**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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| **25th Sunday O.T. 19 Sept 21** | **6.00 pm Mass cancelled** | **9.00 am Mass on zoom** | **10.30 am Mass on zoom** |
| **Lector** |  | Cheryl Juelg | Marilou James |
| **Music ministry**  |  | Mary Rose | Cheryl lobo  |
| **Minister of Communion** |  | Fr Crispin | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi |
| **Offertory Procession** |  | Eugene and Joe | Lobo family |
| **26th Sunday O.T. 26 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**

**Conrad Lobo**; Benedict Banerjee; 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: 12/9/2021 – to be counted**

**Loose Money: 12/9/2021 – to be counted**

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

**Mon: 20th Sept, Ss. Andrew Taegon, Paul Hasang, Comp.**

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

**Tue: 21st Sept, St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Wed: 22nd Sept, Our Lady Queen of Peace**

**Thu: 23rd Sept, St. Pio of Pietralcina**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 24th Sept, Our lady of Walsingham**

**Sat: 25th Sept, Blessed Herman Reichenau**

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: MK 9:30-37**

In today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to prepare his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behaviour. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week’s Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today’s Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God’s kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus’ name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God’s judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

**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 CONRAD LOBO**

My dear Parishioners

Last night, Thursday 15 September 2021, our brother Conrad Lobo passed to the Father in the Mulgrave Private Hospital. The family and I were unprepared to this event. We don’t know yet the cause of death, but for the entire parish it has been a shock which will mark the history of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. I am sure that the Lord is preparing many gifts and blessings for Lobo Family, especially for their children. But in this moment, we are all deeply distressed for this event, which the Lord in his mercy and Love has allowed.

The first thing that came to my mind, which I expressed to the family, was the remembrance of the Scripture: “the death is like a thief who comes in the night, but the virtuous and the just will rejoice in the Lord”. And yet, it is true our brother Conrad has been a man of faith and generous to many people, and especially to our parish. The Lord will reward him.

In time of our parish distress, on Sunday the entire community of Immaculate heart of Mary Church will pray and remember with love our brother Conrad Lobo. May he rest in peace.

Fr Vittorio