

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 28TH JULY 2019

- Hospitals push back: WA Catholic Health Providers resist Government euthanasia plan
 - Love is grand: Couples celebrate marriage milestones
 - In His service: Priests celebrate Jubilees
 - Chosen: Meet our 7 new priests-to-be
 - Movie review: The Lion King
 - Victoria: The dying state
- 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 - 3RD & 4TH AUGUST 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	B Freeburn	A James	C McDermott	T Kelly
Readers	J Toinette	Immaculata Sisters	T Tierney	L Quinn
Ministers of Communion	J Freeburn P Loos	B Murphy J Murphy	K Hicks K Marson	M Cowan M Williams
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	-	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	E Bui, N Bui, D Johns			
Counters	M Lonergan, J Horsley			
Bankers	S Johns, P Loos			

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, 28th July 2019: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Did you know that Lincoln's Gettysburg address was 250 words long? The man before Lincoln spoke for over an hour. The man who followed Lincoln spoke for even longer. No one remembers today what they said. Lincoln's two and a half minutes, by contrast, changed the USA's history and the mentality of the western world. This call to brevity is always a good challenge to preachers too! Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer, which has 38 words, is another example of how a few sentences have changed history. Around 50 years after the death of Jesus, Luke's Gospel was written for the Christian community in Antioch, which was the political and cultural capital of the Roman Province of Syria. There are six major themes running throughout this Gospel: prayer, hospitality, compassion, forgiveness, the common life and care for the outsider. Most of them are expressed in the 38 words of this prayer. We declare that we belong to God in the most intimate of ways, as members of God's family, and therefore we belong to each other. We pray that God's Kingdom will come here and now, and, through our gratitude for God's generosity and forgiveness, we can be saved from evil. I think Christians should keep saying this prayer with great urgency. In most western countries today there are strong right wing political movements who say they are for Christ or that they want our country to return to 'Christian values', but these policies are irreconcilable with the Lord's Prayer. Indeed one politician I heard recently argued that the Immigration Act should be reviewed so that only Christians are allowed to settle here. There is little of the Gospel's hospitality, forgiveness, compassion, common life and care for outsiders in the views of these groups. These people, of course, have every right to publicly state their views on any subject they choose. Morally, however, they must also accept responsibility for what they say and its implications. It is so easy to allow our faith lives to become compartmentalised. For some, religious belief and practice fits into a nice little box that has no discernible influence on the rest of their lives. Coming to Church is a privatised affair. This may be many things, but it's not Christian. What we celebrate here each Sunday is supposed to have an affect on all areas of our lives, every day. Though we can try to make ourselves feel better by turning religion into a weekly spiritual bonbon, that is not what Jesus and the martyrs of our faith gave their lives for. There is no question that these right-wing groups appeal to many of our compatriots because of the difficulties in rural areas, the demoralisation of high unemployment and the growing inequity in wealth distribution. There is, however, NO solution in using race relations, refugees, migrants, single mothers and the poor as scapegoats for our economic shortcomings. All this does is appeal to the worst traits in our human desires, where someone else is always to blame for our difficulties. Long-lasting, truthful and humanly dignified solutions to our nation's problems are those that embody the sacrificial love and compassion of Jesus. On every occasion racism, sexism, bigotry, violence and greed are sinful. This is the Gospel. This is the teaching of the Church. Often Catholics argue that the Church's teaching should be more publicly proclaimed and obeyed. In its social teaching, the Church tells us that we should support political parties which best represent these key values in the Gospel. The Church has also taught us about refugees, immigration, gun control, violence, capital punishment and the rights of minority groups. All Catholics are called to hold true to these teachings. Some Catholics complain that the Church should not speak out on political issues. It is, however, precisely the role of the Church to help people form their consciences and to declare what it sees as evil, sinful or harmful in society. Christ expects nothing less of all of us. And where the Church has not done this, history has judged it VERY harshly, as in the Church's relatively recent condemnation of slavery. The old line goes, 'Be careful what you pray because you might just get what you ask for.' Let's join then with all Christians and be worthy of the one prayer which unites us and, in the spirit of these 38 words, pray fervently that all people everywhere will become one – in Christ – under our one Father in heaven.



