

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 Ghaban, R LaRosa			
Counters	T Flanagan, K Collins, I Prygiel			
Bankers	L Farlow, M Farlow			

PARISH CONTACTS

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**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton**

6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton, NSW 2162

Parish Priest: Fr Maurice T Thompson EV. PP.**Priest Emeritus:** Fr Sebastian Chacko & Fr Michael Butler**Wednesday, 25th December 2019: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) DAY****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

READINGS

Vigil:	Is 62:1-5	Acts 13:16-17. 22-25	Mt 1:18-25
Midnight:	Is 9:1-7	Ti 2:11-14	Lk 2:1-14
Christmas Day:	Is 52:7-10	Heb 1:1-6	Jn 1:1-5. 9-14

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



REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

Today the Christmas celebration gains a new depth of theological meaning. At midnight, the birth in history was proclaimed. At dawn, the initiative of God's gift was declared and the community's joyful gratitude was announced. In this third celebration, the identity of Christ and the new way of life that he brings is announced.

If our eyes are open and alert, we can see that God has won a victory for us, one that is tangible and realised in our midst. It is an overwhelming victory, one that permanently conquers the enemy. This victory has a profound impact on every place, every time and every people. The birth of the infant, the king in David's line, promises salvation to all who long for it. This salvation is a new vision of wisdom, one that has been realised in Christ, God's agent of grace in the world. It is a new world, one of inclusivity and of righteous honour. It is a new age, one that is ushered in by the child who is leading a victory procession.

Ultimately, only eyes of faith allow us to see the fullness of God's revelation. The glory of the infant king is the very presence of God made flesh. Jesus is the eternal incarnate Word who has pitched his tent among us. Ours is not a distant God; the incarnate wisdom of God is among us, and we are called to a change of heart that will allow us to see this wonder.

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).

SEFTON AND VILLAWOOD PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY:



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 10:00am 5:30pm	RIP John Ryan (2 month anniversary) RIP Maha Ghadban (Anniversary) 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	Intentions of All Parishioners
Thu 26th	9:15am	RIP Hien Pham
Fri 27th	9:15am	RIP Diego Codozo
Sat 28th	9:15am 5:30pm	All Souls in Purgatory 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wednesday, 1st January

- New Year's Day
- Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

