

**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 29TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

- *Rome Sweet Home. Wollongong couple's story*
- *Darwin: Trafficking Central?*
- *Yes, He's Here! Bishop on Eucharist*
- *Getting the Plenary right*
- *Movie review: Ad Astra*
- *The language of 3 in 1*

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**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 - 5TH & 6TH OCTOBER 2019**

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	B Freeburn	A James	C Kelly	K Collins
<b>Readers</b>	J Toinette	P Foran	T Tierney	M Farlow
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	J Freeburn	B Murphy	P Kelly	L Farlow
	Y Sassine	J Murphy	I Vellis	M Cowan
<b>Musician/Choir</b>	IHM Choir	T Tran	Tongan Choir	M Farlow
<b>Flower Arrangers</b>	T Khoury, S Khoury			
<b>Counters</b>	T Flanagan, K Collins, I Prygiel			
<b>Bankers</b>	P Page, J Page			

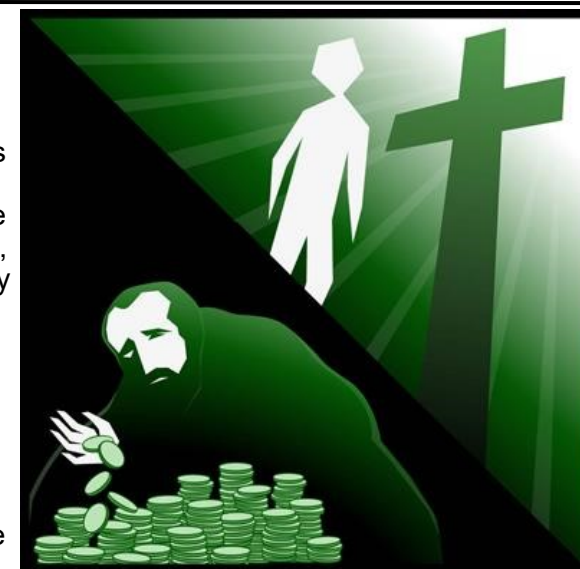
**PARISH CONTACTS****Immaculate Heart of Mary Church****Parish Priest:** Fr Greg McGregor**Assistant Parish Priest:** Fr Thomas Alukka**Parish Secretary:** Leisa Farlow**Office Hours:** Tue - Fri (10:00am - 3:30pm)**6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton NSW 2162****Phone:** 02 9644 4026, **Fax:** 02 9743 7407**Email:** [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, 29th September 2019: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

Maybe the reason this Gospel-story has become so famous is its extraordinary attention to detail; the regal colours of Dives' clothes, his exquisite tableware and fine dining. It all conjures up a vivid picture. At the same time Lazarus' world is equally well described. Begging at the gate, Lazarus' only companions are the dogs and his sores. Even giving names to both these characters adds to the power of the parable. These people are not just a rich man and a beggar. They are Dives and Lazarus, well-known to everyone in the village. All these years later they are well known to us too. Not the actual characters, of course, upon whom the story could be based, but all the Lazarus' and Dives' in our own villages. It is an important task for us to decide which one of these characters we think we are.

Recently the United Nations published a paper which creatively described the world as a village of 100 people. Staying consistent with the international statistics the United Nations tells us that our global village looks like this. There are 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 North Americans, 8 Africans, 4 South Americans and an assortment fills up the final four places. There are 52 women and 48 men of whom only 30 are fair-skinned and 70 are dark-skinned. 91 are heterosexual while nine are gay. Only one of us has a University education and yet six people in our village own 64% of our town's wealth and all of them are Americans. 80 people live in substandard housing without electricity, clean water and sewerage. 70 of us cannot read and 50 suffer from malnutrition. This village analysis sorts out very quickly who Lazarus and Dives are in our world. As hard as life is for some of us and as much as we struggle financially, we are, comparatively, dressed in purple robes and feasting off fine linen. The UN report goes on to say that 1.2 billion people live on \$1.50 a day or less. And while we might be personally very generous in assisting the poor in a variety of ways, our Dives-like countries are not. Australia only gives \$98 per person per year to aid third world development. Canada gives \$108, the UK gives \$112 and the USA's third world development budget is just \$67 per person per year. And for all the moral scorn sometimes heaped upon Scandinavia, Denmark is the most generous country in the world, giving \$649 per capita last year. The point of Jesus' story in today's Gospel is not to remind us that there are poor people at our gate. It is to implore us to listen and learn. Some Catholics want to vigorously uphold dogma and liturgical laws but do not seem to care one iota for the social teaching of the Church which instructs us that our love of God is truly found in deeds not words. Given the way we keep repeating the sins of the past and we allow the rich to get richer while the poor die before us, it seems we Christians, who have had the benefit of the Law, the Prophets and even a man coming back from the dead, will not change the structures that enshrine global injustice. Why? There is no way around it. Such a change would involve real sacrifice on our part and we are not prepared to pay the price. Jesus, however, reminds us today of the consequences in both our selective deafness toward Lazarus' cry and our lack of action; our comfortable passivity has implications for this world and the next.



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**MESSAGE FROM FR GREG:**

Dear Parishioners,

I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know that I will be taking a period of extended leave from the Parish beginning on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2019. While this might be a surprise to most of you it has been in the works for a while now, mainly due to medical and renewal reasons. I'd like to strongly say that this is not in relation to any scandal or misbehaviour, but rather a decision to look after my health and well being for a period of time.

In the coming weeks there will be a new Priest appointed to the Parish by the Archbishop. Thank you to everyone for your love and support and please keep me in your prayers as I will all of you.

