

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 11TH AUGUST 2019

- Seven new priests
- Thousands stand up for Life
- Meet Teresa - a confessor for the faith
- Fighting slavery in Sydney
- Movie review: Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw
- Art that's Divine

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 - 17TH & 18TH AUGUST 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	D Bui	C Kelly	B Freeburn
Readers	J Taufaa	M Heim	I Vellis	S Faitua
Ministers of Communion	N Barry Y Sassine	B Murphy J Murphy	P Kelly K Hicks	J Freeburn M Williams
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	Sing loudly	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	N Zalloua, R Khoury			
Counters	M Lonergan, J Horsley			
Bankers	L Farlow, M Farlow			

PARISH CONTACTS

<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 (10:00am - 3:00pm) 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, 11th August 2019: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

As offensive as the Monty Python film, The Life of Brian was to some Christians, the scene in which several competing messiahs try to convince the market-place crowd that they are the real thing, brilliantly and humorously captures Jewish expectations in 1st century Palestine. Not unlike the fervour at the end of the last millennium, some religious people believed the end of time was close at hand. Far from selling his messianic wares at the market, however, Jesus crept in beside us and lived, suffered, died and was raised from the tomb in a way no one anticipated. Even after his resurrection the earliest Christians believed Jesus would return very soon, so they could afford to live as if they were, literally, in the last days. When this didn't happen there was crisis in the community. The earliest disciples, to whom much had been entrusted, had to hand on a faith in a more unpredictable God who does not fulfil



all our expectations or run to our timetable. Luke points out that the greatest gift we Christians have received is knowing that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ. What a relief to know we do not have to shop around any more. From everyone to whom much has been given, however, much will be required and so knowing who Jesus is only goes halfway. Living out the reality of the Christian life is the other half. Today's Gospel teaches us that our Christian life should be marked by five characteristics, that we: willingly share with those in need; are ready to act justly; stay alert to the presence of God in the world; guard against those people or things that can rob us of our faith; not abuse others but live in peace. With or without a sense that Jesus is due back at any minute, the Christian life is meant to focus on the essentials. Two thousand years later we are still waiting for Jesus' return and many of us live complicated lives that rob us of true happiness. Sadly, it often takes a tragedy for us to reassess what we have been given. A student at the Columbine High School, who was injured in the shooting, wrote this sombre reappraisal of how he sees the world and what he thinks we should be passing on to the next generation: 'The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less. 'We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but less solutions; more medicine, but less health. 'We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our value; we talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years. 'We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbour. We've conquered outer space; not inner space, we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We have higher incomes, but lower morale; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality. 'These are the times of tall men (sic), and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic violence; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition. 'These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time when there is so much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.' We all know the world is not quite so neat, not so either/or, but these words focus the question well enough: what are the essentials of our life, or as Jesus puts it, what is our treasure and where is our heart?

READINGS

This Week: Wis 18:6-9 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48
Next Week: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53

BAPTISM Please pray for **AVERIE, KAYLEE & ARDEN LAM and VICTORIA YOUNG** as we welcome them into our Parish community through the sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, 11th August 2019**. Let us pray also for their parents and Godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Averie, Kaylee, Arden and Victoria in the practice of the faith.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - 15TH AUGUST 2019

For those working or otherwise engaged, note that on Thursday 15th August (as well as the 9:15am School and Parish Mass) there will be a Mass at **7:00pm for the Feast of the Assumption** which is a Holy Day of Obligation. All welcome.

Other local Masses for the Feast of the Assumption are Wednesday 7:00pm at St Joachims Lidcombe and 6:00pm on Thursday at St John of God.

HEALING MASS

There will be a healing Mass celebrated by Fr Greg and Fr Thomas here at Immaculate Heart of Mary on **Saturday 31st August at 9:15am**. Anointing of the sick will be available.

CAN YOU HELP?

The St Vincent de Paul night patrol van service is desperately short of items to feed the hungry and homeless. As part of our outreach program, our school and parish support Vinnies van services by making sandwiches, soups, snack packs, toiletry packs and boiled eggs. If you would like to donate, please see the flyer in the foyer of the Church which shows the items needed. You can leave the items in the tub provided in the foyer of the Church. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.



Our next Vinnies sandwich making day is on **26th August in the school hall**.

