

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 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019

- *Where to from here? Cardinal Pell appeal*
- *Dear Premier, we feel betrayed*
- *Anna Krohn: Yes He is really there!*
- *Fr Flader: Rogue Catholic politicians*
- *Movie review: Brian Banks*
- *Cronulla Installation*

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 - 7TH & 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	D Bui	C McDermott	C Kelly
Readers	R Toinette	M Heim	A Pham	M Cowan
Ministers of Communion	P Loos N Barry	B Murphy J Murphy	K Hicks K Marson	P Kelly S Garrett
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	Thu Tran	Tongan Choir	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	E Bui, N Bui, D Johns			
Counters	L Windram, P Page			
Bankers	I Prygiel, M Enright			

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 - 3:30pm) 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, 1st September 2019: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

One of the most basic human responses to anything new is to ask, 'What's in it for me?' We would like to think our motives are pure and our interests are for others, but there is often a nagging voice reminding us that selfish desires are never far from the surface. That said, we all know heroic individuals who care for sick spouses or children, who go to faraway places to give those in need their time and talent or who stay at home and do the same in their local neighbourhood. That's what makes them heroic. There is nothing in it for them; they are drawn by bonds of love, faith or by a desire to create a better world. There are at least two ways we can hear Jesus' words in today's gospel. The first is as a strong challenge about social justice. National boundaries mean nothing to God. All people are equal in God's sight, so the banquet Jesus refers to has implications for how we share the riches with which we have been blessed with others in the world. The poor, crippled, lame and blind of our world are the majority of God's children who mainly live in the Third World. They are our brothers and sisters. At the banquet of life Christians are called to give priority to the needs of these people, not only because they have a just claim on our resources, but also because they can't do anything for us in return. They purify our motives. When we link our concern, time, talent, career, and money with these children of God, we tame that nagging question, 'What's in it for me?' with a firm reply, 'Very little – except God's justice.' A somewhat comforting angle to take on this gospel is more psychological. Many of us, when we come to God at any time, try to dress ourselves up to look better than we are! This gospel reminds us that at Christ's banquet, however, it's not the poised and perfect who are most welcome, but the vulnerable. What does this mean for us who pray and celebrate the Eucharist? That God embraces those parts of us that are in greatest need of his love and healing – where we are poor, crippled, blind and lame. We know this it is true because if Jesus is telling us to host the poor and broken at our tables, then as the perfect host he must do exactly the same with us at this Eucharistic meal as well. When I was a child we referred to our finest clothes as our 'Sunday best' and we wore them proudly to Mass. Not only did we look good, we acted the part as well. Everyone was on best behaviour for the entire parish to see. Now, I have nothing against dressing with care and behaving well at Mass; it can be a sign of our self-respect, our courtesy toward others and our devotion to God. But God cares more about what's going on inside us. We can never hide from God, especially at the Eucharist because we have been invited to be here, not as we would like to be, but as we are. May this Eucharist – this taste of heaven's justice – give us renewed courage to think beyond our self and national interests, and show to others the hospitality of God that has been lavished on us. May we discover that where faith is concerned, the answer to 'What's in it for me?' is 'More than we can ever hope or imagine.'



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GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

If you require gluten free hosts due to a medical complaint, please see the Acolyte prior to Mass and this can be arranged. Please ensure you advise the Acolyte at least 10 minutes before Mass is to commence.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the candidates who are to receive Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday 8th September at 12 noon. They will attend their retreat day on Friday 6th September to prepare to receive this very important sacrament and we pray they will be filled with joy and reverence on their First Holy Communion Day.



READINGS

This Week: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 Lk 14:1, 7-14
Next Week: Wis 9:13-18 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33

FATHER'S DAY

After 10:00am Mass today, there will be morning tea in the foyer and a Father's Day cake for our priests and all the dads, Grandads, uncles and men who are positive role models in our childrens' and all our lives.



A Father's Day Prayer

God, Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The 2019 Reconciliation program is currently accepting enrolments for baptised Catholics in **year 2 or above** to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 20th November, 2019**. If you would like to enrol your child in this Sacrament, please complete the application form at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish Office by **25th September**. Anyone wishing to make First Holy Communion in 2020 will need to have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation to be eligible. Forms are also available on our Parish website www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au

