



Immaculate Heart of Mary & Sacred Heart Catholic Church



Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Times

6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton NSW 2162

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 8am, 10am, (11:30am Samoan) & 5:30pm

Weekdays: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 9:15am

Rosary: Tues to Sat: 8:50am Confessions: Sat: 10am -10:30am

Baptisms: 11am Sundays by appointment

Weddings: By appointment

Sacred Heart Mass Times

120 Carawatha Street, Villawood NSW 2163

Sunday: 9am Weekdays: Wed & Fri : 8am

Syro-Malabar Masses: Tues - Fri: 7pm, Sat: 9:30am, Sun:10:45am

Confessions: Contact Parish Office

Baptisms: 10am Sundays by appointment

Weddings: By appointment

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR — YEAR A.

2/3 MAY 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Cf.Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

1st Reading

Acts 2-14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he

said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6.R.v.1

***The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.***

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;

he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

***The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.***



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Priest Emeritus: Fr. Michael Butler

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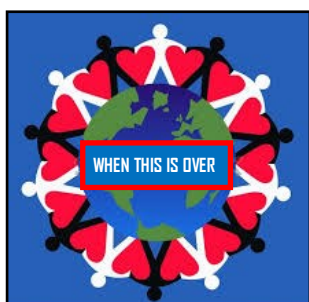
OUR SCHOOLS
Immaculate Heart of Mary Primary School, Sefton: 02 9644 3555
 Principal: John Kennedy
Sacred Heart Primary School, Villawood: 02 9727 4149
 Principal: Michelle Bourne

WHEN THIS IS OVER

*When this is over,
 may we never again take for granted
 a handshake with a stranger
 conversations with neighbours
 a crowded theater
 Friday night out
 the taste of Communion
 a routine checkup
 the school rush each morning
 coffee with a friend
 the stadium roaring
 each deep breath
 a boring Tuesday
 life itself.*

*When this ends,
 may we find that we have become
 more like the people we wanted to be,
 we were called to be,
 we hoped to be.
 And may we stay that way –
 better for each other because of the worst.*

- Laura Kelly Fanucci



LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY



"Friends, I would like to invite you all to join me in praying the Rosary with your families in May as a spiritual sword to end the COVID-19 PANDEMIC. May we continue to draw inspiration from the colonial Catholics who turned to the Rosary to nurture their faith while public Masses were forbidden. You'll find an online form to sign up to the Rosary Relay and dedicated prayer intentions for each day here: <https://bit.ly/3bQ3GOp> May the Rosary offer us peace, comfort and nurture our spiritual communion through these difficult times. Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us."



*Yours sincerely in Christ,
 Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP
 Archbishop of Sydney*

Update on the Impact of COVID-19 on People Seeking Asylum, Refugees and Migrants

Jesuit Refugee Service Australia is running an online event on how COVID-19 is impacting people seeking asylum, refugees and migrants in vulnerable situations in our community. You will get to hear from JRS Australia staff who have been working on the front line and learn how you can make a difference during this crisis. This online zoom event is on **Wednesday 6 May from 5:30-6:30pm**. RSVP here - <http://jrsevent.eventbrite.com.au/>

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Let us pray -
*Lord, make me an instrument
 of Your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me
 sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.
 O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love;
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 it is in dying that we are born again to
 eternal life. Amen.*



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES

Please go online at "lent.caritas.org.au" and securely donate with your credit card, or you can send a cheque to Caritas Australia, GPO Box 9830 Sydney NSW 2001. This would be greatly encouraged and appreciated. Alternatively, if you require assistance with your PC Box or cash, please call our friendly team on 1800 024 413 or drop it into Parish Office, Sefton.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

We need to organise and renumber our envelopes at the end of this financial year. Please note **that** your number may change in your next lot of envelopes for the coming year. **If you are donating online for the planned giving envelopes scheme, could you please put your envelope number in the description.** If you don't know your number, enquire by phone or email the office. If it is a one-off donation, no envelope number is needed and there is no tax deductibility.

We thank you for your continued support and should you wish to contribute to this dedicated giving, please complete the back of the Blue Parish Survey Form. Please send us a request by email and we will happily send you the form to complete:

E. office@ihmsefton.org.au



LIVE STREAM MASSES ON FACEBOOK

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton
Sacred Heart, Villawood**



SUNDAY PARISH MASS — 9.30AM

SUNDAY SAMOAN MASS — 11AM

(These masses are held at Sefton Church)

Facebook Link :-

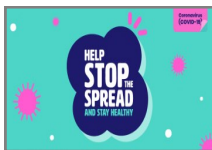
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LIVE-STREAMING

Please note that our Sunday Parish Mass for Sefton and Villawood as well as the Samoan Mass are limited to 10 people in attendance within the strict Government and Archdiocesan guidelines. This also applies to private masses offered during the week.



