



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR — YEAR A.

25/26 APRIL 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Cf.Ps65:1-2

***Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.***

1st Reading

Acts 2-14,22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way

of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord

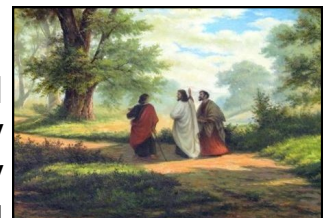
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps15:1-2.5.7-11.R.v.11

***Lord, you will show
us the path of life.***

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.



Parish Priest: Fr. Maurice T. Thompson EV PP

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

Priest Emeritus: Fr. Michael Butler

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SEFTON

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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

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.

VIRTUAL PENTECOST PILGRIMAGE

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is an official sponsor of this virtual pilgrimage which begins on Sunday 26 April and will run for 6 weeks. The pilgrimage is aimed at helping Catholics nurture their faith in the lead up to Pentecost while public Masses are suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each Wednesday and Sunday, formative videos from world renowned Catholic scholars and leaders will be released for registered participants to engage online. Each set of videos will reflect on the Sunday readings of that week with a particular focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in our Church and world. To register for this free online pilgrimage to Pentecost, simply go to www.pentecostpilgrimage.com and enter your details to receive a link to the videos as they are released over the next six weeks.

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.



A big thank you to the Marist Association and parishioners (Alai, Pio, Nepa, Siki, Joshua and Alai Jnr) who have given their time and hard work in cleaning the garden and the grounds of both parishes. It is very much appreciated.

Sincere Sympathy and loving prayers from the parish family to Margaret Flanagan and family and friends of **Kath Kensey** who recently passed away. May she rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.



SUNDAY MASS
LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK

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



EVERY SUNDAY — 9.30AM

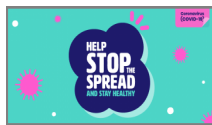
SAMOAN MASS — 11AM

Masses held at Sefton Church.

Facebook Link :-

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

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.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES We need to organise and renumber our envelopes at the end of this financial year. Please note that your number may change in your next lot of envelopes for the coming year. We thank you for your continued support and should you wish to contribute to this dedicated giving, please complete the back of the Blue Parish Survey Form. Please send us a request by email and we will happily send you the form to complete: **E. office@ihmsefton.org.au**



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who have continued to drop in their donations and their envelopes. Your support is truly appreciated as no weekly mass also means no weekly mass collection on the plate. But the work of the Parish goes on, albeit in a new and different way. We understand people are also struggling with job losses, reduced working hours, or just uncertainty about their future. Many people are already donating their time, expertise, materials and finances to keeping the Parish alive and also active via the online services.



DONATE

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.

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

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN BY EMAIL?

Please send us a request to our email office@ihmsefton.org.au and we will be happy to include you on our list.



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

Silila Patau
Antoinette Yong Ching
Kath Kensey
Mario Di Francesco



Also Mass Intentions for

(Sat. 9.15am) RIP Joseph Quang Nguyen
(Sun.9.30am) RIP Youssef Rizk & Janet Daoud
(Mon 9.15am) Thanksgiving Pham family
(Tues 9.15am) INT Billy McGarvey
(Wed.9.15am) INT Borg Family
(Thur 9.15am) RIP Kath Kensey
(Fri 9.15am) All Souls in Purgatory

Please note:-

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

Anniversaries

Month of April

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

FACEBOOK:

<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/

ANZAC DAY—SAT. 25 APRIL 2020

This year for the first time in almost a century, streets will be empty across NSW. There will be no veterans marching, no Dawn Services at Martin Place or Bondi Beach, no Last Post played in regional schools and local RSL Clubs. With the COVID-19 Pandemic forcing services and marches to be cancelled on Saturday, and residents urged to stay home, most of the familiar public rituals will be missing. **Instead, Australians are being encouraged to stand at the end of their driveways, on their balconies or in their loungerooms at 6am on Saturday to commemorate those who served, those who died and those who are still serving. Hold a candle, lay a wreath or simply mark a moment of silence or play the Last Post.**

*They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old;
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning.
We will remember them.*



LEST WE FORGET

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

2nd Reading

1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 24:13-35

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke*



Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great

prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 24:34

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

3 May 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

1st Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 2:20-25

Gospel: Jn 10:1-10

