

**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 4TH AUGUST 2019**

- Don't do it! Outrage spreads at abortion Bill
- Cooking up a storm: Maronite wins MasterChef
- God first, says Wimbledon champion
- Aussies walk the way
- Grief to Grace
- Economics as if people matter

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 - 10TH & 11TH AUGUST 2019**

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	K Collins	L Cavallo	J Rodrigues	J Luciano
<b>Readers</b>	A Roberts	L Abouch Abake	L Vakauta	M Farlow
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	M Flanagan T Flanagan	C Wood M Abraham	C Bourizk J Bourizk	L Farlow S Garrett
<b>Musician/Choir</b>	IHM Choir	T Tran	J Zhu	M Farlow
<b>Flower Arrangers</b>	L Ghadban, R LaRosa			
<b>Counters</b>	M Lonergan, J Horsley			
<b>Bankers</b>	P Page, J Page			

**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

**Parish Website:** 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

**Family Educator:** Mrs Claude Bourizk



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**Sunday, 4th August 2019: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**



**First Holy Communion Preparation  
Commitment Sunday**

*Today at Mass we would like to welcome families who are participating in the Holy Communion Preparation Program over the next few weeks. The children have a prayer card and are invited to distribute their prayer card to parishioners. Please pray for the parents who will teach their children. Please pray for the children to prepare well. After the homily, candidates and their parents will come to the altar and participate in the commitment prayer.*

**Priest:** My dear young people, you are beginning to prepare for a very important day in your life, your First Communion Day. Now I ask you boys and girls: are you ready to begin these preparations as a member of Christ's Church?

**Children:** **We are ready to begin the First Eucharist Program. We promise to be open to the love of Jesus. We pray we will be ready to receive Jesus to become more like him.**

**Priest:** Parents, some time ago you presented this child of yours to the community and asked that they be baptised. You accepted the responsibility to bring them up in the practice of the faith. As your children prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion, are you ready to continue to guide and accompany them in their journey of faith?

**Parents:** **We will support our children in their journey of faith. We will help them to receive Jesus with reverence, and to love this gift of the Bread of Life.**

**Priest:** As members of this Parish community we will keep these families in our prayers as they journey towards receiving the Body of Christ in the Blessed Eucharist.

**Assembly:** **Almighty and everlasting God, source of all creation. You have made us in your image. Guide the path of these children before you. May they walk in the light of Christ as they grow in faith by listening to your Word and coming to our table for Holy Communion. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.**

## READINGS

**This Week:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21  
**Next Week:** Wis 18:6-9 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48

## CATHOLIC WORKS FUND APPEAL - THIS WEEKEND

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding a CWF Parish appeal, **this weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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. We thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## 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.*

## THANK YOU

The family of John Swindells appreciate the thoughtfulness of the wonderful parishioners who expressed sympathy and kindness on the passing of their beloved Dad. Thank you for your support, attending his funeral and the many prayers said for him.



## NSW ABORTION BILL - CONTACT YOUR MP

A bill to make abortion legal in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted on this week. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked all Catholics in NSW to urgently contact their state Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this bill. Contact details for your local MP are: Tania Mihailuk, 9708 3838, [bankstown@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bankstown@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 29TH SEPTEMBER 2019

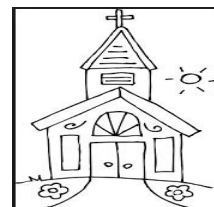
We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29th September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'bodily become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we 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)

## 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](http://www.engagedencounter.org.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.)



## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Sat 3rd Vigil</b>	9:15am 5:30pm	RIP Dennis Day RIP Bruno & Cecilia Nadile
<b>Sun 4th</b>	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	RIP Dennis Day - 3 year Anniversary RIP Bruce Gorman (Anniversary on 2/7) Mario Massimi
<b>Mon 5th</b>	9:15am	Good Health of Jess McDougall
<b>Tues 6th</b>	9:15am	RIP Maria Nguyen (Recently Deceased)
<b>Wed 7th</b>	9:15am	All Souls in Purgatory especially Aleksander Wota
<b>Thu 8th</b>	9:15am	Solemnity - St Mary of the Cross
<b>Fri 9th</b>	9:15am	RIP Lynus Rodrigues
<b>Sat 10th Vigil</b>	9:15am 5:30pm	Good Health of Jess McDougall RIP Maria Nguyen (Recently Deceased)

## WE PRAY FOR...

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian Joseph Cochrane, Ted O'Connell, Cecilia Bater, John Swindells

### RIP ANNIVERSARY

Margaret Anne Kelly, Denis Day, Mary Low

### 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

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - 15TH AUGUST 2019

For those working or otherwise engaged, note that on Thursday 15th August (as well as the 9:15am School and Parish Mass) there will be a Mass at 7:00pm for the Feast of the Assumption which is a Holy Day of Obligation. All welcome.

## 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)

## 40 HOURS FOR VOCATIONS (see flyer in foyer)

Date: 7, 9 & 11 August 2019

Join us as the Archdiocese of Sydney dedicates a Mass for Vocation and 40 hours of Adoration to pray for more vocations to consecrated life and the Priesthood.

A Mass for Vocations will be celebrated by a Bishop of each region of the Archdiocese of Sydney. This will be followed by all night Eucharistic adoration.

There is a sign-up form for Eucharistic adoration at the three churches:

→ <https://forms.gle/Y13smvcNhhvqhRyAD8>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sat & Sun, 3rd & 4th August

- Commitment Sunday for First Holy Communion at all Masses

### Sunday, 4th August

- 11:00am - Communion Lessons

### Tuesday, 6th August

- 11:00am - Mass & Anointing at Weeroona Village Aged Care
- **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

### Wednesday, 7th August

- 6:00pm - Communion Lessons

### Thursday, 8th August

- ST MARY OF THE CROSS, Solemnity
- 9:15am - Whole School & Parish Mass

