

**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 13TH OCTOBER 2019**

- *Sydneysiders Ignited by their faith*
  - *Tony Randazzo: Pope Francis appoints new Broken Bay Bishop*
  - *Amazing nuns on the run*
  - *Snapshot of Catholic Sydney*
  - *Movie review: Rambo: Last Blood*
  - *A Saint of our times: Cardinal John Henry Newman*
- 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 - 19TH & 20TH OCTOBER 2019**

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	W Khouw	D Bui	C McDermott	C Kelly
<b>Readers</b>	J Taufaa	L Abouchabake	A Pham	M Cowan
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	M Flanagan	P Foran	K Hicks	P Kelly
	T Flanagan	M Abraham	K Marson	L Farlow
<b>Musician/Choir</b>	IHM Choir	T Tran	Tongan Choir	M Farlow
<b>Flower Arrangers</b>	L Ghadban, R LaRosa			
<b>Counters</b>	T Flanagan, K Collins, I Prygiel			
<b>Bankers</b>	P Page, J Page			

**PARISH CONTACTS****Immaculate Heart of Mary Church****Administrator:** 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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**Administrator:** Fr Thomas Alukka**Sunday, 13th October 2019: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

There was once a parish priest who, with the passing of the years, had become a very difficult pastor. The president of the parish council decided to write to the Bishop and ask for the priest's removal. The Bishop reluctantly agreed, but insisted that the parish council arrange for a good farewell for the departing priest, one with a strong spiritual motif. The council agreed. They planned an elegant farewell that would begin with the singing of a hymn. At the farewell the president began, 'For many years Father has been telling us that Jesus sent him into our parish. More recently, Father has been saying that Jesus requires him to stay in our parish. And, though he hasn't said it, I guess it follows now that Jesus has decided that it's time for Father to move on from our parish. I'd like you all to stand and join me in singing what is now my favourite hymn, "We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts!" Have you noticed how the words 'please' and 'thank you' are less frequently used these days? Many people seem to act and speak as though anything done for them is entirely their due; no recognition, no please and no thank you. This should not come as a great surprise; there's been a rapid shift to seeing many social institutions as commodities rather than services and we always want value for money from commodities. My fear is that we are increasingly treating people as commodities as well. By contrast, however, Christians are identified by asking for what we need and being grateful for every blessing. The Gospel of Luke was written about 60 years after the death of Jesus, most probably for the Gentile community at Antioch in Syria. It has four major themes: compassion, healing, prayer, and the outsider. Luke loves telling stories about the Gentiles, not only because they are outsiders, but also because they often show up the faith of the Jews. The story of the ten lepers has Luke at his best. Lepers were until this century treated as outcasts. Also, in Jesus' day, they were considered sinful and ritually impure. If one touched a leper one incurred that same fate. The leper who comes back to Jesus, however, was also a Samaritan! This guy can't win a trick! He is a leper, a Gentile and a Samaritan. He would have been rejected and despised by everyone, even the other Jewish lepers. The story of the ten lepers is not just about asking for what we need and being grateful when we get it, as important as that is. In this rich and multi-layered story, Jesus does three things: he reaches out to the untouchables of his day; he heals them and enables them to be welcomed back into the community; he draws attention to the fact that the poorest of the lepers, a Samaritan, is the only one who can recognise the source of the healing and has the humility to return and praise God for it. As well as the virtue of gratitude, then, Jesus also announces that the Christian community is the place where there is no such thing as an unclean or untouchable person. Jesus touches the lepers and then goes about his business. In doing so he rejects centuries of ritual taboos. We are called to do the same today. We are challenged to get our hands dirty with the most unclean groups of our society, confront the assumptions that marginalise and oppress them, and defend their rights to dignity and participation. Not surprisingly Christians who do this often report the same experience as Jesus: they are staggered at the gratitude and faith of the people society has rejected. May this Eucharist then be a celebration of the fact there is nothing in our life or in our world that Christ won't touch and heal. All we have to do is say 'please' and 'thank you'. May it also give us strength to go out and do likewise in the name of Him who has healed us, finding the humility to keep singing that great old hymn, 'We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts'.



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**WELCOME HOME FR THOMAS:**

We welcome Fr Thomas home after his pilgrimage to many significant religious sites in Europe. Fr Thomas has been appointed Administrator of both Sefton and Villawood Parishes. The Archdiocese will appoint another Priest to help Fr Thomas in due course and once we are informed, we shall share the details. We thank Fr Joseph for assisting Fr Thomas during this upcoming busy period. We also thank Fr Moses for helping our Parish this past week by celebrating morning Mass. It was very much appreciated.