THE FATHER FACTOR

Trinity Catholic College would like to invite you to the **Auburn Campus Library of Trinity Catholic College** on the evening of **September 4 at 7:00pm** to listen to a highly engaging presentation called "The Father Factor". Our guest speaker for this evening will be Mr Robert Falzon. Robert Falzon is a husband, father, businessman, co-founder of menALIVE and published author. The Father Factor presentation is designed **for parents of boys between the ages of 13 and 16 and addresses the importance and profound impact of "Fatherhood"**. The evening promises to be very informative and rewarding for those in attendance. This invitation is for both parents or at least Mother or Father. Please fill the below RSVP slip and return to the College before August 30. (*Please note that your son is not required at the presentation*)

RSVP to john.coppola@syd.catholic.edu.au

MOTHER MARY'S BIRTHDAY MASS & CUPPA

Please join the Legion of Mary at Mass on **Saturday 7th September at 9:15am** to celebrate Our Lady's birthday which falls on Sunday, 8th September. There will also be a morning tea in the Parish Centre immediately after Mass, hosted by the Legion of Mary. All welcome.



PARISH RENEWAL WORKSHOP DAY WITH SHERRY WEDDELL

World-renowned author of *Forming Intentional Disciples*, Sherry Weddell, comes to Sydney next week. Sherry has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the area of conversion, discipleship and transformation within parish life. Please come along to a Parish Renewal Workshop Day with Sherry Weddell on Saturday 7th September at Dooleys in Regents Park. Register online via <http://www.sydneycatholic.org/forming-parishes-of-intentional-disciples/> Tickets are \$20.

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)

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 31st Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Welfare of all Parishioners RIP Maria Oanh Nguyen (Anniversary)
Sun 1st	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	RIP Tran Van Vi RIP Rafca Barakat (2 year Anniversary on 30/8/19) RIP Violet + Victor Perera
Mon 2nd	9:15am	RIP Keith Wood (5 year Anniversary)
Tues 3rd	9:15am	RIP August Kefelja
Wed 4th	9:15am	Souls in Purgatory
Thu 5th	9:15am	Immaculata Long Term Mission
Fri 6th	9:15am	Deceased members of Dinh and Pham families
Sat 7th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Souls in Purgatory RIP Phillippe L'Olive - Happy Fathers' Day

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Dr Portia Mariano, Leslie Cotter, Brian Joseph Cochrane

RIP ANNIVERSARY

Keith Wood, Barry Boyle, Sheila Field, Julia du Buisson Perrine

OUR SICK

Jess McDougall, Laurel Anthony, Mary Pesce, Joy Grovenor, Joan Cassidy, Edna Windram, Shirley Ross, Harper Dowdell, Francis Defosses, Alicia Bezett, John Morrison, Rosina Pellegrino, Youssef Ghaban, Monica McIntyre, Bryant Wilson, Alma Ryan, Kevin Magnussen, Bishop G Robinson, John Mealing, David McGeachie, Kath Coughlin, Mary Keane, Bob Rodrigues, Spiteri family, Matthew Barrington, Lydia Gwynne, Leo Hackett

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL - 7th & 8th SEPTEMBER

Please consider donating to the Priests' Retirement Foundation, and support our spiritual Fathers who have sacrificed and given so much to us. Your donation will assist our retired Priests to live with dignity, and support their basic needs like meals, accommodation and medical expenses. Please support those who have been there for us and donate. This appeal will occur next weekend at all Masses with a special collection after Communion and we are extremely grateful for any donation you are able to contribute, be it large or small.

PARISH RETREAT 2019

The annual Sefton Parish Retreat is to be held from **Friday, 11th October to Sunday, 13th October at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre in Varroville**. The cost of the retreat is **\$340 per person**. A deposit of \$50 is required on booking and booking forms can be found on the table in the foyer of the church. *For more information, please see the form at the back or contact Kath on 9644-8163 or the Parish Office on 9644-4026.*

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 or leave your details on the paperwork in the foyer of the Church. 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.

GERMAN CATHEDRALS AND OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE 2020

Fr Chris Dixon, from the Diocese of Parramatta, is leading a pilgrimage focussing on "German Cathedral Pilgrimage and the Passion Play at Oberammergau", for 13 days leaving 25th August 2020 and returning 6th September 2020. For more information and further details, contact Fr Chris at annangrove@hotmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 1st September

- 11:00am - Morning tea in Church foyer for Father's Day

Tuesday, 3rd September

- 10:30am - Principal & Clergy Conference

Wednesday, 4th September

- 10:30am - Sth West Deanery Meeting

Friday, 6th September

- 9:15am - First Holy Communion Candidates to attend Parish Mass
- First Holy Communion Retreat Day
- 11:00am - Mass & Anointing at Weeroona Village

Saturday, 7th September

- 9:15am - Mass & Morning Tea for Our Lady's birthday

