

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 3RD NOVEMBER 2019

- *Death Online: Sydney abortion website opens for business*
- *104 - Patricia celebrates*
- *'Born that way' no more: New study is bad news for queer theory*
- *A Father's love reborn for a daughter*
- *Movie review: The Addams Family*
- *A heroic Anglican Archbishop*

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 - 9TH & 10TH NOVEMBER 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	K Collins	D Bui	C McDermott	B Freeburn
Readers	A Roberts	M Heim	L Vakauta	M Farlow
Ministers of Communion	P Loos Y Sassine	B Murphy J Murphy	K Hicks K Marson	J Freeburn M Williams
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	J Zhu	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	T Khoury & S Khoury			
Counters	J DeMartin, N Vanden Nieuwenhuizen, I Culpan			
Bankers	L Farlow, M Farlow			

PARISH CONTACTS

<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton

6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton, NSW 2162

Administrator: Fr Thomas Alukka

Sunday, 3rd November 2019: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Philip was getting ready to graduate from university. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him he wanted this car as a graduation gift from the family. His father did nothing. As his graduation day approached, Philip awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, the day after his graduation, his father called him into his study and told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and that he loved him. He handed Philip a beautifully wrapped box. Philip opened the box and found a beautiful, leather-bound Bible, with Philip's name embossed in gold. He did not even take the Bible out of the box. Angrily, he yelled at his father and said, 'Is this it? With all your money you give me a Bible?' and stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind. Philip's family ran after him, but he jumped in his car and sped away. He refused to answer his mobile phone, even when his family kept ringing it for hours and hours. Very late that night, when he had cooled down somewhat, he drove home to discover that his father had suffered a massive heart attack and died two hours before. His father had a history of heart disease. His furious and heart-broken mother told him to go and find the Bible which was the cause of the scene that morning. He found the Bible right where he had thrown it down on his father's desk. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. He came to a bookmark where his father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, 'And if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father in heaven give to those who ask Him?' As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL. Philip broke down and sobbed. How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected? The Gospel we have just heard is often called, 'the little man's revenge'. Zacchaeus was the least likely person in Jericho to host Jesus at dinner. In fact, as this marvellous story goes, that was the last thing on his mind as well. All Zacchaeus seems to have wanted is get a good look at Jesus who was on a 'walkabout' in the village. Jesus, however, seized the opportunity, given him by the actions of Jericho's chief tax collector, to teach everyone about how God's Kingdom comes in extraordinary packages. Because of his job, the local Jewish community would have hated Zacchaeus and yet Jesus does two things that welcome into the family of God: he calls him by name and dines with him. Jesus might have gone in the door of Zacchaeus' home, but he brings Zacchaeus out through God's door. He enables Zacchaeus to face up to his extortion and wealth and to claim his salvation. It's the same with us. If only we have the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the arms to embrace, Jesus comes to us through the most unusual people, times and places. We are his family, he calls us by name and he dines with us as often as we choose to accept his standing invitation to this table. But there's a price tag: we are meant to be different people for this encounter, generous with all we have to offer the world and transparent in all our relationships. No matter how lost we are, how far up a tree we get stuck or even when we are consumed with regret at the dreadful judgements we have made about the wrapping of God's gifts, Jesus calls us by name, invites us to his table and tells us that salvation is near at hand.



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PARISH APPOINTMENT

Most Rev. Archbishop Anthony Fisher, has appointed Very Rev. Fr. Maurice T Thompson, Episcopal Vicar and Parish Priest of St. Christopher's, Panania and St. Patrick's, Revesby Heights to Sefton and Villawood. Together with Fr. Thomas, we welcome Fr. Maurice to our parish community as he begins his pastoral ministry amongst us on the 7th December, 2019.

