



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR — YEAR A.

18/19 APRIL 2020

Entrance Antiphon

1 Pt 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

1st Reading

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps117:2-4.13-15.22-24.R.v.1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.



Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

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2nd Reading

1 Pt 1:3-9

A reading from the letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an

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

Priest Emeritus: Fr. Michael Butler

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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

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Parish/School Family Educator: Claude Bourizk:
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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

Live-streaming of Masses

“Mass for You at Home” is broadcast on Channel 10 each Sunday from 6am. 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 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, frequently asked questions, prayers and spiritual resources, and to watch Mass online please visit <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/>.
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/>

Closure of Churches

Presently, 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). Baptisms are encouraged to be postponed for at least six months unless there is serious illness or danger of imminent death.

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. Current advice on distancing (4sqm), hygiene, hand sanitiser etc should be followed. Confessions, if necessary, 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 Phone13 18 19 who will also manage calls for assistance.

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We would like to thank our parishioners for their faith and support of these restrictions and their assistance at this most difficult time. Let us continue to offer our prayers for the people who have lost their lives and for their families. May the ending of the COVID-19 pandemic be near.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES

We know that many of you may not be able to hand in your PC Boxes, or cash, to parishes or schools at this time. Did you know that you can go online at “lent.caritas.org.au” and securely donate with your credit card, or you can send a cheque to Caritas Australia, GPO Box 9830 Sydney NSW 2001. This would be greatly encouraged and appreciated. Alternatively, if you require assistance with your PC Box or cash, please call our friendly team on 1800 024 413 or drop it into Parish Office, Sefton. Thanking you and your support is life saving to the world’s most vulnerable.



Keep sending your family photos in E. office@ihmsefton.org.au They will continue to be posted on the pews until the reopening of our churches. Fr. Maurice continues to offer his morning mass privately and live streams on Sundays. Please join him in spirit.

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

SUNDAY MASS
LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK

For both parishes -
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton
and
Sacred Heart, Villawood



EVERY SUNDAY — 9.30AM

SAMOAN MASS — 11AM

Masses held at Sefton Church.

Facebook Link :-

<https://www.facebook.com/immaculateheartofmaryparishsefton/>



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

Recently Deceased

Kath Kensey
Mario Di Francesco
William King
Fr. Ray Farrell
Bonnie Harvey



Also Mass Intentions for

(Sat.9.am) Those caring for the sick
(Sun.9.30am) RIP Anthony Stephen
(Mon 9.15am) INT Farlow Family
(Tues 9.15am) RIP Harold Falk
(Wed.9.15am) INT Margaret Fox
(Thur 9.15am) RIP John Ryan
(Fri 9.15am) All Souls in Purgatory
(Sat. 9.15am) RIP Joseph Quang
Nguyen -Anniversary

Anniversaries

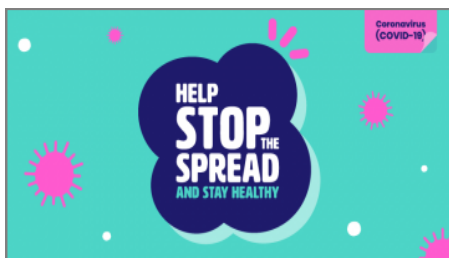
Month of April

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

Please note:-

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

PLEASE NOTE: Leisa and Carmen (Parish Staff) are mainly working from home due to current Coronavirus pandemic government restrictions until further notice. If you have any queries, need to see a priest, book any appointments, confessions, funerals, urgent baptisms, weddings, request mass intentions or to put notices into the bulletin please email: office@ihmsefton.org.au or call us **Leisa 0411 201 307** **Carmen: 0410 690 714**. We are happy to help you and apologise for any inconvenience. Please stay safe and well.



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 Kerrine 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.

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/>

Check out our website for both parishes:-

www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au

Sacred Heart, Villawood Catholic Church

www.facebook.com/sacredheartvillawood/

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**

QUOTE OF THE DAY



inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

*The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God*

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29

***Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because
you have seen me; happy those who
have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!***

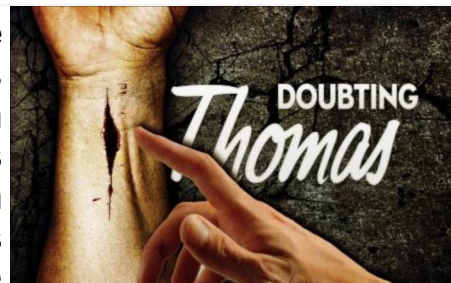
Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who

was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have



seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Cf. Jn 20:27

***Bring your hand and feel the place of
the nails, and do not be unbelieving
but believing, alleluia.***

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

26 April 2020

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

1st Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 1:17-21

Gospel: See Lk 24:32

