**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

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**WELCOME TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH**

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is blessed with several parish groups (Rosary, Neocatechumenal Way, Legion of Mary) that our parishioners are welcome to be a part of. These voluntary groups provide an additional opportunity for spiritual enrichment and do not detract from the fundamental pastoral and sacramental activities of the Church. Everyone is invited to participate in any or all these groups, as often as they feel comfortable.

**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY**

We consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority. Please refer to our website and/or the public notices in the Narthex for further information.

**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 7.30 pm, and Saturday 7.30 pm

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| **17th Sunday in OT 24 July 2022** | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Rick Thomas | Freya Sheeran |
| **Music ministry**  | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Body: Fr Vittorio Wine: two or one minister will be nominated | Body: Fr Vittorio Wine: two ministers will be nominated | Body: Fr Vittorio Wine: two ministers will be nominated |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers | Volunteers  | Paul and Freya Sheeran  |
| **18th Sunday in OT 31 July 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** | Body: Fr Vittorio Wine: two or one minister will be nominated | Body: Fr Vittorio Wine: two ministers will be nominated | Body: Fr Vittorio Wine: two ministers will be nominated |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers | Volunteers  | Someone will be nominated  |

**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**

Elizabeth Clare Cropley; Desme Tickner; Marie Ratten; 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; 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, 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, 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: 17/07/2022 – $ 258.00**

**Loose Money: 17/07/2022 – $ 300.00**

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

***THIS WEEK***

**July is the month of**

**The Most Precious Blood**

**Mon: 25th July St. James, Apostle**

**Tue: 26th July Ss. Joachim & Anne, Parents of our Lady**

**Wed: 27th July Ss. Natalie & Aurelius**

**Thu: 28th July St. Innocent I, Pope**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 29th July Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus**

**Sat: 30th July St Leopold Mandic**

**SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE MESSAGE**

Dear brothers and sisters,

The special message we are delivering to our volunteers today follows a reminder from Father over the past few weeks about the importance of renewing of the Safeguarding Children Code of Conduct declaration forms that we signed last year.

Our newly established Safeguarding committee and its members were not aware at the time, and did not advise our volunteers when we completed our code of conduct declarations for the first time in 2021, that this was a cyclic process and we were in fact entering during the final year of a 3 year term in the life cycle of the form.

We have been advised by the archdiocese of Melbourne that we left the expiring 2018-2021 Safeguarding compliance term last December and entered the new 2022-2025 Safeguarding term in January this year, requiring new code of conduct forms to be signed by all persons volunteering at IHM or employed by the parish.

Please help us: if you are serving the parish in any capacity and have not already completed and returned a 2022-2025 Safeguarding code of conduct form to Father or a committee member, by taking a new Safeguarding code of conduct form from the Narthex today (forms are located on the parish information table inside the front door). Please complete the form as soon as you can and return it to Father or myself next week.

If it is more convenient for you to do it today, you are most welcome to stay and complete the document before you leave. I will be in the Narthex briefly after Mass to answer questions and provide assistance to anyone who requires it.

Thanks again and God Bless you.

**REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL -THE 16TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME - LUKE 11:1-13**

The disciples notice Jesus praying “in a certain place.” They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established.

This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of “sins” rather than “debts,” which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES (2022/2023)**

My dear parishioners,

I would like first of all 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 have allowed the parish to continue its mission. But it needs again your help this year. The 2022/2023 thanksgiving envelopes will be available in the narthex. Taxation receipts for financial year 2021/2022 will be available for collection in the middle of July.

The parishioners are invited to consider starting as a new contributor: they can choose the direct debit (or still envelops). The direct debit is preferable because it is the most secure and confidential. The existing contributors, at their freedom, may wish to revise their contribution, and if they wish, they can choose the direct debit.

If the parishioners need clarifications, they can see me or a member of the Finance Committee.

Once again thank you for your generosity.

Fr Vittorio Ricciardi PP