

**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 18TH AUGUST 2019**

- *THANK YOU to all the NSW politicians who voted for life*
- *How millennials are connecting with the Church*
- *Berala celebrates*
- *Francis's letter to priests*
- *Movie review: Unplanned*
- *Spring Reading Guide*

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 - 24TH & 25TH AUGUST 2019**

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	C McDermott	A James	K Collins	T Kelly
<b>Readers</b>	M Flanagan	M Abraham	V Visevic	L Farlow
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	A Pham P Loos	C Wood P Foran	K Marson I Vellis	M Cowan S Garrett
<b>Musician/Choir</b>	IHM Choir	T Tran	Sing loudly	M Farlow
<b>Flower Arrangers</b>	L Jones, S Johns			
<b>Counters</b>	M Lonergan, J Horsley			
<b>Bankers</b>	L Farlow, M Farlow			

**PARISH CONTACTS**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Greg McGregor  
**Assistant Parish Priest:** Fr Thomas Alukka  
**Parish Secretary:** Leisa Farlow  
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**Parish Website:** [www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au](http://www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au)

**Immaculate Heart of Mary - Primary School**

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**Family Educator:** Mrs Claude Bourizk



**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton**

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**Sunday, 18th August 2019: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

In our desire to affirm that the scriptures are inspired, it can be easy to forget that they come out of the lived experience of a community of faith. Indeed, one of the things that is wonderful about our belief in God's revelation is that it occurs within human experience. Today's Gospel is an excellent example. Jesus predicts that one of the consequences of believing in him is that divisions will follow. We can tell from the whole text of Luke's Gospel that these divisions were certainly a part of the earliest Christian community which wrote this book and that their faith in Christ led them to confront some very tough issues: how could Gentiles inherit the promises made to the Jews; why the rich members of the community had special responsibility to the poor; the centrality of forgiveness in the Christian life; and what leadership role women should have in the earliest Church. We know that fights over these issues



and faith in Jesus as the Christ or the Messiah, divided families and villages, cities, nations and a religious tradition. This gospel is both a stark reminder of the costs involved in following Jesus and a comfort to us in the church today. Sometimes we can domesticate the Christian community into a 'feel-good' society. Our religious words and actions, however, are always meant to have an edge; our faith should 'afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted'. If Christians at home, at work, in society and on the international stage just go along with what is trendy or current because we're frightened of conflict or because we want to be seen to be part of the crowd, then we are not worthy of this Gospel. Sometimes when we hear Jesus use the metaphor of a blazing fire we can see a violent image, but I am not sure if it has to be exclusively interpreted this way. Fire is sometimes necessary and good to clear out the layers of undergrowth built up over time that smother the soil of a forest and prevent new growth. Fire is a beacon that gives guidance and attracts attention. A blazing fire can attract everyone to its light, warmth and power. So maybe this Gospel is a call to purge the weight of old growth that can stop fresh thinking. Maybe it gives guidance to us in the justice we are meant to live and the attention we must call to the needs of all God's children. And maybe it is a reminder that the life of our Christian community is meant to be attractive through its gentle power and warmth. If the price we pay for witnessing to any of these values is that we divide the crowd, so be it. What's comforting about this gospel is that it recognises conflict as a necessary part of the Christian life. There are some who want to pretend that the followers of Jesus should never disagree with one another or with those outside the Church. Conflict in itself, Jesus teaches us today, is an element of our commitment to the kingdom of God. What marks out the way we should disagree with one another inside and outside the Church, however, is that it is conducted with charity, dignity, careful listening and compassion. Christians always look to put the best possible interpretation on the opinions of those with whom we disagree and to be reconciled to those we have hurt, to heal divisions where we can. May this Eucharist give us the courage to divide the crowd for the right reasons. May we be a blazing fire that casts light on darkness where people are exploited and injustice smothers the growth Christ wants to see in the human family. No one promised us that Christian faith was ever going to be a picnic!

## READINGS

**This Week:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53  
**Next Week:** Is 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

**SINCERE SYMPATHY** and loving prayers from the parish family to the family, relatives and friends of **LES COTTER** who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him. A funeral for Les was held on Friday 16th August at Our Lady of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Cemetery at 2:00pm.



## HEALING MASS

There will be a healing Mass celebrated by Fr Greg and Fr Thomas here at Immaculate Heart of Mary on **Saturday 31st August at 9:15am**. Anointing of the sick will be available. All welcome.



## CAN YOU HELP?

As mentioned in our Bulletin last weekend, the St Vincent de Paul night patrol van service is desperately short of items to feed the hungry and homeless. If you would like to donate, please see the flyer in the foyer of the Church which shows the items needed. You can leave the items in the tub provided in the foyer of the Church. The response in one week has been overwhelming, thank you so much for your ongoing generosity.



