**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



Banned bus advert

Letter from Rome

Pray & Play: Mid-winter family activities

Picking on the Folaus
Movie review: Toy Story 4
Grieving mother's letter

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 - 13TH & 14TH JULY 2019				
Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	C Kelly	A James	C McDermott	B Freeburn
Readers	R Toinette	M Heim	V Visevic	M Faitua
Ministers of Communion	P Kelly	P Foran	K Hicks	J Freeburn
	Y Sassine	J Murphy	K Marson	S Garrett
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	J Zhu	L Farlow
Flower Arrangers	N Zalloua, R Khoury			
Counters	T Flanagan, K Collins, I Prygiel			
Bankers	L Farlow			

# **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

6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton, NSW 2162

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

Sunday, 7th July 2019: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

A man was in his dinghy on a lake when a large yacht rammed him and his dinghy sank. As the man began to drown, the crew of the yacht threw him a life jacket, but the man yelled back, 'I don't need help, for God will soon save me.'. Straight away another boat pulled up beside the man to haul him aboard, but he refused to go saying, 'I don't need help, for God will soon save me.'. Just then, the Air & Sea helicopter flew overhead and dropped a ladder, but the man pushed it away yelling out, 'I don't need help, for God will soon save me.'. And with that the man drowns. He meets God and angrily enquires, 'Where were you when I needed you most? I kept believing you would save me and I've ended up here.'. 'Don't blame me for your tragic death' replied God, 'I sent you a lifejacket, a boat and a helicopter.'. Traditionally, this Gospel has been used to talk about vocations to the priestly and religious life.



While it can apply to these specific roles of service in the Church, to exclusively read the labourers in the harvest as priests and religious undermines the power of Jesus' message. His commission of the seventy disciples must be read over and against his commissions to the twelve. The seventy are called to be evangelisers, to go and prepare the way for Jesus to visit the surrounding villages and towns. This commission is for the whole community. It is the priesthood of all believers. The twelve are later commissioned to serve as leaders of the community. Through baptism we have all been commissioned to go out to live and proclaim the Good News of Christ, to keep journeying on to all our sisters and brothers and prepare the way for Christ to come into their lives. The number of labourers for this harvest has never been greater. We have never had more Christians in the world than we have right now. If all of us who have been baptised in Christ were living out the Gospel and bringing it to bear in our personal, family, social and national life, then the world would be transformed. As Gandhi once said, 'I would take the waters of Christian baptism tomorrow if I saw Christians living out what they profess to believe.' We seem to have lost our courage, our nerve for the task at hand. We have been consumed by sheepishness and daunted by the wolves. Jesus reminds us that to live out this commission we need to depend on each other for support, hospitality and kindness. He challenges us to travel light and stick together. So let us pray in this Eucharist for ourselves, labourers who are putting in a hard day's work in the harvest. Let us pray for the gift of faith and gratitude for the privilege of the commission. Let us also pray that all baptised people will live out their faith in such a manner that it prepares the way for the Christ to come in every village and town. And let us ask for eves to see the extraordinary flowering of vocations throughout the Church and celebrate how grace comes in many shapes and sizes, even as a life jacket, a boat and a helicopter.

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# 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 as soon as possible.

#### 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.

# **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.)



#### **READINGS**

**This Week:** Is 66:10-14 Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12. 17-20 **Next Week**: Dt 30:10-14 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37

# ANNUAL LEAVE FOR FR GREG

Just a reminder that Fr Greg will be on annual leave until 13th July.



#### 2019 HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

Our thanks go to all of you who opened your hearts and gave generously towards the Holy Father's Appeal. Because you chose to give, you have given hope to those who are in most need of our generosity and compassion. If you missed appeal weekend, you can still give by phoning the Fundraising Office on 1800 753 959. Thank you.

**BAPTISM** Please pray for *BENJAMIN AZIM ZADEGAN* as we welcome him into our Parish community through the sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, 7th July 2019**. Let us pray also for his parents and Godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Benjamin in the practice of the faith.



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass Intentions are fully scheduled to the beginning of August. New requests will be scheduled on the next available Mass from 5th August. When requesting a Mass Intention, please indicate if a specific date is needed and leave a contact number so we can contact you if we are unable to schedule on your requested date. Also, please write names clearly and indicate the intention. Thank you.

# **VINNIES WINTER APPEAL**

Next weekend, **13th/14th July**, our Parish will be holding our annual **St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal** to help our Vinnies volunteers rebuild lives this winter. Please give generously to this worthwhile cause. Thank you.

#### PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP

Archbishop Fisher has written to the people and pastors of Sydney from Rome at the end of the *Ad Limina Apostolorum* pilgrimage of the Australian Bishops to the tombs of the apostles, to the Holy Father, and to the Vatican Departments. Copies of his letter can be found in the foyer of the Church - please take one.

#### **SEA SUNDAY APPEAL**

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Church. The Appeal provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work and how to donate, visit <a href="https://www.aos-australia.org">www.aos-australia.org</a>.

# **IGNITE CONFERENCE SYDNEY: OCTOBER 3-6**

The Ignite Conference is one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth and family conferences. For the first time ever this October 3rd-6th, Ignite Conference will be held in Sydney. The conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. Students from all Sydney Catholic Schools are offered a 50% discount and special packages for families are available as well. For more information, visit <a href="www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/">www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/</a> or contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth on (02) 9307 8152 or <a href="mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org">info@sydneycatholicyouth.org</a> See brochures at the back of the Church (limited numbers).

#### **BEREAVED PARENTS GROUP**

Every first Monday of the Month at the Banksia Room, Dooleys Catholic Club, 11 Church Street, Lidcombe, 10am - 12 noon. A space for your grief and a chance to connect with other bereaved parents. Morning tea is provided. Facilitated by the Bereavement Care Team. Please contact Patricia 0438 263 036 or Sigrid on 0412 811 206



#### MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 6th	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata	
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Maria Tram Nguyen	
Sun 7th	8:00am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata	
	10:00am	RIP Damir Lisica (3 year anniversary)	
	5:30pm	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	
Mon 8th	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata	
Tues 9th	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata	
Wed 10th	9:15am	RIP Bruce Gorman (Anniversary 2nd July)	
Thu 11th	9:15am	RIP Craig McAuley (Anniversary 13th July)	
Fri 12th	9:15am	Repose of the Soul of Eddie O'Reilly (Anniversary)	
Sat 13th	9:15am	Personal Intentions of the Visevic Family	
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Craig McAuley (Anniversary)	

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Sunday, 7th July

Baptism of Benjamin Zadegan

# 12th and 13th July

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal (all Masses)



# WE PRAY FOR...

# RECENTLY DECEASED

**RIP ANNIVERSARY** 

Eddie Stashinsky, Ted Bradstreet, Patsy Curtis



Fr Stan Sun OMI, Fr R. McGregor OMI, Stella Granger, Edward O'Reilly



Mary Pesce, 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

#### 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 <a href="mailto:info@stclement.com.au">info@stclement.com.au</a>

# PRAISE & WORSHIP, DIVINE MERCY AND HEALING MASS

There will be Praise & Worship, Divine Mercy and Healing Mass - First Thursday of every month at St. Joseph church, 2 Missenden Road, Camperdown NSW 2050 from 7pm to 8:45pm.

# **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.