**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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| **23rd Sunday O.T. 5 Sept 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 |  |
| **24th Sunday O.T. 12 Sept 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**

Marie Perez; Fr James Early; 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: 29/8/2021 – $378.00**

**Loose Money: 29/8/2021 – $342.00**

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

**Mon: 6th Sept, St. Donatian**

**September is the month of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady**

**Tue: 7th Sept, St. Regina**

**Wed: 8th Sept, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Thu: 9th Sept, St. Peter Claver**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 10th Sept, St. Finian**

**Sat: 11th Sept, St. Daniel**

**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: MK 7:31-37**

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today’s reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus’ healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God’s grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark’s Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophoenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman’s great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus’ own mission affirms the early Church’s mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark’s Gospel and is sometimes called the “messianic secret.”

**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.

**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.

**PRAYER FOR OUR SISTER MARIE PEREZ**

As a parish we would like to acknowledge our sister Marie Perez who was a very dedicated & conscious parishioner in our Parish for many years. Marie passed to the Father last week and we couldn’t do a funeral service for her, but I ask you to pray for her & her family. Marie was always a lady who was involved in many activities on the Parish, with organising communion to the sick, liturgy rosters, St Vincent de Paul amongst a few. Marie moved into Fernhill Nursing Home in Sandringham over 10 years ago & was well looked after there.

May she now be rewarded in Eternal Life with the Lord welcoming her - “well done good & faithful servant“.

**FATHERS DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION**

Once again this year “Fathers’s Day” Collection will be held this weekend, butdue to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions and Masses not being able to be said at Parishes, donations to the Father’s Day appeal can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website. Donations can be made by your Parishioners through the Priests Retirement Foundation website via debit, credit card or Paypal where the donor’s details are loaded and receipts can be issued. The site is [www.cam.org.au/foundation](http://www.cam.org.au/foundation)

As a parish we will conduct a “Retrospective” Father’s Day appeal when Masses return to the Parish.

Sincere thanks for your support of the Priests Retirement Foundation.