READINGS

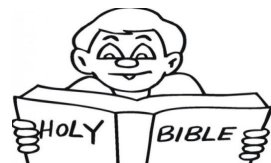
This Week: Gen 18:20-32 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13
Next Week: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

SINCERE SYMPATHY and loving prayers from the parish family to the family, relatives and friends of **John Edward (Ted) O'Connell** who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him. A requiem funeral Mass for Ted will be held on **Friday, 2nd August at 10:30am** here at Immaculate Heart of Mary.



READERS MEETING

Our next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 31st July at 7:30pm** in the **Parish Centre**. Please make an effort to attend.



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.

RECEIPTS

Please find receipts for the 2018/2019 financial year, in alphabetical order, in the foyer of the Church. If you would like to contribute through our planned giving program for the 2019/2020 year, please contact the Parish Office. *A tax deduction will be available for the new financial year for planned giving donations.*

CATHOLIC WORKS FUND APPEAL- NEXT WEEKEND

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding a CWF Parish appeal, **next weekend 3rd and 4th August 2019**, and the Development and Fundraising Office turns to you for your continued support in facilitating this appeal. Your assistance helps raise funds for many of our important works across the Archdiocese of Sydney, including providing family counselling, sharing the gospel to youth, forming our seminarians, outreach to Aboriginal communities and support for our Catholic deaf community. The agencies which provide the above services includes CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, our seminaries and the Ephpheta Centre.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 29TH SEPTEMBER 2019

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29th September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'bodily become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call 02 8306-3499. Order the Statement online at: bit.ly/socialjusticshop Follow us on Facebook: [@socialjusticeACBC](https://www.facebook.com/socialjusticeACBC) or Twitter: [@JusticeCatholic](https://twitter.com/JusticeCatholic)

GOT YOUR WEDDING UNDER CONTROL?

But how prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information, see our web site: www.engagedencounter.org.au

MOUNT CARMEL RETREATS

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566 Tel: 8795-3400

The Love That Keeps Us Sane: A Day with Saint Therese of Lisieux

When: August 3, 10:30 am – 4:00 pm

Presenter: Br Phillip Tay, OCD

Cost: \$30 (concessions apply).

Pick-ups from Minto train station at 9:30am and 10:00am.

Facing Today's Spectre of Meaninglessness with St Therese of Lisieux

When: August 9 - 11

Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD

Cost: \$300 (concessions apply).

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 27th	9:15am	RIP John Diamond (Anniversary on 11th July)
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP Deceased members of the Muir Family
Sun 28th	8:00am	RIP Bob Rolfe (Wedding Anniversary)
	10:00am	RIP Bernado Ciampone (7 year anniversary)
	5:30pm	RIP Truong Pham
Mon 29th	9:15am	RIP Giacobe Nguyen Bac Nha & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Tues 30th	9:15am	RIP Eddie Stashinsky, Recently Deceased
Wed 31st	9:15am	RIP Ted Bradstreet, Recently Deceased
Thu 1st	9:15am	Healing Mass for Mary Pesce
Fri 2nd	9:15am	Deceased Members of the Dinh & Pham Families
Sat 3rd	9:15am	RIP Dennis Day
	5:30pm	RIP Bruno & Cecilia Nadile

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ted O'Connell, Cecilia Bater, John Swindells, Eddie Stashinsky, Ted Bradstreet

RIP ANNIVERSARY

Abdou Dakkache, Kevin Buckles, Bernado Ciampone, Patricia Ellen Steele, Fr G. Nanni OMI, Benito Greco,

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

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

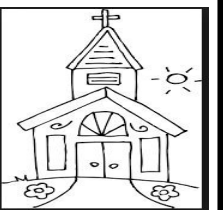
Where: St Clement's Retreat Centre Galong, NSW

When: 16th - 23rd September 2019

Bookings: Email info@stclement.com.au

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.)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 30th July

- 9:15am - Year 4 attend Parish Mass

Wednesday, 31st July

- 10:00am - Mass & Anointing at Abel Tasman Aged Care
- 12:30pm - Fr Thomas to Melbourne until 2nd August (Syro Malabar Meeting)
- 7:00pm - 1st Holy Communion Parent Only Info Night (Oblate Rooms)

Friday, 2nd August

- 10.30am - Funeral of Ted O'Connell
- Fr Thomas returns from Melbourne

Please note that due to the funeral, there will be no Sacred Heart Devotions on Friday 2nd August.

