

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 24TH FEBRUARY 2019**

- The beauty of God through the lens
- Vinnies sign up to homelessness plan
- US Cardinal busted back to lay state
- Movie review: Isn't It Romantic
- Marriage prep worth its weight in gold
- Students' legal win

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 - 2ND & 3RD MARCH 2019

| Mass | 5:30pm | 8am | 10am | 5:30pm |
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| Acolytes | W Khouw | D Bui | K Collins | C Kelly |
| Readers | M Flanagan | L Abouchabake | T Tierney | L Farlow |
| Ministers of Communion | T Flanagan Y Sassine | P Foran J Murphy | M Lonergan I Vellis | P Kelly J Luciano |
| Musician/Choir | IHM Choir | T Tran | Tongan Choir | M Farlow |
| Flower Arrangers | E Bui, N Bui, D Johns | | | |
| Counters | L Windram, P Page | | | |
| Bankers | L Farlow, M Farlow | | | |

PARISH CONTACTS**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**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton**

6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton, NSW 2162

Parish Priest: Fr Greg McGregor**Assistant Parish Priest:** Fr Thomas Alukka**Sunday, 24th February 2019: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

Some years ago I was at an annual parents' dinner for a Catholic school for profoundly disabled children. A well-known local politician, whose child was in the school, was asked to speak. This is what he said:

'I would like to pay tribute to the staff at this school. Only parents and teachers know what a joy and a heartbreak it is to have a profoundly disabled child. I always wanted the perfect child, but where is the perfection in my son David? We are told that God looked at the world and it was perfect, but my son cannot understand things as other children do. David cannot remember facts and figures as other children do. David walks with difficulty and cannot speak. How can God be filled with joy at David?'

The audience was shocked by this pained question from an anguished father. 'I believe', the father continued, 'that when God allows a world in which David can now live for 50 years, perfection is found in the way people react to children like him.'

'Just recently David and I were walking in our local park. Some boys had been there most of the day playing cricket. They were serious about this competition. David was very excited and I knew he wanted to join in. David has terrible physical co-ordination, but I approached one of the boys on the pitch and asked if David could play. The boy looked around for guidance from his mates. Getting none, he took matters into his own hands and said "Things are tight, we have to get six runs to win but we'll try and give him a bat". David smiled broadly. After scoring three more runs the next boy got out. David was put up the batting order and called to the wicket. I helped him get out there.'

'Everyone knew that it was all but impossible for my son to help them win the game. He didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, let alone hit with it. The bowler, however, sent down a soft ball so David could at least make contact. The second similar ball came and David swung clumsily and missed it. One of David's team mates came up to him and together they held the bat and faced the bowler waiting for the next ball.'

'As the ball came down, David and his teammate swung at the ball and together they hit a strong ground shot to the boundary. At his captain's urging David stumbled up the pitch as quickly as he could. Never in his life has David run so fast. He came back for a second run as the fielder saved the ball from being four runs and so the team was screaming for a third run. The fielder could have thrown the ball to David's stumps and got him out. On the winning third run, however, he threw the ball to the other end where the other batsman was safely home. The keeper casually sent it up to David's end, just as David was completing the third, winning run.'

'That day', said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, 'those boys showed me why God always looks at creation and knows it is very good.' Jesus said, 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that? Be kind, be merciful, forgive and do not condemn, for the measure you give out is the measure you will receive'.

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READERS MEETING

To be held on **Wednesday 27th February at 7:30pm** in the **Parish Centre**. Please make an effort to attend.

FRIDGE IN PARISH CENTRE

The fridge in the Parish Centre has been 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.



READINGS

This Week: 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38
Next Week: Sir 27:4-7 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

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



SINCERE SYMPATHY and loving prayers from the parish family to the family, relatives and friends of **Fr Graham Kings** who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.
A Funeral for Fr Graham will be held on **Tuesday 26th February at 11am at St Peter Chanel Parish, Berala.**



LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL ACIES CEREMONY

The Legion of Mary cordially invite all Parishioners to the Mass at IHM Church, Sefton on **Saturday, 2nd March, 2019 at 9:15am** for the annual Acies Ceremony which happens to fall on the 63rd Anniversary of the Sefton Praesidium. After the Mass, a morning tea will be provided in the Oblate Room. Please come along and celebrate this momentous achievement of the Legion of Mary.



2019 SACRAMENTAL DATES

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

Confirmation: Tuesday June 25, 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.

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. 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, bring them along to the meeting on **Saturday, 9th March at 11:00am in the Church** with Ben our Seminarian.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - ST JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

St Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary at Auburn is in need of volunteers for their coffee shop. If interested, please call **9749 0295** between **10am and 3pm**.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Please note: **Mass will be held at 9:15am** with Yrs 3-6 from IHM Primary School in attendance on **Ash Wednesday, 6th March**. There will be a **Mass at 7:00pm** also for any Parishioners who are unable to attend morning Mass.

THE BISHOP'S BLEND

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday, 11 March 2019 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendseventhedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

COULD YOU HELP A CHILD IN CARE?

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night. **Tuesday 5th March 2019, 5:30pm-8pm at CatholicCare 2C West Street (Cnr Thomas Street), Lewisham NSW 2049**. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place..

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion is a long-standing tradition in which we participate every Lent with the Australian Church coming together to raise funds for the Third World and to ensure that we never fail to live in the awareness of the need to be aware of the needs of the less fortunate. It is also a marvellous opportunity to teach our children to think of others and to share a little of our good fortune as each family tries to keep the Project Compassion box in a prominent place in the home. Thank you to all who will participate once again this year. Please find donation boxes in the foyer to take home and fill over Lent.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Sat 23rd | 9:15am | Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata <i>RIP Philip Farour</i> |
| Vigil | 5:30pm | |
| Sun 24th | 8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm | <i>RIP</i> Joachim Nagy & Family <i>RIP</i> Laurie Horsley (First Anniversary) <i>RIP</i> Renato Opilas |
| Mon 25th | 9:15am | <i>RIP</i> Peter Vu & Maria Nguyen |
| Tue 26th | 9:15am | <i>RIP</i> Helen Gomez (7th Anniversary) |
| Wed 27th | 9:15am | <i>RIP</i> Patricia Coves |
| Thu 28th | 9:15am | <i>RIP</i> Peter Vu & Maria Nguyen |
| Fri 1st | 9:15am | Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata |
| Sat 2nd | 9:15am | Intentions of Legion of Mary (63rd Anniversary) |
| Vigil | 5:30pm | <i>RIP</i> Roma Swindells |

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patricia Coves, Kieran Ricketts, Joné Radaniva, Joan Gray



RIP ANNIVERSARY

Antonio De Grandis, Barbara, Barbara Dakkachem Kelly Ross, Laurence Horsley, Josie Rotundo, Stephen Callaghan

OUR SICK

Rolande L'Olive, Francis Defosses, Alicia Bezett, John Morrison, Rosina Pellegrino, Youssef Ghadban, 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 26th February

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

Wednesday, 27th February

- 10am - Mass & Anointing at Abel Tasman

Thursday, 28th February

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

Saturday, 2nd March

- Legion of Mary 63rd Anniversary Celebrations

Tuesday, 5th March

- 11am - Mass & Anointing at Weeroona Village

Wednesday, 6th March—Ash Wednesday

- 7pm - Ash Wednesday Mass

Saturday, 9th March

- 11am - Altar Servers Meeting in Church

Sunday, 10th March

- First Sunday of Lent

- 10am - Family Mass followed by Cuppa

Tuesday, 19th March

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

Saturday, 23rd March

- NSW State Election

