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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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| **16th Sunday O.T. 17/18 July**  | **6.00 pm Mass cancelled**  | **9.00 am Mass on zoom**  | **10.30 am Mass on zoom**  |
| **Lector** |  | Cheryl Juelg | Conrad Lobo  |
| **Music ministry**  |  | Maryrose | Lobo and Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** |  | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi  | Fr Vittorio, Marylou James |
| **Offertory Procession** |  | Rick and Mary Thomas  | Vittorio & Gemma Foster  |
| **17th Sunday O.T. 24/25 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 | Anne and Mary Muscat  | Vittorio & Gemma Foster  |

**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:11/7/2021 – $ 247.00**

**Loose Money:11/7/2021 – $ 118.80**

**Catholic Mission: 11/7/21 – $ 228.90**

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

**Mon: 19th July, St. John Plessington**

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

**Tue: 20th July, St. Apollinaris of Ravenna**

**Wed: 21st July, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Doctor**

**Thu: 22nd July, St. Mary Magdalene**

**Fri: 23rd July, St. Bridget of Sweden**

**Sat: 24th July, St. Christina of Bolsena, Martyr**

**16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: MK 6:30-34**

In this today’s Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus’ ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don’t even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark’s Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark’s report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark’s Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus’ feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today’s Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as “apostles.” The word apostle is a Greek word meaning “one who is sent.” Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark’s Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus’ disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

**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**

We would like to thank you again for your generosity, whether it be through prayer, a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your kindness helps to ensure that many vulnerable women like Churai\* will continue to receive care and support through the Mother and Babies Home in Bangkok, so that they can then build a brighter future for themselves and their precious babies.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, whereyou can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.