

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 6TH OCTOBER 2019

- All aboard for fleet blessing
 - Attacks on seminaries unwarranted & dangerous
 - Voice of Assisi: Friar to open Lights of Christmas
 - Kiss and make up: Shock Jock
 - Movie review: Abominable
 - Historical meeting of Archbishops
- 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 - 12TH & 13TH OCTOBER 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	T Kelly	L Cavallo	J Rodrigues	J Luciano
Readers	R Winder	Immaculata Sisters	M Keep	S Faitua
Ministers of Communion	A Pham P Loos	C Wood L Abouchabake	C Bourizk J Bourizk	S Garrett M Williams
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	J Zhu	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	E Bui, N Bui, D Johns			
Counters	T Flanagan, K Collins, I Prygiel			
Bankers	P Page, J Page			

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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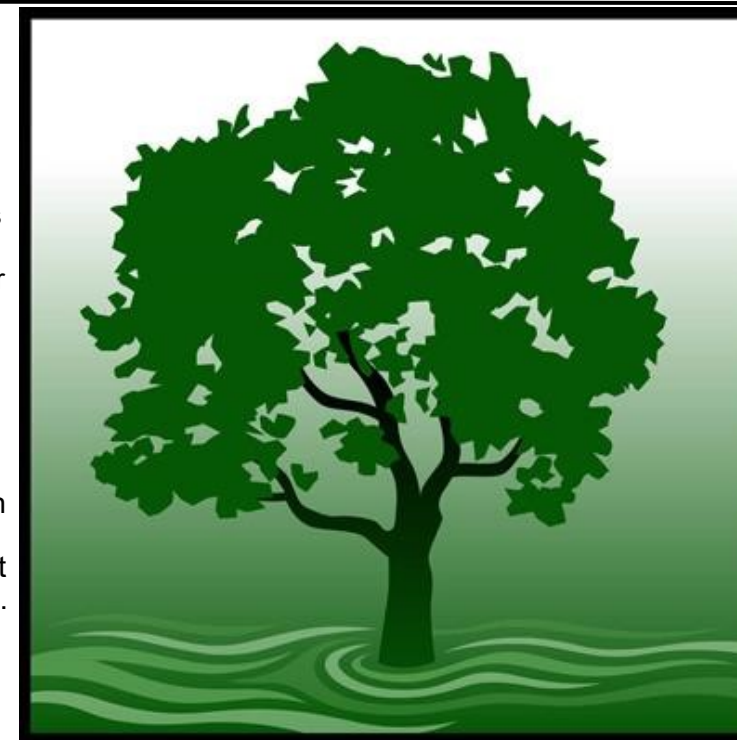
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton

6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton, NSW 2162

Parish Priest: Fr Greg McGregor
Assistant Parish Priest: Fr Thomas Alukka

Sunday, 6th October 2019: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Today's Gospel highlights what a different world Jesus and the earliest Christians lived in by comparison with us today. Jesus and Luke's community unquestionably believed in slavery. In all the Gospels Jesus regularly draws on the image of a slave to make points about duty, respect or responsibility. In other passages Jesus and St Paul advocate for the just treatment of slaves or servants, but it was an institution in their world that they never questioned. They never told the slaves to make a bid for freedom. They never told Christian slave owners to set their slaves free. Like society generally, the Church, for most of its history, followed this line. Much to our shame, when the tide rightly turned against slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries, the Church was, generally, very slow to be converted to the emancipation movement and take a stand against the colonialism and racism that slavery enshrined. Our movement on the question of slavery is a wonderful study in the development of doctrine. Not all social realities that Jesus assumed in his day continue to be relevant to our world. It took Society 1800 years, and the Church a bit longer still, to see slavery for what it is – an assault on the children of God – both servant and master. It shows how we have to keep carefully discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit and God's guidance in the light of new thinking. The image of the slave in today's Gospel is invoked to underline our response to God's goodness. Our work for God is seen to be totally disproportionate to the gifts we have been given. Holding, as we do, that life, creation, all talents, gifts, and, in our case, security and peace are fruits of God's love, Jesus is right to highlight which side of the ledger is more generous. To serve God in the world, in response to his invitation, is a privilege. We share in his creativity, compassion, hospitality and care. And often, through us, others come to know God and judge if Christian faith is sincere. As respondents to many surveys tell us, they may like who Jesus is and his teaching in the Gospel, but the stumbling block for their joining us is the way they see that faith lived out in the Church. Many of us, however, struggle on heroically to serve God as best we can. Our faith gives purpose and meaning to our work in the world. As difficult as it can be to love others and live peacefully, we know this is God's desire and intention for the world. Every act of kindness that we perform extends God's kingdom, nothing is too small, nothing is insignificant. If all of us lived out Christian teaching, the world would be transformed overnight. It is not that our virtues and values have been found wanting, it's more that they are not fully tried out. May this Eucharist, then, give us a sense of the dignity we have by being called as servants or slaves, friends and family of Jesus Christ the Lord.



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MESSAGE FROM FR GREG:

Dear Parishioners,
 I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know that I will be taking a period of extended leave from the Parish beginning on the 8th of October 2019. While this might be a surprise to most of you it has been in the works for a while now, mainly due to medical and renewal reasons. I'd like to strongly say that this is not in relation to any scandal or misbehaviour, but rather a decision to look after my health and well being for a period of time.
 In the coming weeks there will be a new Priest appointed to the Parish by the Archbishop. Thank you to everyone for your love and support and please keep me in your prayers as I will all of you.

