



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, 9.30am, (11am Samoan) & 5pm

Weekdays: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 9:15am

Benediction, Exposition & Confessions: Sat. after morning mass

Baptisms: 10.30am Sundays by appointment

Weddings: By appointment

Sacred Heart Mass Times

120 Carawatha Street, Villawood NSW 2163

Sunday: 9am Weekdays: Wed & Fri : 8am

(Syro-Malabar : Tues - Fri: 7pm, Sat: 9:30am, Sun:10:30am & 4pm)

Confessions: Contact Parish Office

Baptisms: 10am Sundays by appointment

Weddings: By appointment

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A.

25/26 JULY 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Ps 67: 6-7.36

*God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

1st Reading

1 Kgs 3: 5 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

*The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 119:57 72 76-77 127-130 Rv 97

*Lord, I love your
commands.*

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.



Lord, I love your commands.

2nd Reading

Rom 8: 28-30

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son,

Parish Priest: Fr. Maurice T. Thompson EV PP

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

Priest Emeritus: Fr. Michael Butler & Fr. Graham McIntyre

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

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VILLAWOOD

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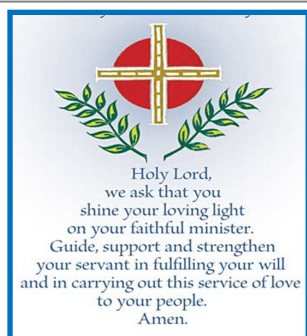
OUR SCHOOLS

Immaculate Heart of Mary Primary School, Sefton: 02 9644 3555
 Principal: John Kennedy
Sacred Heart Primary School, Villawood: 02 9727 4149
 Principal: Michelle Bourne

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS TO DATE

"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 or PLEASE USE QR BARCODES POSTED IN THE CHURCH.

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.)



Let us pray for
 Fr. Maurice for his
 25th Anniversary
 of
 Ordination.

SACRAMENTS

We are currently looking to offer First Holy Communion in Term 3 and Confirmation in Term 4. Further information will be advised shortly.

ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program is flexible, allowing you to participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world.

Cost: FREE **Registration:** Available from Monday 29th June

Event Program: Available from Saturday 15th August, 2020

Go to: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY WEEKEND ROSTERS: 25/26 JULY 2020

	Sat Vigil: 5:30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
Acolytes	Thomas Kelly	Anish James	Joe Rodrigues	Thuan Bui
Readers:	Rhonda Winder	Mounie Abraham	Vera Visevic	Volunteers
Communion Ministers:	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage
Flowers	Team 4. Lilianne Ghadban, Rosemary LaRosa			

TO ALL OUR SEFTON READERS



Could you please attend a Readers Meeting on Wed,
29 July at 7pm in the IHM Church.

Fr. Maurice would like to see all of you at this meeting please.

(If you wish to join this ministry, please attend. I will be taking your photo and WWC No. on this evening for ID Cards which will be later issued.)

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY WEEKEND ROSTERS: 25 & 26 AUGUST 2020

	Sat Vigil: 5:30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
Acolytes	Chris Kelly	Anish James	Joe Rodrigues	Thuan Bui
Readers:	Terry Evans	Mel Keep	Terry Tierney	Makerita Faitua
Communion Ministers:	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage
Flowers	Team 1. Doris Johns			

TO ALL OUR SEFTON ACOLYTES



Could you all please attend an Acolytes Meeting on
Thursday, 30 July
 at 7pm in the IHM Church.

(If you wish to join this ministry, please attend. I will be taking your photo and WWC No. on this evening for ID Cards which will be later issued.)



On 22nd July 2020, Very Rev. Fr. Maurice T. Thompson EV, Parish Priest of our parishes of Sefton and Villawood had celebrated 25 years of priesthood serving in the Archdiocese of Sydney. Fr. Maurice was ordained to the priesthood on 22nd July, 1995. He has served in many parishes including Liverpool, Greenacre, Penshurst, Revesby, Revesby Heights and Panania. He was also Dean of South West Deanery for three years and is currently the Episcopal Vicar of Clergy for the Archdiocese of Sydney assisting the Archbishop. He has also been a shepherd to the Samoan Community as Chaplain and Priest. In gratitude for the past 25 years you have been a source of comfort, inspiration and strength for the people. Your unique sense of humour and special gift of telling stories has been enjoyed by many generations of children and parishioners. We offer you our congratulations and sincere thanks for your ministry. May Christ in whose place you stand as priest, give you continuing grace to teach, guide and sanctify His People. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for Us, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Hear our Prayer. May God bless you always.

