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



Former PM warns on religious freedom

Young author lights up his friends'world

Archbishop launches campaign against assisted suicide

Fake news warningMovie review: TolkienThe U.S. push for life

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 - 15TH & 16TH JUNE 2019					
Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm	
Acolytes	W Khouw	D Bui	J Rodrigues	K Collins	
Readers	J Toinette	P Foran	L Vakauta	L Quinn	
Ministers of Communion	A Pham	R Camilleri	K Hicks	J Luciano	
	Y Sassine	J Murphy	l Vellis	M Cowan	
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	Tongan Choir	M Farlow	
Flower Arrangers	E Bui, N Bui, D Johns				
Counters	J DeMartin, N VanDen Nieuwenhuizen, I Culpan				
Bankers	P Page, J Page				

PARISH CONTACTS

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Assistant Parish Priest: Fr Thomas Alukka

Parish Secretary: Leisa Farlow

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Parish Website: www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Primary School

Principal: Mr. John Kennedy

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30 Proctor Parade, Sefton, NSW 2162
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Family Educator: Mrs Claude Bourizk



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Sunday, 9th June 2019: Pentecost Sunday - Year C

Recently I was accosted by a fundamentalist Christian in the street. He asked me whether I had given my life to Jesus Christ. I have. He asked me if I spoke in tongues. I can, but don't. He asked me if I had made the necessary sacrifices for the Holy Spirit to come into my life. At this point I said that as a Jesuit I was poor, chaste and obedient for Christ, which I think is a decent effort in that direction. Mind you, in saying I take the vow of poverty I always think of my mother, who, on seeing Jesuit real estate for the first time said, 'If this is poverty, I'd like to see how you guys live chastity – it all seems pretty loose and fast to me.' The problem with our evangelical brothers and sisters is that they often think the Holy Spirit can be reduced to external signs. We know, however, from the first Pentecost and from our own experience that the Spirit works in unpredictable AND ordinary ways. From the Acts of the Apostles we learn that where the Spirit of God is active all sorts of gifts are present:



- boldness to stand up for what we believe;
- the ability to hear and listen;
- an end to fear that locks us in on ourselves;
- confidence in the salvation won for us in Christ;
- fidelity to Jesus' commandment to love;
- clarity about what's true; and
- an 'at homeness' with God.

The problem for many of us is working out where the Holy Spirit is leading us. This requires the gift of the discernment of spirits.

St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, left the church a guide for working out how we can tell if and where the Holy Spirit is leading us. One summary of them goes like this:

- 1. Don't make a decision when you're down. Let the crisis pass and take time to weigh all the options.
- 2. The Holy Spirit enables us to let go of our unhealed past and not live in the unknown future. The Holy Spirit draws us to deal with the here and now, as it is, not as we may like it to be.
- 3. The Holy Spirit frees us up to bring out into the open anything we keep buried in the dark. There is nothing that has ever happened to us that is beyond the Spirit's healing.
- 4. The Holy Spirit breaks down isolation and draws us into community with other people.
- 5. Be careful of things that appear too perfect, they sometimes have a sting in the tail and can be destructive.
- 6. Be guarded about all things that are urgent. The Holy Spirit brings a sense of perspective to problems.
- 7. The Holy Spirit is always present where compassion and forgiveness are demonstrated.

Not bad for a guy who died in 1556. So Pentecost is not the charismatic movement's birthday. It is God's promise to abide with us come what may. And living in the power and love of the Spirit and claiming her direction is an intensely practical affair. It is with this type of confidence that can sing the ancient chant, 'Come O Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and we will be recreated and you will renew the face of the earth.'

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READINGS

This Week: Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Jn 14:15-16. 23-26 **Next Week:** Prv 8:22-31 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

2019 CONFIRMATION

Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit on 25th June 2019. **A reminder to all children preparing for confirmation** to please complete your Saint project and give to your Group Leader at your Confirmation lessons so it can be displayed in the foyer of the Church. Thank you.

FAMILY EDUCATOR

Please join us in the school library every Thursday and Friday mornings at 8:20am for the Rosary. Parents, Grandparents, aunties, uncles and carers with the children, you are all welcome, it doesn't matter if you have never prayed the Rosary, it's a beautiful prayer and you will easily learn it. We will continue to pray the Rosary during June.

