**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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| **30th Sunday O.T. 24 Oct 21** | **6.00 pm Mass on zoom**  | **9.00 am Mass on zoom** | **10.30 am Mass on zoom** |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Marilou James |
| **Music ministry**  | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Cheryl lobo  |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio  | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi  | Fr Crispin |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers  | Eugene and Joe | Lobo family |
| **31st Sunday O.T. 31 Oct 21** | **6.00 pm Mass on zoom**  | **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: 17/10/2021 – 440.00$**

**Loose Money: 17/10/2021 – 231.40$**

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

**Mon: 25th Oct St. Tabitha**

**October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary**

**Tue: 26th Oct St. Alfred the Great**

**Wed: 27th Oct St. Abraham the Poor**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Thu: 28th Oct SS. SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES**

**Fri: 29th Oct Bl. Chiara “Luce” BadanoSt. John Paul II**

**Sat: 30th Oct, St. Dorothy of Montau**

**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: MK 10:46-52**

Today we continue to read from Mark’s Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesu’ fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus’ reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus’ attention. We notice how quickly the crowd’s reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus’s sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark’s Gospel, actions accompany Jesus’ words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus’s faith has saved him. Throughout Mark’s Gospel, the success of Jesus’ healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus’ help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark’s Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith — “Son of David.” Many in Jesus’ time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus’s words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark’s Gospel, which begin with Jesus’ preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

**GOVERNMENT CHANGES TO COVID RESTRICTIONS FROM MIDNIGHT 21 OCTOBER 2021**

As Parishioners will be aware the Victorian Government has announced changes to the Covid restrictions to take effect as from this Friday. A number of the changes relate to “Vaccination Status” of people attending Religious Ceremonies (e.g.Mass) where, for the purpose of the rules, people are to be classified as either “Fully Vaccinated” or as “Unknown Vaccination Status”.

Going forward how we operate must change to reflect the rule changes. We will return to the system of “booking for Mass” (ring 95983979, first come first served) and you can only book one week ahead from each Sunday night.

Once you have booked in, on arrival, parishioners must use the Government QR code or complete the paper form in the Narthex as previously applied. Also if you are attending a “Fully Vaccinated” Mass you must bring evidence of this either on your smart phone or by copy of the Government Vaccination form. A parishioner designated as a “Covid Check-in Marshal” (Government words) will greet you in the Narthex to help with your check in. Note that all Masses will continue to be broadcast on Zoom.

Masses will operate as follows:

* Monday 9:00am Unknown Vaccination Status (10 people)
* Tuesday 9:00am Fully Vaccinated (20 people)
* Wednesday 9:00am Unknown Vaccination Status (10 people)
* Thursday 9:00am Fully Vaccinated (20 people)
* Friday 9:00am Unknown Vaccination Status (10 people)
* Saturday 6:00pm Fully Vaccinated (20 people)
* Sunday 9:00am Unknown Vaccination Status (10 people)
* Sunday 10:30 Fully Vaccinated (20 people)

We look forward to attendances opening up further.

You are all in my prayers.

Fr Vittorio Ricciardi PP

**LET US PRAY FOR OUR SISTER DOREEN NEW**

Doreen New who died last week aged 90 was a parishioner of IHOM for well over 50 years. A quiet and private person she supported Mothers Club activities when her son attended the Parish Primary School and also Church events over the years. Her funeral will take place next week at 1pm on Wednesday the 27th of October.

As parish we will pray for her and her family as well.

**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.