

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 27TH OCTOBER 2019**

- *My Newman miracle*
- *All Souls and All Saints: Meet your family*
- *Pray-ers take Mary to the streets*
- *East meets West at ACU*
- *Movie review: Downton Abbey*
- *NT Bishop has a plan*

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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. 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 - 2ND & 3RD NOVEMBER 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	L Cavallo	J Rodrigues	T Kelly
Readers	M Flanagan	L Abouchabake	T Tierney	L Quinn
Ministers of Communion	A Pham	C Wood	C Bourizk	L Farlow
	T Flanagan	M Abraham	J Bourizk	M Cowan
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	Tongan Choir	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	L Jones, S Johns			
Counters	J DeMartin, N Vanden Nieuwenhuizen, I Culpan			
Bankers	L Farlow, M Farlow			

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**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**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton**

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Administrator: Fr Thomas Alukka**Sunday, 27th October 2019: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

A well-known multi-millionaire once had a near fatal heart attack. After he recovered he was invited to appear on a national television chat show to reflect on the experience. At one stage the interviewer asked him, 'Did you have a near-death experience after your heart attack?' The multi-millionaire pulled himself up to his full height and exclaimed, 'I was clinically dead. I went to the other side, and I am here to tell you there's nothing there!' In his case, of course, there might not be anything there, but his response reminds me of the Pharisee in today's Gospel. One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he made himself feel important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others. It's a wonder he went to the Temple at all because he does not seem to need God. Like the multi-millionaire, he trusts too much in his own righteousness. On the other hand, it is a wonder that the tax collector turned up at the Temple too, but for very different reasons. Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the ferocious Imperial taxes from the local community. No wonder he stays close to the back door of the Temple. He might have to beat a hasty retreat. But here he is in prayer recognising the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of right behaviour for Luke's community. There is nothing wrong with being devout and successful. Conversely, there are plenty of dangers in doing a job that demands constant moral compromises, like being a tax collector for the Romans. What Jesus notices is what the life situations of both these men do to them. Hence the social outcast's humility shows up the haughty Pharisee. For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility. Being humble does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, humus, meaning 'close to the earth'. The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to it. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground. Most of us find ourselves in between these extremes. May this weekly Eucharist ground us enough that we open ourselves to being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom. In doing so, we can go home justified that we are truly humble and that after we die we can see the abundant life that awaits us on the other side.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY and loving prayers from the parish family to Alma Ryan, Pauline & Chris Kelly & family, Fr Vincent Ryan OMI and the family, relatives and friends of **JOHN VINCENT RYAN** who recently passed away. John has been a long standing and much loved Parishioner of IHM Sefton. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him. A Requiem Mass for John will be held on **Monday 28th October at 10:30am** here at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton to be concelebrated by Oblate Fathers and Fr Thomas Alukka.

**READERS MEETING**

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



READINGS

This Week: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14
Next Week: Wis 11:22 – 12:2 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2 Lk 19:1-10

SINCERE SYMPATHY and loving prayers from the parish family to the family, relatives and friends of **Brian James Harris** who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him. A Funeral service for Brian was held on Friday, 25th October here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Sefton Parish.



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

Next weekend, 2nd/3rd November, will be 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.

BAPTISM Please pray for **CLARA MAUREEN GRECH** as we welcome her into our Parish community through the sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, 27th October 2019**. Let us pray also for Clara's parents and Godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Clara in the practice of the faith.



FROM OUR FAMILY EDUCATOR, MRS CLAUDE BOURIZK:

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 **Monday 18th November** in the school hall. The next Behind the Scenes at Lewisham is **Thursday 14th November** and the next Night Patrol is on **Wednesday, 20th November**.



*All children and parents are invited to morning rosary on **Thursdays and Fridays at 8:20am** in the school library. This is a wonderful way to start our day and end our week. God bless.*

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 CLOSURE

It is with sadness 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.

HOUSE FOR RENT

31 Merle Street Chester Hill, \$410 weekly rent, 3/4 bedroom home. It has recently been painted and renovated. Please contact Viviane on 0413 275 688 if you are interested.



MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 26th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Intentions of the Petricca Family <i>RIP</i> Dr Portia Mariano (Recently deceased on 12/8/19)
Sun 27th	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	Intentions of David McGeachie Personal Intentions of the Visevic Family <i>RIP</i> Jure Zuzul (Anniversary 19/10)
Mon 28th	9:15am	<i>RIP</i> Bill Lockhart (9 year anniversary)
Tues 29th	9:15am	Intentions of Anka Zuzul
Wed 30th	9:15am	<i>RIP</i> Fred Pham (anniversary)
Thu 31st	9:15am	Intentions of Anka Zuzul
Fri 1st	9:15am	Deceased Members of Dinh & Pham Families
Sat 2nd Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Deceased members of the Visevic Family <i>RIP</i> Bruno & Cecilia Nadile

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 27th October

- 11:00am - Baptism of Clara Maureen Grech
- 11:00am - Reconciliation Lessons

Monday, 28th October

- 10:30am - Requiem Mass for the late John Ryan
- Grandparents Day

Wednesday, 30th October

- 10:00am - Mass & Anointing at Abel Tasman Aged Care
- 6:00pm - Reconciliation Lessons

Friday, 1st November

- All Saints Day

Saturday, 2nd November

- 5:30pm - All Souls Day Remembrance Mass

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Ryan, Brian Harris, Harper Dowdell, Kevin Magnussen, Fr Peter Daly OMI

RIP ANNIVERSARY

Norma Manning, Fred Pham



OUR SICK

Phu Ma, George Abdallah, Jess McDougall, Laurel Anthony, Mary Pesce, Joy Grovenor, Joan Cassidy, Edna Windram, Shirley Ross, Francis Defosses, Alicia Bezett, John Morrison, Rosina Pellegrino, Youssef Ghadban, Monica McIntyre, Bryant Wilson, Alma Ryan, Bishop G Robinson, John Mealing, David McGeachie, Kath Coughlin, Mary Keane, Bob Rodrigues, Spiteri family, Matthew Barrington, Lydia Gwynne, Leo Hackett



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.*