

**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 15TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

- *Protest dogs Premier*
- *Miraculous healing declared at Knock*
- *The Saint who died to protect confession*
- *Want to evangelise? Be a friend*
- *Movie review: Blinded by the Light*
- *The gift of the Ordinariate*

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](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.

**MINISTRY ROSTER - 21ST & 22ND SEPTEMBER 2019**

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	C Kelly	L Cavallo	J Rodrigues	J Luciano
<b>Readers</b>	A Roberts	L Abouchabake	I Vellis	M Faitua
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	P Kelly Y Sassine	B Murphy J Murphy	C Bourizk J Bourizk	M Cowan M Williams
<b>Musician/Choir</b>	IHM Choir	Thu Tran	Sing Loudly	M Farlow
<b>Flower Arrangers</b>	N Zalloua, R Khoury			
<b>Counters</b>	L Windram, P Page			
<b>Bankers</b>	I Prygiel, M Enright			

**PARISH CONTACTS****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](mailto:office@ihmsefton.org.au)**Parish Website:** [www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au](http://www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au)**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](mailto:info@ihmsefton.catholic.edu.au)**Family Educator:** Mrs Claude Bourizk**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Greg McGregor**Assistant Parish Priest:** Fr Thomas Alukka**Sunday, 15th September 2019: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

A bishop in a rural diocese was explaining to the confirmation class how he was the shepherd of the flock. Given that many of the children came from large sheep farms he decided to draw on today's Gospel as an analogy for his pastoral leadership. 'I care for all of you like the Good Shepherd,' he said. The students seemed consoled. Warming up, the bishop continued, 'For instance, what would your fathers do if he lost one of his sheep?' The class was silent. The bishop asked again. The students were confused. The bishop got personal, 'Michael what would your Dad do?' 'Seeing we've 42,000 of them, bishop, he'd let the stupid blighter go!'. Sometimes the power of the Gospel needs a little help to become inculturated! If the bishop had done his homework and asked Michael about 420 missing sheep he would've got the answer he was after! The Exodus reading and the Gospel from Luke could not provide a greater contrast in the images of God they present. Thank goodness we are children of the new covenant, intimates of the Good Shepherd. The Lord in Exodus, by contrast, is vengeful; his destructive anger only changes because of Moses' intercession. The idea that God 'gets us' through disasters, illness, misfortune and hardship is, tragically, still potent in Christian faith. No matter how often the Church teaches us, for example, that HIV/AIDS has not been sent as a curse by God on gay men, or that non-Christians are not punished for their beliefs through war and famine or that God does not send small accidents and sicknesses because God knows we need a rest, we can find this erroneous thinking is alive and well. At its worst it drives people away from the Good Shepherd who knows each of us by name, who will go to ridiculous lengths and risk everything to go after us and welcome us home. There is a huge difference between God permitting evil in the world and God perpetrating such acts. We do not believe that God, the summit and source of love, rains down evil upon the world. Whatever of the many and wonderfully varied images of God in the Old Testament, the Israelites had a developed belief in God's vengeance. Jesus, however, spoke more of God's justice and compassion. And even as intimate and loving as the Good Shepherd metaphor is, Jesus is clear about our freedom to choose between life in Him and the path which draws us away. None of us is coerced into the flock. We are not God's victims. We know and hear the voice of the one who loves us most and are drawn to him, and can make a return every time we stray. May this Eucharist, then, enable us to let go of any residual belief that God is out to get us. May it sharpen our hearing to his call and help us to delight in his embrace. And may it embolden us to be good shepherds to those we love so that we might risk everything, in his name, to be foolishly loving and compassionate to all we claim as our own.



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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.**

**PARISH RETREAT 2019**

The annual Sefton Parish Retreat will go ahead and 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 (\$306 for pensioners and share accommodation)**. 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 of the Church** or contact Kath on 9644-8163 or the Parish Office on 9644-4026.

**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](http://www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au)

## READINGS

**This Week:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14    1 Tm 1:12-17    Lk 15:1-32  
**Next Week:** Am 8:4-7    1 Tm 2:1-8    Lk 16:1-13

## ANNUAL LEAVE FOR FR THOMAS

Fr Thomas will be on annual leave from **15th September until 10th October 2019**. We wish Fr Thomas a safe and spiritual pilgrimage overseas and look forward to hearing all about his adventures upon his return.

## FROM OUR FAMILY EDUCATOR, MRS CLAUDE BOURIZK:

As mentioned in previous Bulletins, the St Vincent de Paul night patrol van service is desperately short of items to feed the hungry and homeless. The response from both the school and Parish community has been overwhelming. We will continue to accept donations, especially juice poppers and snacks. Thank you again for your ongoing generosity.



