

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

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

## Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019: First Sunday of Advent - Year A

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

### VILLAWOOD MASSES

Sunday - 1 <sup>st</sup> December	1st Sunday of Advent. Mass 9:00am
Monday - 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	1st week of Advent. No Mass
Tuesday - 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	St Francis Xavier, priest. No Mass
Wednesday - 4 <sup>th</sup> December	1st week of Advent. Mass 8:00am
Thursday - 5 <sup>th</sup> December	1st week of Advent. No Mass
Friday - 6 <sup>th</sup> December	1st week of Advent. Mass 8:00am
Saturday - 7 <sup>th</sup> December	St Ambrose, bishop, doctor. No Mass
Sunday - 8 <sup>th</sup> December	2nd Sunday of Advent. Mass 9:00am

### SEFTON MASSES:

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

### INDIAN MASSES AT VILLAWOOD:

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

### PULPIT POINTS 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2019

- They walked with Him
  - Christians on the brink warning
  - The school that's a vocations powerhouse
  - Persecuting Latin Mass backfires
  - Movie review: The Good Liar
  - Divorce & faithful *Available in the foyer.*
- \$2 - all money goes to the poor.

### **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 and Fr. Joseph, we welcome Fr. Maurice to our parish community as he begins his pastoral ministry amongst us on the 7th December, 2019.

### **FAREWELL FR THOMAS**

It is with a great deal of sadness to inform you that Fr Thomas will be finishing his ministry with us here at Villawood and Sefton on Thursday 5th December. Fr Thomas has been appointed as Administrator of St Augustine of Hippo Balmain and St Joseph Rozelle Parishes, commencing on 6th December. We thank Fr Thomas for all he brought to our Parish: he is a very giving and caring man who is always more than happy to assist in any way he can. He will be very much missed and Balmain/Rozelle are very lucky to be gaining such a wonderful Priest. We wish you all the best Fr Thomas and may God continue to bless you and guide you on your journey.



### **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.

### **DECEMBER HEALING MASS**

All parishioners are invited to attend the February Healing Mass at **St Joseph's Catholic Church 126 Liverpool Rd Enfield on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. If you have any queries, feel free to contact Rose on 9642-2359 or 0412 115 961. Thank you

### **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 Ibbby after Sunday 9am Mass. We look forward to hearing more of our Choir at our Sunday Masses.

## **GIFTS OF FAITH**

This Christmas, give a gift with faith. The Catholic charity *Aid to the Church in Need* has produced a Gift of Faith catalogue in support of suffering and persecuted Christians. Copies can be found in the foyer of the Church, on the table. Alternatively, visit [www.aidtochurch.org/GiftsofFaith](http://www.aidtochurch.org/GiftsofFaith) or phone **1800 101 201**. **Order by 9<sup>th</sup> December** to receive your Gift of Faith cards and envelopes in time for Christmas.

## **ANNUAL LOURDES DAY MASS 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

The Annual Lourdes Day Mass of the Order of Malta will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Fisher and the Chaplains of the Order on **Saturday 7 December at 10am** in St Mary's Cathedral. This is a very special event in our calendar, to offer Charism to the sick, the elderly and frail. There will be a Blessing from the Archbishop and Chaplains, and vials of Lourdes water will be distributed. A reserved area for those in wheelchairs or needing assistance is set aside and access to the Cathedral for wheelchairs is from St. Mary's Rd. Family and friends are welcome. Parking for the general congregation is in the Enacon Car Park adjacent, at the end of Cathedral St. For any enquiries or should you need assistance please contact the Order at: [info@smom.org.au](mailto:info@smom.org.au); [macolmi@bigpond.net.au](mailto:macolmi@bigpond.net.au) or phone 9331 8477.

## **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:** 25<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December on 9643-7794. For further details, please contact Evelene Safadi on 0416 140 378.

## **LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS**

Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral with a special Opening Night Concert featuring Friar Alessandro, the Voice from Assisi, and internationally acclaimed Australian pianist Vivian Choi. A wonderful free community event starting **Thursday, 5th December with the Opening Night Concert from 7.30pm**. A Sydney tradition, the Lights of Christmas runs every night until Christmas featuring a range of choirs.



## **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FOR CATECHISTS**

The CCD is organising a pilgrimage with Fr Michael McLean to the Holy Land in May 2020. Optional extension to Rome available and Mass with Pope Francis. For bookings and itinerary details, contact Harvest Pilgrimages on **9390-5460 by December 6th**.

## **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.



**11TH ANNUAL IWITNESS CONFERENCE**

# LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Join hundreds of young Aussie Catholics for an unforgettable weekend as we experience what it means to live "Life In The Spirit". It's all about fresh air, faith and fun! We've got a fantastic line-up of guest speakers, awesome activities, and a beautiful venue.

The iWitness Conference keeps alive the spirit of Sydney's World Youth Day in 2008, and stands to unite young people as they engage with, learn about, and are inspired by their Catholic faith.

Whatever state your spiritual life is currently in, you are welcome. Come as you are, and prepare to return different.

**DECEMBER 12-15 2019 | AGES 18-35 | THE TOPS CONFERENCE CENTRE**  
Register at [www.iwitnessconference.com](http://www.iwitnessconference.com)



## 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](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.