

Mass Times:**Monday to Saturday :** 9:15am**Saturday:** 5:30pm (Vigil); **Sunday:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am (Samoan), 5:30pm**Rosary:** Monday to Saturday: 8:50am**Sacred Heart Devotions:** Fridays, 9:50am**Reconciliation:** Saturdays After Morning Mass until 10:30am**Baptisms:** 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:00am**Weddings and Funerals:** Contact Parish Office**CHRISTMAS - 24TH & 25TH DECEMBER 2019**

Mass	5:30pm	7:30pm	Midnight	8:00am	10:00am
Acolytes	L Cavallo	B Freeburn	J Rodrigues	Villawood Mass	J Rodrigues
Readers	P Foran	M Flanagan	M Abraham	Villawood Mass	T Tierney
Ministers of Communion	E Torres K Hicks	J Freeburn Y Sassine	M Abraham	Villawood Mass	Volunteer
Musician/Choir	J Ngo	Parishioners	Parishioners	Villawood Mass	IHM Choir

MINISTRY ROSTER - 28TH DECEMBER & 29TH DECEMBER 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	C McDermott	T Bui	K Collins	J Luciano
Readers	R Winder	T Evans	L Vakauta	S Faitua
Ministers of Communion	M Flanagan T Flanagan	B Murphy M Abraham	C Bourizk J Bourizk	L Farlow E Torres
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	Parishioners	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	L Ghadban, R LaRosa			
Counters	T Flanagan, K Collins, I Prygiel			
Bankers	L Farlow, M Farlow			

PARISH CONTACTS**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church****Parish Priest:** Fr. Maurice Thompson EV. PP.**Priest Emeritus:** Fr. Sebastian Chacko**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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Parish Priest: Fr Maurice T Thompson EV. PP.**Priest Emeritus:** Fr Sebastian Chacko**Sunday, 22nd December 2019: Fourth Sunday in Advent - Year A**

*May the peace and hope of
Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead...*

Christmas Greetings

To remember our yesterdays, our today's, and our tomorrows are indeed a challenge and a blessing, for we hold with love and respect those who have journeyed with us that have departed this life, those who walk with us still and our dreams for ourselves and our families as we celebrate and welcome the Christ Child. We give thanks for the faith that unites us as a parish family. The unique fabric of the two parishes invites us all to carry Christ on our journey of life, to be daring and generous in our commitment to Christ, to bring peace and healing to our community and families. Christmas invites us as individuals and as a parish community to be more compassionate, for the essence of its message – peace, goodwill and generosity, the hope generated by a child's birth, the claim that love is the priority in human affairs – has a timeless yet confronting appeal. A word of sincere thanks to all who serve our parish community and to those who serve us as teachers, fireman, nurses, doctors, soldiers, sailors, and the men and women of our police force, to mention a few, we are indeed thankful. I am indeed humbled and privileged to be appointed and begin my ministry amongst you as the priest of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton and Sacred Heart, Villawood. On behalf of my brother priests, Fr. Sabastian, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Michael and Leisa our Parish Secretary, I wish you and your families the Blessing of the Christ Child.

Fr. Maurice Thompson EV, PP**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, a reminder to **please collect your new roster** from the table in the foyer. The new roster commences on Christmas Day.



READINGS

This Week: Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24
Next Week: Sir 3:2-6. 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15. 19-23

BAPTISM Please pray for **MARTIN BUI NGUYEN** as we welcome him into our Parish community through the sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, 22nd December 2019**. Let us pray also for Martin's parents and Godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Martin in the practice of the faith.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thank you to all our IHM Sefton volunteers - there are an army of you and all your hard work over the past year is very much appreciated. Your willingness to use your gifts and abilities has strengthened the mission and ministry of our church. For all your time, effort and hard work, please accept the thanks and appreciation of our parish. You have truly been a blessing to this community. It has been a pleasure once again working in the Parish Office this past year, due to the beautiful Parishioners I encounter every day and the many wonderful Priests I come into contact with. I wish you and your families a safe, happy and blessed Christmas and look forward to an exciting year for our Parish in 2020. Leisa.

