**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 of or all of 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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| **24th Sunday in OT 11 Sept 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  |
| **25th Sunday in OT 18 Sept 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  |

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Pam Bunbridge; 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; Giovanni Lentini; 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: 4/09/2022 – $ 199.00**

**Loose Money: 4/09/2022 – $ 258.05**

**Father’s Day Appeal: 4/09/22 – $ 430.00**

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

***THIS WEEK***

**September is the month of**

**The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady**

**Mon: 12th Sept Most Holy Name of Mary**

**Tue: 13th Sept St. John Chrysostom**

**Wed: 14th Sept THE EXALTATIONOF THE HOLY CROSS**

**Thu: 15th Sept Our Lady Of Sorrow**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 16th Sept Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

**Sat: 17th Sept St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctors**

**PRAYERS FOR THE ETERNAL REST OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

**A STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SDB,** **PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE**

The death of Queen Elizabeth II, after a long reign marked by extraordinary constancy, fidelity, courage and service, will bring great sadness to many people in Australia, including members of the Catholic community.

As the Queen enters into the great mystery of eternal life with the Lord, we will pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth.

Queen Elizabeth was never reticent about acknowledging her Christian faith. Her annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service. It was a model she strived to emulate throughout her long life. May she rest in peace.

*September 9, 2022*

**REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL -THE 24th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME - LUKE 15:1-32**

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells one parable which is seen through three windows: losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, *hearing* is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, so called The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of the entire parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, “full of compassion,” runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

**SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE MESSAGE**

Dear brothers and sisters,

We have been advised by the archdiocese of Melbourne that we left the expiring 2018-2021 Volunteers Safeguarding Children compliance term last December and entered the new 2022-2025 Volunteers Safeguarding Children compliance term in January this year. Immediately effective, new Code of Conduct forms need 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 you can help 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 a committee representative 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. We 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.

**SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS ONLINE TRAINING MODULE LAUNCHED FOR CLERGY AND VOLUNTEERS**

As part of the Archdiocese of Melbourne's commitment to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from abuse and harm, the Professional Standards Unit has recently launched Safeguarding Essentials, a 30-minute online training module for volunteers.

Continue reading: [Safeguarding Essentials online training module launched for clergy and volunteers](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.pstmrk.it%2F2s%2Fmelbournecatholic.org%252Factions%252Fcampaign%252Ft%252Fclick%253Fcid%253Dc5f98f4bab4df2wwb%2526sid%253Ds630f5b91afc61hbi%2526lid%253Dl630fe1d7c88e0hhq%2F_BTGVDEN%2FTb1V%2F4JM8kV_nYl&data=05%7C01%7Champtoneast%40cam.org.au%7C98bf3fa07b1b4b361e0c08da8ba6cac0%7C48ee20c7c8ea423c8b28f19801e34193%7C0%7C0%7C637975845745443065%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LOAJhMzWRpMzVm7CDiTyzilZhd2jGDt0HJymFQub2CE%3D&reserved=0)