

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 14TH JULY 2019

- *Back from the dead: Former ISIS captive describes his experience*
 - *Miracle healings*
 - *We will never break the seal*
 - *Religious freedom for Australia?*
 - *Movie review: Spider-man: far from home*
 - *Euthanasia media bias? You judge.*
- 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 - 20TH & 21ST JULY 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	T Kelly	L Cavallo	J Rodrigues	K Collins
Readers	R Winder	M Abraham	A Pham	L Farlow
Ministers of Communion	M Flanagan T Flanagan	L Abouchabake B Murphy	C Bourizk J Bourizk	M Cowan M Williams
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	Sing loudly	L Farlow
Flower Arrangers	L Jones, S Johns			
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 (10:00am - 3:00pm) 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, 14th July 2019: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Margaret Thatcher once claimed that the Parable of the Good Samaritan showed Jesus' endorsement of the benefits of capitalism! The Baroness' logic ran that the hero of this famous story is the one who could afford to pay for the victim's care. She surmised that the reason the Samaritan had the wherewithal to do such a charitable act was because he worked hard and saved his money wisely. Her Ladyship said this central Christian parable was a justification of her government's policies demanding that unemployed people work for social security and be educated about saving their pennies. Politicians should stay away from biblical interpretation and theology. It has a habit of saying the opposite of what they think or want it too. Like many people, Lady Thatcher reads this parable in terms of charity and even then she is not really right. Jesus, however, says it is a lesson in mercy. The difference matters. It is not by accident that the phrase 'as cold as charity' is still current. Deciding on whom we will be kind to, just based on our 'warm fuzzies' and the glow of our purses, may make us feel good; but it will result in a very wintry experience for the not-so-lucky recipient. When we 'do' charitable things, we can often remain powerful and untouched by the situation of those our money helps. St Thomas Aquinas, however, calls charity the mother of all virtues. He argues it is more concerned with the feelings of the heart than external action. Aquinas maintains that charity enables us to sort through our desires, to see what we really want – whom we actually love; it helps us use the other virtues to act accordingly. Christian charity is not a feel-good moment; it is a life-changing experience. Understood this way, the Good Samaritan can be a great example of charity, but quite differently from that outlined in the Gospel according to Margaret! For Jesus, nonetheless, he is a model of mercy. The Good Samaritan is not 'good' because he has the money to act on what he sees. His greatness is that he has eyes to see it at all. To really see it. The priest and the morality-teaching levite pretend it's not happening and walk on the other side of the road. But the most unlikely, the least liked person in Israel – a Samaritan – has the view of mercy. Christian tradition teaches us that mercy and justice are intertwined. Thomas Aquinas says that mercy helps us hear, and justice calls for us to do something. The Samaritan does what he can at the scene of the crime and then he takes the victim with him. He not only sees, but judges and acts. In doing so, he breaks nearly every religious and social law in the book; but it doesn't matter. The virtues of mercy and justice enable us to see all sorts of things more clearly, even civil and religious laws that inhibit the justice of God. This entire episode in Luke's Gospel is about the movement from an individualised faith, which can think that it is just 'me and Jesus against the world', to a faith that goes out to the world acting mercifully and justly. This parable is about what we see, whom we love, and what we want to do about it. The example of the Good Samaritan should enliven our charity, mercy and justice; and it should challenge us to see clearly who needs to be carried with us on the Gospel road.



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VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

This weekend, **13th/14th July**, our Parish is 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. Envelopes can be found on the pews or in the foyer of the Church. A big THANK YOU to the knitting group who so kindly donated beautiful jumpers, scarves, vests and blankets to our local St Vincent de Paul; your generosity will go a long way in helping our local needy. God bless you all.



READINGS

This Week: Dt 30:10-14 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37
Next Week: Gen 18:1-10 Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42

FR GREG

Fr Greg will be away for at least another week as he is suffering with pneumonia and won't be returning to the Parish until such time as he is fully recovered. Please keep Fr Greg in your prayers. Many thanks to Fr Thomas for managing on his own - I hope we don't wear him out!

BAPTISM Please pray for **MADLINE ISABELLE HOPKINS** as we welcome her into our Parish community through the sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, 14th July 2019**. Let us pray also for her parents and Godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Madeline in the practice of the faith.



SEA SUNDAY APPEAL

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For more information about its work and **how to donate**, visit www.aos-australia.org.

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.

If you require a receipt for donations for the end of the 2018/2019 financial year, please put your name, contact number and envelope number on the list which is in the foyer of the Church on the table or alternatively, email the Parish office: office@ihmsefton.org.au Please note no tax deduction is available for planned giving for 2018/2019 financial year, only for certain appeals.

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**.

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.

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.

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.)



CONTEMPLATION FOR THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON: MR LOU NULLEY

Primarily directed at the lay-person or professional who would like to lead a more contemplative life amid the pressures of every day responsibilities and commitments, this retreat will provide some valuable insights and methods to allow you to live a more contemplative life through prayer, mindfulness and meditation practices. It will also provide a framework to enable you to experience a more balanced life, achieving what's most important to you. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquillity at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, 19th - 21st July 2019, Cost \$230. RSVP Ph:46300233 or Email contact@towersretreat.org.au website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 13th	9:15am	Personal Intentions of the Visevic Family
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Craig McAuley (Anniversary)
Sun 14th	8:00am	RIP Judith and Michael Cullen (Judith's Anniversary)
	10:00am 5:30pm	RIP Janet Daoud and Youssef Rizk Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata
Mon 15th	9:15am	RIP Eileen and Jim Ryan (Eileen's Anniversary)
Tues 16th	9:15am	RIP Ivan Visevic (3rd Anniversary)
Wed 17th	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata
Thu 18th	9:15am	RIP Cecilia Nadile (2 years Anniversary on the 16th July)
Fri 19th	9:15am	RIP Chafica Ghadban (Anniversary)
Sat 20th	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Joan and Kathy Watson (Anniversary)

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria Nguyen, Eddie Stashinsky, Ted Bradstreet, Patsy Curtis

RIP ANNIVERSARY

Catherine Fawl, Beryl Hayward, Fr Con Campbell

OUR SICK

Jess McDougall, 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 info@stclement.com.au

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 14th July

- Baptism of Madeline Isabelle Hopkins

13th and 14th July

- St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal (all Masses)
- Sea Sunday Appeal - Visit www.aos-australia.org to donate

Sunday, 21st July

- Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club 72nd Annual Mass & Communion