Happy 25th Anniversary of Ordination Very Rev. Fr. Maurice T. Thompson



UPDATE ON RESTRICTIONS

Further restrictions eased on churches.

From **1 July 2020**, church attendance numbers are determined by a 4m² space around each person, but people from the same household may sit together in the pew. The amount of people will depend on the size of the church when measured. **At Sefton, we can accommodate 100 people (80 downstairs and 20 in the loft AND at Villawood 70 people) following this rule.**

Congregational singing is not allowed. Recent health advice has indicated that while droplets quickly fall to the ground, the aerosol emissions during singing promote too great a risk even for those adhering to the specified 1.5m physical distancing requirement. Singers and choirs, however, are permissible. Singers are to be spaced at least 1.5m apart from each other and at least 4m distanced from the congregation, and where choirs face each other, they must be at least 4m away from those they are facing.

NEW WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE SIGN IN USING QR CODE

Please note the following conditions in relation to attending Mass. Please arrive at least 10-15 minutes prior to start of Mass. Note that you will be required to sign in on arrival. Contact details of all those attending the church (name and phone number or email of one adult in each family) must be recorded either via the [blue QR CODE SIGN](#) (please ensure you sign in to the correct Mass time via QR CODE) **or** at the door via the sign-on sheet before entering the church. **YOU CAN ONLY USE THE CODE AT THE TIME OF ENTRY as this will be recorded on a spreadsheet.** You can **STILL BOOK ALL WEEKEND MASSES** by calling the Parish Office: 02 9644 4026



Mass Intentions



Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

The Sick

Dominic Rodrigues
Eliza Newton
Peter McKenzie
Vita & Giuseppe Barbagallo
John Rodrigues
Lydia Stuccio
Noel Rigney-Johnson
Jean Murphy
Dora Hodgins
Ben Rodrigues
Maureen Falk
Brendan Falk
Candice Moawad and her unborn son named Jeremiah.
Greg Barnes
Kath Coughlin
Anita Rendulic
Edna Farlow
Joy Grovenor
Monica McIntyre
Mary Keane,
Spiteri family
Matthew Barrington
Lydia Gwynne,
Mark & Marie Gray
Shirley Ross
John Mealing
Alma Ryan
Phillip Abraham

Recently Deceased

Bertram Fernando
My-Quynh Lam
Eddie Bruce
Patricia Croucher
Anthony Croucher
Gloria Wallace



Also:-

Joseph Pham
Truong Pham
Bruce Gorman
Kin Nguyen & Thi Nguyen
Marija Zuzul
Marco-Antonio Caltibiano
Elena Bedirian
Terry Anne Catley & Margaret Catley
Antonio Marchetta
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Hilton
Peter Vu & Maria Nguyen
Eddie O'Reilly
Ivan Visevic
Anna Nguyen John Baptist Nguyen
Judith & Michael Cullen
Ellen & Jim Ryan
Cecilai Nadile
Zofia Ziolkowski
Anna Ly Hoang
Marco-Antonio Caltibiano
Marcus Jutrisa
Marija Zuzul
All Souls in Purgatory
Hoang Ancestor's Souls
Holy Spirit for Help
Prayer for World Peace

NOTE: If you wish a special mass offered for an Anniversary of a loved one, (as family will be attending), please ring the Parish Office to book in a particular mass so that the priest will know.

Special Intention:
Marcus Jutrisa

FOR BPOINT SECURE PAYMENT SERVICE WITH THE COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

Please use these QR Codes to scan with your mobile devices which will take you directly to the link to make a donation to the parish.



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
SEFTON BARCODE



SACRED HEART
VILLAWOOD BARCODE

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE
AVAILABLE TO BE COLLECTED
FROM BOTH CHURCH FOYERS.**

so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

*The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God*

Gospel Acclamation

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 13:44-52

*A reading from the
holy Gospel
according to Matthew*



Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 102:2

***Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.***

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2 Aug 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st Reading: Is 55:1-3

2nd Reading: Rom 8:35.37-39

Gospel: Mt 14:13-21

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The twin parables of today's gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven. Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as 'now but not yet'; as 'present but future'. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered.

By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom. For most of us, only in the future reality of heaven will we ever fully come to understand the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch – those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another – are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality.

The third parable of this gospel passage reveals yet another truth about the kingdom. The dragnet thrown into the sea is like the message of Jesus – it is flung far and wide and does not discriminate about where it falls or on whom it falls. This parable rounds out the chapter that began with the parable of the sower and the image of casting the net is a neat parallel to the indiscriminate casting of seed. It is not up to the one who casts the net, the seed or the Word. Rather it is up to each individual to determine how they will respond to receiving the Word.

—Greg Sunter

A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you—or anyone you know—have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