Thank you to the wonderful ladies and gentlemen who attend every month to help with the SVDP Outreach Program, your support is invaluable. Our next Vinnies sandwich making day is on **26th August** in the school hall. The next Behind the Scenes at Lewisham is Tuesday 3rd September.

## FATHER'S DAY MASS

Please join us on Sunday 1st September at the 10:00am Mass when we will celebrate fathers, grandfathers, uncles and significant men in the lives of our children. After Mass there will be morning tea in the foyer and a Father's Day cake for our priests and all the dads. All welcome.



## THE FATHER FACTOR

Trinity Catholic College would like to invite you to the **Auburn Campus Library of Trinity Catholic College** on the evening of **September 4 at 7:00pm** to listen to a highly engaging presentation called "The Father Factor". Our guest speaker for this evening will be Mr Robert Falzon. Robert Falzon is a husband, father, businessman, co-founder of menALIVE and published author. The Father Factor presentation is designed **for parents of boys between the ages of 13 and 16 and addresses the importance and profound impact of "Fatherhood"**. The evening promises to be very informative and rewarding for those in attendance. This invitation is for both parents or at least Mother or Father. Please fill the below RSVP slip and return to the College before August 30. (*Please note that your son is not required at the presentation*)

### RSVP form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetB7FdUIZsXDhS4jfjcu\\_K4gNP\\_QzYmlmmyrrOTkQnypwuDg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetB7FdUIZsXDhS4jfjcu_K4gNP_QzYmlmmyrrOTkQnypwuDg/viewform)

## ST PETER CHANEL 40 YEAR REUNION - YR 10 CLASS OF 1979

Seeking former St Peter Chanel Girls High School students.

A reunion is to be held in Parramatta on Saturday evening, 30th November 2019.

Contact Sharon Flynn (Toomey) [bigbirdshaz@gmail.com](mailto:bigbirdshaz@gmail.com) for further details.



## STAND FOR LIFE RALLY AGAINST PROPOSED ABORTION LAWS

The NSW Parliament is about to legislate for abortion on demand till birth, one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. The Bill was pushed through the Legislative Assembly and will be debated in the Legislative Council from Tuesday, 20 August. This Bill was ambushed on Parliament, with no consultation, in an attempt to curb community backlash. This is our last opportunity to fight against this extremist Bill.

Join us in peaceful protest against this radical proposed legislation.

**DATE:** Tuesday 20 August.  
**WHERE:** Martin Place (Macquarie Street side)  
**TIME:** 6pm until 9pm (including vigil outside NSW Parliament)

## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Sat 17th Vigil</b>	9:15am 5:30pm	Intentions of Mirka Zuzul Deceased Members of the Watson Family
<b>Sun 18th</b>	8:00am 10:00am	Intentions of Maria Lindoni Personal Intentions of the Visevic Family
	5:30pm	Repose of the Soul of Brian Joseph Cochrane, recently deceased 18/7/19
<b>Mon 19th</b>	9:15am	Repose of the Soul of Brian Joseph Cochrane, recently deceased 18/7/19
<b>Tues 20th</b>	9:15am	Intentions of Marcus Jutrisa
<b>Wed 21st</b>	9:15am	Intentions of Andrew Farlow, 16th Birthday
<b>Thu 22nd</b>	9:15am	Intentions of Margaret Fox
<b>Fri 23rd</b>	9:15am	Intentions of the Visevic Family
<b>Sat 24th Vigil</b>	9:15am 5:30pm	Repose of the Soul of Tony Paes RIP Bill + Elsie Williams

## WE PRAY FOR...

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Leslie Cotter, Brian Joseph Cochrane, Ted O'Connell, Cecilia Bater

### RIP ANNIVERSARY

Patricia Auld, Anthony Allan Hodson, Kevin Richard Edwards, Barbara Rogers, Pietro Sorace

### 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 Ghaban, Monica McIntyre, Bryant Wilson, Alma Ryan, Kevin Magnussen, Bishop G Robinson, John Mealing, David McGeachie, Kath Coughlin, Mary Keane, Bob Rodrigues, Spiteri family, Matthew Barrington, Lydia Gwynne, Leo Hackett

## 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.

## 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](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call 02 8306-3499. Order the Statement online at: [bit.ly/socialjusticshop](http://bit.ly/socialjusticshop) Follow us on Facebook: [@socialjusticeACBC](https://www.facebook.com/socialjusticeACBC) or Twitter: [@JusticeCatholic](https://twitter.com/JusticeCatholic)

## 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)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, 18th August

- 11:00am - Communion Lessons

### Wednesday, 21st August

- 6:00pm - Communion Lessons

### Thursday, 22nd August

- 12 noon - Air Conditioning Maintenance, Church & Parish buildings

### Sunday, 25th August

- 11:00am - Communion Lessons
- 11:00am - Baptism of Levi Trieu

