**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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| **21st Sunday O.T. 22 Aug 21`** | **6.00 pm Mass cancelled** | **9.00 am Mass on zoom** | **10.30 am Mass cancelled** |
| **Lector** |  | Cheryl Juelg |  |
| **Music ministry**  |  | Mary Rose |  |
| **Minister of Communion** |  | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi  |  |
| **Offertory Procession** |  | Eugene and Joe |  |
| **22nd Sunday O.T. 29 Aug 21** | **6.00 pm Mass cancelled**  | **9.00 am Mass on zoom** | **10.30 am Mass cancelled** |
| **Lector** |  | Conrad Lobo  |  |
| **Music ministry**  |  | Cheryl lobo Marilou James |  |
| **Minister of Communion** |  | Fr Crispin |  |
| **Offertory Procession** |  | Lindsay James Conrad Lobo |  |

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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; 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: 15/8/2021 – to be counted**

**Loose Money: 15/8/2021 – to be counted**

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

**Mon: 23rd Aug, St. Rose of Lima**

**August is the month of**

**The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**Tue: 24th Aug, St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

**Wed: 25th Aug, St. Louis IX, King of France**

**Thu: 26th Aug, Our Lady of Czestochowa**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 27th Aug, St. Monica**

**Sat: 28th Aug, St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor**

**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: JN 6:60-69**

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead, John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

**HUMANITARIAN CRISES UNFOLDING IN AFGHANISTAN AND LEBANON**

As the situations in **Afghanistan** and **Lebanon** deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises.

In **Afghanistan**, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection.

In **Lebanon**, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights.

**Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world.**

Visit [caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://caritas.org.au/lebanon) or [www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan](http://www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

**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.