

**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 25TH AUGUST 2019**

- *Thousands march for Life*
- *MPs stand up for faith*
- *\$30,000 scholarships on offer*
- *Mary: Full of grace*
- *Movie review: The Angry Birds Movie 2*
- *Trouble in Rome*

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 - 31ST AUGUST/1ST SEPTEMBER 2019**

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	B Freeburn	L Cavallo	J Rodrigues	J Luciano
<b>Readers</b>	R Winder	P Foran	M Keep	L Quinn
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	J Freeburn Y Sassine	L Abouchabake M Abraham	C Bourizk J Bourizk	L Farlow M Williams
<b>Musician/Choir</b>	IHM Choir	Thu Tran	Tongan Choir	M Farlow
<b>Flower Arrangers</b>	T Khoury, S Khoury			
<b>Counters</b>	L Windram, P Page			
<b>Bankers</b>	I Prygiel, M Enright			

**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 (10:00am - 3:00pm)**6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton NSW 2162****Phone:** 02 9644 4026, **Fax:** 02 9743 7407**Email:** [office@ihmsefton.org.au](mailto:office@ihmsefton.org.au)**Parish Website:** [www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au](http://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](mailto:info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au)**Family Educator:** Mrs Claude Bourizk**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Greg McGregor**Assistant Parish Priest:** Fr Thomas Alukka**Sunday, 25th August 2019: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

Jesus and Satan have an argument as to who is the better computer programmer. This goes on for a few hours until they agree to hold a contest with God as the judge. They set themselves before their computers and begin. They type furiously for several hours, lines of code streaming up and down the screen. Seconds before the end of the competition, a bolt of lightning strikes, taking out the electricity. Moments later, the power is restored, and God announces that the contest is over. He asks Satan to show what he has come up with. Satan is visibly upset, and cries, 'I have nothing! I lost it all when the power went out.' 'Very well, then,' says God, 'let us see if Jesus fared any better.' Jesus enters a command, and the screen comes to life in vivid display, the voices of an angelic choir pour forth from the speakers. Satan is astonished. He stutters, 'But how? I lost everything, yet Jesus' program is intact! How did he do it?' God looks up over his glasses and chuckles, 'Ah you see, Jesus saves.' Salvation has, rightly, always been the big issue. Who was going to make it, how it was going to happen and when would Christ return in glory have captured the imagination of each generation of believers. The roots of this thinking can be found in today's Gospel. The earliest Christians, especially the Gentiles, saw that the Jews had been given every opportunity for salvation. They were the Chosen people. They had the Law and the Prophets. They were looking for the Messiah. Jesus, however, did not come as they expected or act as they hoped, so they rejected him and his followers. Within a generation after Jesus' death the Jews were persecuting the Christians and expelling them from the synagogues. The Christians took comfort from saying that in the salvation race the Jews might have started as the favourites, but they had missed the start and were now coming last. This way of thinking had a strong effect on the Church. While we have always believed in the mercy and love of God, at different times we have been hostile to other religions, other denominations and the secular world. We have often needed to express this in absolute terms about who was going to be saved and, more importantly, who was not! The Second Vatican Council, however, reflected on the Church's experience of working side by side with religious people and secular humanists throughout the world who were as committed as we are to justice, love and freedom. In the 'Declaration on the relationship of the Church to non-Christian religions', the bishops thought more generously about how God has a relationship with all people who in turn relate to God, even if they do not name it in the same way we are able to. The Council did not resile from believing that Jesus is the way to the Father, but they also affirmed that God can work in an infinite number of ways to assist people to salvation. It is Church teaching now that our relationship to all people who share the best of our values must be characterised by acceptance, collaboration, dialogue and charity. This does not make salvation any less important. It just clarifies for us that it is God, not us, who does the saving and the judging. Christian salvation marks us out as people who know who we are following, where we are going, how we are getting there and why this world, and the next, matters to us. Salvation gives our lives meaning, direction and purpose. The way we live out this salvation should be irresistible to others. As the folk hymn sings, 'They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.'



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**GLUTEN FREE HOSTS**

If you require gluten free hosts due to a medical complaint, please see the Acolyte prior to Mass and this can be arranged. Please ensure you advise the Acolyte at least 10 minutes before Mass is to commence.

## READINGS

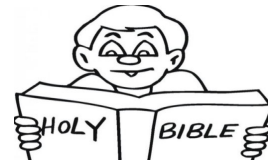
**This Week:** Is 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30  
**Next Week:** Sir 3:17-20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 Lk 14:1, 7-14

**BAPTISM** Please pray for **LEVI TRIEU** as we welcome him into our Parish community through the sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, 25th August 2019**. Let us pray also for Levi's parents and Godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Levi in the practice of the faith.



## READERS MEETING

Our next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 28th August at 7:30pm** in the **Parish Centre**. Please make an effort to attend.



## 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.

## 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.



## CAN YOU HELP?

As mentioned in our previous Bulletins, 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 so far 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**.

## 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\\_QzYmlmmyrOTkQnypwuDg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetB7FduIZsXDhS4jfjcu_K4gNP_QzYmlmmyrOTkQnypwuDg/viewform)

## MOTHER MARY'S BIRTHDAY MASS & CUPPA

Please join the Legion of Mary at Mass on **Saturday 7th September at 9:15am** to celebrate Our Lady's birthday which falls on Sunday, 8th September. There will also be a morning tea in the Parish Centre immediately after Mass, hosted by the Legion of Mary. All welcome.



## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Sat 24th Vigil</b>	9:15am 5:30pm	Repose of the Soul of Tony Paes RIP Bill + Elsie Williams
<b>Sun 25th</b>	8:00am	RIP Josephine Farah (15 year Anniversary on 19/8)
	10:00am 5:30pm	RIP Jamil Gerges (11 year Anniversary) All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Mon 26th</b>	9:15am	Repose of the Soul of Brian Joseph Cochrane, recently deceased
<b>Tues 27th</b>	9:15am	RIP Pauline McCormack (Anniversary)
<b>Wed 28th</b>	9:15am	Intentions of Nam Pham
<b>Thu 29th</b>	9:15am	RIP Antonia Elizabeth Bazan (recently deceased)
<b>Fri 30th</b>	9:15am	Intentions of the Visevic Family
<b>Sat 31st Vigil</b>	9:15am 5:30pm	Welfare of all Parishioners RIP Maria Oanh Nguyen (Anniversary)

## WE PRAY FOR...

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Dr Portia Mariano, Leslie Cotter, Brian Joseph Cochrane, Ted O'Connell

### RIP ANNIVERSARY

Franciszek Lesniak, Clarice Gorman, Patrick Keane, William Joseph Richards, Michal Lawdor, Johanna Mary Weston

### OUR SICK

Jess McDougall, Laurel Anthony, 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 or leave your details on the paperwork in the foyer of the Church. 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 or Twitter: @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, 25th August

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

### Tuesday, 27th August

- Kindy & Year 6 attend Parish Mass

### Wednesday, 28th August

- 10:00am - Mass & Anointing at Abel Tasman Aged Care
- 6:00pm - Communion Lessons
- 7:30pm - Readers' Meeting

### Thursday, 29th August

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

