

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 20TH OCTOBER 2019**

- Aussie link to world's new saint
- Sydney teen takes seat at the UN
- Honorary Doctorate for prominent Catholic
- Agencies slam forced drug testing
- Movie review: Joker
- Fiji finding its faith

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 - 26TH & 27TH OCTOBER 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	B Freeburn	A James	K Collins	J Luciano
Readers	T Evans	M Abraham	V Visevic	L Farlow
Ministers of Communion	J Freeburn N Barry	B Murphy J Murphy	K Hicks I Vellis	S Garrett M Williams
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	Sing Loudly	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	N Zalloua, R Khoury			
Counters	T Flanagan, K Collins, I Prygiel			
Bankers	P Page, J Page			

PARISH CONTACTS

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**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton**

6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton, NSW 2162

Administrator: Fr Thomas Alukka

Sunday, 20th October 2019: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Today at Mass we would like to welcome families who are participating in the Reconciliation 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, Reconciliation candidates and their parents will come to the altar and participate in the commitment prayer.

AFTER THE HOMILY PARENTS AND CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD

PRIEST: My dear young people, at your Baptism, God called you to be followers of Jesus, His Son. He now invites you to turn to Him, to obtain his pardon and peace and to be strengthened by the gift of His Love and Forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Are you ready to begin these preparations to understanding God's merciful love in your life, and to prepare well to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

CHILDREN: Yes, we are ready to begin the Reconciliation Program.

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. Parents, having asked that your child be part of the Sacramental Program at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, we now ask you to make your commitment to the program and pledge to support your child's faith development.

PARENTS: Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PRIEST: Members of our Parish Community, will you support these young men and women of our parish as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

ALL: Yes, we will. 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.

PRIEST: May God be with you. May you experience His healing touch and peace. May you know His embrace and presence.

ALL: AMEN

READINGS

This Week: Ex 17:8-13 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2 Lk 18:1-8
Next Week: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14

WORLD MISSION DAY

This 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. You will be able to find appeal envelopes on the pews and in the foyer of the Church, should you wish to donate to this very worthwhile appeal. Thank you.

November Mass Offerings

November is the month of the year when we make a special effort to pray for our deceased family members and friends. If you would like to have those who have gone before us remembered in all Masses in November, could you please **PRINT** their names clearly on an envelope and place it on either the collection plates or give it to Father. All names will be recorded in the November Memorial Book to be placed on the altar for the duration of November. Envelopes are available in the church foyer.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND 2019 PASTORAL APPEAL

In the coming weeks, your parish will be asked to play an important role in supporting an important initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese: The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal, our premier charity. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours. Thank you.

CHURCH CLOSURE

It is with sadness that we advise that due to security concerns, the Church will now be locked after each weekend Mass (reconciliation on a Saturday) and after Mass on a Monday morning. The Church will also be locked after 3:30pm on weekdays. Should you wish to use the Church for prayer when it is locked on the weekday afternoon, please check with the Parish Office and if someone is available, it will be opened for you.

WALK WITH CHRIST

We ask all parishioners to save the date for a very special celebration for all Sydney Catholics. Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on **November 24 at 2.30pm**. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city. **Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24.** Please see the Prayer Intention Booklet at the back of the Church. **You are invited to write your intention in the booklet** and it will be presented to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt during the liturgy on 24th November. If anyone would like to carry the Prayer Intention Booklet at the Walk with Christ procession for our Sefton Parish, please see Fr Thomas or call Leisa in the Parish Office (Tuesday – Friday, 10am – 3.30pm).

CHURCH FENCE

The repairs to the brick fence at the front of the Church were unfortunately delayed. There will be a contractor on site this weekend and 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. 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



MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 19th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Giving Thanks to God Repose of the Soul of Eddie O'Reilly
Sun 20th	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	RIP John & Roma Swindells Good Health of Margaret Aston RIP Harold Falk
Mon 21st	9:15am	Pray for all Souls
Tues 22nd	9:15am	Intentions of Margaret Fox
Wed 23rd	9:15am	Personal Intentions of Iris Hughes (80th birthday)
Thu 24th	9:15am	RIP Kevin Isberg (10 year anniversary on 23/10)
Fri 25th	9:15am	Intentions of Mark-Anthony Rodrigues
Sat 26th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Intentions of the Petricca Family RIP Dr Portia Mariano (Recently deceased on 12/8/19)

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gary Rosario, Kevin Magnussen, Fr Peter Daly OMI

RIP ANNIVERSARY

George Victor Winder, Kevin Isberg, Cristina Carlino

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday/Sunday, 19th/20th October

- Reconciliation Commitment Masses
- Catholic Mission Appeal - all Masses

Sunday, 20th October

- 11:00am - Reconciliation Lessons

Tuesday, 22nd October

- Years 2 & 4 attend Parish Mass and Yr 4 Reconciliation after Mass

Wednesday, 23rd October

- 6:00pm - Reconciliation Lessons

Thursday, 24th October

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



Saturday 2nd November, 2019 at 5:30pm

Join our parish community in prayer for all our deceased family members and friends, especially those who have died **this past year**. Everyone is invited to write names of the deceased from the past 12 months only in the **Remembrance List** in the Church foyer (please print names clearly). Before Mass, names of the deceased will be called and families and friends may light a candle in their honour.