

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 12TH MAY 2019

- *Bishop confronts Labor leader*
- *She's 105? No way! Meet Sr Eymard*
- *'Be my priest'*
- *Remembering Les Murray*
- *Movie review: UglyDolls*
- *An absence of bachelors? Huge response.*

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 - 18TH & 19TH MAY 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	B Freeburn	L Cavallo	K Collins	C Kelly
Readers	T Evans	M Abraham	M Keep	L Quinn
Ministers of Communion	J Freeburn Y Sassine	L Abouchabake B Murphy	K Hicks M Lonergan	P Kelly M Cowan
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	Tongan Choir	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	L Ghadban, R LaRosa			
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, 12th May 2019: Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C

The passages from the Gospels where Jesus likens us to being sheep leave me a bit cold. I think I must lose something in the translation from first century Palestine to today. Most of the sheep I have ever watched may well be cute, in a woolly sort of way, but they are anxiously creatures often running in packs in every direction, are notoriously stupid and difficult to manage or direct. On second thoughts maybe the analogy is not so bad after all! We, the people of God, can certainly be an anxious lot, a bit slow on the uptake and difficult to lead. It also true, however, that sheep are incredibly useful and adaptable animals. Think about all the places they have been taken throughout the world. They thrive. With all due respect to the vegans, vegetarians and animal liberationists here today, think about the multiple ways they have served humanity.

The point of the shepherd analogy in the Gospels, of course, is about the importance of intimacy. A sheep in those days is similar to the central role some domestic cats and dogs have in our homes. They are members of the family. Shepherds in Jesus' day belonged to nomadic tribes that moved with their small flock throughout Israel. Every sheep mattered. Every sheep had a name. In an agrarian society every sheep was a vital economic unit. To lose one caused trouble not only to the individual, but also to the tribe. To lose a flock was financial ruin for a generation. As a result when Jesus invokes the image of the shepherd he draws attention to the intimate knowledge and care the shepherd has of them. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we follow him, not because we are too dumb to know otherwise, or because we are anxious or fearful of our alternatives, but because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock.

The possibility of being stolen away from the Christian family is a real one. We know many people who, for a variety of reasons, have left the fold and been seduced into pursuing other leads. Whereas every Sunday we affirm that we cannot find a better way to live than following the Way, the Truth and the Life which is Christ present here and now. No one can suggest it is always easy to follow the Gospel and hang in here with one another. Jesus was never under any illusions about what following his lead may cost, but he underlines how much we need each other to survive in this world.

In this Eucharist, then, let's steal a few moments to experience again the intimate love of the Risen Lord who knows, claims and loves us. May we respond by following his lead by enfolding all our world in our care and welcoming all his children into his flock.

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CHARITABLE WORKS FUND 2019 PASTORAL APPEAL

The Charitable Works Fund Appeal for May will be held at all masses this weekend, 11th and 12th May. You will find envelopes on the pews in the Church. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours. Thank you for your support.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MUMS AND GRANDMOTHERS, THOSE WITH US AND THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED... MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND MAKE YOUR DAY EXTRA SPECIAL..."A mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take".

*God, our Mother and our Father,
 Look with favour on all those we call 'mother'.
 Bless them and keep them as they bless and keep us.
 We make this prayer through Mary, who intercedes for us.
 Amen.*



READINGS

This Week: Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rv 7:9, 14-17 Jn 10:27-30
Next Week: Acts 14:21-27 Rv 21:1-5 Jn 13:31-35

BIBLE SOCIETY INDIGENOUS APPEAL

Please accept my sincere thanks for your parish Community at Immaculate Heart of Mary Sefton, for the very generous contribution made towards the "Remote Indigenous Ministry Support" Bible Translation project.



Through your love for the Indigenous communities, the amount of **\$1338.00** was raised at the Parish on the 4th & 5th May 2019.

The unity of effort in contributing this significant amount is very much appreciated.

This money has been processed and an official receipt will be issued direct to all those who provided the necessary details.

The Bible Society also thanks your Parish Community for this precious gift, which will now enable the distribution of much needed Indigenous Scripture material/Help with translation and Audio Recordings of the Bible, through the "RIMS" Project.

The Indigenous communities who will receive these Scripture Resources will certainly be very grateful for this loving contribution from your Parish.

Your generous participation and support has contributed towards achieving our Projected Targeted goal of \$ 3.1 million.

We do really value your prayers and support for our work.

Sincerely in Christ's service,

Richard Allcock, NSW Co-ordinator, Bible Society Australia

MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS - MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

May is the month dedicated by the Church to honouring Our Lady. Mary is known by many names and Our Lady Undoer of Knots is one of her titles. The knots in our lives are the problems and struggles we face for which we do not see any solution. This month we turn to Mary and offer her the knots in our lives in the form of a prayer. A Prayer Offering box is located in the foyer of the Church, together with prayer cards. Feel free to write your prayer to Our Lady and pop the card in the box. The box of prayers will be brought forward as an offering during the **Family and Faith Mass** on **Sunday 26th May 2019 at 10am**, which is the last Sunday of May. At the Family Mass, all our prayers during the month of May and our intentions will be offered to Mary, Undoer of Knots and then we leave every worry, every anxiety, every fear, every insecurity, every thought that does not allow us to have inner peace and joy, in her hands to handle. I wish you and your families a blessed month of Mary and all your prayers be answered.

Claude Bourizk, Family Educator



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?

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH RETREAT

This year, the Parish Retreat will be held on Friday 11th October until Sunday 13th October 2019 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. More information will be provided closer to the date.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 11th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Intentions of Petricca Family RIP Roma Swindells
Sun 12th	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	RIP Josepino Salac Intentions of the Ziolkowski Family RIP Phillippe L'Olive (Anniversary) and Rolande L'Olive (Mother's Day)
Mon 13th	9:15am	RIP Elma Peiris, One Month Anniversary
Tue 14th	9:15am	RIP Janet Daoud
Wed 15th	9:15am	Intentions of the Vukoja Family
Thu 16th	9:15am	RIP Eva Cuk and Matija Vukoja
Fri 17th	9:15am	RIP Martha & George Abraham
Sat 18th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	RIP Florence Rodrigues RIP Brian Breen

UPCOMING EVENTS

11th & 12th May at all Masses

- CWF Pastoral Appeal

Sunday, 12th May

- Mother's Day



Tuesday, 14th May

- CCTV Installation in Church & Sacristy (Approx. 3 days)

Wednesday, 22nd May

- Parent Information Night for Confirmation (Oblate Rooms)

Friday, 24th May

- 9:15am - Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day, Whole School Mass

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Sissi, Teresa Celina Dore, Joseph Casagrande



RIP ANNIVERSARY

Fr J Cranley OMI, Peter Dudley Garrott, Barbara Garrott, Don Emery, John Anthony Windram, Eileen Smith, Rose May Thompson

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 the family, relatives and friends of **Michael Sissi** who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.



BIGGEST MORNING TEA

The Anglican Church in Proctor Parade, Chester Hill will be hosting a morning tea to raise funds for Breast Cancer, starting at **10:00am on Thursday 23rd May**. Donation on entry. All welcome.

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



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