



# Immaculate Heart of Mary & Sacred Heart Catholic Church



## Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Times

6 Kerrine Road, Sefton NSW 2162

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 8am, 10am, (11:30am Samoan) & 5:30pm

Weekdays: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 9:15am

Rosary: Tues to Sat: 8:50am Confessions: Sat: 10am -10:30am

Baptisms: 11am Sundays by appointment

Weddings: By appointment

## Sacred Heart Mass Times

120 Carawatha Street, Villawood NSW 2163

Sunday: 9am Weekdays: Wed & Fri : 8am

Syro-Malabar Masses: Tues - Fri: 7pm, Sat: 9:30am, Sun:10:45am

Confessions: Contact Parish Office

Baptisms: 10am Sundays by appointment

Weddings: By appointment

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD — YEAR A.

11/12 APRIL 2020

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf.Ps 138:18,5-6

***I have risen, and I am with you still,  
alleluia. You have laid your hand upon  
me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this  
knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.***

## 1st Reading

Acts 10:34. 37-43

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear

this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

*The Word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God.***

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps117:1-2.16-17.22-3.R.v.24

***This is the day the Lord  
has made; let us  
rejoice and  
be glad.***



Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

***This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.***

## 2nd Reading

Col 3:1-4

*A reading from the letter of St Paul  
to the Colossians*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth,

**Parish Priest: Fr. Maurice T. Thompson EV PP**

**Assistant Priest & Chaplain for Syro-Malabar Community: Fr. Joseph Kunnackattu**

**Priest Emeritus: Fr. Michael Butler**

**Parish Office: 02 9644 4026 Fax: 02 9743 7407 Email: [office@ihmsefton.org.au](mailto:office@ihmsefton.org.au)**

**Parish Website: [www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au](http://www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au)**

## Immaculate Heart of Mary & Sacred Heart Parish/School Contacts:

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### VILLAWOOD

**REC /Sacramental Co-ordinator:** Eddy Rumora: 02 9727 4149  
**Parish/School Family Educator:** Elena Tuputala: 0458 708 929

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**Sefton/Villawood Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Anthony Chadrawy

### SEFTON

**REC:** Steve Belcastro: 02 9644 3555  
**Sacramental Co-ordinator:** Pauline Kelly: 9644 4026  
**Parish/School Family Educator:** Claude Bourizk:  
 0413 860 075



### OUR SCHOOLS

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Primary School, Sefton:** 02 9644 3555  
 Principal: John Kennedy  
**Sacred Heart Primary School, Villawood:** 02 9727 4149  
 Principal: Michelle Bourne



### **Pastoral Letter to the Clergy and Faithful of the Archdiocese of Sydney regarding the latest restrictions in response to the COVID -19 pandemic 30 March 2020**

All Australians are experiencing hardship at this time as we seek to limit the spread of the Coronavirus. Many people are being asked to make great sacrifices: our health professionals working long hours and risking their own health; those who have lost their jobs; businesses that have had to close; parents struggling to care for their children while 'working from home'; and so on. As Catholics, our greatest sacrifice is being unable to gather to celebrate the sacraments or even to spend time praying in a church. Gatherings are limited to two people.

#### Live-streaming of Holy Week Services

These live-streaming services will be trimmed down and shortened (e.g. no palm procession, no washing of the feet, no kissing the cross except by the celebrant, no Easter fire) to maintain the viewers interest. **"Mass for You at Home" is broadcast on Channel 10 each Sunday from 6am.** There are several live-streaming and on-demand services for daily Mass both locally and from around the English-speaking world. See the **Archdiocese of Sydney website for links to viewing mass at the St Mary's Cathedral and other parishes who are live-streaming Mass.** While live-streaming, the church must remain closed and the faithful may not congregate outside, nor may the clergy come out of the church to distribute palms or Holy Communion (as this would encourage illegal gatherings).

To help people maintain their physical health and spiritual life through this crisis, we have a page on our archdiocesan website. For latest updates, prayers and spiritual resources, and **to watch Mass online** please visit

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/>.

