**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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| **24th Sunday O.T. 12 Sept 21** | **6.00 pm Mass cancelled** | **9.00 am Mass on zoom** | **10.30 am Mass on zoom** |
| **Lector** |  | Cheryl Juelg | Conrad Lobo  |
| **Music ministry**  |  | Mary Rose | Cheryl lobo Marilou James |
| **Minister of Communion** |  | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi  | Fr Crispin |
| **Offertory Procession** |  | Eugene and Joe | Lindsay James Conrad Lobo |
| **25th Sunday O.T. 19 Sept 21** | **6.00 pm Mass cancelled** | **9.00 am Mass on zoom** | **10.30 am Mass on zoom** |
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**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: 5/9/2021 – $275.00**

**Loose Money: 5/9/2021 – $336.00**

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

**Mon: 13th Sept, St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor**

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

**Tue: 14th Sept, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Wed: 15th Sept, Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Thu: 16th Sept, Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 17th Sept, St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor**

**Sat: 18th Sept, St. Joseph of Cupertino**

**24RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: MK 8:27-35**

Today’s reading is the turning point in Mark’s Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus’ disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means “the anointed one.” At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today’s reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean “human being.”

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Chris’s disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus’ words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

**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 BROTHER BENEDICT BANERJEE**

As a parish we would like to acknowledge our brother Benedict Banerjee who was a very dedicated parishioner in our Parish for many years. Benedict passed to the Father last Thursday on the 9th September 2021. We will do a funeral service for him, with 10 mourners, but I ask you to pray for Christine as well. Benedict, together with Christine, was always available for the six o’clock Mass on Saturdays, helping in various activity. The funeral will be held in our Church on Wednesday 15/09/21 at 12pm with the Rosary at the Church, Followed by Mass at 12.30pm. The burial will be at Bunurong Memorial Park- 790 Frankston-Dandenong Road, Dandenong South.

**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.