

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 28TH APRIL 2019

- Prayers for Sri Lanka
 - After the Conflagration
 - Rebuild my Church
 - Movie review: Breakthrough
 - Turning medical ethics upside down
- Available in the foyer - \$2. All money goes to the poor.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

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 (02) 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.

MINISTRY ROSTER - 4TH & 5TH MAY 2019

| Mass | 5:30pm | 8am | 10am | 5:30pm |
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| Acolytes | W Khouw | D Bui | Ben | K Collins |
| Readers | R Winder | L Abouchabake | T Tierney | M Faitua |
| Ministers of Communion | N Barry Y Sassine | R Camilleri J Murphy | K Hicks M Lonergan | J Luciano S Garrett |
| Musician/Choir | IHM Choir | T Tran | Tongan Choir | M Farlow |
| Flower Arrangers | T Khoury, S Khoury | | | |
| Counters | L Windram, P Page | | | |
| Bankers | I Prygiel, M Enright | | | |

PARISH CONTACTS

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| <p>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish Priest: Fr Greg McGregor Assistant Parish Priest: 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, 28 April 2019: Second Sunday of Easter - (Divine Mercy Sunday) - Year C

The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and also to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds.

We know the community of Ephesus, for which this Gospel is written, was experiencing great persecution. Is it any wonder, one generation from the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's risen presence are his marks of suffering?

Our own world continues to be intrigued by manifestations of Jesus' wounds. Do you remember when a well-known television reporter went in search of mystics and stigmatics? The television network ratings soared. Everyone from the true believer to the cynic wanted to see if the hands really bled, or the wounds really wept. Whatever the truth of these private revelations and experiences, it seems words and wounds still make a claim on us today.

You and I know, however, that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God are greatest. The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

I remember struggling with some personal issues in the Jesuit novitiate. I'm told that's what these places are for! One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the novice master, adapting Psalm 118, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone.' By this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fear, his doubts and his disbelief and through the wounds of healing and peace transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is that which God wants to use as the cornerstone. And when this happens we can cry with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

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CONFIRMATION - TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2019

Confirmation is the Sacrament by which Catholics receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Catholic Christians in Year Six and above who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion are eligible to enrol in the Confirmation Program. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives candidates the increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every situation.

Confirmation will be celebrated by Monsignor John Usher at IHM Sefton Parish on Tuesday 25th June at 7:00pm.

Applications are available in the foyer of the church as well as on the Parish website, <http://www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au>.

Please **submit applications to the Parish Office before 3rd May 2019**. Applications can be dropped in the mailbox on the Presbytery's door.



READINGS

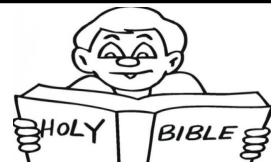
This Week: Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-13, 17-19 Rv 1:9-13, 17-19
Next Week: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19

READERS MEETING

Our next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 1st May at 7:30pm** in the **Parish Centre**. Please make an effort to attend.

ALL CATECHISTS

All **catechists**: **you have mail**. Please check your mailbox and continue to do this on a **weekly basis**. Thank you.



PROJECT COMPASSION

As the season of Lent has now come to an end, please return your full Project Compassion boxes & envelopes as soon as possible to the Church. Thankyou for your kind donations which will change the lives of many.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank the Parishioners who helped me or offered their assistance when I took sick at the 8:00am Mass on Easter Sunday. It was all greatly appreciated. God Bless, Kathy Davenport.



INDIGENOUS APPEAL

The Bible Society's RIMS (Remote Indigenous Ministries Support) Project, is a major undertaking and part of The Bible Society of Australia's 200th Anniversary push to provide scriptures to Australia's first people, our Aboriginals.

These projects have been endorsed by **Parramatta Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen DD, Archbishop Christopher Prowse Canberra & Goulburn Diocese, Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Terry Brady DD, Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Richard Umbers DD, Darwin Bishop Emeritus Eugene Hurley DD, Federal Member of Parliament Ms. Linda Burney and Federal Senator Patrick Dodson.**

Richard Allcock will be attending all Masses at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**, on the weekend of **4th & 5th May** and will present a brief talk about the Bible Society's RIMS Project followed by an invitation for support from parishioners for this very deserving Indigenous Bible translation project.

*Funding is desperately needed to support the printing and distribution of the **Murrinpatha Mini Bible, Modern Tiwi project, Eastern & Central Arnernte Bible translation (New Testament and Old Testament portions) & Kriol Audio Indigenous Scriptures** for our Indigenous brothers & sisters in Australia.*

In summary, the RIMS Project is divided into four fundamental areas: Publication of Indigenous Bibles, Recording of Indigenous Scripture, supporting indigenous translation, Designing Indigenous Bible resources and workshops. It is important to note that the RIMS Indigenous Project is Tax Deductable and all donations above \$2.00 is claimable.

CHOSEN CONFERENCE

Be Strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9

The Chosen Conference is a national conference for youth and young adults between 18 - 30 years old, organised by Jesus Youth, an International Catholic Association with a focus on evangelising young people and nurturing their missionary initiatives. We invite you to join us from the 4th - 7th July 2019 at Sacred Heart Girl's College Melbourne for 4 power-packed days of youth rallies, up-lifting talks, workshops, theatre, Eucharistic celebrations, vocation & mission expo and live music. For registrations please visit www.chosenconference.org.au. For further information, queries or group registration please contact info@chosenconference.org.au or call us at 0491 002 081.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND 2019 PASTORAL APPEAL

In the coming weeks, your parish will be asked to play an important role in supporting a key initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese: The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal, our premier charity. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Sat 27th Vigil | 9:15am 5:30pm | RIP Marilyn Holdsworth RIP Gavin Clarke (Anniversary on 3rd April) |
| Sun 28th | 8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm | RIP Margaret & John Diamond RIP Marlene Morris RIP Bob Rolfe (27 year Anniversary) |
| Mon 29th | 9:15am | RIP Peter Ross |
| Tue 30th | 9:15am | Intentions of Maria Lidoni |
| Wed 1st | 9:15am | Intentions of Alex Jutrisa |
| Thu 2nd | 9:15am | Intentions of Joe Lidoni |
| Fri 3rd | 9:15am | Deceased Members of the Dinh & Pham Families |
| Sat 4th Vigil | 9:15am 5:30pm | Intentions of Betty Cumerlato on her 90th Birthday <i>Legion of Mary</i> RIP Giuse and Anna |

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lori Grovenor, Martin Ngo Pham



RIP ANNIVERSARY

Kenneth Leslie Allport, Fr John Maher OMI, Joan Elizabeth Lowe, Robert Rolfe, Fr J Coakley OMI,

OUR SICK

Shirley Ross, Harper Dowdell, 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

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO SENIORS?

CatholicCare needs people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea and to help with light housework. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3, 4 and 5 May this year. People will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

Prepare to reach beyond...

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. **Overseas Catholic communities** are inviting you to **immerse yourself** for 1 to 2 years.

If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by **sharing them with our global family!**

Come for **Global Mission Info:**
Sunday May 26th @ 10:30am
Aquinas Academy
141 Harrington Street,
The Rocks, SYDNEY



Palms Australia
Reach Beyond

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 27th April

- Fr Greg & Fr Thomas one year at Sefton Parish

Sunday, 28th April

- Divine Mercy Sunday

Monday, 29th April

- School Resumes - Term 2

Wednesday, 1st May

- 7:30pm - Readers Meeting, Parish Centre

Saturday, 4th May

- Fr Greg returns from Annual Leave

4th & 5th May at all Masses

- RIMS Appeal - Remote Indigenous Ministry Support