#### Closure of Churches

At this stage, the directions in my pastoral letter of 23 March continue to apply regarding church closures, **no public gatherings for Mass, private prayer and other services, Sunday observance, annual duties, Baptisms, Anointing, pastoral visits and clergy availability.** Any weddings only five people can be present (encourage to postpone) and at funerals only ten people present (can offer to do memorials later in the year).

#### Confessions

Because First Rite Confessions are by definition a meeting of two people these are unaffected. However, they cannot be conducted in churches or in a way that encourages groups of people to gather in one place. Some are trying outdoors confessions; others in the presbytery or people's homes. Current advice on distancing (4sqm), hygiene, hand sanitiser etc should be followed. Confessions are offered by strict "Appointment only" through the Parish Office.

#### Novel viruses provoke novel pastoral practices in the Archdiocese

Here are some examples of things being offered by the Archdiocese in response to current needs and restrictions:

- Archdiocesan coronavirus webpage includes links to live-streamed and on-demand liturgies, readings, current health and liturgical directives, prayers, reflections, stories of saints in plagues etc:  
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/>
- Daily live-streaming of Masses from St Mary's Cathedral: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>
- The *Catholic Weekly* is fully available on-line and offers regular news updates:  
<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/> the full digital edition of the paper can also be accessed: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-on-line/>
- Regular pastoral letters from the Archbishop: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/>
- Regular updates from the ACBC, the Vicar-General and the Liturgy Office on directions for celebrating the sacraments etc.
- Daily on-line lectio divina:  
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/#lectio>
- On-line devotions, podcast lectures and reflections etc. and links to useful resources from around Australia and the world

#### Pastoral Care

The parish will help those in need, particularly the frail and elderly parishioners. You may also call CatholicCare's dedicated phone service. See <https://www.ccareline.org/> or Phone 13 18 19 who will also manage calls for assistance.

In this difficult time I entrust our Archdiocese and our nation to the intercession of Our Lady, Help of Christians, of Lourdes, and of Good Health.



God bless you all.

**Yours sincerely in Christ,  
Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP,  
Archbishop of Sydney**

### **DO YOU WANT THE BULLETIN EMAILED TO YOU?**

**Send us an email with your request and we will  
be happy to include you in the group :  
Parish Email: [office@ihmsefton.org.au](mailto:office@ihmsefton.org.au)**



## EASTER MASSES — AT IHM SEFTON LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK



**HOLY THURSDAY, 9 APRIL—7PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY, 10 APRIL**

**10AM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**3PM — OUR LORD'S PASSION**

**EASTER SAT. VIGIL** – Please join Archbishop at  
St. Mary's Cathedral online at 6.30pm  
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

**EASTER SUNDAY, 12 APRIL — 9.30AM**

**SAMOAN MASS, 12 APRIL — 11AM**

Facebook Link :-

[https://www.facebook.com/  
immaculateheartofmaryparishsefton/](https://www.facebook.com/immaculateheartofmaryparishsefton/)



## DONATE

Many people are already donating their time, expertise, materials and finances to keeping the Parish accessible and active via online services. Any financial or other assistance that you can give at this time would be most welcome and appreciated.

**Envelopes:** You can continue to securely and safely drop your planned giving envelopes or other donations through the **Presbytery Parish Office** letterbox at 6 Kerrinea Rd. Sefton.

**Direct Credit:** This is our preferred option please. You can direct credit to our bank account. Details are: **Account Name: Catholic Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary Sefton BSB: 062-784 Account No.: 5895001**

**Blue Parish Survey/Dedicated Giving Form:** Please complete these forms and commit your donation weekly. Ask for a copy to be sent to your email for you to complete, scan and return to the parish office.

