



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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — YEAR A.

(Ascension Thursday 21/5/20)

23/24 MAY 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

1st Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He

replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

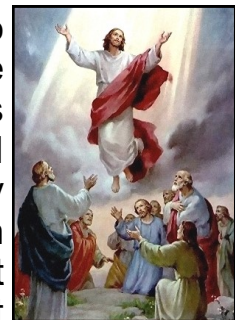
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

65: 46:2-3.6-9.R.v.6

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.***

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing



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

Priest Emeritus: Fr. Michael Butler

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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



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 queueing 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.

"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. Our sincere thanks for all donations.

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.

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.)

"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

MASS BOOKINGS FOR SEFTON & VILLAWOOD

Please call the office 9644 4026 or Leisa: 0411 201 307 or Carmen: 0410 690 714 to book in for a mass. It is on a first come, first served basis and we both operate the same calendar. We are trying to be fair with so many wishing to attend mass and we ask for your support and patience as you may not be offered the first OR multiple masses of your choice.

OUR CURRENT PARISH MASS TIMES FOR BOOKING - STRICTLY 10 ONLY FOR EACH MASS

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat — 9.15am

Sunday — 9.30am (LIVESTREAMED)

(Samoan Mass — Sunday — 11am—LIVESTREAMED)

Sacred Heart, Villawood

Wed & Fri — 8am

Sunday — 9am

(Syro-Malabar Masses—Fri. 7pm, Sat. 9.30am & Sun. 10am) (LIVESTREAMED)

PLEASE UNDERSTAND, IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE LIST THEN UNFORTUNATELY, YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MASS. WE MUST FOLLOW THE STRICT COVID SAFE REGULATIONS ENFORCED BY GOVERNMENT & ARCHDIOCESE.



Please be sensitive and respectful to others who have booked in as too many are turning up without booking. **Church attendance sheets will need to be completed at the entry before mass**, so allow yourself time and be early. The sheet will require your name, email or home address, phone number and signature. You may bring your own pen or use the hand sanitizer after sharing the pen. Also practice social distancing. The church will be open 30 minutes before mass begins.

AS OF NEXT SATURDAY, 30 MAY 2020 WE ARE ALSO OFFERING MASS AT SEFTON AT 5.30PM

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.



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)

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

Also:

Cyril & Florence Rodrigues
Tom & Lynus Rodrigues
Donald Heart
Diego Cardozo

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

Recently Deceased

Bette Smith
Barry Lyle Jehan
Fr. Patrick McAuliffe



Also Mass Intentions for

(Sat. 9.15am) RIP John Ryan
(Sun.9.30am) Welfare of Parishioners
Mon) Our Lady Help of Christians
(Tues 9.15am) RIP Youssef Rizk & Janet Daoud
(Wed.9.15am) RIP Clair Parker Anniv
(Thur 9.15am) RIP Bruno Nadile
(Fri 9.15am) INT Petricca Family
(Sat. 9.15am) RIP John & Roma Swindells

FACEBOOK:

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

Check out our website for both parishes:- www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au

Sacred Heart, Villawood Catholic Church

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



PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christian,
how sweet it is to come to your feet
imploping your perpetual help.

If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me? Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations. I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering. Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life. Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in heaven.

By St. John Bosco - **Feast Day: 24 May 2020**



praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.***

2nd Reading

Eph 1:17-23

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Ephesians*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

***The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God***

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 28:19-20

Alleluia, alleluia!

***Go and teach all people my gospel. I am
with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Mt 28:16-20

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mathew*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down

before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 28:20

***Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.***

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

31 May 2020

Pentecost Sunday Year A

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The short gospel passage for today is taken from the final words of the gospel of Matthew. It is known as 'The Great Commission' as Jesus is portrayed commissioning his disciples to go out to the world and spread the good news. They are charged to 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.' This is the basis of much of the missionary work of the Church that has gone on ever since then.

However, the focus of today's feast is much more on the first reading than the gospel. The opening verses of the Book of Acts, from the author of Luke-Acts, describe the final instructions of Jesus to his disciples and then his 'lifting up'. The Luke-Acts writer is the only gospel writer to actually describe the Ascension. The fact that the other gospels don't discuss the Ascension in any detail at all is a good indication that this description should not be taken literally. However, the message of the Ascension is a powerful one. It reminds us that Jesus, the human incarnation of God on earth, was limited to a specific time and place in history. Despite the physical limitations of his life on earth, Jesus ensured that his message and ministry would continue through those he had taught. Knowing that the disciples would need time to grieve and come to terms with all that had occurred in a relatively short space of time, Jesus promised that the Spirit would come upon them in the days to come. That visiting of the Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost was the motivation to set about doing what Jesus had charged them to do. Without the Ascension, there is no Pentecost.

-Greg Sunter

