

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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Priest of the Parish: Fr Maurice T Thompson EV, PP

SUNDAY MASS:	Sunday – 9:00am
WEEKDAY MASSES:	Wednesday and Friday – 8:00am
CONFESSIONS:	On Request
BAPTISMS:	Sunday 9:45am (Contact Parish Office)

Sunday, 15th December 2019: Third Sunday of Advent - Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, come and save us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

VILLAWOOD MASSES

Sunday - 15 th December	3rd Sunday of Advent. Mass 9:00am
Monday - 16 th December	3rd week of Advent. 6:00pm Yr 6 Graduation Mass
Tuesday - 17 th December	3rd week of Advent. No Mass
Wednesday - 18 th December	3rd week of Advent. Mass 8:00am
Thursday - 19 th December	3rd week of Advent. No Mass
Friday - 20 th December	3rd week of Advent. Mass 8:00am
Saturday - 21 st December	3rd week of Advent. No Mass
Sunday - 22 nd December	4th Sunday of Advent. Mass 9:00am

SEFTON MASSES:

Monday to Friday	9:15am
Saturday	9:15am, 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am (Samoan), 5:30pm

INDIAN MASSES AT VILLAWOOD:

Tuesday to Friday	7:00pm
Saturday	9:30am
Sunday	10:45am

PULPIT POINTS 15TH DECEMBER 2019

- WA death squad
 - A blessing for Westconnex
 - Medevac move slammed
 - Sheen beatification called off
 - Movie review: The Two Popes
 - A home for the homeless
- \$2 - all money goes to the poor.*

CATHOLIC WEEKLY AND POOR BOX MONEY

Unfortunately, we do not currently have a collection box for the Catholic Weekly money, or for the poor. Until a new one has been sourced, please see Wayne Lofts, Margaret Dooley or Leonie King to pay for the Catholic Weekly or to donate to the poor.

2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year, the Sefton and Villawood parishes will be enjoying a Christmas get-together on **Sunday 22nd December in the Sefton Parish Centre from 1:00pm**. Bring a plate of food to share if you are able and BYO drinks (tea and coffee will be available). If you wish to attend, please put your name on the list at the back of the Church with the number of people that will be attending in your party. Looking forward to seeing as many parishioners attending as possible! This is also an opportunity to meet our new Parish Priest, Very Rev. Fr Maurice Thompson.



CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Christmas Cards are now for sale at \$6 for a pack of 10, with funds raised going to St Vincent de Paul Society. Columban Calendars are also for sale at \$9 each. Please see Margaret Dooley or Leonie King for purchase and collection.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Please keep in your prayers the Year 6 children of Sacred Heart Primary School who will graduate on Monday 16th December. Fr Maurice will celebrate the Graduation Mass at 6:00pm and we congratulate the children and pray that God will keep them safe and guide them through their high school journey.

SACRED HEART CHOIR

Choir practice is on **Mondays at 7pm**. If anyone is interested in joining, they can get in touch with either Esterina or Ibbey after Sunday 9am Mass. We look forward to hearing more of our Choir at our Sunday Masses.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Catholic Parish of St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala invite all who wish to share the joy of Christmas with others to a Christmas Lunch. Food, drink and entertainment provided.

Date: 25th December 2019
Place: Jubilee Hall, 64 Kingsland Road, Berala (next to the Church)
Time: 11am till 3pm



RSVP for transport: Please phone Barbara or Georgette no later than Tuesday 20th December on 9643-7794. For further details, please contact Evelene Safadi on 0416 140 378.

PLENARY COUNCIL

Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese to participate in the plenary council general assembly held in Adelaide in October? If so, speak with your Parish Priest or Barbara Perry (Sydney Plenary Council Working Group) on 0438 012 964, barbara.perry@sydneycatholic.org for more details. All applicants must fill in and submit an application form found here: <https://sydneycatholic.org/plenary-council.pdf>.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO SENIORS?

We need people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea and to help with light housework. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX AND HER PARENTS

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Therese, and her parents, Louis and Zelig, will visit the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March 2020. Please see the full itinerary which is posted on the noticeboard at the back of the Church.

YOUTH LEADERS EVANGELISATION SCHOOL 2020

From 25th January - 1st February, a week long live-in experience for youth leaders and young adults between 18 and 35 years old. The school will allow leaders to explore their call to discipleship through community life, daily prayer and building a culture of responsibility for themselves and others in their daily lives. The program encourages leaders to exercise their call to evangelisation within the many contexts of their lives, including ministry. For more information, contact Elizabeth Pasion on (02) 9307 8152 or elizabeth.pasion@sydneycatholicityouth.org

CALLING ALL CATECHISTS - CHILDREN'S LITURGY, SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION, PUBLIC SCHOOL CATECHISTS

You are invited to 'come and see' and experience the pilgrimage of a lifetime to where Jesus walked. "To experience the Garden of Gethsemane, the place of the Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee - scriptures come alive and you will never be the same again!" Very Rev Michael McLean, Episcopal Vicar for Education (Schs), Leader of the Archdiocese's CCD Parish Catechist Support team's Jubilee Pilgrimage. Departs 16 May 2020, 10 Nights/13 Days in the Holy Land with Optional Rome Extension (5 Nights). Book now 1800 819 156 www.harvestjourneys.com/PV3120 DEPOSIT due 20 Dec 2019. "Next year, Jerusalem!"

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM 5-9 JAN 2020

Young people aged 16-20 interested in history, literature, philosophy and theology are invited to register for Campion College's five-day Summer Program and get a taste of a Catholic tertiary education in the liberal arts. Free to attend thanks to Campion's generous donors (including meals, activities and accommodation on campus in Toongabbie). Spaces are limited! Find out more and register at: www.campion.edu.au/summer-program

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE

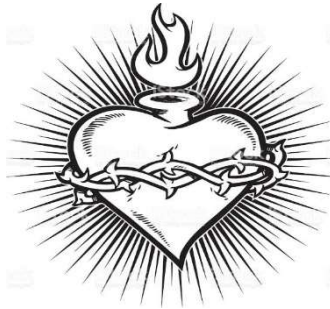
The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland,

celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. Registration and details at epiphanypilgrimage.org and [facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage](https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage)

FACEBOOK PAGE

For updates on what is happening in our Parish and for interesting and informative reading, please “like” our page on Facebook. The link for the page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartvillawood>



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.