**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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| **Ascension of the Lord 29 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 VittorioSomeone will be nominated |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers | Volunteers  | Someone will be nominated  |
| **Pentecost 5 June 2022** | **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 VittorioFreya Sheeran |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers | Volunteers  | Paul and Freya Sheeran  |

**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: 22/05/2022 – $ 455.50**

**Loose Money: 22/05/2021 – $ 450.00**

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

***THIS WEEK***

**June is the month of**

**The Sacred Heart**

**Mon: 30th May St. Joan of Arc**

**Tue: 31st May THE VISTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Wed: 25th May St. Justin Martyr**

**Thu: 26th May Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 27th May St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs**

**Sat: 28th May St Filippo Smaldone**

**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.**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Reflection on the Gospel Luke 24: 46-53**

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

**KEVIN DONNELLY AM: ‘CHRISTIANITY MATTERS IN THESE TROUBLED TIMES’**

Recently, leading conservative voice and senior research fellow at ACU Kevin Donnelly AM launched his latest book, "Christianity Matters in These Troubled Times" (Wilkinson). He kindly joined Melbourne Catholic for a discussion of the book, the impetus behind it, and whether or not there was any hope for the future of Australia.

Continue reading: [Kevin Donnelly AM: 'Christianity matters in… | Melbourne Catholic](https://melbournecatholic.org/news/kevin-donnelly-am-christianity-matters-in-these-troubled-times)

**HELP OF CHRISTIANS: UNDERSTANDING THE JEWISH ORIGINS OF CATHOLIC DEVOTION**

What does it mean to call Mary "Help of Christians"? In Matthew's Gospel, there is a surprising key to understanding Catholic devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary: the ancient figure of Rachel, mother of the tribes of Israel.

Continue reading: [Help of Christians: Understanding the Jewish… | Melbourne Catholic](https://melbournecatholic.org/news/help-of-christians-understanding-the-jewish-origins-of-catholic-devotion)

**FR VITTORIO’S SICKNESS**

Dear Parishioners

As many of you know that on Tuesday 24th of May, Mary Help of Christians, I was detected positive to Covid 19. Because of that, I must isolate myself for seven days, which will terminate on Tuesday 31st May, the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On Wednesday 1 June I will resume my pastoral activity, hoping that I will be well enough to carry on my duties. So, on Monday and Tuesday next week there will be no masses in the morning at 9.00 am.

As you realise I emphases the feasts of the Virgin Mary, at the beginning of my sickness and at the end of my isolation. This is a great sign of a mother, as you are also, who is praying for me and for you, to recover as soon as possible. In this time of isolation, I am praying for the parish and for all of you.

Blessings

Fr Vittorio Ricciardi