

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, 19th January 2020: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

VILLAWOOD MASSES

Sunday - 19 th January	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass 9:00am
Monday - 20 th January	Weekday, Ordinary Time 2. No Mass
Tuesday - 21 st January	St Agnes, virgin, martyr. No Mass
Wednesday - 22 nd January	Weekday, Ordinary Time 2. Mass 8:00am
Thursday - 23 rd January	Weekday, Ordinary Time 2. No Mass
Friday - 24 th January	St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor. Mass 8:00am
Saturday - 25 th January	The Conversion of St Paul, apostle. No Mass
Sunday - 26 th January	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. 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

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 for more details. All applicants must fill in and submit an application form found here: <https://sydneycatholic.org/plenary-council.pdf>.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Friends, the sad tragedy of the bushfires has impacted upon our Catholic community across the Archdiocese of Sydney in a very real way. A brave Rural Fire Service volunteer Andrew O'Dwyer was farewelled at a Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Victories Parish in Horsley Park this week. The parish is providing ongoing support to his widow Melissa and 19 month old daughter Charlotte and our prayers are with them. Amidst the devastation of the fires, it has been encouraging to witness the support of so many ordinary Australians, including so many men and women of faith. While much of the response must be at a local parish and diocesan level, such a great crisis also requires a national response. Alongside my brother bishops across the country, I encourage you to donate to a special parish collection at Masses over the Australia Day weekend (25th and 26th January) through the St Vincent De Paul Society. Through this bushfire appeal, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of those affected, whether that be to cover basic clothing or the food bill for a family evacuated from their home. The support may also come through psychological counselling services for families left traumatised by the disaster or financial counselling as they struggle to pay unexpected bills. Together we can offer real comfort and long-term support to families left struggling after the bushfires. + *Anthony Fisher OP*

HELP - STRENGTHENING OUR PARISH FOR SERVICE

Dear Parishioners, each of us is called to the primary ministry of service by our regular participation in the Eucharist during the week and in particular on Sunday at Mass thereby building up a vibrant Catholic Family Community. We are all called to serve in the various ministries within our parish with faith, hope and love with our time and talent. Our parish family needs your help and depends upon each of us to help one another in worship, charity and service. The life of our parish is indeed dependant on the help, involvement and interest of her parishioners with God's Grace.

A sincere thanks and gratitude to those who in the past and currently engaged in our various parish ministries. Thank you and God Bless.

As we commence the New Year, I now ask you humbly, especially our children, young adults, new retirees, families, single and married parishioners to consider volunteering for a parish ministry: altar servers, senior servers, acolytes, readers, welcomers, extraordinary eucharistic ministers (for church and homes), musicians, church and parish cleaning, flowers, counters, sacramental team, liturgy team, social, parish events and so forth and in particular the call for nominations and forming a Parish Council and Finance Committee. Please help to strengthen our parish for service.

Fr. Maurice

In the coming weeks, our Survey Parish Card will be available for an update of our parish census, for the above ministries and more. I am asking each member/family of our parish to please complete and return to the Parish Office or myself or Fr Joseph.

VISIT FROM BEN THE SEMINARIAN

Ben Gandy, our Seminarian who was with us last year for six months, is visiting the Sefton area from 28th January until 4th February. If you would like to catch up with Ben whilst he is here, there will be a lunch on **Monday 3rd February from 12:30pm at Dooley's Catholic Club, Regents Park**. Please feel welcome to attend (pay for your own lunch and drinks).

DEVOTIONS TO HONOUR OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday 9th February 2020 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30pm followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00pm. The Principal celebrant will be The Reverend Fr Brian Lucas. Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

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@sydneycatholicyouth.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. 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.