Our next St Vincent de Paul sandwich making day is **Monday 1st July** 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2019 First Holy Communion at Immaculate Heart of Mary will be celebrated on Sunday 8th September at 10:00am and 12 noon Masses. Application forms will be available on our Website and in the foyer of the Church from next Thursday, 13th June 2019.

PLENARY COUNCIL

After 10 months of Listening and Dialogue and a period of analysis and prayerful discernment, the National Themes for Discernment for the Plenary Council 2020 are being announced at Pentecost – this weekend. More information on each of the National Themes for Discernment will be available in the coming weeks. Find out more at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations from the Parish family to Anitoni Vakauta and Elenoa Ungounga who celebrated their Marriage in our Church on Thursday, 6th June. May God bless them with a long and happy marriage and may the years ahead be filled with lasting joy.



FR ROB GALEA 'COMING HOME' CONCERT TOUR

The 'Coming Home' concert tour features Fr Rob Galea and his band performing songs from Fr Rob's latest album, his eighth music production, 'Coming Home'. The tour will be Catholic music as you have not heard before in a new contemporary style for Fr Rob and his band. A quality and uplifting presentation of Christian music with outstanding lighting, visual and sound production. Fr Rob's Music brings a positive message in a modern style appealing to all ages and will include a selection of his much loved songs from previous albums during a 2 hour show which will have you singing along from the start to the finish.

Venue: Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College, Burwood

Date: Sunday 28th July 2019 from 5:00pm

Tickets available at www.frgministry.com/tickets

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL:

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage lead by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. The group departs on **1st October 2019**. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 4 day cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call **03 8839 6615 or 1300721561** or email us info@magiholidays.com.au.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 8th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	RIP Tom Rodrigues RIP Hanna Sassine (5th Anniversary)
Sun 9th	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	Intentions of the Johns Family RIP Lionel & Deon Vellis Personal Intentions of Joy Grovenor on her 80th Birthday
Mon 10th	9:15am	Personal Intentions of Joy Grovenor on her 80th Birthday
Tues 11th	9:15am	Personal Intentions of the Visevic Family
Wed 12th	9:15am	RIP Maria
Thu 13th	9:15am	Personal Intentions of the Visevic Family
Fri 14th	9:15am	RIP Janet Daoud
Sat 15th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	RIP Wadih Ghadban (Anniversary)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 9th June - Pentecost Sunday

• 11:00am - Confirmation Lessons

Wednesday, 12th June

- Year 6 Archdiocesan Religious Education Test
- 6:00pm Confirmation Lessons

Thursday, 13th June

- 8:20am Family Rosary School library
- Parish Office closed staff training

Friday, 14th June

- 8:20am Family Rosary School library
- Year 3 Spirituality Day in Oblate Rooms

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Francesco Carlino

RIP ANNIVERSARY



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Yadwiga Molski, Frank Walker, Trevor Thomas Allport, Daphne Irene Hawthorne, Rosa Vartuli, Montague Frederick Mayo, Frances Hamilton, Fr T McDermott OMI

OUR SICK

Joy Grovenor, Joan Cassidy, Edna Windram, 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



A SPIRITUAL POT POURRI

Presenter: Bishop Peter Ingham

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

When: July 5 – July 7 Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)

Contact: Mrs Carla Walker - 02 8795 3400

A Pot Pourri is a mixture of flowers, herbs and spices in a sachet or bowl to provide a gentle natural scent. Here it will be an unusual/interesting mixture of things of the Spirit so that we create a good impression after us.

LISTEN WITH THE SOUL - SIX DAY RETREAT

"When you listen with the soul you come into the rhythm of the universe." This quote from John O'Donohue sets the scene for a spiritual Journey. Fr Kevin Dance and Sr Jill Dance will lead participants into an experience of inner prayer. An opportunity for group sharing, also times for deep silence, healing and reconciliation. Single Ensuite room \$650 Shared facilities \$550

Where: St Clement's Retreat Centre Galong, NSW

When: 16th - 23rd September 2019

Bookings: Email info@stclement.com.au

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH RETREAT 2019

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.