## READINGS

**This Week:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17      2 Tm 2:8-13      Lk 17:11-19  
**Next Week:** Ex 17:8-13      2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2      Lk 18:1-8

**BAPTISM** Please pray for **SKYLER-ROSE ANDRONICUS** as we welcome her into our Parish community through the sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, 13th October 2019**. Let us pray also for Skyler-Rose's parents and Godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Skyler-Rose in the practice of the faith.



## PARISH RETREAT

Please keep in your prayers the parishioners from Villawood and Sefton who have embarked on the annual Parish retreat this weekend. May they enjoy a weekend away from the stresses of everyday life and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.

## PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT FOR RECONCILIATION

The Information Night for parents of candidates for 2019 Reconciliation will be held on **Wednesday 16th October at 7:00pm in the Oblate Rooms** beside the Church. Please ensure your attendance as on this night you will receive information and materials regarding the program.

The weekend of 19th and 20th October will be "Commitment Sunday" at all Masses for the Reconciliation Candidates. After the homily, Reconciliation candidates and their parents will come to the altar and participate in the commitment prayer. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be at **7:00pm on Tuesday 20th November** at IHM Sefton Parish.

## WORLD MISSION DAY

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Ghana, as they provide ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable. In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children' and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life. Next week you will be able to find appeal envelopes at the back of the Church and on the pews should you wish to donate to this very worthwhile appeal. Thank you.

## 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!**



## OBLATE ROOMS

The Oblate Rooms are open for use once again, having had the glass doors repaired. 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.

## CHURCH FENCE

As you may have noticed, the brick fence at the front of the Church is in need of repairs. There will be a contractor on site next week to repair the fence. He will aim to do the work outside of Mass and school pick up/drop off hours to minimise disruption however please be patient whilst the repair work is being undertaken. Thank you.

## HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment. Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555 or email [info@rachelsvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.au). The final retreat for 2019 will be held at Varroville, NSW on 25th - 27th October. Brochures are in the church or see the website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)

## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Sat 12th Vigil</b>	9:15am 5:30pm	RIP Teresa Hansen (Anniversary) Intentions of the Rolfe Family
<b>Sun 13th</b>	8:00am	RIP Dr Darrel Weinman (1st Anniversary)
	10:00am	RIP Janet Daoud & RIP Youssef Rizk
	5:30pm	Khoury & Semrani Families
<b>Mon 14th</b>	9:15am	Intentions of Grace Rodrigues
<b>Tues 15th</b>	9:15am	Thanksgiving Mass for the healing of William Grabowskyj
<b>Wed 16th</b>	9:15am	All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Thu 17th</b>	9:15am	Intentions of the Borg Family
<b>Fri 18th</b>	9:15am	Pray for All Souls
<b>Sat 19th Vigil</b>	9:15am 5:30pm	Giving Thanks to God Repose of the Soul of Eddie O'Reilly

## WE PRAY FOR...

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Kevin Magnussen, Fr Peter Daly OMI, Domenico Simone

### RIP ANNIVERSARY

John Michael Maher, Salwa Boujaoude, Michael Edwin Chambers, Josephine Agius

### 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 Ghabban, 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

## ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING – 'MAKING IT REAL GENUINE HUMAN ENCOUNTER IN OUR DIGITAL WORLD'

Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year. We will have speakers on a variety of topics related to the 2019-20 Social Justice Statement, 'Making it Real Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World'. Speakers will talk about risks posed by social media and digital technologies as well as a general overview of Catholic Social Teaching. We will also have copies of the Statement and practical resources to take home with you. Our full line-up of speakers will be announced shortly!

Lunch and refreshments throughout the day. All welcome.

**WHEN:** Saturday 19th October 2019, 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm

**WHERE:** St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North

**COST:** Free

**RSVP:** Essential for catering: email [jpointo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpointo@sydneycatholic.org) or call 9307 8465

## 'OF LIFE AND LOVE' MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Each course will be held over 3 consecutive Wednesdays: **October 16, 23, 30**. To book online visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZWSU> or please contact us at [LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org)

## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is hosting a prayer campaign on 18th October titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents and grandparents to pray the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate, information and resources can be found online at: [www.millionkidspraying.org](http://www.millionkidspraying.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Saturday, 12th October

- Fr Thomas returns

### Sunday, 13th October

- Baptism of Skyler-Rose Andronicus

### Wednesday, 16th October

- 7:00pm - Parent Information Night for Reconciliation program (Oblate Rooms)

### Saturday/Sunday 19th & 20th October

- Catholic Mission Appeal - all Masses
- Commitment Sunday for Reconciliation - all Masses

