



# Mary Immaculate Parish

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## BULLETIN

24August 2025

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

#### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY COURSE

We are excited to share that **Dr Christopher West** and the **Theology of the Body (TOB) Institute** are bringing their flagship formation program to Sydney:

**TOB I: Head & Heart Immersion Course**  
*18-23 January 2026 Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale*

This **5.5-day intensive course** is open to priests, religious, teachers, lay leaders, and anyone seeking to understand and live **St John Paul II's life-changing teaching on human love, identity, and God's plan for the human person.**

**Registrations close 8 December 2025.**

#### POSITION VACANT—SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

The Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea is seeking expressions of interest for this position. A full-time role and based at Stanmore. Enquiries to Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055 or [anthony@reachhr.com.au](mailto:anthony@reachhr.com.au).

#### DAILY MASS READINGS: 25– 31 Aug

Mon 25 August: 1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10 & Matt 23:13-22  
Tues 26 August: 1 Thess 2:1-8 & Matt 23:23-26  
Wed 27 August: Sir 26:1-4, 13-16 & Lk 7:11-17  
Thurs 28 August: 1 Jn 4:7-16 & Matt 23:8-12  
Fri 29 August: Jer 1:17-19 & Mk 6:17-29  
Sat: 30 August: 1 Thess 4:9-11 & Matt 25:14-30  
Sun: 31 August: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29, Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 &

#### SVDP

Vinnies is offering food hampers, blankets, beanies to anyone experiencing hardships. If you or anyone you know is experiencing hardships due to job loss, illness, loneliness, or homelessness, there is support available. St Vincent de Paul is offering a helping hand during these challenging times.

To receive a hamper, please reach out to the parish office with the contact details and delivery address. Alternatively, the hamper can be picked up from the parish office. Rest assured, all details will be kept confidential and used solely for the purpose of hamper distribution.

We understand that these times can be tough, and we want to ensure everyone has access to the help they need. Please don't hesitate to contact St Vincent de Paul if you or someone you know could benefit from this support on 0413 713 911.

#### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

##### Sick:

Michael McTegg, Mila Ranoso, Veronica D' Rozario, Lorry Debono, Peter Saliba, Jaythde Hite-Deuna, Phillip Camilleri, Tony Yu, John Brooks, Diani, Margaret Deshe, Colleen Asimus, Resurrection & Grace Espina, Barry Morkel, Graham Rutledge, Dominador Vicho, Anna Fernandes, Madeline Semisi, Ray Johnston, Sophia Pal, Dominic Fernandez, Harrison Whelan, Joseph Buttigieg, Jackson Naidoo, Faye Demagante, Chadia Kaminski.

##### Anniversary of Death:

Elizabeth Tjahjadi, Christine & Lincoln, HRB Sharma, Jesusa Jamsen, Dolores & Benjamin Ubalde, Raymond Wannappa, Teresita Sison Ombina, Emma Garciano, Encarnacion Dionisio

##### Recently Deceased:

Carina Pugada, Dominador Vicho, Jocelyn Espiritu, Betty Leyson Harris, Judith Kaseta, Gloria Rebuquiao, Grace Egbunike, Corazon G. Manzano

##### In Memoriam:

Aurora Espinoza, Marcelina & Cirilo Obatay, Helen Gois, Sydney Lobo, Florencio Obatay, Brando Mayor, Crisfeta Fe Uy, Jose Marzan, Rodrigo Malaluan, Noleen & Robby Houghton, Lema & Rufino Eleccim, Rosalia Cardenas, Robrigo Malaluan, William Almonte, Elvina Heredia, Michael Dias, Roy Dias, Annie & Dominic Pires, Angeles Buot, Salud Morgia, Abraham Morgia, Eli Manus, Ediberto Racaza, Paul Domingo, Lorelei Hisoler, Dominador Lapitan, Alfredo Bahit Sr., Laudelina Bahit, Gerardo & Leonisa Gabriel, Mary & Jacob Gonsalves, Bridget Daniels, Dorothy & Dominic Dias, Renato Paras, Paul Salon, Aurora & Fortunato Gomez, Lolita Alare, John Quattromani, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Roberto & Mary Lucille Serrano, Marilou, Mariano Jr., Perpetua, Arsenia, Marichar & Horacio Serrano, Joselito & Bobet Serrano, Epifanio Serrano, Mari Mackenzie, Ben McShane Hill, Anthony Farrugia and family members, Mamerta San Buenaventura, Bill Azzopardi, Calvin Wijewera, Irene Dassanayaka, Rita Joachim, Regina—Benito Franado, Roberto—Maria Reyes, Antonio—Lucia Santos, Julio De Mello, Regina & Baby Granado, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granado, John & Frances Micallef, Stuart Richard, Dan Peiris, Nilo Abalos, Eugenio De Jesus Jr., Goring Bacalso, Margaret Cooper, Crispina Paras, & all the souls in purgatory.

