**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 Sunday of Easter 7/8 May** | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Rick Thomas | Chanelle Lobo |
| **Music ministry**  | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittoriosomeone will be nominated | Fr Vittoriosomeone will be nominated | Fr VittorioPaul Sheeran |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers | Volunteers  | Victoria & Gemma Foster |
| **5th Sun of Easter 15 May** | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am** |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Rick Thomas | Chanelle Lobo |
| **Music ministry**  | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Marylou James |
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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Angelo Molino; 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**

**Anthony Devola, Doreen New, Norma Moloney,** 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: 1/05/2022 – $ 382.00**

**Loose Money: 1/05/2021 – $ 182.00**

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

***THIS WEEK***

**May is the month of**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Mon: 9th May St. George Preca**

**Tue: 10th May St. Damien of Molokai**

**Wed: 11th May St. Walter**

**Thu: 12th May SS. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 13th May Our Lady of Fatima**

**Sat: 14th may St. Matthias, Apostle**

**SAFEGUARDING**

Continuing with our commitment to Safeguarding, we require all of our volunteers and parish groups to read, complete and sign new safeguarding declarations for the three year period ending 31 December 2024. For all our wonderful volunteers who have already signed the declarations last year, we thank you, but we do need new ones for the next three year period.

The completed forms are required by April 30. Please return to Fr Vittorio or email to the Parish office as soon as possible. Many thanks for all the wonderful work you do!

**A number of copies of the declaration of the code of conduct will be in the Nathex.**

**Further, in the website of the parish you will find all the information about the code of conduct.**

**FOUTH SUNDAY OF EASTER -Reflection on the Gospel John 10:27-30**

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus. This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, “Are you the Messiah?” Jesus responds by saying, in essence, “If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep.” Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)**

**TODAY IS 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. Do not yield to fear, which paralyzes us before the great heights to which the Lord points us. Always remember that to those who leave their nets and boat behind, and follow him, the Lord promises the joy of a new life that can fill our hearts and enliven our journey.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - O God, who chose the Apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up Your Holy Church, we implore You to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love You with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make You better known and loved by all. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS - Pledge to Pray (**[**www.**pledgetopray.com.au](http://www.pledgetopray.com.au)) for vocations.

**ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT: LOOKING TO BE INSPIRED IN YOUR FAITH?**

Reconnect, Renew and Reimagine Catholic Community and Mission at the **Alive in the Spirit Online Experience** 26–28 May 2022 with one-month access. Inspiration and Formation for everyone engaged in the life of our Church. See keynote speakers, workshop information and register at [www.aliveinthespirit.com.au](http://www.aliveinthespirit.com.au).

In 2022, Alive in the Spirit returns, this year’s theme: “What does God require of us: To Act Justly, To Love Mercy & To Walk Humbly”. Your interactive online pastoral experience offers both individuals and groups in your community a variety of ways to flexibly engage.

**CALL OF GUADALUPE MUSICAL**

**Auditions for an Australian grown Catholic musical** that has gone around Australia & overseas, perform or help backstage in the show coming in November.

Great opportunity to develop your skills in performing arts. Learn how to act, sing or produce a musical. We have classes in Burwood & Chelsea area. For more info go to cogtheatre.org or cogtheatregroup@gmail.com or call Von at 0423 886 984 or Geraldine at 0413 398 528.