

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 14TH APRIL 2019**

- *A father's plea on drugs*
- *A vision for the future: New Director for Parish 2020*
- *Onwards & upwards: St John's College charts a new course*
- *Pray for them: Persecuted Christians need our prayers*
- *Movie review: Dumbo*
- *Lent, sans the makeup*

Available in the foyer - \$2. All money goes to the poor.

READERS FOR HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY:**Holy Thursday:** Michelle Heim**Good Friday:** Mel Keep and Petah Foran**MINISTRY ROSTER - 20TH & 21ST APRIL 2019 - EASTER**

| Mass | 7:30pm | 8am | 10am | 5:30pm |
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| Acolytes | B Gandy & K Collins | A James | J Rodrigues | NO MASS |
| Readers | A Roberts, M Flanagan, J Toinette, P Foran | M Keep | T Tierney | NO MASS |
| Ministers of Communion | M Abraham L Farlow | R Camilleri J Murphy | K Hicks I Vellis | NO MASS |
| Musician/Choir | Tongan Choir | T Tran | Tongan Choir | NO MASS |
| Flower Arrangers | N Zalloua, R Khoury | | | |
| Counters | M Lonergan, J Horsley | | | |
| Bankers | L Farlow, M Farlow | | | |

PARISH CONTACTS

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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, 14 April 2019: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year C**

The crowd who cheered on Palm Sunday proved to be a fickle lot. It took them no time at all to move from the cries of adulation of Palm Sunday to the derision of Good Friday, and back again, with frightening speed. What is most worrying, however, is that we can do the same just as easily.

Take, for example, in our own country, where on the one hand we tell the original inhabitants of this great land that they have some claim on it and then change the rules when they begin to make such a claim. You don't have to look far for Calvary. Try being black in a white world. We bask in the myth that this is the land of the fair go, but seem to think that this fair go is primarily for white people born of an Anglo Celtic, Christian background. You don't have to search too far for Calvary. Try being Asian in a Eurocentric world.

As Christians we affirm that women and men are made in the image and likeness of God, but in the Church and society we find new arguments to keep men in power and women only fractionally developing their God-given talents. You don't have to seek out Calvary. Try being a woman in a man's world.

Our society tells the gay community they may have been born with a desire for a same sex partner and that no one should discriminate against them, yet we deny them basic rights for legal security and dignity. You don't have to hunt for Calvary. Try being gay in a straight world. Our society sings the praises of IVF and its associated technologies and proclaim how hundreds more couples are now 'complete' as a result of having a baby and yet each year we abort tens of thousands of unborn babies. You don't have to explore far to find Calvary. Try being a pregnant mother in an unsympathetic and death-dealing world.

The reality is that Palm Sunday is not a yearly historical pageant. It is the day when we hear proclaimed that:

- our God knows what it's like to be heralded on Sunday and condemned on Friday;
- our God loved us so much that he laid down his own life so that we might live;
- our God showed us that the price of walking on palm branches is in the taking up of the cross.

And how do we do that? How do we face all the Calvaries of our world and be Christ-like?

In the Passion we are told that Jesus did five things:

- He healed the ear of the High Priest's servant;
- He spoke the truth to Pilate;
- He empathised with the women of Jerusalem;
- He forgave those who condemned him;
- He had compassion toward the other criminal being crucified.

And here's the rub: in facing our personal passion and being with those who face their Calvary we are called to do likewise.

If Holy Week means anything it means we end this week as we began it – processing. Walking away from inflicting pain to being a healer, desisting with lies and speaking the truth, resisting the temptation to judge and embracing empathy as our first response and, always and everywhere, being generous with forgiveness and compassion. No more and no less is asked of us if we are to follow 'the King of Love on Calvary'.

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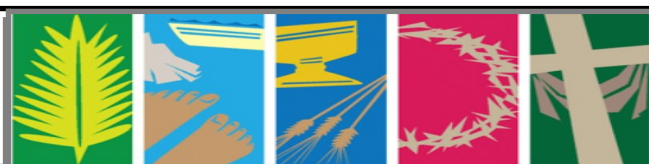
THANK YOU to our wonderful parishioners Mr & Mrs Saidi who so generously donated their time and the palms to decorate our Church so beautifully yet again for our Palm Sunday Masses. They have done so for many, many years. May God shower them both with love and blessings.



READINGS

This Week: Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14 – 23:56
Next Week: Acts 10:34. 37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

Holy Week Timetable is available in the Church Foyer. Please take a copy home.



ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK

Altar Server practice will be held on **Wednesday 17th April at 3:10pm** for all altar servers who are rostered to participate in Holy Week Mass celebrations (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Masses). Please meet Ben the Seminarian in the Church. Thank you.



BAPTISM Please pray for **Annabelle and Axel Chandra** as we welcome them into our Parish community through the sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, 14th April 2019**. Let us pray also for their parents and Godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Annabelle and Axel in the practice of the faith.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." We are in desperate need of volunteers to participate in the Washing of the Feet on **Holy Thursday at 7:30pm**. Please place your name and contact number on the sheet in the foyer. Thank you.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The **annual collection for the Holy Land** occurs on **Good Friday**. Envelopes will be placed on the pews in the Church for your generous donations which will support the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing financial assistance to schools, medical centres, parishes, orphanages, welfare projects and poor Christians and also help to preserve the sacred shrines associated with the life of Jesus. We are deeply indebted to the Religious Order of the Friars Minor (The Franciscan Fathers) who have for hundreds of years taken care of and guarded the sacred sites of the life of Jesus in Jerusalem and in the Holy Land. As you would understand it is a huge task and a great responsibility with so many pilgrims and so many competing religious groups. Thank You for your continued generosity.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note the Parish office will be closed from Monday 22nd April and will reopen on Friday 26th April. Fr Greg will be on annual leave from 22nd April until 4th May. We wish him a peaceful break.

CONFIRMATION TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2019

Confirmation is the Sacrament by which Catholics receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Catholic Christians in Year Six and above who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion are eligible to enrol in the Confirmation Program. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives candidates the increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every situation. **Confirmation will be celebrated at IHM Sefton Parish on Tuesday 25th June at 7pm.**

Applications are available in the foyer of the church as well as on the Parish website, <http://www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au>. Please **submit applications to the Parish Office before 3rd May 2019**. Applications can be dropped in the mailbox on the Presbytery's door.

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3, 4 and 5 May this year. People will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaeltheangelorganization.org/>



MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Sat 13th Vigil | 9:15am 5:30pm | RIP Rolande L'Olive (One month Anniversary) Welfare of Salem Sassine & Family |
| Sun 14th | 8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm | RIP Jessie Coluccio (Anniversary on 16th March) RIP Janet Daoud RIP Catarina Hoang & Joseph Pham |
| Mon 15th | 9:15am | RIP Mercia Loos (Birthday) |
| Tue 16th | 9:15am | Repose of the Soul of Martin Ngo Pham (Recently Deceased) |
| Wed 17th | 9:15am | Healing Mass for Shirley Ross |
| Thu 18th | 9:15am | EASTER TRIDUUM |
| Fri 19th | 9:15am | |
| Sat 20th Vigil | 9:15am 5:30pm | |



WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Martin Ngo Pham, Filadelfo Briganti, Rolande L'Olive

RIP ANNIVERSARY

Joan Ferguson, Anne Marie Seymon, Paul Garretty, Glen Mudge, Fr A McCusker OMI, Jadwiga Koluda, John Marfia

OUR SICK

Shirley Ross, Harper Dowdell, 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

2019 ANZAC EVE MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Sydneysiders are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, active and retired members of the Defence Force for Mass, prayer and reflection on the Eve of ANZAC Day. There will be a Wreath laying ceremony with the Governor of NSW and the Australian army band Sydney will join the Cathedral choir to provide a beautiful musical accompaniment to the Mass.

Date: 24th April 2019

Time: 5.30pm

Location: St Mary's Cathedral

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS (LTTN) 2019

LTTN is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with 1,000 other young people as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of **Chevalier College, Bowral NSW - 18th-21st April 2019**. Visit www.lttan.org.au for more information and register today. Contact info@ltnn.org.au or ring **0432 228 250**.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 14th April - Palm Sunday

- 11:00am - Baptism of Annabelle & Axel Chandra

Tuesday, 16th April

- 9:15am - Morning Mass followed by Reconciliation

Wednesday, 17th April

- 9:15am - Morning Mass followed by Reconciliation

- 3:10pm - Altar Server Practice

Holy Thursday, 18th April

- No Morning Mass at Sefton
- 10:30am - Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral
- 7:30pm - Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, 19th April

- No Morning Mass
- 10:00am - Stations of the Cross (in Church) followed by Reconciliation
- 3:00pm - Solemn Celebration of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ

Holy Saturday, 20th April

- No Morning Mass
- 7:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, 21st April

- 8:00am & 10:00am - Easter Masses
- No Evening Mass