READINGS

This Week: Wis 11:22 – 12:2 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2 Lk 19:1-10
Next Week: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5 Lk 20:27-38

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND 2019 PASTORAL APPEAL

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal will run this weekend and we need your help. The work of CWF's benefiting agencies represents our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion (visit www.cwf.org.au to find out more), giving your gift the power to change lives for the better. Your parish will have special envelopes for your use or alternatively, visit the CWF website to donate securely by credit card (please remember to include your nominated parish as this helps them too). Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. To find out more, phone 1800 753 959 or email cwf@sydneycatholic.org. 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you from the Ryan and Kelly families for all your prayers and support on the passing of John Ryan. You all helped make the celebration of John's life a wonderful occasion.



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**.



Playgroup is held every **Thursday morning from 8:45am** in the Family Educator's Room, next to the Parish Centre. Children aged 2-5 years and their parent/carer are welcome.

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.

SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATA PRAYER GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Immaculata Sisters at Sefton invite any young adults that are interested, to join them in prayer every second Friday night. The prayer group will **begin in the Church at 6:30pm**. The next prayer group will be on **Friday, 8th November**. The Sisters look forward to seeing some new faces!



FUNDRAISER FOR SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL, VILLAWOOD

On **Saturday the 23rd of November**, Sacred Heart Primary School at Villawood will be holding a fundraiser in the form of family portraits! It is \$20 and includes a 10x13" family portrait and keyring. For any further enquiries contact Elena Tuputala through elena.tuputala@syd.catholic.edu.au or 0458 708 929. To book, visit the webpage www.trybooking.com/560776.

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).

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 2nd Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Deceased Members of the Visevic Family RIP Bruno & Cecilia Nadile
Sun 3rd	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	RIP Helen Smyth Deceased Members of the Visevic Family RIP Peter Paul Grovenor (4 year Anniversary on 5th November)
Mon 4th	9:15am	Good Health of Ana Soldo
Tues 5th	9:15am	RIP Peter Paul Grovenor (4 years)
Wed 6th	9:15am	RIP Eugeno & Giovanna Dore
Thu 7th	9:15am	Pray for All Souls
Fri 8th	9:15am	RIP Sy Huynh
Sat 9th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	RIP Michael Wang RIP Rolande L'Olive (Birthday)

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Ryan, Brian Harris, Harper Dowdell



RIP ANNIVERSARY

Stephen Low, Peter Paul Grovenor, Fay Budd, Ronald Francis Holmes

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

BISHOPS ANNOUNCE NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS AT ST PETER CHANEL

The Liturgical Year starting in December this year, we will be reading the Gospel of Matthew in Sunday Liturgy. Each Sunday we will be hearing only a portion of the Gospel and the commentary on it. But the Gospel, as a book, has a plot. This plot was designed to address a readership in its single parts, and as whole utterance. The survey of the Gospel of Matthew will help us identify the point of view communicated by the whole utterance of the story of the life of Jesus. I am offering such a survey of the Gospel of Matthew on Tuesdays of November starting on the 12th. It will take 3 sessions to cover the basic survey. The dates of this introduction to Matthew will be on **12th, 19th and 26th November**. The sessions will be from **7pm to 8pm**. It will be followed by a Mass. Please register your names with the Parish office so that I can determine the number of handouts to prepare. *Fr Thomas Kurunthanam*. Parish Office: 60 Kingsland Rd Regents Park, **Tel: 9644-7787 Email: info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au**

ST PETER CHANEL 40 YEAR REUNION - YR 10 CLASS OF 1979

Seeking former St Peter Chanel Girls High School students.

A reunion is to be held in Parramatta on Saturday evening, 30th November 2019.

Contact Sharon Flynn (Toomey) bigbirdshaz@gmail.com for further details.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 2nd November

- CWF Appeal - All Masses
- 5:30pm - All Souls Day Remembrance Mass

Sunday, 3rd November

- CWF Appeal - All Masses
- 11:00am - Reconciliation Lessons
- 12 noon - Baptism Class - Oblate Rooms

Tuesday, 5th November

- 9:15am - Yr 1 & Yr 5 attend Parish Mass
- After Parish Mass - Yr 5 Reconciliation
- 11:00am - Mass & Anointing at Weeroona Village

Wednesday, 6th November

- 6:00pm - Reconciliation Lessons