

**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 21ST JULY 2019**

- Catholics welcome Indigenous proposal
  - The plan that backed Bourke
  - Students embrace Rosary
  - A doctor for life
  - Movie review: Yesterday
  - Monica Doumit: The cost of freedom
- 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](mailto: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 - 27TH & 28TH JULY 2019**

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	W Khouw	D Bui	C Kelly	J Luciano
<b>Readers</b>	R Winder	P Foran	M Keep	L Quinn
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	A Pham Y Sassine	C Wood M Abraham	P Kelly I Vellis	S Garrett
<b>Musician/Choir</b>	IHM Choir	T Tran	J Zhu	L Farlow
<b>Flower Arrangers</b>	T Khoury, S Khoury			
<b>Counters</b>	T Flanagan, K Collins, I Prygiel			
<b>Bankers</b>	L Farlow			

**PARISH CONTACTS**

<p><b>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church</b>  <b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr Greg McGregor  <b>Assistant Parish Priest:</b> Fr Thomas Alukka  <b>Parish Secretary:</b> Leisa Farlow  <b>Office Hours:</b> Tue - Fri (10:00am - 3:00pm)  <b>6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton NSW 2162</b>  <b>Phone:</b> 02 9644 4026, <b>Fax:</b> 02 9743 7407  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:office@ihmsefton.org.au">office@ihmsefton.org.au</a>  <b>Parish Website:</b> <a href="http://www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au">www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au</a></p>	<p><b>Immaculate Heart of Mary - Primary School</b>  <b>Principal:</b> Mr. John Kennedy  <b>School Office:</b>  <b>30 Proctor Parade, Sefton, NSW 2162</b>  <b>Phone:</b> 02 9644 3555, <b>Fax:</b> 02 9644 8214  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au">info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au</a>  <b>Family Educator:</b> 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, 21st July 2019: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

A Queensland grazier, a Sydney stockbroker, and a woman barrister from Melbourne died and were standing in line, waiting for their chance at the entrance to Heaven. St Peter called the grazier first. 'We have only one simple requirement for entrance here,' St Peter said, 'You must spell "God".' 'Easy enough,' said the bloke from Queensland, 'G-O-D.' And he entered Heaven. Next, St Peter called the man from Sydney. 'We have only one simple requirement for entrance here,' he said. 'You must spell "God".' 'No problem,' said the stockbroker, 'G-O-D.' And he went in. Finally, the woman barrister approached St Peter. 'Good riddance to the world,' she said. 'My whole life, I've tried to excel in a male-dominated society, only to continuously bump into the proverbial "glass ceilings" at every point. I can't tell you, St Peter, how glad I am finally to be rid of male chauvinism.' 'Well, you'll certainly find none of that here,' said St Peter. 'I'm sure you'll enjoy heaven, if you can meet this one simple requirement for entrance. You must spell "Czechoslovakia".' One of the things I find reassuring about today's Gospel is that the Church seems to have been wrestling with women's leadership since the very beginning. It's the issue that will not go away. When it comes to interpreting scripture, I am always pleased that I'm a Catholic. We're not fundamentalists or literalists. We believe that the truth of the scripture lies not just in the words themselves, but also in the careful interpretation of the text in history. The story of Martha and Mary is a complex narrative. It can be read on at least two levels. The first level is extraordinary enough: it focuses on Mary who assumes the position of the Rabbi's student and is defended against any attack on her right to be there. In first century Palestine, Jewish women were 'not permitted to be taught the Torah, but only instructed about how they should live their lives in obedience to its demands. They were not permitted to touch the scriptures nor to take part in public debate or official liturgical ritual.' (Fitzmyer, Luke p.892) From this context we can see the sort of freedom Jesus envisaged for women, against the practice of his own day. On another level, however, this story focuses on Martha. The writer of Luke's Gospel tells us that we are in Martha's home and, that with Jesus as special guest at table, she is serving the members of her household with care and devotion. Martha comes across as strong and outspoken. Mary, meanwhile, is passive and silent. It is likely this story is criticising a call in Luke's community for women to move away from the leadership Jesus gave them and to adopt again the traditional roles to which the Jewish/Christians were more familiar. At the Vatican on 21 May 2000 the Pope told a group of Bishops from the USA: 'The genius of women must be ever more a vital strength of the Church of the next millennium, just as it was in the first communities of Christ's disciples.' To that end today's story from such a community holds a key to our own dilemma. Just as Jesus broke through the gender boundaries of his own day, so too must we. We must renew our commitment to ending anything that degrades, exploits or dehumanises women throughout the world. But more, it's time for the Church to take some strong symbolic and practical steps to defend the leadership of women within our own Catholic community. For example, Church teaching does not stand in the way of re-admitting lay people, and this time lay women, into the College of Cardinals; women could continue to assume high profile positions in each Diocese and also leaderships roles within the Roman Curia, starting with those departments that deal with instructions and decisions that directly affect them; and the Church could welcome the ordination of women as Deacons. These avenues would enable women to have even more options for them to demonstrate and realise the full extent of their genius, as the Pope puts it. At this Eucharist, then, let us recommit ourselves to using, in the best possible way for the mission of the Church, the gifts, talents and strengths of over half our community. May we learn from the earliest Church, described in today's Gospel, 'that which is the better part' and never 'take it away from her.'



