



# 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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR — YEAR A.

16/17 MAY 2020

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 48:20

Holy Spirit.

***Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.***

*The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7 16.20.R. see v.1

***Let all the earth cry  
out to God with joy.***

## 1st Reading

Acts 9:5-8 14-17

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.

***Let all the earth cry  
out to God with joy.***



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

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

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

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### VILLAWOOD

**REC /Sacramental Co-ordinator:** Eddy Rumora: 02 9727 4149  
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**Sefton/Villawood Catechists Co-ord:** Adam Ziolkowski: 9743 7185  
**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



### Directives for Churches and Liturgies under Step One of the relaxation of restrictions during the COVID-19 PANDEMIC: dated 13 May 2020.

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 From Friday, 15 May 2020, in New South Wales:

- Churches may reopen for private prayer and Confessions, as long as no more than 10 people are in the church at once (this **must be supervised** by the parish priest or delegate).
- Religious gatherings are permitted with congregations of **up to 10 for Masses, Weddings, Baptisms, Eucharistic adoration, the Divine Office, Rosary in common, Bible study etc.**
- Up to 20 mourners indoors or 30 mourners outdoors are permitted for **Funerals**
- Contact details of all those entering the church (name, phone number, email address) **MUST BE RECORDED.**
- Spatial distancing (at least 1.5m from each other) and hygiene directions (including regularly disinfecting the church) must be observed; attendees are exhorted to take care when coughing or sneezing and to avail themselves of hand sanitizer provided
- The very elderly, those with symptoms, those with a compromised immune or respiratory system are asked to **stay at home**

Future relaxations of the CovidSafe provisions are expected over coming months, in at least two more stages, but this will depend upon infection rates not spiking and churches being able to demonstrate responsible behaviour.

Further special directives have been issued for the celebration of Baptisms, Confessions, Masses, Worship and Reception of the Eucharist outside of Mass, Weddings, Care of the Sick and Funerals. Priests must exercise judgment in deciding whether it is yet practicable to conduct public Masses. Even were Sunday Masses multiplied, the majority of the faithful will be unable to attend and so are dispensed from attending Sunday Mass. The faithful can keep Sunday holy by setting aside some time for prayer at home, reading the Scriptures of the day, watching Mass on television or online, and asking God for the graces they would normally receive in Holy Communion ('spiritual communion').

### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### Context of resumption of some church services. By way of context, the following points must be emphasized:

- COVID-19 remains present in the community and highly infectious, though in small numbers at present. With the relaxation of isolation measures and the approach of winter, an increase in cases is expected. Clergy and faithful are therefore encouraged to download the CovidSafe App and abide by the latest public health advisories.
- Permission to reopen churches and to conduct religious gatherings comes with strict conditions; we must take all reasonable precautions to protect the health of everyone involved. This means acting on the assumption that we or anyone we come in contact with might be infected, even if we/they are asymptomatic. All precautions regarding hygiene and distancing must be observed.
- All attendees of the church must record their contact details to satisfy the CovidSafe regulations, and please note, that this will also enable the enrichment of the parish databases for provision of pastoral care.
- Commonly touched surfaces (e.g. door knobs, confessional interiors, pews etc.) must be regularly disinfected as per Health Department guidelines.
- Celebrants and people should minimize the time they are gathered together.
- For the purposes of maintaining an upper limit of 10 for all liturgies (except funerals 20 indoors and 30 outdoors). For weddings it is up to 10 **plus** the couple and the celebrant and essential assistants (server or acolyte, cantor, organist, reader, cameraman).
- Spatial distancing should be preserved when queuing to enter church, for Holy Communion, for Confession, and by ministers in the sanctuary.
- Schools. As children return to schoolin stages, Sydney Catholic Schools will do all it can to ensure quality on-line teaching from home as well as classroom teaching, and to provide fee relief for families struggling financially. Please check with your school regarding resumption of school mass under strict protocols.

### Attendees for Mass: Limited to 10 only.

Please contact the Parish Office by phone 02 9664 4026 or by email office@ihmsefton.org.au should you wish to have your name on our List of Attendees. It will be taken strictly in turn, so as not to show favouritism and supervised by our Parish Priest. You will then be invited to attend the next mass available if the mass of your choice is full. **PLEASE DO NOT TURN UP AT THE DOOR** without prior booking, to kindly respect those who have already booked in. We ask for your support to consider others and to adhere to the strict COVID-19 Safe Regulations as we navigate our way through the Steps to ease restrictions. Thank you!

