

# 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)

## 25<sup>th</sup> December 2019: The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas) Day

### VIGIL MASS:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.





### **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*

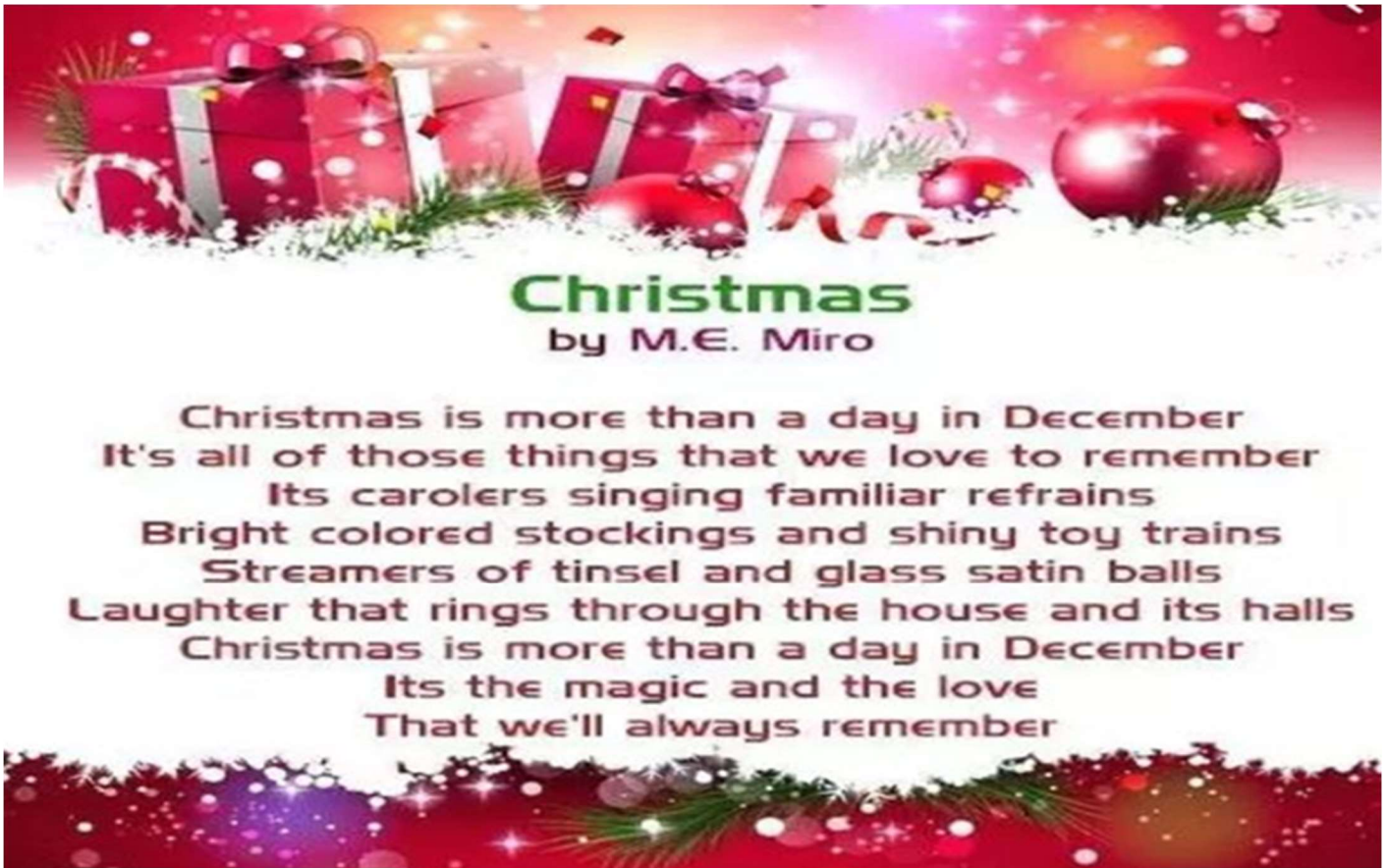
**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES FOR VILLAWOOD & SEFTON PARISHES:**

**VILLAWOOD PARISH:**

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

**SEFTON PARISH:**

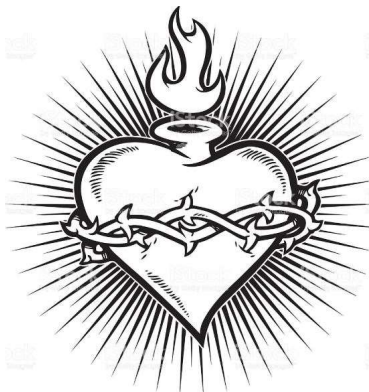
*Tuesday 24th December:* 5:30pm (Children's Mass)  
7:30pm (Vigil)  
9:30pm (Samoan)  
MIDNIGHT MASS  
*Wednesday 25th December:* 10:00am (Christmas Day Mass)





**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Some photos from the Villawood/Sefton Parish Christmas party:



**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.