

Mass Times:

Monday to Saturday : 9:15am

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil) ; **Sunday:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:30pm

Rosary: Monday to Saturday: 8:50am

Sacred Heart Devotions: Fridays, 9:50am

Reconciliation: Saturdays After Morning Mass until 10:20am

Baptisms: 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:00am

Weddings and Funerals: Contact Parish Office



CATHOLIC WEEKLY - PULPIT POINTS 3RD MARCH 2019

- All for the love of God: The Tyburn way
- Mary's way with knots
- What men really need
- Cardinal George Pell convicted
- Movie review: Alita: Battle Angel
- Vatican Summit round-up

Available in the foyer - \$2. All money goes to the poor.

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812.

MINISTRY ROSTER - 9TH & 10TH MARCH 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	Ben	A James	J Rodrigues	C McDermott
Readers	J Toinette	M Abraham	L Vakauta	M Cowan
Ministers of Communion	A Pham E Torres	C Wood B Murphy	K Hicks K Marson	S Garrett M Williams
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	J Zhu	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	L Ghadban, R LaRosa			
Counters	L Windram, P Page			
Bankers	L Farlow, M Farlow			

PARISH CONTACTS

<p>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish Priest: Fr Greg McGregor Assistant Parish Priests: Fr Thomas Alukka Parish Secretary: Leisa Farlow Office Hours: Tue - Fri (9:30am - 2:30pm) 6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton NSW 2162 Phone: 02 9644 4026, Fax: 02 9743 7407 Email: office@ihmsefton.org.au Parish Website: www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au</p>	<p>Immaculate Heart of Mary - Primary School Principal: Mr. John Kennedy School Office: 30 Proctor Parade, Sefton, NSW 2162 Phone: 02 9644 3555, Fax: 02 9644 8214 Email: info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au Family Educator: Mrs Claude Bourizk</p>
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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton

6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton, NSW 2162

Parish Priest: Fr Greg McGregor
Assistant Parish Priest: Fr Thomas Alukka

Sunday, 3rd March 2019: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

At Rome, during the 16th Century, the most famous confessor in town was St Philip Neri. Popes and paupers sought his counsel and spiritual direction. One day a famous Duchess came to him and confessed the sin of gossip. Philip Neri told her to go home and get a feather pillow and return to the steps of the Church. Some time later he met her there and produced a small knife. He told the noblewoman to rip open the pillow. As she did, the swirling wind in the square picked up the loose feathers and they danced around the square and down the lanes. St Philip and the Duchess watched in silence as the feathers went everywhere. He then turned to her and said, "Now, go and collect all the feathers." To which she protested, "They have gone everywhere, I couldn't possibly find and regather them." "So too with your tongue, Madam," St Philip scolded her, "You have no idea where your gossip goes and you can never unsay it."



In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us that our words reflect the state of our hearts. Psychologists tell us that there are three main reasons why people habitually gossip, or 'share the news' as Australian men prefer to call it: power, envy and boredom. To know something about someone else can put us in a more powerful position with friends or colleagues. By being able to share what we have 'just heard', we are seen to be current and interesting. But this type of power is destructive because our friends normally assume that when they are absent they are maltreated in the same way. Gossipers have more alliances than friendships. The most malicious gossip often comes out of envy. Envious gossip often sees people make things up about others and pass it off as though it were true. The worst of tabloid newspapers, television and radio trades on this destructive vice. There is no place for the 'rumour file' in the Christian life. Sometimes, when a company or person have to deny the false accusations made about them, we get what we want – their reputations are tarnished and even their business can be in danger. No wonder medieval theologians called envy a 'deadly sin'. Boredom, however, is a modern cause for gossip. Our relationships and the way in which we hold each other's trust and good name to be paramount, are undermined by images from the media about how exciting life should be for everyone. Scene after scene in novels, television programs and films where confidences are betrayed and lives are raked over for comment and intrigue fill in the boredom in our lives with a distorted portrayal of human behaviour. The more we take it in, the more we mirror it in our own conduct.

Jesus does not tell us today that there is no place for criticism, challenge, confrontation and correction in the Christian life. Just that we have the responsibility to be very careful about what we say about others and how we criticise and condemn them. Jesus reminds us that most of our condemnation of others, is what we now call "projection", where we ignore similar failings in ourselves, but roundly condemn them in others. May this Eucharist, then, help all of us let go of the need to be powerful, the deadly sin of envy and help us be more creative with what we do when we are bored. May it help us make better choices about how we speak, to whom we speak and what we say.

St Philip Neri knew it all too well: most times we cannot know the consequences of what we say and we can never unsay it.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FAMILY EDUCATOR

New initiatives are being introduced including Family Playgroup and Family Mass. **Family Playgroup** will run in the Family Educator Office every **Thursday from 8:45am-10am** beginning on **14th March** for parents and young kids. **Family Mass** will include our school families in the Parish Mass, beginning **Sunday 17th March at 10:00am** followed by morning tea in the Church foyer - all are welcome!

Our next **Vinnies Sandwich Making Day is Monday 11th March** in the school hall from **8:30am**. Thank you to the wonderful ladies and gentlemen who come every month to help with this very rewarding work and also to the very generous people who donate to help purchase the ingredients for our sandwiches.

Mrs Claude Bourizk - Family Educator

READINGS

This Week: Sir 27:4-7 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45
Next Week: Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

CARDINEL PELL CONVICTION

Dear Parishioners. No doubt you are aware of the distressing news this week of the conviction of Cardinal Pell in Victoria during the week. I am wary of bringing this up during mass out of concern for the young members of our community. I am happy to make myself available to anyone who would like to discuss this issue with me. There is also some material at the back of the Church if you are interested and I'm sure this week's Catholic Weekly will have articles on the matter as well. *Fr Greg.*

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL ACIES CEREMONY

Congratulations to the Legion of Mary Our Lady Queen of Peace, Sefton Praesidium, on their 63rd Anniversary. This is a marvellous milestone and we wish you many more blessings in the future. May Jesus and Mary continue to guide you in your various ministries



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross will be held **every Thursday at 2:15pm** as well as **every Friday morning immediately after Mass** (approximately 10am, in place of Sacred Heart Devotions). All are welcome.

SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATA PRAYER GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Immaculata Sisters at Sefton invite any young adults that are interested, to join them in prayer every **fortnight starting on Friday March 15**. The prayer group will **begin in the Church at 6:30pm**. The Sisters look forward to seeing some new faces!

ALTAR SERVERS

Any parents with children wishing to become an Altar Server, please bring your son or daughter on **Saturday, 9th March at 11:00am** in the Church. Existing Altar Servers are also welcome to attend this meeting.



The only requirement of becoming an Altar Server is they must have made their first Holy Communion.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2020

If you have a preschooler who turns 5 before July 31st, 2020 and would like to enrol him/her at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Primary School for 2020, enrolment packages will be available from the school office next week. If you know of anyone else who may be considering a Catholic education for their child, please let them know about our school. School Tours for new families considering IHM for their child will be held Tuesday 5th March: at 9am and Wednesday 6th March: Tours at 12pm and 3:30pm..

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - ST JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

St Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary at Auburn is in need of volunteers for their coffee shop. If interested, please call **9749 0295** between **10am and 3pm**.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Please note: **Mass will be held at 9:15am** with Yrs 3-6 from IHM Primary School in attendance on Ash **Wednesday, 6th March**. There will be a **Mass at 7:00pm** also for any Parishioners who are unable to attend morning Mass.

THE BISHOP'S BLEND

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on Monday, **11 March 2019 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendseventhedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion is a long-standing tradition in which we participate every Lent with the Australian Church coming together to raise funds for the Third World and to ensure that we never fail to live in the awareness of the need to be aware of the needs of the less fortunate. It is also a marvellous opportunity to teach our children to think of others and to share a little of our good fortune as each family tries to keep the Project Compassion box in a prominent place in the home. Thank you to all who will participate once again this year. **Please find donation boxes in the foyer to take home and fill over Lent.**

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 2nd	9:15am	Intentions of Legion of Mary (63rd Anniversary) <i>RIP Roma Swindells</i>
Vigil	5:30pm	
Sun 3rd	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	Intentions of Tibor Nagy & Family <i>RIP David Patrick Ryan</i> Deceased members of Dinh & Pham families
Mon 4th	9:15am	<i>RIP Betty Freebody</i>
Tue 5th	9:15am	<i>RIP John Baptist & Anna Nguyen</i>
Wed 6th	9:15am	Special Intentions of Sisters of Immaculata
Thu 7th	9:15am	Intentions of Michael Lidonne on his 18th Birthday
Fri 8th	9:15am	Special Intentions of Sisters of Immaculata
Sat 9th	9:15am	<i>RIP Filippo Manganaro</i>
Vigil	5:30pm	Welfare of Saidi Family

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patricia Coves, Kieran Ricketts, Joné Radaniva

RIP ANNIVERSARY

Colin Lawless, Craig Bass, Gregory Sole, Lillian Maunsell, Maureen Brooks

OUR SICK

Rolande L'Olive, Francis Defosses, Alicia Bezett, John Morrison, Rosina Pellegrino, Youssef Ghadban, Monica McIntyre, Bryant Wilson, Alma Ryan, Kevin Magnussen, Bishop G Robinson, John Mealing, David McGeachie, Kath Coughlin, Mary Keane, Bob Rodrigues, Spiteri family, Leslie Cotter, Matthew Barrington, Lydia Gwynne, Leo Hackett

COULD YOU HELP A CHILD IN CARE?

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night. **Tuesday 5th March 2019, 5:30pm-8pm at CatholicCare 2C West Street (Cnr Thomas Street), Lewisham NSW 2049.** Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place..

UPCOMING RETREATS

Advent Retreat - The Fulfilment of Promise

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land where he was born, through to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice. See places mentioned in the Old and New Testaments as the Bible comes alive in this 14-day pilgrimage for an all-inclusive price of **\$5690**. For **enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au**. Departures Dates: **Fr. Sebastian (24 March), Fr. Kenneth (26 May 19), Fr. Colin (31 May 19)**. Other Departure Dates include 18 Aug, 8 Sep, 17 Sep, 13 Oct, 10 Nov.

Footsteps of St Paul - Pilgrimage to Greece

Journey with St. Paul as you relive follow his footsteps on a **14-day pilgrimage to Greece departing on 14th May, 2019**. This pilgrimage features the saint's missionary for an all-inclusive price of \$5990, including a 3 Night Cruise with all meals + Stay Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Priests. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

'OF LIFE AND LOVE' MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Each course will be held over 3 consecutive Wednesdays. 2019 dates include: **March 13, 20, 27 and October 16, 23, 30**. To book online, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/ZWSU> or contact LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 2nd March

- Legion of Mary 63rd Anniversary

Tuesday, 5th March

- 11am - Mass & Anointing at Weeroona Village

Wednesday, 6th March—Ash Wednesday

- 7pm - Ash Wednesday Mass

Saturday, 9th March

- 11am - Altar Servers Meeting in Church

Sunday, 10th March

- First Sunday of Lent
- 10am - Family Mass followed by Cuppa

Monday, 11th March

- 8:30am - Vinnies Sandwich Making

Thursday, 14th March

- 8:45am - Family Playgroup

Sunday, 17th March

- Second Sunday of Lent

Tuesday, 19th March

- 9:15am - Years 5 & 1 attending Mass

