

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 30TH JUNE 2019

- *Archbishop meets Pope*
 - *Jesus in Punchbowl: Eucharistic procession*
 - *Every mite counts*
 - *From nightclubs to church: Dawn Eden's story*
 - *Movie review: Men in Black: International*
 - *A gift for Timor's women*
- 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 - 6TH & 7TH JULY 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	Duy Bui	J Rodrigues	J Luciano
Readers	M Flanagan	L Abouch Abake	T Tierney	L Quinn
Ministers of Communion	T Flanagan N Barry	C Wood B Murphy	C Bourizk J Bourizk	S Garratt M Williams
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	Tongan Choir	L Farlow
Flower Arrangers	L Ghadban, R LaRosa			
Counters	T Flanagan, K Collins, I Prygiel			
Bankers	L Farlow			

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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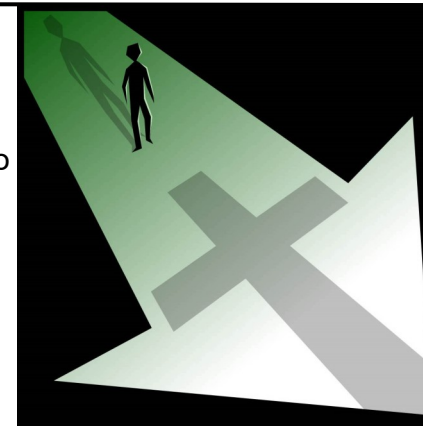
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton

6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton, NSW 2162

Parish Priest: Fr Greg McGregor
Assistant Parish Priest: Fr Thomas Alukka

Sunday, 30th June 2019: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

In his excellent book, *Things You Get For Free*, Michael McGirr tells the story of going on pilgrimage to Rome with his mother. Maureen McGirr had always wanted to see St Peter's. Michael records the big day. 'One of the features of a visit to St Peter's is the modesty inspection. This is the kind of examination which most Australians on a visit to Bali would flunk. You aren't allowed to wear shorts or sleeveless garments. No swimming costumes, either, unless they have long legs and sleeves. No singlets. The modesty inspection has a point. It keeps out nudists and other undesirables... I would be more comfortable if the signs warned against coming in with a closed mind or an angry heart. 'When you get inside, however, St Peter's strips you bare. Mum took a few steps forward into the cavernous gloom and stopped. I looked up into the dome that Michelangelo designed late in life: he never lived to see it finished. In that moment, hundreds of visitors rushed past. "What on earth are they trying to prove?" I wasn't sure if Mum was talking about the building or all the people rushing past. Officials were still clearing away the cheap plastic stacking chairs which come out for big masses. They were not part of the original design. I was distracted by the noise. "When you think," said Mum, leaving her sentence unfinished... "When you think what?" I asked... "I don't know. When you think." "What?" I was getting testy with her. Mum drew in breath to say something important. "When you think that Jesus had nothing." 'It was a naked response. For 70 years, this building had stood as the physical centre of Mum's religion. This was her pilgrimage to Mecca. Yet her response was almost revulsion. I wanted to put a brake on her reaction and jolly her along and tell her that Jesus would rather have had this as a monument than the Empire State Building or the Crown Casino.' No matter how much we try to ignore it, or play it down, the call to simplicity of lifestyle and detachment are important elements in the teaching of Jesus and the way he lived his own life. In Luke's gospel and in his second volume, *The Acts of the Apostles*, the obligations of the haves to the have-nots are regularly underlined. Scholars think Luke's gospel keeps this teaching most alive because it was a community divided by wealth. In today's Gospel this obligation is put in its starkest form. To 'bury the dead' in first-century Palestine sometimes meant having to take on their responsibilities – farm, fishing or family. To have 'nowhere to lay one's head' gave as much freedom then as it does today; and to be detached, without regret, has always been a sign of God's kingdom. Some preachers can blast off into loopy-land when they start drawing out lessons from this teaching. While Jesus' words have a radical edge which must not be blunted, if all Christians everywhere were to live this teaching literally we would constitute a family of happy but homeless people, surrounded by decomposing loved ones! There is no dignity in poverty and most people who are poor, while they can be rich in the best human values, do not want to stay poor. What they deserve, and what all Christians should want, is economic and social justice. We are not at liberty to follow Jesus and watch the rich get fatter and all-consuming while the poor pay the price for unchecked greed.



