 **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 till10.45am

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

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| **15th Sunday O.T. 10/11 July**  | **6.00 pm Mass** | **9.00 am Mass** | **10.30 am Mass** |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Conrad Lobo  |
| **Music ministry**  | Christine | Maryrose | Lobo and Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi  | Fr Vittorio, Marylou James |
| **Offertory Procession** | Kevin & Pamela Pereira | Kath & Colin Lewin  | Vittorio & Gemma Foster  |
| **16th Sunday O.T. 17/18 July**  | **6.00 pm Mass** | **9.00 am Mass** | **10.30 am Mass** |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Freya Sheeran |
| **Music ministry**  | Christine  | Maryrose  | Lobo and Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi  | Fr Vittorio, Paul Sheeran |
| **Offertory Procession** | Kevin & Pamela Pereira | Kath & Colin Lewin  | Sheeran family |

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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; Mary Westhead; Rosa Nistico, Margaret Denis; Arthur Astarlis, , Lourenca Fernandes, Prithie Pereira, Madison Kelly, Pat Flarve.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

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: 4/7/2021 – $ 517.00**

**Loose Money: 4/7/2021 – $ 109.00**

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

**Mon: 12th July, Ss. Louis & Azelie-Marie Guerin Martin**

**July is the Month of the most precious blood of Christ**

**Tue: 13th July, St. Henry**

**Wed: 14th July, St. Camillus de Lellis**

**Thu: 15th July, St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor**

**Fri: 16th July, Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

**Sat: 17th July, St. Marcellina**

**15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: MK 6:7-13**

This week’s Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples’ return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark’s Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod’s fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus’ public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark’s theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist’s ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark’s Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus’ ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark’s Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus’ disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called “apostles.” The word apostle means “one who is sent.” The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God’s people, Israel.

Jesus’ instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavour. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the the Church, as a community of faith. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES (2021/2022)**

My dear parishioners,

First, I would like to thank you sincerely for your generosity and love for the parish and for your participation in the thanksgiving program at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in the last years. You made the difference this year through your regular giving. Our Parish could not operate the church maintenance and day to day living expenses and make improvements to our facilities without your support. Thanks to your generosity, and the providence of God you allowed, the parish is continuing its mission, but it needs again this year ahead your support. In relation to the thanksgiving program 2021/2022, it will be asked of the parishioners to review and renew again their pledge.

The 2021/2022 thanksgiving envelopes are available in the narthex this weekend 26/27th June to be collected. Taxation receipts for financial year 2020/2021 will be available for collection in the middle of July.

Like in the previous years, you are invited to consider starting as a new contributor by choosing the direct debit way or the existing envelope system. The direct debit is preferable because it is the most secure and confidential. Existing contributors may wish to revise their contribution and they can choose the direct debit.

Once again thank you for your generosity.

Fr Vittorio Ricciardi PP

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

As part of this initiative, it will now be required that as a minimum, all volunteers, regardless of how seemingly small the task, will be required to hold a Victorian Working With Children Card. All volunteers will also be required to sign a “Code of Conduct Declaration”. Additional requirements may also apply in some circumstances.

We have already begun the process of contacting volunteers and collecting the appropriate documentation to ensure that we are satisfying safeguarding standards. We appreciate the support of all parishioners as we endeavour to satisfy these standards and do all that we can **to protect the welfare, safety and dignity of all children and young people** who pass through our parish.

If you are currently volunteering or interested in volunteering and have not yet been contacted, please let Fr Vittorio know and someone from the Safeguarding Team will be in contact with you.

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL FOR NEXT WEEKEND JULY 10TH/ 11TH**

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai\*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

**Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.** Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting ’GIVE’ to 0488 854 436.

**FR VITTORIO WILL BE ABSENT THIS SATURDAY ONLY IN THE MORNING 10 JULY 2021**

Fr Vittorio is away this Saturday Morning from 9.30am to 4.30pm. **For the confessions, the faithful can confess the week after the above date.** He will return in the afternoon at 5.30 for the Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm as normal.