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## READINGS

**This Week:** Gen 18:1-10 Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42  
**Next Week:** Gen 18:20-32 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

**SINCERE SYMPATHY** and loving prayers from the parish family to the family, relatives and friends of **John Swindells** who recently passed away. John was a popular and devoted member of our Parish and he will be missed greatly. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him. A requiem funeral Mass for John will be held on **Tuesday, 23rd July at 9:15am** here at Immaculate Heart of Mary.



## 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**.

## TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED

If anyone is able to help out with transport from Merle Street Chester Hill to 10am Sunday Mass, please contact the Parish Office. Two parishioners would love to attend Mass but are unable to make their own way to Church. If we have a number of volunteers, perhaps we could do a roster system. Thank you.

## THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks for your on-going generosity in regard to our recent St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. The SVDP Winter Appeal from our parish was over \$4,000. Also, thank you for your generosity for the Peter's Pence Appeal, for the work of the Holy Father. Our Parish raised over \$2,000. May God bless all our very generous Parishioners, your financial support makes a difference in the lives of many needy people, locally and abroad.

## 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](mailto:office@ihmsefton.org.au) *Please note no tax deduction is available for planned giving for 2018/2019 financial year, only for certain appeals.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

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.

## POSITIONS VACANT: PLENARY COUNCIL DISCERNMENT AND WRITING GROUP

As we move into the Listening and Discernment stage of our preparation for the Plenary Council 2020, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking people who are willing to be leaders and partners in the process of discernment. Opportunities are available to apply to be the Chair, or to be a member, of one of six Discernment and Writing Groups. For more information, visit the Office for Employment Relations website [www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au](http://www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au) or contact Ms Olivia Lee on (02) 9919 7822 or [olivia.lee@catholic.org.au](mailto:olivia.lee@catholic.org.au). **Applications close on 22 July 2019.**

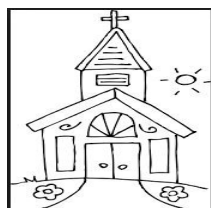
## BEREAVED PARENTS GROUP

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.

## CHURCH CLOSED

Please note that **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:

<b>Sat 20th</b>	9:15am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30pm	RIP Joan and Kathy Watson (Anniversary)
<b>Sun 21st</b>	8:00am	Special Intentions of the Sisters of Immaculata
	10:00am 5:30pm	RIP Youssef Rizk RIP Patsy Curtis
<b>Mon 22nd</b>	9:15am	Intentions of Margaret Fox
<b>Tues 23rd</b>	9:15am	RIP Giacobe Nguyen Bac Nha & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
<b>Wed 24th</b>	9:15am	RIP Harold Falk
<b>Thu 25th</b>	9:15am	RIP Margaret Diamond (Anniversary on 3rd July)
<b>Fri 26th</b>	9:15am	RIP Margaret Best (Anniversary on 5th July)
<b>Sat 27th</b>	9:15am	RIP John Diamond (Anniversary on 11th July)
	<b>Vigil</b> 5:30pm	RIP Deceased members of the Muir Family

## WE PRAY FOR...

### RECENTLY DECEASED

John Swindells, Maria Nguyen, Eddie Stashinsky, Ted Bradstreet

### RIP ANNIVERSARY

John Watson, Norman Gilbert, Gerard Pinto, Clarice Wise, Raffaele Scaturchio, Leon Banbourjian, Joshua Bangura, Theresa Magri

### 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 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

## CHURCH BELL

After much toil and trouble, our Church bell has now been repaired after having been struck by lightning in January. Enjoy the tolling!

## 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](mailto:info@stclement.com.au)

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note the Parish office will be closed on Wednesday, 24th July 2019 for staff training. The office will re-open on Thursday, 25th July.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, 21st July

- Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club 72nd Annual Mass & Communion
- Fr Thomas attending Clergy Retreat at Kincumber until 26th July.

### Monday, 22nd July

- School resumes for Term 3

### Tuesday, 23rd July

- 9:15am - Funeral of John Swindells

### Wednesday, 24th July

- Parish Office Closed - Staff Training

### Thursday, 25th July

- 11:00am - Mass & Anointing at Chester Hill Aged Care

### Friday, 26th July

- Fr Thomas returns from Clergy Retreat

