

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 22ND SEPTEMBER 2019**

- *We won't forget. Pro-Life protesters warn premier*
- *Archbishop Fisher: "Activists threaten religious schools"*
- *Confession: Laws take effect in two states*
- *The Beat of faith*
- *Movie review: Where'd you go, Bernadette*
- *Burial's changing face*

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 - 28TH & 29TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	D Bui	C McDermott	T Kelly
Readers	M Flanagan	M Abraham	L Vakauta	L Farlow
Ministers of Communion	A Pham P Loos	C Wood P Foran	K Hicks K Marson	S Garrett M Williams
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	Thu Tran	J Zhu	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	L Jones, S Johns			
Counters	L Windram, P Page			
Bankers	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**Parish Website:** 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**Family Educator:** Mrs Claude Bourizk**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton**

6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton, NSW 2162

Parish Priest: Fr Greg McGregor**Assistant Parish Priest:** Fr Thomas Alukka**Sunday, 22nd September 2019: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

A farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside except for a pet dog he doted on. The dog finally died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest, saying, 'Father, the dog is dead. Could you possibly be saying a mass for the poor creature?' Father Kelly refused point blank, 'No, we can't have services for an animal in the church, but I'll tell you what, there's a new denomination down the road, and there is no telling what they believe in, maybe they'll do something for the animal.' Muldoon said, 'I'll go right now. By the way, do you think 10,000 pounds is enough to donate for the service?' to which Father replied, 'Now why didn't you tell me the dog was a Catholic!'. A cheap jibe regularly levelled at the Church is that while we preach about justice and development for all people, we are one of the world's wealthiest



multinationals. Sometimes Catholics are stung by this criticism. There is something healthy about that because there is always more we can, and should, do about our detachment from materialism. At the same time, however, our accusers should be reminded of a few facts that spoil their good story. In commercial terms the Church is asset rich and cash poor. Many established churches through good planning and generosity have a large plant on decent real estate, but I don't know a diocese, religious order, parish or Church agency that does not need to carefully look at its cash flow. We rely on your goodness to keep going each year. Our real estate is often our only collateral for our borrowing; always done to improve the services we can render the People of God. The greatest thing going for the Catholic Church, however, is you, Christ's faithful people who witness day in and day out to the power of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We are also asset rich in terms of the quality of the women and men – lay, professed and ordained – who selflessly serve the Church and the world. When we are attacked for the land and buildings we have it's always good to remember some facts about our Catholic family's commitment to the poor: outside the United Nations and governments, Catholicism is the largest provider of education, health, welfare, personal assistance and Third World development in the world; we have the largest and lowest-paid charitable workforce of any international group; we have been trying to serve God, not money, for two thousand years; and from the earliest Christians to this very day, some Catholics have loved and served the poor so faithfully, that they die with them, and for them. Where all of this is concerned, we are our own worst enemies. False humility has meant we have not sufficiently celebrated what Grace has done in and through us in regards to poverty and the world's poor. None of this excuses us from the direct challenges in today's Gospel. We all know how seductive money is and how quickly greed can throw our moral and spiritual compasses off course. In moral theology, however, intention is critical and even money, seductive as it is, can be, and is, put to good service in Christ's kingdom. It's always a question of where the heart is. By not publicly acknowledging the service done in our name and with our assistance, we do the Church and ourselves an injustice. When we fail to explain the number of times and places Christians clearly put Jesus ahead of money we allow the Church's critics to have the last word, as though it was the only word on the subject. May this Eucharist, this meal of Christ's poor, assist us to be detached from anything that masters our deepest desires away from Christ and keeps us from serving his kingdom of justice, development and peace for all people everywhere.

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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.**

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

READINGS

This Week: Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13
Next Week: Am 6:1. 4-7 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

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.**

SELF-INTINCTION

Please refrain from dipping the blessed host into the precious blood at Communion. This is not an acceptable practice. (If the Priest intincts the host, it must be received on the tongue.) Thank you.

ALL CATECHISTS

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



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. 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 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) or call 02 8306-3499. Order the Statement online at: 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 If anyone is interested in organising a Listening & Discernment session for our Parish, please contact the Parish Office for assistance, guidance and material.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 21st Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Good Health for Michael James <i>RIP</i> John O'Brien
Sun 22nd	8:00am	<i>RIP</i> Collins Ibe Ekechukwu (Anniversary on 15/9/19)
	10:00am 5:30pm	Immaculata Long Term Mission School Intentions of Margaret Fox
Mon 23rd	9:15am	Immaculata Long Term Mission School
Tues 24th	9:15am	<i>RIP</i> Ted O'Connell
Wed 25th	9:15am	Good Health of George Abdallah
Thu 26th	9:15am	<i>RIP</i> Peter Nguyen (Anniversary on 19/9/19)
Fri 27th	9:15am	Personal Intentions of Eustine Loos
Sat 28th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	For Good Health of Vinka Zeko <i>RIP</i> Joanne Caracoglia (1 year anniversary)

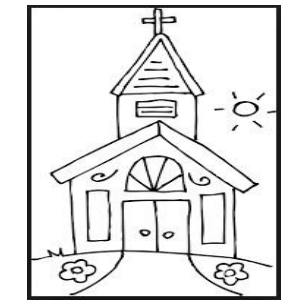
UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 25th September

- 10:00am - Mass & Anointing at Abel Tasman

Thursday, 26th September

- 11:00am - Mass & Anointing at Chester Hill Aged Care



WE PRAY FOR...



RIP ANNIVERSARY

Thomas Weston, Sue-Ann Dzenis, Shirley Joan Willison

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

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/ or contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth on (02) 9307 8152 or info@sydneycatholicyouth.org See brochures at the back of the Church (limited numbers).

ST PETER CHANEL 40 YEAR REUNION - YR 10 CLASS OF 1979

Seeking former St Peter Chanel Girls High School students.

A reunion is to be held in Parramatta on Saturday evening, 30th November 2019.

Contact Sharon Flynn (Toomey) bigbirdshaz@gmail.com for further details.



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.

