

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 5TH MAY 2019

- *We stand by Sri Lanka*
- *2019 Federal Election Guide*
- *A drought of Catholic bachelors*
- *Movie review: Avengers: Endgame*
- *The Assault on Christianity*

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

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

MINISTRY ROSTER - 11TH & 12TH MAY 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	T Kelly	A James	J Rodrigues	C McDermott
Readers	M Flanagan	P Foran	A Pham	L Farlow
Ministers of Communion	M Flanagan T Flanagan	C Wood M Abraham	K Marson I Vellis	E Torres M Williams
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	J Zhu	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	E Bui, N Bui, D Johns			
Counters	L Windram, P Page			
Bankers	I Prygiel, M Enright			

PARISH CONTACTS

<p>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish Priest: Fr Greg McGregor Assistant Parish Priest: 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</p>	<p>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</p>
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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, 5th May 2019: Third Sunday of Easter - Year C

The Shawshank Redemption was the hit film of 1994. In it we follow the incarceration and escape plans of Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Robbins is condemned to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife and her lover. Freeman says he is the 'only guilty man in Shawshank Prison'. Based on Stephen King's novella, this uplifting film is a surprise package from a writer whose fame comes from the horror genre.

The longer we watch the film, the more we realise that Stephen King has modelled his story on the Gospel of John. It is, in many respects a more modern parable about John's portrait of Jesus. Tim Robbins' character, Andy, like Jesus, is an innocent man, treated harshly by the authorities of his day. He has to endure the condemnation and cruelty of the leading religious zealots who are keepers of law and order, while he inspires others to think of a world free of subjection and oppression where they can be free to live the life of which they dream. Like John's Jesus, Andy has big dreams and often talks in riddles, but he leaves clues for others to follow him in their quest for freedom.

In the last part of the film, after Andy has successfully escaped and the governor of the prison has been exposed for the hypocrite he is, Freeman is paroled after serving 35 years hard labour. He decides to go where Andy has gone and, just as Andy promised when they were together in prison, he finds that Andy has prepared the way for him to follow. The moving climax of the film comes as Robbins and Freeman meet on a beach, embrace each other and share food and drink to celebrate the new life both of them have discovered.

Stephen King understands John's portrait of Jesus very well. For all of Jesus' assuredness and composure throughout the Gospel, the sense of care and intimacy in the encounters with his friends is deeply moving.

In the Easter Gospel to which we have just listened, Jesus returns to where his friends have fled from Jerusalem. In a parable about the growing numbers of the early Church, the Eucharist and the suffering they are enduring, John reaffirms that Jesus is intimately present in their following of him and their suffering for the Kingdom. The only sense John can make of Jesus' death, the martyrdom of the apostles or the persecution of the early church is to see them all as acts of love. 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.'

Those of us who have been caught up in the net of God's love are heirs to the same promises of Jesus' fidelity. Christ is intimately present to us in every act of loving sacrifice we undertake for him. He continues to send us out to tell people of the place that has been prepared for them at the banquet of life and he gives us strength to gird our loins for the times when life takes us to places we would rather not go. In this Eucharist let's be grateful for this Easter season when we celebrate again that we have been set free from the prison of our fears and shown the way to live a life of sacrificial love and undeserved redemption.

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CHARITABLE WORKS FUND 2019 PASTORAL APPEAL

Next weekend, 11th and 12th May, our parish will be asked to play an important role in supporting a key initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese: The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal, our premier charity. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours. Thank you for your support.

Please note the Parish Office will not open until approximately 1:00pm on Tuesday, 7th May 2019.



READINGS

This Week: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19
Next Week: Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rv 7:9, 14-17 Jn 10:27-30

SINCERE SYMPATHY and loving prayers from the parish family to the family, relatives and friends of **Teresa Celina Dore** who recently passed away. May she rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.
A Funeral for Teresa Dore will be held on **Tuesday 7th May at 10:30am** here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Sefton Parish.



INDIGENOUS APPEAL

The Bible Society's RIMS (Remote Indigenous Ministries Support) Project, is a major undertaking and part of The Bible Society of Australia's 200th Anniversary push to provide scriptures to Australia's first people, our Aboriginals.