I have taken on a Wednesday night bus run for Vinnies night patrol. The bus serves hot and cold drinks, soups, snacks, fruit etc in Surry Hills and Martin Place. We meet at the kitchen in Lewisham at 6:30pm to pack the bus and we are back by 10:00pm to unpack and should be done by 10:30pm. Last week a group of 10 people attended the training session and are now ready to go out. It is not a huge commitment, approximately once every 3rd month. If you are interested and would like more information, please let me know. Next training day for volunteering is 17th October.

Thank you to the wonderful ladies and gentlemen who attend every month to help with the SVDP Outreach Program, your support is invaluable. Our next Vinnies sandwich making day is on **Monday 23rd September** in the school hall. The next Behind the Scenes at Lewisham is **Thursday 17th October**.

## BREASTSCREEN NSW RETURNS TO BASS HILL PLAZA

The BreastScreen NSW mobile unit is returning to Bass Hill Plaza, offering free breast screens for the early detection of breast cancer. The van will be located at Bass Hill Plaza, on the rear outdoor top car park, entry via Johnston Road. The van will be in operation from **Monday, 16th September to Friday 4th October 2019 and on Saturday, 21st September**. Appointment times are 8:45am to 4:00pm (lunch closure 12:30pm to 1:30pm). Appointments: 13 20 50 or online bookings at: [book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au](http://book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au) A 20-minute appointment could be life-saving.

## 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](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call 02 8306-3499. Order the Statement online at: [bit.ly/socialjusticeshop](http://bit.ly/socialjusticeshop) Follow us on Facebook: [@socialjusticeACBC](https://www.facebook.com/socialjusticeACBC) or Twitter: [@JusticeCatholic](https://twitter.com/JusticeCatholic)

## PLenary COUNCIL LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) If anyone is interested in organising a Listening & Discernment session for our Parish, please contact the Parish Office for assistance, guidance and material.

## IGNITE CONFERENCE SYDNEY: OCTOBER 3-6

The Ignite Conference is one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth and family conferences. For the first time ever this October 3rd-6th, Ignite Conference will be held in Sydney. The conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. Students from all Sydney Catholic Schools are offered a 50% discount and special packages for families are available as well. For more information, visit [www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/](http://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/) or contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth on (02) 9307 8152 or [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org) See brochures at the back of the Church (limited numbers).

## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Sat 14th Vigil</b>	9:15am 5:30pm	Immaculata Long Term Mission School RIP George & Bessie Fox and family
<b>Sun 15th</b>	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	Repose of the Soul of Brian Cochrane, Recently Deceased RIP Janet Daoud & Youssef Rizk Immaculata Long Term Mission School
<b>Mon 16th</b>	9:15am	RIP Vincent L Garretty
<b>Tues 17th</b>	9:15am	Immaculata Long Term Mission School
<b>Wed 18th</b>	9:15am	Immaculata Long Term Mission School
<b>Thu 19th</b>	9:15am	Immaculata Long Term Mission School
<b>Fri 20th</b>	9:15am	Laurel Anthony, sick
<b>Sat 21st Vigil</b>	9:15am 5:30pm	Good Health for Michael James RIP John O'Brien

## WE PRAY FOR...

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Seffura Nizzia, Dr Portia Mariano, Brian Cochrane

### RIP ANNIVERSARY

Ronald Power, Patrick Leslie Burchett, Colleen Dawes, Fr. John Robert Hannah OMI

### 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

## Discovering Global Mission

Your professional skills can create better opportunities for disadvantaged communities. Grass-roots organisations, clinics and schools in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to assist their development. These assignments are not quick fixes.

Find out how teacher **Andrew Tham** mentored both students and educators in Rubya, Tanzania, and how sharing **your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery.**

Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required.

### Palms Meet and Greet:

Saturday September 21st @ 2pm

John Street Cafe

Dooley's Catholic Club

11-17 Church St, LIDCOMBE

**Encounter Myanmar:** Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia. Travelling November 16-29.

Enquire via email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 5333.

Loving Father, you taught us the importance of service through the many examples set by your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the works of the Holy Spirit and the grace poured out by you, some wonderful people have heard your call to do great and wonderful things here at IHM. May you continue to care for our parish volunteers and may you shower them with love and many blessings.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, 15th September

- Fr Thomas commences Annual Leave until 10th October

### Tuesday, 17th September

- 9:15am - Yr 3 attend Parish Mass

### Wednesday, 18th September

- **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** - Staff Training

### Friday, 20th September

- Yr 5 Spirituality Day (Oblate Rooms)

### Sunday, 22nd September

- Baptism of Siola'a Tupou

