



# 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: Mon to Sat: 9:15am & Tues: 7pm

Benediction, Exposition & Confessions: Sat. after morning mass

Baptisms: By appointment

Weddings: By appointment

## Sacred Heart Mass Times

120 Carawatha Street, Villawood NSW 2163

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

(Syro-Malabar : Wed- Fri: 7pm, Sat: 9:30am, Sun: 10.30m & 11.30am)

(Vietnamese : Tues & Thurs: 6pm, Sat: 5pm)

Confessions: Every Sun at 8.30am before 9am mass.

Baptisms: 10am Sundays by appointment Weddings: By appointment

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR A.

16 APRIL 2023

## Entrance Antiphon:

1 Pt 2:2

*Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.*

## 1st Reading

Acts 2:42-47

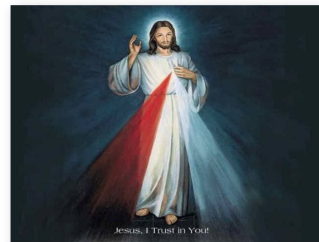
*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

**JESUS, KING OF DIVINE MERCY, ABC  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

*Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24*

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4 13-15 22-24 Rv1

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

**Parish Priest: Fr. Maurice T. Thompson EV PP**

Assistant Priests to Parishes:

Fr. Nen Dang & Fr. George Mankuzhikary (Chaplain for Syro-Malabar Community)

Priest in Residence: Mons. Brian Rayner

Deacons: Alden Godinet & Toetu Alosio Logotuli

Parish Office: 02 9644 4026 Fax: 02 9646 8502 Email: office@ihmsefton.org.au

Website: www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au

## Strengthening Our Parishes for Service

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 Email: carmenmeola.pa@gmail.com

**Samoan Community Sec:** Bonita Toleafoa: 0414 076 736

### SEFTON

**REC:** Ann-Marie Nulty 02 9644 3555  
**School Family Educator:** Nicola Beech 0400 040 763  
**Sacramental Coord:** Carmen Meola 0410 690 714



### VILLAWOOD

**REC :** Daniela Tripodi **School Family Educator:** Samantha D'Silva  
**Sefton/Villawood Catechists Co-ord:** Mary Williams: 0421 182 046  
 and Brendan Chow 0403 321 823

**Sefton/Villawood Parish Safeguarding Officer:**  
 Anthony Chadrawy Email: pssso.ihmsefton@gmail.com

### OUR SCHOOLS

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Primary School, Sefton:** 02 9644 3555  
**Principal:** Roslyn Moran  
**Sacred Heart Primary School, Villawood:** 02 9727 4149  
**Principal:** Maria Femia

### Sacred Music – Workshop for Congregants

**When:** Saturday 29th April 2023, 9am-1:30pm  
**Where:** St Thomas Parish Hall, 3 Thomas Street, Lewisham, NSW 2049.  
**Presenters:** Australian Sacred Music Association  
**Limit:** 50 people. Register on-line.

The purpose of this course is to train and form the faithful to engage more fully in the sung liturgy. The course is designed to help congregants with no prior practice or experience of singing the parts of the Mass as found in the 2011 Typical Edition of the Roman Missal. This one day workshop will outline the theoretical foundations of sacred music (biblical, historical, and magisterial), as well as equip each participant with an opportunity to advance in the practical art of 'active participation' by singing the liturgy.



### Sacred Music – Workshop for Parish Cantors and Musicians

**When:** Saturday 30th September 2023, 9am-2pm  
**Where:** St Thomas Parish Hall, 3 Thomas Street, Lewisham, NSW 2049.  
**Presenters:** Australian Sacred Music Association  
**Limit:** 25 people. Register on-line.

The purpose of this course is to train and form Parish Musicians to lead the sacred music in their parish setting. This one day workshop is designed to equip Parish Musicians (with confident vocal skills and good music literacy) to sing the texts of the liturgy and understand the various parts of the music of the Mass: Common, Ordinary, Proper, Hymns, Instrumental. The necessary pre-requisite for this course is a recommendation from one's parish priest confirming one's basic knowledge of music. For absolute beginners, the course "Sacred Music – Congregants" is recommended as a good place to start their journey with sacred music. **More information:** <https://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/>.

#### IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY WEEKEND ROSTERS:

16 APRIL 2023

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	Sat Vigil: 5:30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Michael Betros	Duy Bui	George Azar	Anish James
<b>Readers: 1st 2nd</b>	Shirley Andre Jacqueline Sater	Petah Foran Volunteer	Pettilise Tuima Filipino	Mimi Shirley Andre
<b>Communion</b>	Nereida Barry	Jean Murphy	Youssef Georges	Susan Garrett
<b>Cleaning:</b>	3rd Sat: Maria Imakulata			
<b>Flowers:</b>	2nd Sunday of Easter: Team 2. White Arrangement			

#### IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY WEEKEND ROSTERS:

23 APRIL 2023

	Sat Vigil: 5:30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Hung Dang	Tony Khoury	Joe Rodrigues	Thomas Kelly
<b>Readers: 1st 2nd</b>	Shirley Andre Jacqueline Sater	Petah Foran Volunteer	Terry Tierney Polish	Mimi Shirley Andre
<b>Communion</b>	Margaret Flanagan	Jean Murphy	Mariah Lawlor	Mary Williams
<b>Cleaning:</b>	4th Sat: Parish Group & Couples for Christ (Please attend to your Roster)			
<b>Flowers:</b>	3rd Sunday of Easter: Team 5. White Arrangements			

#### Help the seminarians of Redemptoris Mater go to World Youth Day 2023.

On Sunday 23rd of April at Villawood : 9am Mass. We will be welcoming some seminarians to speak for a few minutes about the Redemptoris Mater Seminary which is close by in Villawood/Chester Hill. They are asking our support to help them attend **World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal this year.**

Please make them welcome. For more information do not hesitate to contact the seminary on 9726 8114 or [info@seminary.org.au](mailto:info@seminary.org.au). Or visit them at 106 Gurney Road Villawood.



