

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 24TH NOVEMBER 2019**

- Religious freedom: Catholics challenge Government
- Honouring Dignity: Feast for World Day of the Poor
- The quiet heroes of life
- NSW honours Professor Rose
- Movie review: Midway
- Hoxton Park turns 25

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 - 30TH NOVEMBER & 1ST DECEMBER 2019

Mass	5:30pm	8am	10am	5:30pm
Acolytes	W Khouw	D Bui	J Rodrigues	B Freeburn
Readers	J Toinette	L Abouchabake	T Tierney	L Quinn
Ministers of Communion	P Loos Y Sassine	C Wood P Foran	K Hicks K Marson	J Freeburn L Farlow
Musician/Choir	IHM Choir	T Tran	Tongan Choir	M Farlow
Flower Arrangers	N Zalloua, R Khoury			
Counters	T Flanagan, K Collins, I Prygiel			
Bankers	L Farlow, M Farlow			

PARISH CONTACTS**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church****Administrator**: 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**

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Administrator: Fr Thomas Alukka**Sunday, 24th November 2019: Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year C**

Stephen Spielberg's film A.I. opens in the near future when couples are permitted only one child. Families also have robots, but the makers of these robots have not yet been able to get them to ape human feelings. Professor Hobby develops David, a robotic boy who 'is able to love'. Hobby's question is, 'Will human beings love him back?' Henry and Monica's only son is in danger of death. They are selected as David's first foster parents. They grow to love him until their son recovers and comes home. David is then abandoned, but he spends the rest of the film trying to regain the love he has known.

David is caught between being robotic and human because he develops a memory, at least he remembers what is like to be loved by Monica. Spielberg seems to argue strongly in this film that memory is ensoulment. It makes us who we are. It gives us our spirit, our human compass. The film's insight is important. It might be set in the future, but it is a commentary on the present debates about DNA recreation and cloning. Spielberg is right in as much as A.I. argues that we can never have a clone or copy of someone because each person is made up of his or her memories. Memory is powerful. It is often one of the last faculties to go in the human brain. It can be so strong that decades after an event people can recall an experience as though it were yesterday. This recollection can bring back strong feelings, which makes us laugh at the pleasure or weep over an unhealed hurt.

As insightful as Spielberg's theology of the human person in A.I. may be, it is inadequate for Christians. We all know people who have limited or no memory and some, tragically, who since birth are unable to communicate whatever they can remember. For Stephen Spielberg these people could be less human than we are. But for Christians it doesn't matter if we remember or not, our soul or spirit is that which is alive to God's memory. We are privileged to know that God remembers us.

In today's Gospel the good thief simply asks Jesus to 'remember me'. And Jesus tells him that being remembered by God is paradise. It's a wonderful way to understand the Kingship of Christ. We know that Christ our King is not about earthly power, land, buildings, riches or might. We know Jesus' Kingship is not about lording it over us, or making us frightened of his compassionate judgment. The power of Christ the King is seen in his memory, holding every person in this world close; calling each one of us by name. What a feastday! The final day of the church's year is when we remember the saving memory of God! So in this Eucharist let's join our voice with all those who long for paradise and say, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.'

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PARISH APPOINTMENT

Most Rev. Archbishop Anthony Fisher, has appointed Very Rev. Fr. Maurice T Thompson, Episcopal Vicar and Parish Priest of St. Christopher's, Panania and St. Patrick's, Revesby Heights to Sefton and Villawood. Together with Fr. Thomas and Fr. Joseph, we welcome Fr. Maurice to our parish community as he begins his pastoral ministry amongst us on the 7th December, 2019.

BAPTISM Please pray for **HUNTER JAMES GRACE** and **CHARLIZE SARAH**

ELIA as we welcome them into our Parish community through the sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, 24th November 2019**. Let us pray also for Hunter and Charlize's parents and Godparents, that the Lord may help them in raising Hunter and Charlize in the practice of the faith.

**CHURCH ENTRY CLOSED MONDAY - FRIDAY**

Beginning Monday 25th November, the tiles outside the front of the Church will be replaced. As such, the main entrance to the Church will be closed until the work is completed. This is expected to be Friday 29th November. During this time, **entry to the Church will only be available from the two side doors**. Thank you for your co-operation during this time.

READINGS

This Week: 2 Sm 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43
Next Week: Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

MINISTRY ROSTERS

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Please collect form from the table in the foyer of the Church, fill in and return to the Parish Office by **Sunday 24th November** so that new rosters can be compiled. Thank you.

Acolytes: Please fill in availability for the Christmas and January period on the sheet provided in the Sacristy. Thank you.

READERS MEETING

Our next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 27th November at 7:30pm** in the **Parish Centre**. Please make an effort to attend as we prepare for December and January Masses. New rosters will be available.



ACOLYTE CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER :

An Acolyte Christmas get together is to be held in the Oblate Rooms on **Friday 13th December from 6:00pm**. Please let Leisa in the Parish Office know if you will be attending via email: office@ihmsefton.org.au or call **9644-4026** by **Tuesday 10th December** for catering purposes. It will also be an opportunity to meet our new Parish Priest, Very Rev Fr Maurice Thompson.

