and sometimes it does, but today's Gospel should be taken seriously, not literally. Luke tells us that the disciples 'left everything and followed him'. We know that following Jesus did not demand of Peter, for example, that he abandon his family. And we also know that the disciples returned to their work of fishing a number of times in their life with Jesus. Luke is telling us, then, that to follow Jesus is a radical option and that we have to divest ourselves of anything that stops us serving the kingdom of God. Conversely, it follows that we have to cultivate the very things that draw us on in the Christian life. For most of us, the departures necessary in following Jesus are in our hearts. Furthermore in this story, Luke is also telling us about the great number of converts attracted to the Christian life. We know that some of these were notorious sinners. No doubt the leaders of the early Church had anxieties about admitting them. By relating the story of the sinful Peter being called by Jesus, Luke reassures the community that as long as anyone is able to leave behind the destructiveness of their previous life they can, with guidance, become a disciple of Jesus.

Luke teaches that it is not for us to condemn anyone caught up in the net of salvation: simply to trust in God's love and compassion that visits the sick and well alike. May we pray in this Eucharist for the humility in the Church to accept that God can turn our judgments, laws, customs, protocols and management strategies upside down and sometimes bring forward, from the most unexpected quarters, leaders who show us new dimensions to God's power shining through our human weakness.

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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:** Is 6:1-8      1 Cor 15:1-11      Lk 5:1-11  
**Next Week:** Jer 17:5-8      1 Cor 15:12, 16-20      Lk 6:17, 20-26

**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:** Tuesday, 25th June, 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.

## 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 11th February** starting from **8.30am in the school hall**. (Parent Volunteer inductions 9am & 2pm). Have a blessed week, until next time. Claude Bourizk, Family Educator.

**SINCERE SYMPATHY** and loving prayers from the Parish family to Mark, Marie, Natalie and Jarrod Gray on the loss of their much loved mother/mother-in-law/Nanna, Joan Gray, who recently passed away. May Joan rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.



## ALTAR SERVERS

Any parents with children wishing to get involved with their local Parish please contact the Parish Office as we require altar servers for our weekend masses. Altar Serving is a great way to get involved with the Parish community and make friends with other children who share a love for Christ. The only requirement of becoming an altar server is they must have made their first Holy Communion. If you have a child who is interested, please contact the Parish Office on 9644-4026.



## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Sat 9th</b>	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	For Giacobe Nguyen Bac Nha & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sun 10th</b>	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	RIP Craig Ramsden For healing of Dr Portia Mariano Deceased members of Dinh & Pham Families
<b>Mon 11th</b>	9:15am	RIP Roma Swindells
<b>Tue 12th</b>	9:15am	Intentions of Eustine Loos
<b>Wed 13th</b>	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata
<b>Thu 14th</b>	9:15am	Good health of Mirko Zuzul
<b>Fri 15th</b>	9:15am	RIP Frank Lonergan
<b>Sat 16th</b>	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	RIP Selmon Soloman

## WE PRAY FOR...

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Joan Gray, Dante Petricca, Filippo Manganaro, Arthur Tomkins

### RIP ANNIVERSARY

Ian Lawler, John Bolger

### OUR SICK

Ken Rolls, Betty Rolls, 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

## UPCOMING RETREATS

### Advent Retreat - The Fulfilment of Promise

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land where he was born, through to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice. See places mentioned in the Old and New Testaments as the Bible comes alive in this 14-day pilgrimage for an all-inclusive price of **\$5690**. For **enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au**. **Departures Dates: Fr. Sebastian (24 March), Fr. Kenneth (26 May 19), Fr. Colin (31 May 19)**. Other Departure Dates include 18 Aug, 8 Sep, 17 Sep, 13 Oct, 10 Nov.

### Footsteps of St Paul - Pilgrimage to Greece

Journey with St. Paul as you relive follow his footsteps on a **14-day pilgrimage to Greece departing on 14th May, 2019**. This pilgrimage features the saint's missionary for an all-inclusive price of \$5990, including 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.

## '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](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org)

## 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

### **Tuesday, 26th February**

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

### **Wednesday, 27th February**

- 10am - Mass & Anointing at Abel Tasman

### **Saturday, 2nd March**

- Legion of Mary 63rd Anniversary

### **Wednesday, 6th March**

- Ash Wednesday