OFFICE STAFF: Leisa Farlow and Carmen Meola are mainly working from home due to current Coronavirus government restrictions until further notice. If you have any queries, need to see a priest, book any appointments for confessions, funerals, urgent baptisms, weddings, request mass intentions or to put notices into the bulletin please call Leisa 0411 201 307 /Carmen: 0410 690 714 or email: office@ihmsefton.org.au . We are happy to help you and apologise for any inconvenience. Please stay home, be safe and help to stop the spread.



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who have continued to drop in their donations and their envelopes. Your support is truly appreciated as no weekly mass also means no weekly mass collection on the plate. Many people have already donated their time, expertise, materials and finances to keeping the Parish alive and also active via the online services.



DONATE

Envelopes: You can continue to securely and safely drop your planned giving envelopes or other donations through the **Presbytery Parish Office** letterbox at 6 Kerrinea Rd. Sefton.

Direct Credit: This is our preferred option please. You can direct credit to our bank account. Include your envelope no. in the description. Details are:
Account Name: Catholic Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary Sefton
BSB: 062-784 Account No.: 5895001

Blue Parish Survey/Dedicated Giving Form: Please complete these forms and commit your donation weekly. Ask for a copy to be sent to your email for you to complete, scan and return to the parish office.

E. office@ihmsefton.org.au **OR** press the link on our Facebook page to obtain the form.

<https://www.facebook.com/immaculateheartofmaryparishsefton/>



Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

The Sick

Kath Coughlin
Anita Rendulic
Edna Farlow
Joy Grovenor
Monica McIntyre
Mary Keane,
Spiteri family
Matthew Barrington
Lydia Gwynne,
Mark & Marie Gray
Phillip Diamond
Shirley Ross
John Mealing
Alma Ryan
Phillip Abraham

(Anniversaries continued)

Robert McIntyre
George Abraham
Catherine Harrington
Agnes Flanagan
Jane Thomas
Kathleen Bowman
Peter McMillan
Maria Circosta

Recently Deceased

Barry Lyle Jehan
Fr. Patrick McAuliffe
Silila Patau
Antoinette Yong Ching
Kath Kensey



Anniversaries

Month of May

Maria Tram Nguyen
Fr J Coakley OMI
Lance Fullagar
Fred Murphy,
Fr. John Maher OMI
Mavis Parry
Harley Gray
Fr J Cranley OMI
Dudley Garrott
Barbara Garrott
Don Emery
John Windram
Eileen Smith
Rose Thompson
Frank Carlino

Also Mass Intentions for

(Sat. 9.15am) RIP Connie Rodrigues
(Sun.9.30am) RIP Victims of COVID-19
(Tues 9.15am) INT Mariah Lawlor
Happy 70th Birthday
(Wed.9.15am) RIP Fred Murphy, Anni
(Thur 9.15am) RIP Joseph Phu Ma
(Fri 9.15am) RIP Dinh & Pham Families
(Sat. 9.15am) RIP Maria Tran Nguyen

Please note:-

Fr. Maurice will be offering your mass intentions at his private morning mass each day.

FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/immaculateheartofmaryparishsefton/>



Check out our website for both parishes:-

www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au

Sacred Heart, Villawood Catholic Church

www.facebook.com/sacredheartvillawood/

Social distancing only works if we all participate. And slowing down or preventing the spread of the virus will save lives.

We all are responsible for protecting those at higher risk.

Thank You TO OUR HEROES

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN BY EMAIL? Please send us a request to our email office@ihmsefton.org.au to place you on the list.

2nd Reading

1 Pt 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
***I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.***
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 10:1-10

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but

they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

***The Good Shepherd has risen, who
laid down his life for his sheep and
willingly died for his flock, alleluia.***

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

10 May 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 2:4-9

Gospel: Jn 14:1-12

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Our understanding of this whole image and the scene that is set in today's passage is very dependent upon a contextual understanding of the times. Whilst shepherds were generally regarded as being little better than criminals, they often put their lives in danger to tend to their flocks. Of a night time, several flocks of sheep would be penned in a communal sheepfold, usually made of stone walls. There was only one entrance to the sheepfold and one of the shepherds would effectively become the gate by sleeping across the entranceway. This was to keep the sheep in but also to guard against thieves. Thieves might climb over the wall into the sheepfold but the sheep were trained to respond to their shepherd's voice alone so thieves could only steal what sheep they could carry off or those that were not sufficiently trained to their shepherd's commands. When Jesus described himself as the gate of the sheepfold, his audience would have immediately understood the analogy. For a shepherd to become the gate to the sheepfold of a night was to risk his life for not only his own sheep but all the sheep in the fold overnight. It took courage and demonstrated utter commitment. —Greg Sunter