These projects have been endorsed by **Parramatta Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen DD, Archbishop Christopher Prowse Canberra & Goulburn Diocese, Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Terry Brady DD, Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Richard Umbers DD, Darwin Bishop Emeritus Eugene Hurley DD, Federal Member of Parliament Ms. Linda Burney and Federal Senator Patrick Dodson.**

Richard Allcock will be attending all Masses here at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**, this weekend, **4th & 5th May** and will present a brief talk about the Bible Society's RIMS Project followed by an invitation for support from parishioners for this very deserving Indigenous Bible translation project.

*Funding is desperately needed to support the printing and distribution of the **Murrinhpatha Mini Bible, Modern Tiwi project, Eastern & Central Arnernte Bible translation (New Testament and Old Testament portions) & Kriol Audio Indigenous Scriptures** for our Indigenous brothers & sisters in Australia.*

In summary, the RIMS Project is divided into four fundamental areas: Publication of Indigenous Bibles, Recording of Indigenous Scripture, supporting indigenous translation, Designing Indigenous Bible resources and workshops. It is important to note that the RIMS Indigenous Project is Tax Deductible and all donations above \$2.00 are claimable.

WANT TO GET A HEAD START IN YOUR CAREER AND GET YOUR HSC?

Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College (SCCVC) is a state-of-the-art, co-educational Catholic Secondary College for Years 11-12 students. Each student undertakes study that leads to a HSC with a focus on practical, hands-on, industry-based learning.

Open Afternoon:

Tuesday 7 May 2019 4.00pm – 7.30pm ALL WELCOME!

17 Comer St Burwood NSW 2134 ph.: 8372 4400 fax.: 8372 4401

Visit www.sccvc.nsw.edu.au for Open Day schedule and more information.

MAY RETREATS AT MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE

Where: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

Ph: 8795 3400

retreats@carmelite.com.au

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Mary MacKillop, Woman of faith and Vision

May 17 – May 19

Presenter: Sr Ann Morrison, RSJ

Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)

"Believe the whisperings of God to your own heart."

Directed retreat

May 27 – June 2

Cost: \$800 (concessions apply)

A time of reflection and prayer on your own spiritual journey with the help of a director.

A week with the Carmelite Saints

May 27 – June 2

Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD

Cost: \$800 (concessions apply)

How can the Carmelite Saints guide us in our journey to intimacy with God?

PROJECT COMPASSION

As the season of Lent has now come to an end, please return your full Project Compassion boxes & envelopes as soon as possible to the Church. Thankyou for your kind donations which will change the lives of many.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 4th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Intentions of Betty Cumerlato on her 90th Birthday <i>Legion of Mary</i> <i>RIP Giuse and Anna</i>
Sun 5th	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	<i>RIP Elma Peiris, Recently Deceased</i> <i>RIP Martin Ngo Pham, Recently Deceased</i> Special Intentions of Billy McGarvey
Mon 6th	9:15am	Repose of the Soul of Fred Murphy
Tue 7th	9:15am	<i>RIP Marto Orec (Anniversary 29/1)</i>
Wed 8th	9:15am	Deceased Members of the O'Reilly & Ryan Families
Thu 9th	9:15am	For the Good Health of Vinka Zeko
Fri 10th	9:15am	Healing of Nikola Martinovic
Sat 11th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Intentions of Petricca Family <i>RIP Roma Swindells</i>

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Teresa Celina Dore, Joseph Casagrande, Elma Peiris, Martin Ngo Pham

RIP ANNIVERSARY

Lance Fullagar, Fr Phillip Dean, Fred Murphy, Fr John Maher OMI, Mavis Parry, Harley Angus Gray

OUR SICK

Shirley Ross, Harper Dowdell, 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

SINCERE SYMPATHY and loving prayers from the parish family to Sonja, Jessica & Liam and relatives and friends of **Joseph Casagrande** who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO SENIORS?

CatholicCare needs people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea and to help with light housework. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

Prepare to reach beyond...

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. **Overseas Catholic communities** are inviting you to **immerse yourself** for 1 to 2 years.

If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by **sharing them with our global family!**

Come for **Global Mission Info:**
Sunday May 26th @ 10:30am
Aquinas Academy
141 Harrington Street,
The Rocks, SYDNEY



Palms Australia
Reach Beyond

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 6th May

- 5:00pm - Rosary for the Late Teresa Dore

Tuesday, 7th May

- 10:30am - Funeral of Teresa Dore
- 11:00am - Mass and Anointing at Weeroona Village
- Parish Office Closed till approx. 1pm*

11th & 12th May at all Masses

- CWF Pastoral Appeal

Sunday, 12th May

- Mother's Day

