

# 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019: Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

### VILLAWOOD MASSES

Sunday - 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	4th Sunday of Advent. Mass 9:00am
Monday - 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	4th week of Advent. No Mass
Tuesday - 24 <sup>th</sup> December	4th week of Advent. Mass 6:30pm
Wednesday - 25 <sup>th</sup> December	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas). Mass 8:00am
Thursday - 26 <sup>th</sup> December	St Stephen, the first martyr. No Mass
Friday - 27 <sup>th</sup> December	St John, apostle, evangelist. Mass 8:00am
Saturday - 28 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Innocents, martyrs. No Mass
Sunday - 29 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. 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 22<sup>ND</sup> 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
- \$2 - all money goes to the poor.

### PULPIT POINTS 29<sup>TH</sup> 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
- \$2 - all money goes to the poor.



### **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 Sacred Heart, Villawood and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton. 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*



### **CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS**

Last chance to purchase your Christmas Cards for \$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.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES FOR SEFTON & VILLAWOOD PARISHES:**

**VILLAWOOD PARISH:**

**Tuesday 24th December:** 6:30pm (Vigil)  
**Wednesday 25th December:** 8:00am (Christmas Day Mass)

**SEFTON PARISH:**

**Tuesday 24th December:** 5:30pm (Children's Mass)  
7:30pm (Vigil)  
9:30pm (Samoan)  
MIDNIGHT MASS  
**Wednesday 25th December:** 10:00am (Christmas Day Mass)



**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.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Thank you to the volunteers of Sacred Heart Villawood for all of your hard work over this past year - your efforts are much appreciated. 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.

A reminder that the Sefton and Villawood parish Christmas get-together is 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 and coffee will be available).



**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 Christmas Eve Mass.

**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

For further details, please contact Evelene Safadi on 0416 140 378.

**POSITION VACANT – PARISH SECRETARY FOR ST CHRISTOPHER’S PANANIA & ST. PATRICK’S REVESBY HEIGHTS**

Parish Office: 233 Tower St. Panania NSW 2213

Hours required: Tues to Friday - 9am to 3pm

Total 24 hours part time. Must be available during school holidays. Office experience is essential and previous Parish Office experience would be preferable. If you are interested in applying for this position please ring the Parish Office 02 9774 3662 or email [stcparishmanager@gmail.com](mailto:stcparishmanager@gmail.com) to request a detailed job description and criteria form to enable you to submit your resume in writing. Applications close 2nd January 2020.

**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](mailto: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>.

**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](mailto:elizabeth.pasion@sydneycatholicityouth.org)

**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.