Please return your full **Project Compassion Boxes /Envelopes** to the church as soon as possible. Your support of Caritas is greatly appreciated.



**PLEASE NOTE:** The 2nd Readings in the Parish of Sefton will be spoken in the following **languages** on Sundays at **9.30am Mass** :-

**1st Sunday**—Vietnamese      **2nd Sunday** - Filipino  
**3rd Sunday** - Lebanese (Arabic)      **4th Sunday** - Polish  
**5th Sunday** -West African ( Twi )



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

on

16 APRIL 2023

**NOVENA STARTS**  
- 7 APRIL 2023

9 days of Chaplets - All welcome to join in.

**To conclude with Divine Mercy Sunday on 16 April, 2023  
at IHM Sefton at 11am Samoan Mass.**

The message of mercy is that God loves us, all of us, no matter how great our faults and failings. We call upon Him with trust, to receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering **ABC**.

**A - Ask for His mercy**

**B - Be merciful**

**C - Completely trust in Jesus.**



*Divine Mercy Chaplets are available in  
the foyer of Sefton Church.*

### CANCELLATION OF PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

ROME PILGRIMAGE - 2023 : THURS 21 SEPT TO TUES 3 OCT

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest, our Parish Rome Pilgrimage has been cancelled. There were only 6 people who paid a deposit. For all refunds: call 1800 753 959 or Email: [pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org) and speak to Isabella Conde.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Children in Year 3 or above who have received the Sacrament of Baptism are able to make their Reconciliation. This will be followed by the Holy Communion Program in the next term.



### PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

**Thursday, 11 May 2023 at 6pm at Sefton church  
for the Parishes of Sefton, Villawood and other Schools**

All parents wishing to have their child make their Reconciliation **must attend** this evening to receive the details of the program, the lesson times and to complete the Enrolment Form. **Please bring along copies of your child's baptism certificate. The \$25 donation towards costs and any completed Enrolment Forms will be collected on this night by the Sacramental Team. Pick up a brochure for more information.**

**St Brendan's Church, Friendship Club : Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage to PENROSE PARK on Saturday, 13 May 2023 Cost: \$55 per person. For more information see noticeboard in Church foyers or contact: Venero or Catina on 9707 1403 or 0403 852 811.**



## Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community



### The Sick

Tahlia Young  
Jane Estephane  
Marie Lonergan  
Sally Elkatrib  
Moira Forrest  
Terry Fox  
Felicity Oliveira  
Iris Hughes  
Soane Setefano  
Lucy O'Brien  
Leonie O'Brien  
Anthony G E Trad  
Debbie Collins  
Maria Nguyen  
Noel Rigney Johnson  
Mary Nguyen  
Jean Murphy  
John Mealing  
Matthew Collins  
Maureen Whiting  
Annette Evans  
Lena & Charlie Theuma  
Sid & Barbara Saidi  
Matthew Barrington  
Violet Carvouni  
Joy Grovenor  
David McGeachie

### Recently Deceased

Sarah Catellarin  
Annie Quinn



### Anniversaries

Edna Windram (2yrs)  
Maxy Gomez (1 year)  
Helen Gomez (11 yrs)  
Glen Mudge  
Fr A McCusker OMI  
Jadwiga Koluda  
John Marfia  
Michael Dugan  
Edith Moodie  
**RIP**  
Kata Baric  
Zdravka Sekul  
Giacobe Nguyen Bac Nha  
Vui Pham Marria

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Forgotten & afflicted Souls in Purgatory  
Souls of unborn children  
Ziher Family  
Anita Jazo (Sick)  
Ivan Marelja

*Please call/email the  
office by  
Wednesday afternoon if  
you need prayers or mass  
intentions for the bulletin  
or if you wish to take your  
name off the list.  
Thank you.  
02 9644 4026  
[office@ihmsefton.org.au](mailto:office@ihmsefton.org.au)*

### PIETY STORE

**SEFTON:** Open from  
8.30am until 10am  
Weekdays and before  
and after  
Weekend Masses.

### LIVESTREAM MASSES IHM SEFTON:

PARISH MASS: SUNDAY, 9.30AM  
& SAMOAN MASS : 11AM Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/immaculateheartofmaryparishsefton/>  
**SACRED HEART VILLAWOOD:** No Livestream masses.  
Facebook: Sacred Heart Parish Villawood

### 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.



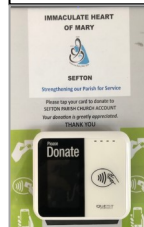
**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
SEFTON BARCODE**



**SACRED HEART VILLAWOOD**

### TAP 'N' GO DONATIONS

Are now available in **BOTH** our church foyers to use your Eftpos or Credit Cards. Please see the stand as pictured. It is currently set at \$5 a tap.  
Thanking you.





## 2nd Reading

1 Pt 1:3-9

*A reading from the letter of St Peter*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!**  
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later

the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.  
The Gospel of the Lord.



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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf Jn 20:27

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 2023 - Year A.

Third Sunday of Easter : 23 April

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-23

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 1:17-21

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm. Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God. -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](mailto: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.