*May they Rest in Peace*



If you would like to obtain a copy of the Novena to Our Lady, please use the QR Code below.

**OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH  
VAILANKANNI  
NOVENA & FEAST**

Mary Immaculate Parish  
125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill, NSW



**TRIDUUM  
NOVENA MASSES**  
5 - 7 SEPTEMBER 2025  
7 PM

**FEAST DAY MASS**  
8 SEPTEMBER 2025  
7 PM

*Novena prayers said privately:  
30 August - 4 September*

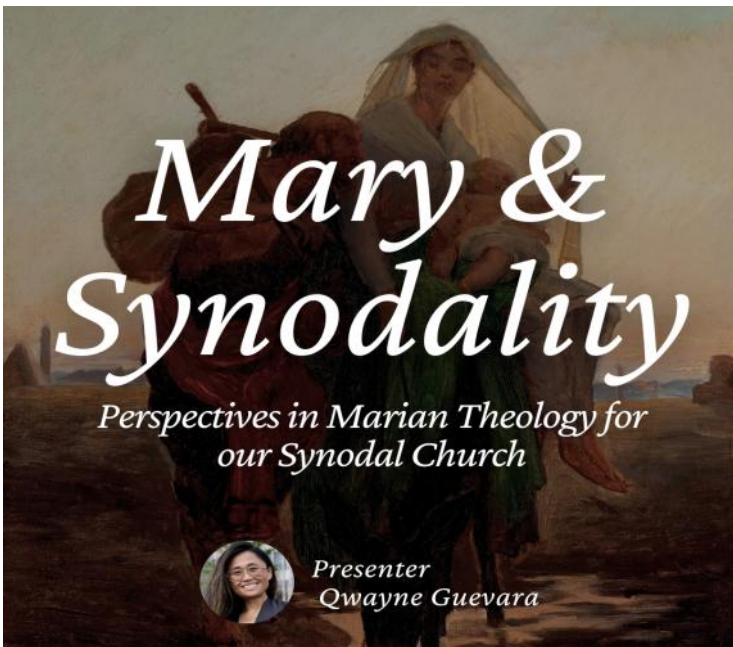
**All are welcome**  
Join us in  
prayer and  
fellowship!



### Formation series on Mary & Synodality


Join us for a 4-week formation series, Mary & Synodality: Perspectives in Marian Theology for our Synodal Church.

Through Scripture, theology, and contemporary thought, we will explore how Mary's witness offers inspiration for servant leadership, Spirit-filled collaboration, compassionate accompaniment, and hope-filled discernment in a synodal Church. For more information and to register, visit the Parramatta diocesan website.



**Mary & Synodality**

*Perspectives in Marian Theology for our Synodal Church*

 **Presenter**  
Qwayne Guevara

### CONFIRMATION 2025

**Congratulations to the first batch of Confirmands who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday. Pray for them as they discern their mission in life as followers of the Fathers will.**



### St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

#### FEAST DAY

and blessing with  
St. Padre Pio's Relic

**21 September 2025**

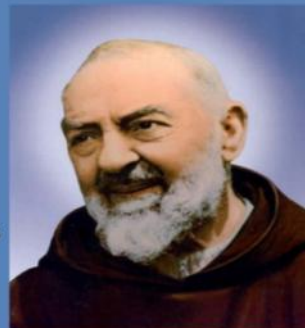
#### TRIDUUM

ST. PADRE PIO'S NOVENA AND MASS

Thursday 18 September 7:00pm

Friday 19 September 7:00pm

Saturday 20 September 5:30pm



**Sunday 21 September 10:00am**

Procession followed by the  
Feast Day Mass,  
Veneration and Blessing  
with St. Padre Pio's Relic  
& fellowship meal.



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GLENMORE PARK  
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### Commemorative Mass for the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea: 24 August

In 2025, Christians worldwide commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, a defining moment in Church history that continues to shape Christian doctrine and unity.

Join us for a Solemn Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on **24 August 2025** at 11am.

*Happy 8th Birthday*  
*Ian Joel Cardona*





**First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15**

**(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

**Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Luke 13:22-30**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN FOR  
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL:  
CLOSES 25 AUGUST**

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Church in Australia at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 3 December 2025! Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians. For more details and to express your interest by 25 August 2025, see [parracatholic.org/connect/acyf](https://parracatholic.org/connect/acyf)

**MANDATORY DIOCESEAN SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

Upcoming Face to Face Safeguarding Training Dates at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown:

