



# 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR — YEAR A. (MOTHER'S DAY)

9/10 MAY 2020

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97:1-2

***O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.***

## 1st Reading

Acts 6: 1-7

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands

on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

*The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2 4-5 18-19 R.v.22

***Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.***

Ring out your joy to the Lord,  
O you just; for praise is fitting  
for loyal hearts. Give thanks to  
the Lord upon the harp, with a  
ten-stringed lute sing him  
songs. For the word of the Lord  
is faithful and all his works to be  
trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.  
The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

***Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.***



**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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### SEFTON

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**Sefton/Villawood Catechists Co-ord:** Adam Ziolkowski: 9743 7185

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

### 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

### A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, we remember the Mothers,  
Grandmothers and Carers of today.  
For their love, sacrifice, struggle and  
joy, we thank you.



Lord, we remember the mothers  
Who have gone before us.  
For their love, protection  
wisdom and spirit.

Lord, we remember the mothers of  
Scripture, especially Our Lady,  
who are a part of our story  
As we are a part of your story.  
For their courage, faith, love and  
fierceness, we thank you.

For the women who struggle with  
Fertility, for those women whom  
society labels as less in their childlessness,  
for those women who have  
lost children.

For their tears, for their strength,  
For their wisdom, for their lives,  
we thank you.

In your name Lord, we pray. Amen.

### LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY



"Friends, I would like to invite you all to join me in  
praying the Rosary with your families in May as a  
spiritual sword to end the COVID-19 PANDEMIC.  
May we continue to draw inspiration from the  
colonial Catholics who turned to the Rosary to nurture their  
faith while public Masses were forbidden. You'll find  
an online form to sign up to the Rosary Relay and  
dedicated prayer intentions for each day here: <https://bit.ly/3bQ3GOp> Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our  
Lady of the Rosary, pray for us." - Archbishop Anthony Fisher



"I will give you shepherds after my own heart" JEREMIAH 3:15

### PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS 2020



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



**Mr. Benjamin Gandy**  
(known as Ben)  
Senior Year

**Parish Volunteer Program - lending  
a helping hand to those in need**

Parishes and CatholicCare working together to support isolated and  
vulnerable parishioners and the local community.

Call CCareline to find out more

**CCareline 131819**

CatholicCare.org

connect@catholiccare.org

8am - 6pm Monday - Friday

Sone is currently assisting in IHM Parish and Ben also spent many months in our Parishes in the past. Two wonderful seminarians. We offer them our prayers, success and blessings as they continue with their studies at The Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. We give them our thanks and appreciation for their ministry amongst us.



## 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/>

## SYRO-MALABAR MASSES LIVESTREAMED

**Fri. 7pm Sat. 9.30am & Sun. 10am**

Website: [syromalabarsydney.org](http://syromalabarsydney.org)

### LIVE-STREAMING

Please note that our Sunday Parish Mass for Sefton and Villawood as well as the Samoan Mass are limited to 10 people in attendance within the strict Government and Archdiocesan guidelines. This also applies to private masses offered during the week.



**OFFICE STAFF:** Leisa Farlow and Carmen Meola are mainly working from home due to current Coronavirus government restrictions until further notice. If you have any queries, please call Leisa 0411 201 307 /Carmen: 0410 690 714 or email: [office@ihmsefton.org.au](mailto: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. 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 not functioning and we are attending to fixing the problem. Please credit your donation through a bank deposit : Account Name: Catholic Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton BSB: 062-784 Account No. 5895001.**



DONATE

**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.

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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 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) RIP Maria Tram Nguyen  
(Sun.9.30am) INT Visevic Family  
(Tues 9.15am) RIP Lucy Chenchek  
(Wed.9.15am) RIP Sr. Maureen  
(Chanel) James RSM  
(Thur 9.15am) INT Visevic Family  
(Fri 9.15am) RIP John & Roma Swindells  
(Sat. 9.15am) Joan & Kathy Watson

### 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**

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

### RENOVATIONS TO CHURCH, GROUNDS AND PARISH OFFICE

We are currently renovating the Parish Office, both churches and the grounds during this time. We hope to bring new freshness to our Parishes whilst the churches are closed.



To all our beautiful Mothers, Grandmothers, Carers and Guardians we wish you all blessings and a wonderful day with your families and friends. We may have restrictions on numbers but not on love and appreciation.

## 2nd Reading

1 Pt 2:4-9

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

*The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

***I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!***

## Gospel

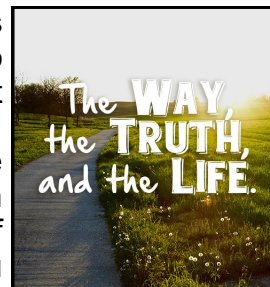
Jn 14:1-12

*A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?' Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not

say as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'



*The Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf Jn 15:1,5

***I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.***

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

17 May 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 3:15-18

Gospel: Jn 17:1-11

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's gospel passage comes from the very long Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. When Jesus speaks about 'going away' for a time it could be interpreted as the period of his death and rising that are about to occur in the chronology of the story. However, the gospel of John is written a very long time after the death of Jesus; perhaps as much as 70 years after Jesus. Given this period of time between the events and the writing, we know that the writer was also referring to this longer time of Jesus 'going away'. By the time of the writing of this gospel the early Christians were starting to come to terms with the fact that Jesus probably wasn't going to return in their lifetime. They had seen the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70CE which they thought had signalled the end of all time. However, here they were, still alive and still no sign of Jesus' return.

The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people.

-Greg Sunter

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