



# Immaculate Heart of Mary & Sacred Heart Catholic Church



## Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Times

6 Kerrine Road, Sefton NSW 2162

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 8am, 9.30am, (11am Samoan) & 5pm

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

Confessions: Sat. after morning mass

Baptisms: 10.30am Sundays by appointment

Weddings: By appointment

## Sacred Heart Mass Times

120 Carawatha Street, Villawood NSW 2163

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

(Syro-Malabar : Tues - Fri: 7pm, Sat: 9:30am, Sun:10:30am & 4pm)

Confessions: Contact Parish Office

Baptisms: 10am Sundays by appointment

Weddings: By appointment

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A.

18/19 JULY 2020

## Entrance Antiphon

Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

## 1st Reading

Wis 12:13.16-19

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

*The Word of the Lord*  
**Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6 9-10 15-16 R v5

**Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me.

**Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

## 2nd Reading

Rom 8:26-27

*A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

*The Word of the Lord*  
**Thanks be to God**

**Parish Priest: Fr. Maurice T. Thompson EV PP**

Assistant Priest & Chaplain for Syro-Malabar Community: Fr. Joseph Kunnackattu

Priest Emeritus: Fr. Michael Butler & Fr. Graham McIntyre

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Website: www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au

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

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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

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**  
**FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS TO DATE**

**"MAKE A DONATION" Button in our website is currently now available. You can make a secure online payment to our Sefton and Villawood parish through the BPoint Secure Online Payment Gateway, powered by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia via our website or PLEASE USE QR BARCODES POSTED IN THE CHURCH.**

**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.** (If it's a one - off donation, no envelope number will be needed and there is no tax deductibility.)



**SACRAMENTS**  
 We are currently looking to offer First Holy Communion in Term 3 and Confirmation in Term 4. Further information will be advised shortly.

**ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering**  
 The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program is flexible, allowing you to participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

**Aim:** To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world.

**Cost:** FREE **Registration:** Available from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
**Event Program:** Available from Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020  
**Go to:** [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

**A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney**  
 Child sexual 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 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.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY WEEKEND ROSTERS: 18 & 19 JULY 2020				
	Sat Vigil: 5:30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	Chris Kelly	Larry Cavallo	Ken Collins	Thomas Kelly
<b>Readers:</b>	Margaret Flanagan	Terry Evans	Ann Pham	Margaret Cowan
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage
<b>Flowers</b>	Team 1. Doris Johns			

**TO ALL OUR SEFTON READERS**

**Could you please attend a Readers Meeting on Wednesday, 29 July at 7pm in the IHM Church. Fr. Maurice would like to see all of you at this meeting please. We will need you to complete an updated contact list that night.**

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY WEEKEND ROSTERS: 25/26 JULY 2020				
	Sat Vigil: 5:30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	Thomas Kelly	Anish James	Joe Rodrigues	Thuan Bui
<b>Readers:</b>	Rhonda Winder	Mounie Abraham	Vera Visevic	Lynn Quinn
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage	Not required at this stage
<b>Flowers</b>	Team 4. Lilliane Ghadban, Rosemary LaRosa			

**TO ALL OUR SEFTON ACOLYTES**

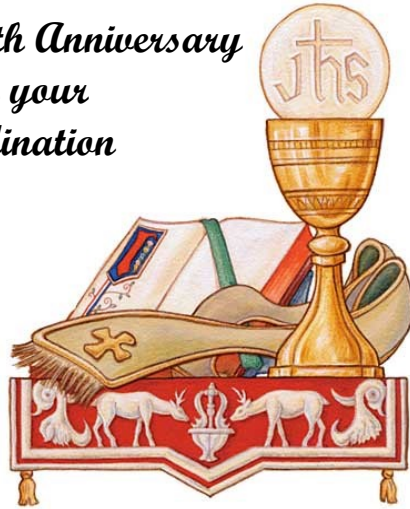
**Could you all please attend an Acolytes Meeting on Thursday, 30 July at 7pm in the IHM Church.**

**(Acolytes, please see interim roster in the Sacristy for month of July. I will be taking your photo on this evening for ID Cards which will be issued.)**



*Happy 25th Anniversary  
of your  
Ordination*

We wish you our congratulations on the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of your priesthood on Tuesday, 22nd July 2020. We thank you for your ministry amongst us and an abundance of blessings always.



Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**The Sick**

John Rodrigues  
Lydia Stuccio  
Noel Rigney -Johnson  
Jean Murphy  
Dora Hodgins  
Ben Rodrigues  
Maureen Falk  
Brendan Falk  
Candice Moawad and her unborn son named Jeremiah.  
Bertram Fernando  
Greg Barnes  
Kath Coughlin  
Anita Rendulic  
Edna Farlow  
Joy Grovenor  
Monica McIntyre  
Mary Keane,  
Spiteri family  
Matthew Barrington  
Lydia Gwynne,  
Mark & Marie Gray  
Shirley Ross  
John Mealing  
Alma Ryan  
Phillip Abraham

**Recently Deceased**

My-Quynh Lam  
Eddie Bruce  
Patricia Croucher  
Anthony Croucher  
Gloria Wallace  
Yvonne Campbell  
Jack Harris  
**Also:-**  
Joseph Pham  
Truong Pham  
Bruce Gorman  
Kin Mguyen & Thi Nguyen  
Marija Zuzul  
Marco-Antonio Caltibiano  
Elena Bedirian  
Terry Anne Catley & Margaret Catley  
Antonio Marchetta  
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Hilton  
Peter Vu & Maria Nguyen  
Eddie O'Reilly  
Ivan Visevic  
Anna Nguyen John Baptist Nguyen  
Judith & Michael Cullen  
Ellen & Jim Ryan  
Cecilai Nadile  
Zofia Ziolkowski  
Anna Ly Hoang  
Marco-Antonio Caltiabiano  
Marcus Jutrisa  
Marija Zuzul  
All Souls in Purgatory  
Hoang Ancestor's Souls  
Holy Spirit for Help  
Prayer for World Peace  
  
**Special Intention:**  
Marcus Jutrisa



**UPDATE ON RESTRICTIONS**

**Further restrictions eased on churches.**

From **1 July 2020**, church attendance numbers are determined by a 4m<sup>2</sup> space around each person, but people from the same household may sit together in the pew. The amount of people will depend on the size of the church when measured. **At Sefton, we can accommodate 100 people (80 downstairs and 20 in the loft AND at Villawood 70 people) following this rule.**

**NEW WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE SIGN IN USING QR CODE**

**Please note the following conditions in relation to attending Mass. Please arrive at least 10-15 minutes prior to start of Mass. Note that you will be required to sign in on arrival. Contact details of all those attending the church (name and phone number or email of one adult in each family) must be recorded either via the blue QR CODE SIGN (please ensure you sign in to the correct Mass time via QR CODE) **or** at the door via the sign-on sheet before entering the church. YOU CAN ONLY USE THE CODE AT THE TIME OF ENTRY as this will be recorded on a spreadsheet.**

**You can STILL BOOK ALL WEEKEND MASSES BY CALLING THE Parish Office: 02 9644 4026**

**Pastor Bonus' Dinner with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP**

A series of evenings for young men, 18-35 years, to discuss topics of Faith, Youth and Vocation Discernment. The evening promises to be an excellent opportunity of sharing and inspiration with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

Date: **Tuesday, 4 August 2020**  
Where: **Cathedral House**  
Registration: **FREE \*Registration is essential**

Places are extremely limited, as this is an invitation only event.

**Please RSVP by Tuesday, 28 Jul 2020.** For more information, please contact us at [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org) or 02 9307 8424.

**FOR BPOINT SECURE PAYMENT SERVICE WITH THE COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA**

Please use these QR Codes to scan with your mobile devices which will take you directly to the link to make a donation to the parish.



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SEFTON BARCODE**



**SACRED HEART VILLAWOOD BARCODE**

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE TO BE COLLECTED FROM BOTH CHURCH FOYERS.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

See Mt 11:25

***Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!***

## **Gospel**

Mt 13:24-43

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine

like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Ps 110:4-5

***The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.***

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**26 JULY 2020**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

2nd Reading: Rom 8: 28-30

Gospel: Mt 13:44-52

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

*Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like.*

*Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat.*

*The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?*

*Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is Chametz, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption.*

*To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.—Greg Sunter*

