 **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 till11.00am

**Legion of Mary:** Sat after 9 am Mass

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

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| **3rd Sunday Of Easter April 17/8** | **6.00 pm Mass** | **9.00 am Mass** | **10.30 am Mass** |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Conrad Lobo |
| **Minister of Communion** |   |  |  |
| Fr Vittorio Ricciardi | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi  | Fr Stephen Hamilton  |
|  |  | Marylou James |
| **Offertory Procession** | Christine Banerjee Carol Hillen | Rick Thomas Marie Thomas | Paula Campbell Michael Devola |

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Christian James; Filippo and Sara, Joe Harb, Sophia, Daniel Rivalland, Georgette Kheir, Christine Banerjee, Ettore Poletta, Francesco Paolo Ricciardi, Gemma Foster, Victoria Foster; 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; Mary Westhead; Rosa Nistico, Margaret Denis; Arthur Astarlis, , Lourenca Fernandes, Prithie Pereira, Madison Kelly, Pat Flarve.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

**John allan & Marcia Barry; Lynette Maher; Giovanni Lentini; John McLean;**: Mickey Mascarenhas**;** Vincent & Tina Giglio; Louisette Harris; Connie Kilpatrick, Nelson Trapani; Jim Walsh; Miriam Proctor; Elva Ebdon, Vince Giglio, John 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; Marie Rivalland; 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: 11/04/2021 – $386.70**

**Loose Money: 11/04/2021 – $130.00**

**Once again thank you for your generosity. My dear Parishioner**

**Mon: 19th Apr, St. Crescentius**

**Tue: 20th Apr, St. Marian**

**Wed: 21th Apr, St. Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop and Doctor**

**Thu: 22nd Apr, Queen of the Society of Jesus**

**Fri: 23rd Apr, St. George, MartyrBernadette Soubirous**

**Sat: 24th Apr, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL LUKE 24: 35-48**

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus’ appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today’s reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today’s Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus’ post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, “Peace be with you.” This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today’s Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus’ greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke’s Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke’s report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus’ forgiveness of sins.

**FR VITTORIO WILL BE ABSENT FOR RETREAT AND SURGERY IN MAY**

Fr Vittorio is away for two weekends retreats in May: from **Friday night 14 May** until **Sunday night 16 May,** and from **Friday night 28 May** until **Sunday night 30 May. For the confessions, the faithful can confess the week after the above dates.** Fr Stephen Hamilton will celebrate both weekends’ Masses on Saturday evening at 6.00pm and Sunday morning at 9.00 and 10.30pm.

Furthermore, Fr Vittorio will be operated in Brighton Cabrini Hospital on Monday the 3rd May. For the moment, there will be **no** 9.00am morning Mass on Monday the 3rd May.

**25 April (Fourth Sunday of Easter) Day of Vocations.**

Next Sunday is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

*There can be no greater joy than to risk one’s life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord’s call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord’s call to consecrated life or priesthood.

**Meditation on Jesus For Healing and Wellbeing Of Body & Soul**

**(Through gentle postures and breathing exercises)**

**John 15:4; “Abide in me and I in you”.**

**One Day Retreat: Saturday 15th May 2021: 10am – 4pm.**

**BYO Lunch. Cost: $25, Concession $20.**

**Registration is necessary by phone or email.**

**(Concludes with Mass)**

**Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD**

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