Some Christians are given the gift of living very simply and to the degree that this gift brings life to them, and those around them, it is a wonderful sign of God's kingdom. All the rest of us, who struggle to embrace this gift, or a desire to ever want it, must face up to the challenge of Jesus' teaching here. But it's not just about money. We are also called to detach ourselves from memories, which can be cluttered with anger and revenge; from the demands of work which keep us from being with those we love; and to be generous with our time, talent, hospitality and compassion. Previous generations strayed from the demands of this gospel. Grand cathedrals, courtly behaviour and princely mansions were meant to reflect on earth the reign of God. These are our legacy, but may it not be said of us, what Michael McGirr says of St Peter's, 'any sense of the Divine completely disappears under the materialism of it all.' Rather, may our generation show the kingdom of God most visibly in the way we live simply, fight for justice for all people everywhere, and the detachment we have to everything but the essentials.

READINGS

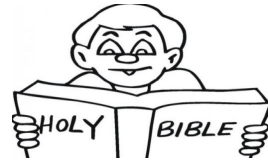
This Week: 1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21 Gal 5:1. 13-18 Lk 9:51-62
Next Week: Is 66:10-14 Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

FR GREG - ANNUAL LEAVE

We wish Fr Greg a relaxing and refreshing break as he commences annual leave on Wednesday 3rd July. Fr Greg will return on 13th July. Stay safe and God bless.

READERS MEETING

Our next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 3rd July at 7:30pm** in the **Parish Centre**. New rosters will be available at the meeting. Please make an effort to attend.



2019 CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates who received the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday 25th June 2019. It was a beautiful Mass and ceremony. Thank you to the teachers of IHM, Claude our Family Educator and Pauline and the Sacramental team for preparing the children so well. Thank you also to Fr Greg, Fr Thomas and Monsignor Usher. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide the children throughout their life.



FAREWELL BEN

Ben's placement with our Parish comes to an end this weekend. We farewell Ben with much sadness but also with the joy of having had the pleasure of his presence in our Parishes for the past 6 months. Thank you Ben for sharing your talents and joyful outlook on life with us and of course your sense of humour! We wish Ben well with his studies and his vocation and may God bless him with happiness and good health. Please join Ben in the foyer of the Church after each Mass this weekend where you can say your goodbyes and wish him well, whilst enjoying a cup of tea or coffee. All welcome.

PETER'S PENCE' COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER

This weekend the 29th/30th June, we will be holding the annual Peter's Pence Collection. It is a once-a-year collection specifically for the many appeals the Holy Father receives in the course of the year. It is through our generosity that he is enabled to respond to such national and local tragedies on many occasions. Thank you for your support.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please find planned giving envelopes for the 2019/2020 financial year, in alphabetical order, in the foyer of the Church. If you would like to contribute through our planned giving program, please contact the Parish Office. A tax deduction will be available for the new financial year for planned giving donations.

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 are available on our Website and in the foyer of the Church. Please lodge completed application form at the Parish Office by 5th July 2019.

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

CHURCH CLOSED

Please note that from **Monday 8th July the Church will be closed after morning Mass every Monday** until further notice. (The Church will be open on every other day of the week during the day.)



MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 29th	9:15am	Personal Intentions of the Visevic Family
Vigil	5:30pm	Repose of the soul of Mercedes Lygo nee Howe
Sun 30th	8:00am	RIP Youssef Rizk (Recently deceased)
	10:00am 5:30pm	Repose of the Soul of Rita Clarke Repose of the Souls of Peter Bui, Maria Nguyen and Tri Bui
Mon 1st	9:15am	Personal Intentions of the Vivesic Family
Tues 2nd	9:15am	RIP Betty O'Rourke (Birthday)
Wed 3rd	9:15am	Repose of the Soul of Vincent Hughes (Anniversary)
Thu 4th	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata
Fri 5th	9:15am	Deceased Members of Dinh and Pham families
Sat 6th	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Maria Tram Nguyen

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patsy Curtis



RIP ANNIVERSARY

Norma McDermott, Bruce Gorman, Margaret Diamond, Vincent Hughes, Margaret Imelda Best

OUR SICK

Joy Grovenor, Joan Cassidy, 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

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.

MINISTRY ROSTERS

Please ensure you collect your Roster for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for July to December from the Church foyer. Also, **Acolyte Rosters** for the second half of 2019 are ready for collection in the Sacristy. The rosters commence from next week. Thank you for your continued service to our Parish.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

29th/30th June

- Ben's final weekend in our Parish
- Holy Father's Appeal - all Masses
- Sunday: Sacred Heart Parish Villawood fundraiser & Morning tea after 9:00am Mass

Monday, 1st July

- St Vincent de Paul sandwich making in school hall

Tuesday, 2nd July

- 9:15am - Year 6 & Kindy attend Parish Mass
- 11:00am - Mass & Anointing at Weeroona Village (Fr Thomas)

Wednesday, 3rd July

- Fr Greg commences Annual Leave

