



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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A.

15/16 AUGUST 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 83:10-11

**Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed
one; one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

1st Reading

Is56:1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

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



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6 8 R v4

**O God, let all the
nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

O God, let all the nations praise you!



2nd Reading

Rom 11:13-15.29-32

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

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their

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

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

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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.)



SACRAMENTS OF HOLY COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION

VILLAWOOD— First Holy Communion:

15 Nov 2020 at 9am Mass. No Confirmation this year.

SEFTON—Confirmation:

Sunday 29 Nov 2020 at 1pm & 3pm masses.

More details to come through school and our sac coordinator. Reconciliation & Holy Communion will be celebrated next year.

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



NOTE: Both our parishes have been registered under the **COVID-19 Safety Plan for Places of Worship** as we strive to keep our community safe from coronavirus.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY WEEKEND ROSTERS: 15/16 AUGUST 2020

	Sat Vigil: 5:30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<u>Acolytes</u>	Hung Dang	Larry Cavallo	Ken Collins	Chris Kelly
<u>Readers:</u>	Sr. Gail Reneker	Mounie Abraham	Terry Tierney	Rita 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			

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY WEEKEND ROSTERS: 22/23 AUGUST 2020

	Sat Vigil: 5:30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<u>Acolytes</u>	Thomas Kelly	Anish James	Joe Rodrigues	Thuan Bui
<u>Readers:</u>	Terry Evans	Margaret Cowan	Lauren Grgurevic	Joseph Taufaa
<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 1. Doris Johns			

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR—15 AUGUST 2020

On August 15 each year, we observe Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day, this day commemorates the surrender of Japan to the Allied Forces on August 14, 1945. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War. On the morning of August 15, 1945, Australian Prime Minister Ben Chifley made an address to the nation. Let us pray

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY Saturday, 15 August

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son. Let us pray.



"In line with Church and Government health advice, I ask and recommend that parishioners and visitors to please wear face masks when attending mass as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19."

- Fr. Maurice

Church attendance numbers are limited to a maximum of 100 people, providing there is a four square metre space around each person, with the exception of people from the same household.

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.** No longer need to book

Lebanon Emergency Appeal
last weekend 8/9 August 2020

We would like to thank everyone for their generosity in giving to the Emergency Lebanon Appeal last weekend for those devastated in Lebanon. We were able to raise **\$1820.45** which will be sent to assist the many families in desperate need. Let us continue to offer our prayers to the people of Lebanon.



THE POWER OF PRAYER — Rosary Novena to start 15 August 2020

Margaret Lee of St Marys Parish, Grafton is asking all parishioners everywhere to join her in a nine day Novena to pick one decade of The Rosary and undertake to say that same decade very day for nine days for Peace in the World and an end to the COVID-19 Pandemic. For every 15 people who do this a whole Rosary is therefore offered every day. The Rosary is our most powerful prayer weapon and a powerful intercessory prayer. When Our Lady asked us through her message at Fatima to pray for world peace, Margaret felt that she wanted us to pray to have: A world where people do not believe that violence is the way to get what they want, that people do not go hungry and that human life is respected. Please join in this powerful Novena. - Email: margmlee@outlook.com



The Sick

Kathleen Melaing
Joy Grovenor
Edna Farlow
Spiteri Family
Matthew Barrington
Salvatore Dore
Alma Ryan
Lydia Stuccio
Phillip Abraham
Jean Murphy

Anniversaries

Bojena & Stanislav Tsvirko
Anna Vidakovich

Also

Bertram Fernando
Margaret Fox
John Ryan
Betty O'Rourke
Bert Whiting
Terry Anne & Margaret Catley
Lynus Rodrigues
Elena Bedirian
Antonio Marchetta
Giacobe(St James) Nguyen Bac Nha

Recently Deceased

Fr. Donal Madigan OMI -
(former PP of Sefton)
Helen Jessup
Marta Helena Siem-bida
Evelyn Magdaluyo
Wadih Nehme
Ebony Spek
Teresa Nguyen
My-Quynh Lam



Special Intentions

Nguyen Pham Family
Thanksgiving for Mary's Birthday
Health of Charmaine Rodrigues
Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Rosana Guevara



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**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
SEFTON BARCODE**



**SACRED HEART
VILLAWOOD BARCODE**



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

admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

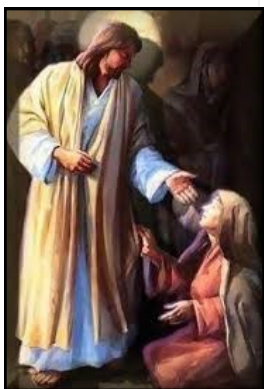
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 15:21-28

*A reading from the holy Gospel
 according to Matthew*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 129:7

***With the Lord there is mercy;
 in him is plentiful redemption.***

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 23 Aug 2020

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st Reading: Is 22:19-23

2nd Reading: Rom 11:33-36

Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week's gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has travelled to the area of Tyre and Sidon – part of modern day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel – the Jews – and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans – sometimes referred to as 'dogs' to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus' metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table.

The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew's gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes.

—Greg Sunter

CatholicCare Marriage Preparations

Marriage Education Goes Virtual: If you are engaged and are planning on getting married soon, CatholicCare is still able to provide you with your marriage education course during this time. We expect demand to surge when social distancing rules are relaxed further, so don't miss out. Book now! Call 13 18 19.