Fr Greg.

READINGS

This Week: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10
Next Week: 2 Kgs 5:14-17 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

SINCERE SYMPATHY and loving prayers from the parish family to the family, relatives and friends of **KEVIN MARIUS MAGNUSSEN** who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him. A funeral for Kevin was held on Friday 4th October here at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton.



FAREWELL FR GREG!

We wish Fr Greg all the very best as he leaves our Parish; we pray for his good health and thank him for his guidance and for the calming influence he brought during our period of turmoil. His homilies will be missed by many, they left us thinking and were straight to the point. I hope Fr Greg realises that he will be greatly missed by many in our Parishes. Please keep Fr Greg in your prayers.

Next week, Fr Moses from Cabramatta will celebrate the morning Masses at 9:15am from Tuesday - Friday. Please make Fr Moses feel welcome. Fr Thomas will be back with us from Saturday morning, 12th October. Once we have news of any new appointment, we shall share it with you.



FR PETER DALY OMI

Fr Peter Daly OMI, the former Provincial of the Oblates, entered eternal life last Saturday. We pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Peter Daley.

ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS

Congratulations to our Sefton Parishioners who were recognised by the Archdiocese for their catechist work at a special Mass last weekend at St Marys Cathedral:

Brendan Chow (Certificate of Accreditation), **Terry Evans** (Apostolic Blessing - 20 years service) and **Anna Parasyn** (Cardinal Gilroy Award - 40 years service). God bless you all for your ongoing service to children enrolled in Catholic Special Religious Education (SRE) in our public schools.



DEVOTIONS TO HONOUR OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Ealrwood, on Sunday 13th October 2019 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St James Avenue Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30pm followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00pm. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Richard Umbers.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is hosting a prayer campaign on 18th October titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents and grandparents to pray the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate, information and resources can be found online at:

www.millionkidspraying.org.

ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOP

During the month of the Most Holy Rosary, join Sacred Heart Parishioners for a Rosary Making Workshop to be held on **Sunday 20th October at 10:00am** (after the 9:00am Mass) at Sacred Heart Primary School Hall, 120 Carawatha Street, Villawood. Cost is \$15 per person with all profits donated to the Church improvements. All materials are provided and you will learn how to craft your own beautiful handmade Rosary. Feel free to bring a plate to share for morning tea! **RSVP to Elena on 0458 708 929 by Monday 14th October 2019.** ALL WELCOME!

OBLATE ROOMS

Please be aware that the Oblate Rooms are **NOT TO BE USED** until further notice. There are signs on the doors expressly stating that there is a risk hazard. Once the rooms have been cleared for safety, the signs will be removed and the Oblate Rooms will once more be available for use. Bookings can be made through the Parish Office. Once your booking time is finished, please exit the rooms leaving them in a clean and tidy manner and ensuring lights are off and the doors are locked. Thank you.



MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 5th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	RIP Paul Williamson (Anniversary) RIP Bob Rolfe (Birthday)
Sun 6th	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	Intentions of Maria Zeko RIP Isidro Cabuay (Anniversary) RIP Catarina Hoang and Joseph Pham
Mon 7th	9:15am	Healing of Mirna Sleiman
Tues 8th	9:15am	Deceased Members of Dinh and Pham Families
Wed 9th	9:15am	RIP Blair Janz (1st Anniversary)
Thu 10th	9:15am	RIP Elfrieda Kubousek (2nd Anniversary)
Fri 11th	9:15am	Phu Ma (sick) and wellbeing of his family
Sat 12th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	RIP Teresa Hansen (Anniversary) Intentions of the Rolfe Family

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 7th October

- Fr Greg commences extended leave

Tuesday, 8th October

- Pest Control: Church and Parish buildings

Tuesday, 8th - Friday 11th October

- Fr Moses celebrating 9:15am Parish Masses

Wednesday, 9th October

- Parish Office closed due to staff training

Saturday, 12th October

- Fr Thomas returns from Pilgrimage

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kevin Magnussen, Fr Peter Daly OMI, Domenico Simone

RIP ANNIVERSARY

Matthew McLouchlin, Frances Mary McDermott,

OUR SICK

Phu Ma, George Abdallah, 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 Ghadban, 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

ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING – 'MAKING IT REAL GENUINE HUMAN ENCOUNTER IN OUR DIGITAL WORLD'

Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year. We will have speakers on a variety of topics related to the 2019-20 Social Justice Statement, 'Making it Real Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World'. Speakers will talk about risks posed by social media and digital technologies as well as a general overview of Catholic Social Teaching. We will also have copies of the Statement and practical resources to take home with you. Our full line-up of speakers will be announced shortly!

Lunch and refreshments throughout the day. All welcome.

WHEN: Saturday 19th October 2019, 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm

WHERE: St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North

COST: Free

RSVP: Essential for catering: email jpointo@sydneycatholic.org or call 9307 8465

'OF LIFE AND LOVE' MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Each course will be held over 3 consecutive Wednesdays: **October 16, 23, 30.** To book online visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZWSU> or please contact us at LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org