E. office@ihmsefton.org.au **OR** press the link on our Facebook page to obtain the form.

*We sincerely thank you for any donations and kind assistance.*



Mass Intentions



Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

### The Sick

Kath Coughlin  
Anita Rendulic  
Edna Farlow  
Joy Grovenor  
Monica McIntyre  
Mary Keane,  
Spiteri family  
Matthew Barrington  
Lydia Gwynne,  
Mark & Marie Gray  
Phillip Diamond  
Shirley Ross  
John Mealing  
Alma Ryan  
Phillip Abraham

### Anniversaries

#### Month of April

Gavin Clarke  
Frank Toth  
Paul Garretty  
John Marfia  
Michael Dugan  
John Bullen  
Fr. John Maher  
Joan Lowe

### Recently Deceased

William King  
Fr. Ray Farrell  
Bonnie Harvey



### Also Mass Intentions for

(Sat.9.am) Those caring for the sick  
(Sun.10am) Welfare of all  
Parishioners  
(Mon 9.15am) Forgotten Souls in  
Purgatory  
(Tues 9.15am) RIP Michael & Fran  
Walker  
(Wed.9.15am) RIP Mercia Loos  
(Thur 9.15am) Health & Peace  
(Fri 9.15am) RIP Jozef Koluda  
(Sat. 9.15am) RIP Jadwiga Koluda  
RIP Gavin Clarke (4 yr anniversary)

### Please note:-

*Fr. Maurice will be offering your  
mass intentions at his private  
morning mass each day.*

## FACEBOOK:

Please follow and like our facebook  
pages for all our updates and future  
live streaming of masses:-



Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Sefton Catholic Church Facebook Link :-

[https://www.facebook.com/  
immaculateheartofmaryparishsefton/](https://www.facebook.com/immaculateheartofmaryparishsefton/)

Check out our website for both parishes:-

[www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au](http://www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au)

**Sacred Heart, Villawood Catholic Church**

[www.facebook.com/sacredheartvillawood/](https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartvillawood/)

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA - 9 days of Chaplets

*Begins on Good Friday after 3pm mass  
and concludes with Divine Mercy Sunday  
on 19 April, 2020*



The message of mercy is that God loves us, all of us, no matter how great our faults and failings. We call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.

**A— Ask for His mercy**

**B— Be merciful**

**C— Completely trust in Jesus**

Link for the DM CHAPLET:-

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzTu-  
1nO4R5gNDhIYzdHmJgtNmYwNy00NjU0LTmMzUt-  
MDixYTA2MTA2M2Fk/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzTu-1nO4R5gNDhIYzdHmJgtNmYwNy00NjU0LTmMzUt-MDixYTA2MTA2M2Fk/view)



because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

*The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

1 Cor 5:7-8

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal  
sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the  
Lord. Alleluia!***

### **Gospel**

Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John



It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

***The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

1 Cor 5:7-8

***Christ our Passover has been  
sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us  
keep the feast with the unleavened  
bread of purity and truth, alleluia,  
alleluia.***

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

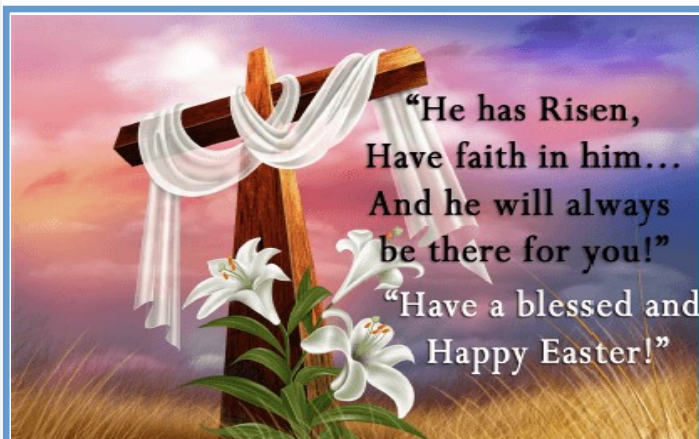
19 April 2020

Second Sunday of Easter Year A

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 1:3-9

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31



*Dear Parishioners,*

*In this challenging time, may the Lord Jesus Christ, our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of our people. May the Holy Spirit enlighten the minds of women and men of medical science who are working to find a solution to this viral infection. Strengthen them in their tiring work and enhance in them the virtue of hope.*

*As we celebrate this holiest of times, let us lift our hearts in thanksgiving for the gifts of family and friends and enrich our time of isolation together to bond and reflect on the Resurrection of Christ with renewed faith.*

*Thank you to each of you and together with Fr. Michael and Fr. Joseph we wish you all the blessings of Holy Week and Easter.*

***Fr. Maurice Thompson***