FREE LOUNGE & DINING TABLE

If you are interested in a 2nd hand lounge and dining table with chairs, please contact the Parish Office. The items need a good clean but are otherwise in fairly good condition.

VOCATIONS ENQUIRY DAY WITH CAPUCHIN FRIARS, SATURDAY 24 AUGUST (2-7PM)

Young men (18-35) are invited to come and hear about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. The Capuchins will host this opportunity to hear about our way of life, to pray, and have your questions answered. It's at **St Fiacre's Parish Hall** (top of the driveway at 98 Catherine Street, Leichhardt). Concludes with dinner. For those who would like, there will be the optional opportunity to then go out on the Friars' Van – which is a Capuchin ministry to the homeless in Sydney. To register interest, contact Father Thomas: 0432 362 052 or vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au

TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED

If anyone is able to help out with transport from Merle Street Chester Hill to 10am Sunday Mass, please contact the Parish Office. Two parishioners would love to attend Mass but are unable to make their own way to Church. If we have a number of volunteers, perhaps we could do a roster system. Thank you.

NSW ABORTION BILL - CONTACT YOUR MP

A bill to make abortion legal in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted on this month. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked all Catholics in NSW to urgently contact their state Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this bill. Contact details for your local MP are: Tania Mihailuk, 9708 3838, bankstown@parliament.nsw.gov.au



MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 10th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Good Health of Jess McDougall <i>RIP</i> Maria Nguyen (Recently Deceased)
Sun 11th	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	<i>RIP</i> Betty O'Rourke (Anniversary) <i>RIP</i> Anna Vidakovic (3 year anniversary on 13th August) Unborn Soul of the Keep Family
Mon 12th	9:15am	Intentions of the Visevic Family
Tues 13th	9:15am	<i>RIP</i> Bert Whiting (Anniversary)
Wed 14th	9:15am	<i>RIP</i> Janet Daoud and Youssef Rizk
Thu 15th	9:15am	Solemnity - The Assumption
Fri 16th	9:15am	Intentions of the Visevic Family
Sat 17th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Intentions of Mirka Zuzul Deceased Members of the Watson Family

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian Joseph Cochrane, Ted O'Connell, Cecilia Bater, John Swindells

RIP ANNIVERSARY

Betty O'Rourke, Beryl Hayward, Anna Vidakovic

OUR SICK

Jess McDougall, Mary Pesce, Joy Grovenor, Joan Cassidy, Edna Windram, Shirley Ross, Harper Dowdell, Francis Defosses, Alicia Bezett, John Morrison, Rosina Pellegrino, Youssef Ghabban, 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

SINCERE SYMPATHY and loving prayers from the parish family to the family, relatives and friends of **CECILIA BATER** who recently passed away in Queensland. May she rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her. A funeral Mass for Cecilia will be held on **Friday, 16th August at 11:00am** here at Immaculate Heart of Mary.



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 29TH SEPTEMBER 2019

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29th September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'bodily become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call 02 8306-3499. Order the Statement online at: bit.ly/socialjusticshop Follow us on Facebook: [@socialjusticeACBC](https://www.facebook.com/socialjusticeACBC) or Twitter: [@JusticeCatholic](https://twitter.com/JusticeCatholic)

LISTEN WITH THE SOUL - SIX DAY RETREAT

"When you listen with the soul you come into the rhythm of the universe." This quote from John O'Donohue sets the scene for a spiritual Journey. Fr Kevin Dance and Sr Jill Dance will lead participants into an experience of inner prayer. An opportunity for group sharing, also times for deep silence, healing and reconciliation. Single Ensuite room \$650 Shared facilities \$550

Where: St Clement's Retreat Centre Galong, NSW

When: 16th - 23rd September 2019

Bookings: Email info@stclement.com.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, 11th August

- 11:00am - Communion Lessons
- 11:00am - Baptism of Victoria Young and Averie, Kaylee & Arden Lam

Tuesday, 13th August

- 9:15am - Year 1 & Year 5 attend Parish Mass

Wednesday, 14th August

- 6:00pm - Communion Lessons

Thursday, 15th August

- THE ASSUMPTION, Solemnity
- 9:15am - Whole School & Parish Mass

Friday, 16th August

- Year 1 Spirituality Day, Oblate Rooms
- 11:00am - Funeral Mass for Cecilia Bater

