## SACRED HEART CHURCH

120 Carawatha Street Villawood

Telephone: (02) 9644-4026 Email: office@ihmsefton.org.au Priest of the Parish: Fr Maurice T Thompson EV, PP

Sunday – 9:00am SUNDAY MASS:

Wednesday and Friday – 8:00am WEEKDAY MASSES:

On Request CONFESSIONS:

Sunday 9:45am (Contact Parish Office) **BAPTISMS:** 

# Sunday, 5th January 2020: The Epiphany of the Lord

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp,

and power and dominion.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

adore the Lord. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the

Lord.

#### VILLAWOOD MASSES

Sunday - 5<sup>th</sup> January The Epiphany of the Lord. Mass 9:00am Monday - 6<sup>th</sup> January Weekday of Christmas Time. No Mass Tuesday - 7<sup>th</sup> January Weekday of Christmas Time. No Mass Wednesday - 8th January Weekday of Christmas Time. Mass 8:00am Thursday - 9th January Weekday of Christmas Time. No Mass Friday - 10<sup>th</sup> January Weekday of Christmas Time. Mass 8:00am Saturday - 11<sup>th</sup> January Weekday of Christmas Time. No Mass Sunday - 12<sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of the Lord. Mass 9:00am

#### **SEFTON MASSES:** INDIAN MASSES AT VILLAWOOD: 7:00pm

Monday to Friday Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

9:30am Saturday 9:15am, 5:30pm (Vigil) Saturday 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am (Samoan), Sunday Sunday 10:45am

5:30pm

#### 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 Plenary Working Barbara Perry (Sydney Council Group) on 0438 012 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.

#### **FAREWELL FR SEBASTIAN**

We farewell Fr Sebastian on 8<sup>th</sup> January as he leaves to minister in Samoa. We wish Fr Sebastian safe travels and hope to see him back amongst us in a few months' time. We will miss you Fr Sebastian!



#### **PRAY FOR RAIN**

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all those who have been, and are being, affected by the terrible bushfires raging through our country and all the firefighters who are heroically fighting the fires. We also pray for the gift of rain as so many people and families are affected by this drought.

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity.

Father we pray, in your mercy, restrain the forces of nature from creating catastrophic damage across our country.

In your mercy, protect all human and animal life in jeopardy.

Guard those who selflessly step into the breach to fight these terrifying fires.

Give them courage, skill and protection as they fight nature's fury. Bring comfort and healing to all who suffer loss.

Have mercy upon this land of Australia; which you have blessed with so much natural beauty and majesty.

Hear us, as we cry to you for help.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

#### 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.

#### 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 Zelie, 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.

#### **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL 2020 RETREAT**

**18-19 January at 9am to 4:30pm** at St Agatha's Catholic Primary School Hall. Entry and parking at 7 Trebor Road, Pennant Hills. Cost: \$50 International speaker Michelle Moran. Eucharist Celebrant Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR. All meals provided. Registrations close Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Phone 9810 2499 or email email@ccrnsw.org.au

#### 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 <a href="mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org">safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org</a>. 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.