A reminder that the Sefton and Villawood parish Christmas get-together is on this **Sunday 22nd December** in the **Sefton Parish Centre from 1:00pm**. Please bring a plate of food to share if you are able and BYO drinks (tea & coffee provided). Looking forward to a chat!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES FOR SEFTON & VILLAWOOD PARISHES:

SEFTON PARISH:

Tuesday 24th December: 5:30pm (Children's Mass)
7:30pm (Vigil)
9:30pm (Samoan)
MIDNIGHT MASS

Wednesday 25th December: 10:00am

VILLAWOOD PARISH:

Tuesday 24th December: 6:30pm

Wednesday 25th December: 8:00am



CONGRATULATIONS FR SEBASTIAN CHACKO

Congratulations to Fr Sebastian on his 43rd anniversary of Ordination which occurred on 19th December. We thank Fr Sebastian for his loving service to the Church. May God bless him abundantly in his priestly ministry.

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Bonita and Sesilia who will be working in the IHM Parish Office and Church. Please make Bonita and Sesilia feel welcome should you see them around.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

PULPIT POINTS 22 DECEMBER 2019

- God walks amongst us: Christmas Wrap
- A family Grace for Christmas lunch
- Monica Doumit: Don't be gloomy
- Students top HSC
- Movie review: Knives Out
- When a tribe is a blessing

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

PULPIT POINTS 29 DECEMBER 2019

- A big year for Francis: 2019 in review
- The Little Flower: Relics coming to Aust.
- Where we're headed in 2020
- Fighting homelessness
- Movie review: *Dark Waters*
- A Eucharistic miracle

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 21st	9:15am	RIP Deceased Members of the Saidi Family
Vigil	5:30pm	RIP John O'Brien 2nd Anniversary on 25/12
Sun 22nd	8:00am	RIP John Ryan (2 month anniversary)
	10:00am	RIP Maha Ghadban (Anniversary)
	5:30pm	Intentions of Margaret Fox
Mon 23rd	9:15am	RIP Margaret Fox - 11 year Anniversary
Tues 24th	9:15am	RIP Leon Banboujian
Wed 25th	9:15am	NO MASS INTENTION
Thu 26th	9:15am	RIP Hien Pham
Fri 27th	9:15am	RIP Diego Codozo
Sat 28th	9:15am	All Souls in Purgatory
	5:30pm	RIP Sr Maureen James RSM (recently deceased)
Vigil		

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Dave Shelton OMI, Rosina Pellegrino, Michael Walker, Ferdinand Pisano, Audrey Barrington, Joan Cassidy

RIP ANNIVERSARY

Rosa Tempesta

OUR SICK

John & Samir Sharobem, Edna Farlow, Jess McDougall, Laurel Anthony, Mary Pesce, Joy Grovenor, Edna Windram, Shirley Ross, Francis Defosses, Alicia Bezett, John Morrison, 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

COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS

With Christmas upon us, this weekend is your last chance to purchase **Christmas cards from St Vincent de Paul (\$6 for a pack of 10)**. They will be sold from the Piety store after Mass together with the 2020 **Columban calendar (for \$9)**.

FROM OUR FAMILY EDUCATOR, MRS CLAUDE BOURIZK:

23rd Dec: 10:00am - Full Dress Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Mass in Church

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our wonderful parishioners for your support of the Family and Faith initiatives that I have initiated this year as a way to connect or reconnect our school families to our church family. For embracing our outreach program for St Vincent DePaul (Sandwich Making, Behind the scenes at Lewisham, Night Patrol and Food Donations) Thank you for being the face, hands and feet of Jesus Christ to so many people in need.

I wish you all a blessed and holy Christmas with family and loved ones, I thank God for our priests, our parish staff and each person who works so hard to keep our church active and alive. I pray for Hope, Peace and Love in our world, I pray for rain to end the drought and put out the fires. I especially pray for each one of you that the Lord will endow us as a community, with his countless blessings.

Mrs Claude Bourizk, Family Educator

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 22nd December

- 11:00am - Baptism of Martin Bui Nguyen
- 1:00pm - Parish Christmas Party

Monday, 23rd December

- 10:00am - Full Dress Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Mass (in Church)

Tuesday, 24th December

- **NO MORNING MASS**

- 5:30pm - Children's Mass
- 7:30pm - Vigil Mass
- 9:30pm - Samoan Mass
- MIDNIGHT MASS

Wednesday, 25th December - Christmas Day

- 10:00am - Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, 29th December

- Feast of the Holy Family