2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year, the Sefton and Villawood parishes will be enjoying a Christmas get-together on **Sunday 22nd December** in the **Sefton Parish Centre from 1:00pm**. Please bring a plate of food to share if you are able and BYO drinks (tea & coffee provided). If you wish to attend, please put your name on the list in the foyer of the Church with the number of people that will be attending in your party. This is also an opportunity to meet our new Parish Priest, Very Rev Fr Maurice Thompson.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS

With Christmas fast approaching, our Parish is now selling the 2020 **Columban calendars for \$9** as well as **Christmas cards from St Vincent de Paul for \$6** for a pack of 10. If you wish to buy either, they will be sold from the Piety store after **weekend masses**.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Catholic Parish of St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala invite all who wish to share the joy of Christmas with others to a Christmas Lunch. Food, drink and entertainment provided.

Date: 25th December 2019
Place: Jubilee Hall, 64 Kingsland Road, Berala (next to the Church)
Time: 11am till 3pm

RSVP for transport: Please phone Barbara or Georgette no later than Tuesday 20th December on 9643-7794. For further details, please contact Evelene Safadi on 0416 140 378.

FROM OUR FAMILY EDUCATOR, MRS CLAUDE BOURIZK:

12th Dec: Behind the Scenes at Lewisham
16th Dec: Sandwich making day, school hall
18th Dec: Night Patrol, 6.30pm, meet at Lewisham base (*email me for more info*)
Family Playgroup every **Thursday at 8:45am** for parents and their children 2-5 years old. We hope to continue Rosary in the school library in the new year.



Children's Liturgy of the Word:

During the four weeks of Advent I will be running the children's liturgy, which is a liturgy for the proclamation of God's **Word** for **children** appropriate to their understanding. The children will be taken to the Oblate room, do their activities before returning for the offertory and the rest of the Mass. All children between the ages of 4-12 years are most welcome, at **10am Mass on Sundays**.

BISHOPS ANNOUNCE NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 23rd Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	Personal Intentions of Iris Hughes <i>RIP</i> Phat Dinh (Anniversary)
Sun 24th	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	<i>RIP</i> Sadieh Abdallah (1st Anniversary 29/11) Intentions of Br James Yu Deceased members of the Oblate Priests
Mon 25th	9:15am	<i>RIP</i> John Ryan (1 month Anniversary)
Tues 26th	9:15am	Intentions of Adrian & Family
Wed 27th	9:15am	<i>RIP</i> Nicko Zeko
Thu 28th	9:15am	<i>RIP</i> Ancestors, All Souls & Neglected Souls
Fri 29th	9:15am	<i>RIP</i> Niko Zeko (12th Anniversary)
Sat 30th Vigil	9:15am 5:30pm	<i>RIP</i> Dearly Departed Legionnaires & Souls in Purgatory Iris Hughes (80th Birthday)

WE PRAY FOR...

RECENTLY DECEASED

Larry Cochran, Ken Ryan, Joseph Phu Ma, John Ryan, Brian Harris, Harper Dowdell

RIP ANNIVERSARY

Francis Jackson, Fr J Ryan OMI



OUR SICK

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

DECEMBER HEALING MASS

All parishioners are invited to attend the February Healing Mass at **St Joseph's Catholic Church 126 Liverpool Rd Enfield** on **Friday 6th December**. If you have any queries, feel free to contact Rose on 9642-2359 or 0412 115 961. Thank you

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.

GIFTS OF FAITH

This Christmas, give a gift with faith. The Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need has produced a Gift of Faith catalogue in support of suffering and persecuted Christians. Copies can be found in the foyer of the Church, on the table. Alternatively, visit www.aidtochurch.org/GiftsofFaith or phone 1800 101 201. **Order by 9th December** to receive your Gift of Faith cards and envelopes in time for Christmas.

THE LEGION OF MARY

Is seeking new members to support the Legion's apostolic work in the parish. The Legion has been active in the parish for over 60 years. Members participate in apostolic work through visiting families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals, as well as meeting weekly with prayers and discussions. Parishioners are welcome to join our **weekly meetings on Tuesdays, after 9:15 morning Mass, approximately 10:00am - 12:00pm, in the Parish Centre**. For more information, come and speak with one of our members (in the foyer of the Church) after **Masses this weekend, Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th November**.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 24th November

- 11:00am - Baptism of Hunter Grace & Charlyze Elia

Monday, 25th November

- One Month Anniversary Mass for the late John Ryan & cuppa in Parish Centre after Mass - all welcome

Wednesday, 27th November

- 10:00am - Mass & Anointing at Abel Tasman
- 11:30am - Year 6 Class Reconciliation

Thursday, 28th November

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

Saturday, 30th November

- 1:00pm - Wedding of Joseph Taufao & Suliana Makarita Mahe

Sunday, 1st December - Advent Begins

- 10:00am - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, 3rd December

- 11:00am - Mass & Anointing at Weeroona Village

Monday, 9th December

6:00pm - IHM School Christmas Carols

