

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 19TH MAY 2019**

- *Jean Vanier: A hero for life*
- *From fire by Water - A tale of conversion*
- *MONICA DOUMIT: Is 'Father' Father?*
- *Mercy to the forgotten*
- *Movie review: Pokemon Detective Pikachu*
- *New rules for investigating abuse*

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 - 25TH & 26TH MAY 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	D Bui	J Rodrigues	Ben
Readers	R Toinette	R Camilleri	V Visevic	S Faitua
Ministers of Communion	A Pham	P Foran	K Marson	L Farlow
	N Barry	J Murphy	I Vellis	J Luciano
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	J Zhu	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	N Zalloua, R Khoury			
Counters	L Windram, P Page			
Bankers	I Prygiel, M Enright			

PARISH CONTACTS**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**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**

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Parish Priest: Fr Greg McGregor**Assistant Parish Priest:** Fr Thomas Alukka**Sunday, 19th May 2019: Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C**

The word love has to be the most misused word in our language. We often say we love our house, our car, our holiday or even ice cream. Then we use exactly the same word to describe our feelings for our spouse, family, friends or children. If language is a window into meaning, then we are in strife at the loose way we transfer the same word for vastly different feelings and realities. At least I hope we feel differently about people over possessions. The way some people go on about their car, pets or money we begin to wonder.

The love Jesus encourages us to have in today's Gospel is a very particular love. He tells us not just to love one another, but to 'love as I have loved you'. The core of Jesus' love for us is sacrificial love, where he laid down his life that we might live. While love is a popular word, and even more popular notion, in our music, film, art and literature, sacrificial love is not something we hear much about these days or that we embrace very easily. Loving someone in the popular imagination has come to mean hanging in there until someone better comes along, or we grow bored of each other sexually or personally. Often it entails keeping the exit door on commitment nice and handy for the quick get away. But this hardly describes a love that involves sacrifice.

Sacrificial love is demonstrated in deeds not words. It states that there is no point in saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. Sacrificial love is not just about warm and fuzzy feelings; it is an intensely practical affair where our love is judged by our gentleness, kindness and patience with each other. Christian love is not arrogant or rude, it does not drag other people down, but rejoices and weeps when others are successful or downhearted. Loving as Jesus has loved means telling the truth with compassion, forgiving, working at trust and holding on to faith in the face of difficult times. Jesus does not promise us that this commandment is easy, just necessary if we are to love as he loves us.

While sacrificial love demands of us that we die unto self, Jesus never asked us to 'kill' ourselves. The distinction matters. All too often the Church has been guilty of giving out this teaching in a way that people thought they should put up with violent, undignified and soul-destroying behaviour from their spouse, children, parents, family or friends. Sacrificial love is never destructive. It is a free gift where we sometimes forego other options, opportunities and even good things for a love and life that is even better. The Lord laid down his life for us and in turn the Father raised him up to a glorified life. What's true for him is true for us. We lay down our lives for each other so we can take up a new and richer life. We are never meant to destroy ourselves or stay in relationships that rip our dignity from us. Sometimes the most Christian thing we can do is to set up boundaries or make decisions that protect ourselves from behaviour which is neither loving nor Christian.

May this Eucharist then grant us the wisdom to love people and not things. May it help us embrace sacrifice in a way that leads to life and may it give courage to sort out the relationships that affirm our dignity and help us grow in faith, hope and love.

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PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT FOR CONFIRMATION

The Information Night for parents of candidates for 2019 Confirmation will be held on **Wednesday 22nd May at 7:00pm in the Oblate Rooms** beside the Church. Please ensure your attendance as on this night you will receive information and materials regarding the program.

The weekend of 25th and 26th May will be "Commitment Sunday" at all Masses for the Confirmation Candidates. After the homily, Confirmation candidates and their parents will come to the altar and participate in the commitment prayer. Confirmation will be conferred at **7:00pm on Tuesday 25th June** by Monsignor John Usher at IHM Sefton Parish.



READINGS

This Week: Acts 14:21-27 Rv 21:1-5 Jn 13:31-35
Next Week: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29

SINCERE SYMPATHY and loving prayers from the parish family to the family, relatives and friends of **Francesco Carlino** who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.
 A Funeral for Francesco will be held on **Friday 24th May at 11:30am** here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Sefton Parish.



IHM ALTAR SERVERS

At the IHM School assembly on Friday 17th May our Altar Servers, who have now completed all the required training, were presented with their Certificates of Installation to our Parish. Fr Greg and Ben were very happy and proud to be on hand and present the Certificates personally. Congratulations boys and girls, may you serve your Parish and God with humility, reverence and joy and may you always remember to hang your robes at the end of Mass before you leave!



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 and some information packs. 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH PROGRAM

Our next St Vincent de Paul sandwich making day is **Monday 3rd June** in the hall. Thank you to all who help every month with this very rewarding work and also to those who donate to help purchase the ingredients for the sandwiches. God Bless you all for your generosity and love.



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

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?

CCTV INSTALLATION

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the install of our CCTV in the Church and Sacristy. The technicians from TESNIK Security did a wonderful job and commented on what lovely parishioners we have, especially the Irish lass! The cameras will help with the issue of safeguarding as well as security. Don't fall asleep during Mass now, Big Brother is watching.....!!

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 18th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	RIP Florence Rodrigues RIP Brian Breen
Sun 19th	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	RIP John Windram (2 year anniversary) Repose of the Soul of Elfrieda Kubousek RIP Barry Barakat (recently deceased)
Mon 20th	9:15am	Repose of the Soul of Mercedes Lygo (nee Howe)
Tue 21st	9:15am	RIP Bob McIntyre (25th Anniversary)
Wed 22nd	9:15am	Intentions of Margaret Fox
Thu 23rd	9:15am	Intentions of Teresa Hamsen and Constance Ross
Fri 24th	9:15am	RIP Don Hart
Sat 25th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Intentions of Duro Jutrisa RIP Bruno Nadile (10 year Anniversary on 26/5/19)

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Francesco Carlino, Michael Sissi, Teresa Celina Dore

RIP ANNIVERSARY

John Windram, Jeanette Milanovic, Robert McIntyre, George Abraham, Catherine Harrington, Agnes Flanagan, Jane Roddy Thomas

OUR SICK

Edna Windram, 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

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

You are invited to a home cooked morning tea to raise funds for Breast Cancer at **10:00am on Wednesday 29th May** at the **Baptist Church Hall**, corner of Priam Street and Esme Avenue Chester Hill. Entry by gold coin donation. All welcome.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND 2019 PASTORAL APPEAL

This parish wishes to express its thanks to our generous parishioners who supported last weekend's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. To give is to trust in God, His love that embraces us all and His power to provide. Thank you for making that choice.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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
- 11:30am - Funeral of the Late Francesco Carlino

Weekend of 25th & 26th May, all Masses

- Confirmation "Commitment Sunday"

Sunday, 25th May

- 10:00am - Family & Faith Mass, cuppa after Mass in the Parish Centre
- 11:00am - Confirmation Lessons
- 11:00am - Baptism of Sevelino Takai and Elisha Veikuni