**Fr Greg.**

## READINGS

**This Week:** Am 6:1. 4-7      1 Tm 6:11-16      Lk 16:19-31  
**Next Week:** Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4      2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14      Lk 17:5-10

**BAPTISM** Please pray for **ANTON VU** as we welcome him into our Parish community through the sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, 29th September 2019**. Let us pray also for Anton's parents and Godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Anton in the practice of the faith.



## READERS MEETING

Our next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 2nd October at 7:30pm** in the **Parish Centre**. Please make an effort to attend.



## MASS & DEVOTIONS CANCELLED

There will be **no 9:15am Parish Mass or Sacred Heart Devotions on Friday 4th October** as Fr Greg has a medical appointment. There will however be a Communion service, thanks to a couple of our devoted Parishioners. Alternatively, there will be Mass at 8:00am at Sacred Heart Parish Villawood.

## DONATIONS OF BLANKETS/DOONAS

The lovely Sisters of the Immaculata are hosting a long term Mission School at the Convent in Sefton from 14<sup>th</sup> October and will be accommodating extra guests for a week or so. If anyone has any doonas or blankets in fair condition that you no longer want, the Sisters would very much appreciate them to keep their guests warm at night. Please drop them to the Parish Office at **6 Kerrinea Road Sefton, Tuesday – Friday from 10:00am** or alternatively if you see the Sisters, speak to them personally. Thank you in anticipation!

## ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOP

During the month of the Most Holy Rosary, join Sacred Heart Parishioners for a Rosary Making Workshop to be held on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 10:00am** (after the 9:00am Mass) at Sacred Heart Primary School Hall, 120 Carawatha Street, Villawood. Cost is \$15 per person with all profits donated to the Church improvements. All materials are provided and you will learn how to craft your own beautiful handmade Rosary. Feel free to bring a plate to share for morning tea! **RSVP to Elena on 0458 708 929 by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019**. ALL WELCOME!

## PARISH RETREAT 2019

The annual Sefton Parish Retreat is to be held from **Friday, 11th October to Sunday, 13th October** at **Mt Carmel Retreat Centre in Varroville**. The cost of the retreat is **\$340 per person (\$306 for pensioners and share accommodation)**. A deposit of \$50 is required on booking and booking forms can be found on the table in the foyer of the church. **For more information, please see the form at the back of the Church or contact Kath on 9644-8163 or the Parish Office on 9644-4026. Hurry, last days to book!!**

## OBLATE ROOMS

Please be aware that the Oblate Rooms are **NOT TO BE USED** until further notice. There are signs on the doors expressly stating that there is a risk hazard. Once the rooms have been cleared for safety, the signs will be removed and the Oblate Rooms will once more be available for use. Bookings can be made through the Parish Office. Once your booking time is finished, please exit the rooms leaving them in a clean and tidy manner and ensuring lights are off and the doors are locked. Thank you.

## FR THOMAS

Fr Thomas has been in touch and is enjoying his pilgrimage. He has visited many holy places and I'm sure he will regale us with some wonderful stories upon his return! Meanwhile, here are a couple of happy snaps of Fr Thomas so you don't forget what he looks like!! We pray that Fr Thomas continues to have a safe and happy holiday and returns to us relaxed and recharged.



## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Sat 28th Vigil</b>	9:15am 5:30pm	For Good Health of Vinka Zeko <i>RIP</i> Joanne Caracoglia (One year anniversary)
<b>Sun 29th</b>	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	Teresa Gray and Renee Rayward <i>RIP</i> Youssef Abdallah (6 yr anniversary on 24th Sept) For Good Health of I Z
<b>Mon 30th</b>	9:15am	Bernard & Joseph Ross and Albert Hansen
<b>Tues 1st</b>	9:15am	<i>RIP</i> Catarina Hoang (Anniversary)
<b>Wed 2nd</b>	9:15am	Margaret Aston for her 80th birthday on 4/9/19
<b>Thu 3rd</b>	9:15am	Good Health of Marie GeaGea
<b>Fri 4th</b>	9:15am	COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY
<b>Sat 5th Vigil</b>	9:15am 5:30pm	<i>RIP</i> Paul Williamson (Anniversary) <i>RIP</i> Bob Rolfe (Birthday)

## WE PRAY FOR...

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Domenico Simone



## RIP ANNIVERSARY

Elfrieda Kubousek, Patricia Bottrell, Grace Barrington, Lisa Bartnik

## OUR SICK

Phu Ma, George Abdallah, 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

## IGNITE CONFERENCE SYDNEY: OCTOBER 3-6

The Ignite Conference is one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth and family conferences. For the first time ever this October 3rd-6th, Ignite Conference will be held in Sydney. The conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. Students from all Sydney Catholic Schools are offered a 50% discount and special packages for families are available as well. For more information, visit [www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/](http://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/) or contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth on (02) 9307 8152 or [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org) See brochures at the back of the Church (limited numbers).

## BREASTSCREEN NSW RETURNS TO BASS HILL PLAZA

The BreastScreen NSW mobile unit is returning to Bass Hill Plaza, offering free breast screens for the early detection of breast cancer. The van will be located at Bass Hill Plaza, on the rear outdoor top car park, entry via Johnston Road. The van will be in operation from **Monday, 16th September to Friday 4th October 2019 and on Saturday, 21st September**. Appointment times are 8:45am to 4:00pm (lunch closure 12:30pm to 1:30pm). Appointments: 13 20 50 or online bookings at: [book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au](http://book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au) A 20-minute appointment could be life-saving.

*Loving Father, you taught us the importance of service through the many examples set by your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the works of the Holy Spirit and the grace poured out by you, some wonderful people have heard your call to do great and wonderful things here at IHM. May you continue to care for our parish volunteers and may you shower them with love and many blessings.*