## LIVE STREAM MASSES ON FACEBOOK

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton**  
**Sacred Heart, Villawood**



**SUNDAY PARISH MASS — 9.30AM**  
**SUNDAY SAMOAN MASS — 11AM**  
(These masses are held at Sefton Church)

**Facebook Link :-**

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

**At Sacred Heart Villawood:-**  
**SYRO-MALABAR MASSES LIVESTREAMED**  
**Fri. 7pm Sat. 9.30am & Sun. 10am**  
**Website: [syromalabarsydney.org](http://syromalabarsydney.org)**



**Mr. Likisone Tominiko**  
(known as Sone)  
Fourth Year

Sone, our helpful, cheerful seminarian, will be returning to the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush next Tuesday, 19 May 2020. During his stay with us, he has been a great helper to Fr. Maurice at each livestream mass every week, has helped do numerous jobs around the parishes and also managed to continue with his studies. You will be missed and we offer you our blessings and good luck for the future. We look forward to your next visit! Thanks for everything Sone!

**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. Many people have already donated their time, expertise, materials, and finances to keeping the Parish alive and also active via the online services.

**“MAKE A DONATION” Button in our website is currently now available.** You can make a secure online payment to our Sefton and Villawood parish through the BPoint Secure Online Payment Gateway, powered by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia via our website.



**Envelopes:** You can continue to drop your Planned Giving Envelopes or other donations securely and safely through the **Presbytery Parish Office** letterbox at 6 Kerrinea Rd. Sefton. (Please note that your Envelope no. for next year may change in your new lot of envelopes.)



**Direct Credit:** **This is our preferred option please.** You can direct credit to our bank account. Include your **envelope no. in the description.** Details are: **Account Name: Catholic Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary Sefton** **BSB: 062-784** **Account No.: 5895001.** (If it's a one - off donation, no envelope number will be needed and there is no tax deductibility.)

**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](mailto:office@ihmsefton.org.au) **OR** press the link on our Facebook page to obtain the form.

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**Let Us Pray for our Parish Community**

### The Sick

Greg Barnes  
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 continued)

Robert McIntyre  
George Abraham  
Catherine Harrington  
Agnes Flanagan  
Jane Thomas  
Kathleen Bowman  
Peter McMillan  
Maria Circosta

### Recently Deceased

Bette Smith  
Barry Lyle Jehan  
Fr. Patrick McAuliffe  
Silila Patau  
Antoinette Yong Ching



### Anniversaries

#### Month of May

Maria Tram Nguyen  
Fr J Coakley OMI  
Lance Fullagar  
Fred Murphy,  
Fr. John Maher OMI  
Mavis Parry  
Harley Gray  
Fr J Cranley OMI  
Dudley Garrott  
Barbara Garrott  
Don Emery  
John Windram  
Eileen Smith  
Rose Thompson  
Frank Carlino

### Also Mass Intentions for

(Sat. 9.15am) INT Joan & Kathy Watson  
(Sun. 9.30am) Good health Greg Barnes  
(Tues 9.15am) RIP Victims of COVID  
(Wed. 9.15am) The grieving families of victims of COVID  
(Thur 9.15am) Front line health care workers  
(Fri 9.15am) INT Margaret Fox  
(Sat. 9.15am) RIP John Ryan

### Please note:-

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

### FACEBOOK:

<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**

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## CURRENT PARISH MASS TIMES:

### **Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton**

**Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat — 9.15am**  
**Sunday — 9.30am**  
**(Samoan Mass — Sunday — 11am)**

### **Sacred Heart, Villawood**

**Wed & Fri — 8am**  
**Sunday — 9am**  
**(Syro-Malabar Masses -**  
**Fri. 7pm, Sat. 9.30am & Sun. 10am)**



## 2nd Reading

1 Pt 3:15-18

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

*The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we  
will come to them.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Jn 14:15-21

*A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John*



Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 14:15-16

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says  
the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will**

**send you another Paraclete, to abide with  
you for ever, alleluia.**

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

24 May 2020

The Ascension of the Lord Year A

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them. Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly. -Greg Sunter

### DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN BY EMAIL?

Please send us a request to our email [office@ihmsefton.org.au](mailto:office@ihmsefton.org.au)  
to place you on the list.

**Parish Staff:** Leisa Farlow and Carmen Meola are mainly working from home please call them for any enquiries or bookings: Leisa 0411 201 307 or Carmen: 0410 690 714 or email: [office@ihmsefton.org.au](mailto:office@ihmsefton.org.au)

### RENOVATIONS TO CHURCH, GROUNDS AND PARISH OFFICE

We are currently renovating the Parish Office, both churches and the grounds during this time.



God gave  
you 86,400  
seconds  
today.  
Use at  
least  
one of them,  
to say  
thank you.