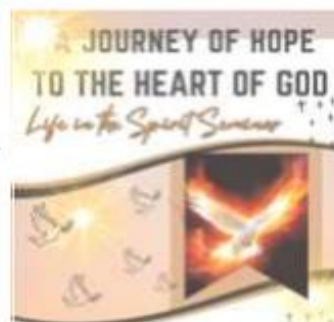
- Cycle 1 (Introductory Training for New Volunteers - Modules 1-3) - Monday 1st September (9.30am-2.30pm)
- Cycle 2 (Renewal Training after two years - Modules 4-5) - Tuesday 2nd September (10am-1.30pm)
- Cycle 3 (Refresher Training after another two years - Module 6) - Wednesday 3rd September (10am-12noon)
- Please register at <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

**THE HEARTS INVITE YOU TO A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

**ON WEEKEND 30<sup>TH</sup> 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2025**

**St Andrews School Hall 9:00AM - 4:30PM**

Have you ever longed for a deeper, more personal encounter with Christ? Have you felt the call to live a more Spirit-filled life, empowered by the Holy Spirit? Whether you're new to the faith or have been walking with Christ for years, this seminar will help you experience God's love in a powerful way. Scan QR code to register.



THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 23rd / 24th August				4th Sunday of the Month		
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Marvin Co	Angelo C Michael C	Conrad F Amila F	Rommel D Isaac Z	Arnel R Louis E	Arthur W Ralph H
Junior Servers	Kiana F Ezekiel D Jada P		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	Katrina C Jeremy A Johan A	Heleni M Johan M	Allenth E Samisoni W
Readers	Virginia F John F Perpetual F	Mercy E Pen B Mere S	Therese B Paea T Fe H	Rukshan A Therese D Ariel or Faye D	Loli M Nerissa T Andrew H	Cheryl Z Patricia H Bernadette W
Special Eucharist Minister	Pompey F	Maria M Anna Z	Eva C Charmaine A	Juvy E Eleanor O	Angela D	Lita W Edgie A
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F			Aubrey J	Ines A	
Music Ministry	Trebles	Recorded music	Divine Hope Choir	C.F.C Choir	Ray Pineda's group	S.C.M.I Choir
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Divine Hope Choir	C.F.C Choir	Ray Pineda's group	S.C.M.I Choir
Piety Store			Merlyn F	Joe A		Patricia D'Lima

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 30th / 31st August				5th Sunday of the Month		
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A	Angelo C	Ding M Conrad F	Lina Z Lawrence F	Paul M	Rommel D
Junior Servers	Kiana F		Rachael P Aviel, Yavniel & Hadriel F Gabriel E	Katrina C	Heleni M Johan M	P Marcial M Georgie A Dass
Readers	Virginia F John F Nikita D	Mere S Belen B Pen B	Bernie P Paea T Mary C	Anna Z Lucy V Pat O	Divine M Merlyn F Jeninah D	Anne T Raymond T Tressy T
Special Eucharist Minister	Ralph H	Maria M John B	Bessie M Eva C	Esperanza D Fe H Patricia Z		Juvy E
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Peter S	Brad & Angela A	Pat O		
Music Ministry	C.F.C Family Ministry	Recorded music	MI Septet Choir	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir	Recorded music	5.S.M Choir
PowerPoint	Jess P	Juvy A	Choir	Choir	Jelynn M	5.S.M Choir
Piety Store				Joe A	Merlyn F	Patricia D'Lima

### PARISH TEAM

**Priest of the Parish:** Rev Fr. Oliver Aro MSP

**Deacon:** Rev. Leon Decena OFS

**Parish/Finance Administrator:** Anthony Saliba OFS

**Administrative Assistant:** Marthese Sultana

**Sacramental Coordinators:** Anthony OFS & Marthese

**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday—Friday 9am to 4pm

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**Accounts Email:**

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**Sacramental Email:**

sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au

**Our current Mass services are as follows:**

Monday – 6.00am only - Tuesday to Friday - 6.00am and 9.15am

Wednesday 6pm- 7pm Holy Hour followed by Mass

Saturday - 7.30am

Sunday Masses – Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday's 4pm to 5pm

### THE SACRAMENTS

**Baptism & Preparation for sacrament:**

**Baptisms on Saturdays at 10:00am & 11:00am**

Parents must attend a preparation session prior to baptism.

**Preparation session on the 1st Tuesday of each month**

**If you want your child baptized, please call Marthese in the Parish Office marthese.sultana@maryimmac.org.au**

**First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation:**

Please contact sacramental coordinator for details.

**Weddings:** By Appointment.

### ALL THE YOUTH GROUPS

Email: miyouthgroups@maryimmac.org.au

**R.C.I.A:** Patrick D. 0435038281 or 96263326

### PARISH SCHOOLS

#### Mary Immaculate Primary School

125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill  
Ph: 9626-3999. Principal: Sharon Mizzi.

#### St. Joseph's Primary School

78 Alex Avenue, Schofields  
Ph: 9626-1328. Principal: Lesley Studans.

#### Saint John Paul II Catholic College

85 Hambledon Road Schofields  
Ph: 9208-7200. Principal: Robert Muscat