



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

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A.

4/5 JULY 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Ps 47:10-11

*Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your
temple. Your praise, O God, like your
name, reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving
justice.*

1st Reading

Zec 9: 9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of
Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to
you; he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim and
horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will
be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

*The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2 8-11 13-14 R.V.1.

*I will praise your
name for ever,
my king and my
God.*

I will give you glory,
O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.
The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

*I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

2nd Reading

Rom 8:9 11-13

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



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OUR SCHOOLS

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 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.



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.)

APPEAL FOR BLANKETS

As winter is upon us, the Jesuit Refugee Service needs new blankets for their clients. If you are able to donate new blankets please contact Amelia Savage at Amelia.savage@jrs.org.au or on 9098 9336 and see the attached image for drop off points (drop off points as for foodbank donations).

SACRAMENTS

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



We wish all the children and teachers a fun and happy break. May you enjoy the holidays and come back refreshed. Stay safe and well and see you all back at school on Monday, 20 July, 2020.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY WEEKEND ROSTERS: 4 & 5 JULY 2020

	Sat Vigil: 5:30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<u>Acolytes</u>	Ken Collins	Anish James	Chris Kelly	Thuan Bui
<u>Readers:</u>	Jo Toinette	Mounie Abraham	Terry Tierney	Margaret Cowan
<u>Communion Ministers:</u>	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage
<u>Flowers</u>	Team 3. Liz Jones & Sue Johns			

TO ALL OUR SEFTON READERS

Could you please attend a Readers



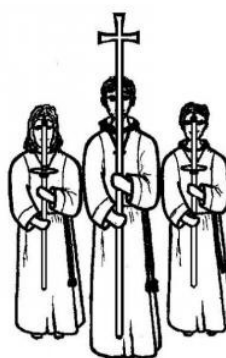
Meeting on Wednesday, 29 July at 7pm in the IHM Church. Fr. Maurice would like to see all of you at this meeting please. Spread the word and place on your calendars please.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY WEEKEND ROSTERS: 11 & 12 JULY 2020

	Sat Vigil: 5:30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<u>Acolytes</u>	Thomas Kelly	Duy Bui	Colin McDermott	Ken Collins
<u>Readers:</u>	Alicia Roberts	Michelle Heim	Mel Keep	Makerita Faitua
<u>Communion Ministers:</u>	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage
<u>Flowers</u>	Team 5. Therese Khoury & Salima Khoury			

TO ALL OUR SEFTON ACOLYTES

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



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, 5 July 2020

The Catholic Church shows their support of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community. The challenges of poor health, over representation in jails, shorter life expectancy and lower educational outcomes are something that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people face every day. By coming **Together in the Spirit**—you, the people, are walking alongside us in our journey for equality. There are 14 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Ministries across Australia—each uniquely positioned to serve the needs of their respective communities—both physical and Spiritual. Additionally, these ministries assist the wider Catholic Communities by hosting school visits, assisting Parishes in developing resources and events and conducting Welcome to Country ceremonies.



UPDATE ON RESTRICTIONS

Further restrictions eased on churches.

From **1 July 2020**, church attendance numbers are now unlimited, providing there is 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)** following this rule. This applies to not only Mass but to Confessions, Baptisms, Weddings, Eucharistic Adoration, the Divine Office, Rosary in common, Bible study and private prayer.

All people entering the church must sign an attendance sheet as we need to keep a record of your name and contact number. You MUST STILL BOOK ALL WEEKEND MASSES: Parish Office: 02 9644 4026 or call Leisa 0411 201 307 or Carmen 0410 690 714 our Parish Staff or email: office@ihmsefton.org.au.

As the 4m² rule and prudential concerns will continue to prevent many of the faithful attending, all but priests continue for the time being to be dispensed from the obligations of attending Sunday Mass; but **those who are at low risk of infection and able to do so are exhorted to take all reasonable steps to attend Sunday Mass.** Those who are unwell or at high risk **must not attend** (they might ask that Holy Communion be brought to them at home); those over 70 should exercise particular caution. The faithful who cannot attend Mass should keep Sunday holy by setting aside some time for prayer at home, reading the Scriptures of the day, or watching Mass on television or online, asking God for graces they would normally receive in Holy Communion ("spiritual communion"). They might attend Mass on a weekday where possible.



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community



The Sick

Jean Murphy
Dora Hodgins
Ben Rodrigues
Maureen Falk
Brendan Falk
Candice Moawad and her unborn son named Jeremiah.
Bertram Fernando
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

Recently Deceased

Rocco Alimonti
Michael Mulholland
Robert Mirnik

Also:-
Vita Barbagallo
Giuseppe Barbagallo
Dominic Rodrigues
Leonardo Gutierrez
Maria Thuy Hoang
Luisito & Elizabeth Gutierrez
Vincent Hughes
John Solomon
Dammir Lisica
Bertram Fernando
Visevic Family
Peter Dinh Quang Dung
Jacqueline & Marian Vellis
Hilton
Peter Vu & Maria Nguyen
Saidi & Zalloua Families
The Muir Family
All Souls in Purgatory
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:

Jean Murphy
Margaret Fox
Visevic Family

MASS INTENTIONS: The practice of offering Mass for particular intentions is an ancient one, dating back to the early Church. The important part is to remember that you are not paying for the *graces* from God (which are of infinite value and can not be paid for), but for the material things that are involved with celebrating the Mass. A usual amount is \$5 or \$10 per intention given in an envelope to the Parish Office with the name of person intended for the mass and also the name of the contributor. Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each celebration of the Eucharist for particular people or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon those persons or intention.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

*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 11:25-30

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 33:9

***Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.***

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 12 JULY 2020

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st Reading: Is 55:10-11

2nd Reading: Rom 8:18-23

Gospel: Mt 13:1-23

GOSPEL REFLECTION

When we hear the term, yoke, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught. In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder my yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus was easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 mitzvot (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.

Historical Context—Jewish Education

Education in Galilee at the time of Jesus was highly valued. From the age of five, all boys and girls studied to memorise in totality the five books of the Torah (the first five books of the Bible). This period of study was called Beth Sefer. From about 10-14 they continued studying and memorising the remaining books of scripture (Beth Talmud). From about 14 or 15, only the very best students would enter Beth Midrash and apply to a rabbi to become his talmid – disciple – and seek to take on that rabbi's yoke.

Living the Gospel—shoulder my yoke.

Jesus invites us to shoulder his yoke and learn from him for he is gentle and humble in heart. The yoke he invites us to shoulder is the deceptively simple teaching: love God and love your neighbour. To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. The busy spin that tends to be characteristic of so many people's lives today does not allow room for God; does not allow room for prayer and quiet; does not allow room for compassionate response to others. To love God and love our neighbour we must first make room for them. - Greg Sunter

