**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

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**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

**We consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority.**

We too acknowledge that children, young people and adults at risk may require additional safeguards to promote their participation, wellbeing and safety.

Clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding the right to safety of all persons. They must participate in creating a culture of safety supported by policies, practices and procedures that strive to prevent abuse in the first instance and to respond appropriately and effectively if abuse does occur. We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

**Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 9.00 am and 10.30 am

**Saturday:** 6.00 pm & 8.00 pm **(Vigil)**

**Daily Mass:** 9.00 am **(Mon – Fri)**

**First Friday:** 9.00 am **(Mass & Anointing of the Sick)**

**Reconciliation:** 10.30 am – 11.00am **(Sat or on request)**

**Rosary:** Mon-Fri after 9.00 am Mass

**Benediction and Rosary:** Fri after 9.00 am Mass till 10.45am

**Neocatechumenal Way:** Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 pm, and Saturday 8 pm

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| **4th Sun in Ord. T. 30/01/22** | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | It will be nominated | Lobo family |
| **Music ministry**  | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittoriosomeone will be nominated | Fr Crispinsomeone will be nominated | Fr VittorioSomeone will be nominated |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers | Volunteers  | Volunteers |
| **5th Sun in Ord. T. 6/02/22** | **6.00 pm Mass** | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | It will be nominated | Paul Sheeran |
| **Music ministry**  | Volunteers  | Mary Rose | Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittoriosomeone will be nominated | Fr Vittoriosomeone will be nominated | Fr CrispinSomeone will be nominated |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers  | Volunteers  | Volunteers |

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

****Chiara Mazzeo; Christian James; Filippo and Sara, Sophia, Daniel Rivalland, Georgette Kheir, Christine Banerjee, Ettore Poletta, Francesco Paolo Ricciardi; Millie D’Alton, Claire Posten, James Morrison, Catalina Morrison, Rosa Maria Santos, Ben, Mary Muscat, Patrick Lakagreagrow, Brian Tierney, Carmel Kanci, Jo Arena, Pam Montgomery, Helen Mille; Jason Denis;; Rosa Nistico, Margaret Denis; Arthur Astarlis, , Lourenca Fernandes, Prithie Pereira, Madison Kelly, Pat Flarve.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

**Mary Westhead,** Conrad Lobo; Benedict Banerjee; Marie Perez; Fr James Early; Michael Wiscki, John allan & Marcia Barry; Lynette Maher; Giovanni Lentini; John McLean**;**: Mickey Mascarenhas**;** Vincent & Tina Giglio; Louisette Harris; Nelson Trapani; Jim Walsh; Miriam Proctor; Elva Ebdon, John Rivalland, Marie Rivalland, Douglas Gonsalves, Charlotte Godfrey, Linda D’Souza; Felix Lobo, Margaret Herbstreit; Trevor Anthony Fernandez, Pauline Burke, Sandra Highland, Rudolph D’Souza, Michelle Fowler, Sam Molino, Margherita M. La Macchia, Joan Elliot, Archimede Camba, Denzel D’Souza, Melissa D’Souza John Noal, Lorraine Thompson, Peg Smith, Gladys DeRosario, Molly Wintle, Florencio David Sr, Kathy Taranto, Maureen Collins, John Palamara, May Ray, Milan Lozo, Albert & Hillary D’Souza; Shannon Baker; Margaret Dowsey, Janine Capiron; George Tickner; Jack Foley; Sheila McKenna; Peter Dunne; Tony Molloy; Dulcie Jopling; Gerard Bourke, Alfred Foster, Joan Mealing; Judith Buckley; Genevieve Rodrigues Jean Allday; Gloria James; Earnie Breznik; Margaret Daveron; Patrick & Maurice Kelly; Edward Majda; Elizabeth Mary McKay; John H. Moloney; +Fr. Frank Maher; +Fr. Victor Crennan.

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 23/1/2022 – 335.00$**

**Loose Money: 23/1/2021 – 200.00$**

**My dear Parishioner, once again, thank you for your generosity.**

**Mon: 31st Jan St. John Bosco**

**February is the month of the Passion of Our Lord**

**Tue: 1st Feb St. Brigid of Ireland**

**Wed: 2nd Feb PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**Thu: 3rd Feb St. Ansgar, Bishop**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 4th Feb St. Joan of Valois**

**Sat: 5th Feb St. Agatha, Martyr**

**RENOVATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL**

Parishioners will have noticed building works being conducted to our School over the school holiday period. Our school is leased to a special School “Tombolo Academy”. These renovations have been paid for by our tenant and improve our asset. We are very pleased with our tenant and this tenancy arrangement.

I will offer Mass for the School, its pupils and staff for the school year about to commence at the 9:00 am Mass this coming Monday morning. All are welcome to attend.

Fr Vittorio

**CATECHESES FOR ADULTS ARE COMING UP IN OUR PARISH**

**STARTING FROM MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2022**

Anybody, religious or non-religious, believer or non-believer, parishioner or non-parishioner, is welcome to listen to these catechises. If somebody from our parish knows someone in need to listen to the Good News, she/he is invited to accompany them to the catechesis and bring them back home. It is an important service and duty to evangelise. Faith comes from listening to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The preaching is the primary duty of the Church.

**COME AND LISTEN**

**Commencing: Monday 7 February 2022**

**When: every Monday and Thursday at 7.30**

**Where: In the Narthex of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 441 Bluff Rd, East Hampton**

**Transport and Enquires: Lorenzo 0401678022**

**4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL – LK 4:21-30**

In Luke's Gospel, the people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow his reading from the prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to his rejection.

It is helpful to consider the historical context of Luke's Gospel. Luke has witnessed the acceptance of the gospel message among many Gentiles. He endeavors to explain why the Good News of Jesus has not been as well-received by his Jewish contemporaries. Luke's report interprets the cause of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth in the context of this later Christian history. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many among the people of Israel will not accept the preaching of the Gospel.

After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. This differs from the reports found in Mark and Matthew's Gospels, where Jesus is said to be unable to perform miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Luke says that Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all.

**REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL – The PRESENTATION of the LORD Lk 2:22-40**

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke’s Gospel is to show that God’s promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God’s rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a “light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD *Also known as* CANDLEMASS DAY –**

 **Wednesday 2nd February at 9.00 am**

**BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF CANDLES AT MASS**

**FR VITTORIO WILL BE ABSENT FOR RETREAT**

Fr Vittorio is away for retreat from **Thursday 3 February until Monday 7 February**. Fr Stephen Hamilton will celebrate the weekend Masses on Saturday evening at 6.00pm and Sunday morning at 9.00 and 10.30pm. There will be no 9.00 am morning Mass on Monday the 7th of February. **Normal Mass times continue from Tuesday 8th February, at 9.00am.**