**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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| **18th Sunday O.T. 1 August** | **6.00 pm Mass cancelled** | **9.00 am Mass on zoom**  | **10.30 am Mass on zoom**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Conrad Lobo  |
| **Music ministry**  | Christine | Mary Rose & Wandini | 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  |
| **19th Sunday O.T. 7/8 August**  | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
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**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: 25/7/2021 – to be counted**

**Loose Money: 25/7/2021 – to be counted**

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

**Mon: 2nd Aug, Our Lady of the Angels**

**August is the month of**

**The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**Tue: 3rd Aug, St. Dominic**

**Wed: 4th Aug, St. John VianneyAlphonsa of India**

**Thu: 5th Aug, Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Majior**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 6th Aug, The Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Sat: 7th Aug, St. Sixtus II, Pope & companions, Martyrs**

**18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: Jn 6:24-35**

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John’s report of Jesus’ walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John’s Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and re-joins them. In today’s Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that he gives in the Eucharist.

In today’s Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus’ true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors’ needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd’s blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John’s Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as “I am,” as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

**CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal 2021**

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish’s social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialized support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. Donations from our parish community will help to support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalized in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of $2 and above are tax deductible.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES (2021/2022)**

My dear parishioners,

Just a reminder that the 2021/2022 thanksgiving envelopes are still available in the narthex this weekend for those who didn’t collect. Taxation receipts for financial year 2020/2021 will be available for collection next week.

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.