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BULLETIN

15 MARCH 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR ~ YEAR A

DAILY MASS READINGS: 16-21 March



PROJECT
COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent 14–15 March 2026

Life was hard for **Manaini** and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.



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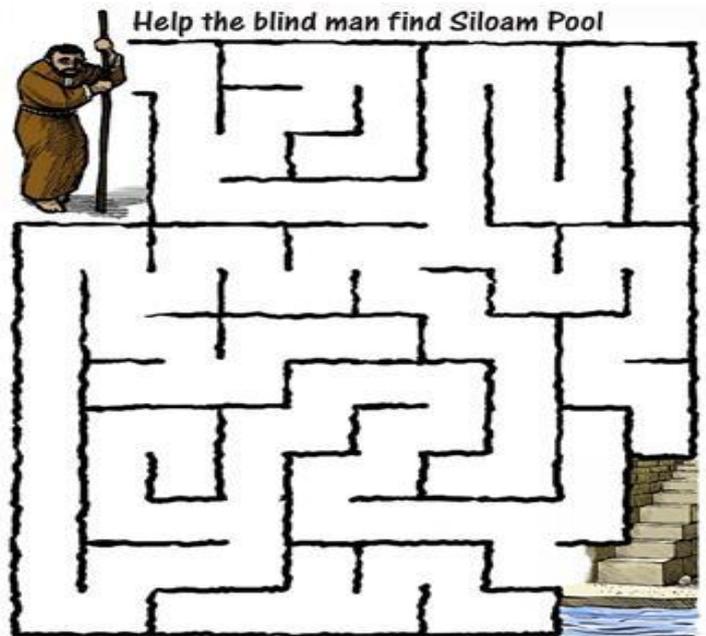
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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

Mon 16 March: Is 65:17-21 & Jn 4:43-54
Tues 17 March: Jer 1:4-9 & Lk 10:1-12. 17-20
Wed 18 March: Is 49:8-15 & Jn 5:17-30
Thurs 19 March: 2 Sam 7:4-5. 12-14. 16 & Matt 1:16. 18-21. 24 or Luke 2:41-51
Fri 20 March: Wis 2:1, 12-22 & Jn 7:1-2. 10. 25-30
Sat 21 March: Hosea 5:15 - 6:6 & Lk 18:9-14



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER

Sick:

Rosita Ludowyke, Precious Guerrero Tamayo, Caroline Dias, Clarina Emanuel, Sr. Paulina, Fr Oliver Aro, Rolly Valenzuela, Liberty Ventura, Tita Garcia, Michael McTegg, Mila Ranoso, Peter Saliba, Jaythde Hite-Deuna, Phillip Camilleri, Tony Yu, 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.

Recently Deceased:

Albin Moa, Fabian Gomes, Adrian O'Neill, Denis Nalletamby

Anniversaries:

Maria & Paul D' Rosario, John Saliba, Maria Dalgado, Michael Agius, Theresa Alice Fernandes, Chinie Quintano, Erlinda Jamora, Walter Valenton, Sabina Carlos, Caricia Benitez, Alphonse V, Basil Hayes, Carmen Tagudar, Jaime Tagudar, Maggie Fernandes

In Memoriam:

Eneliko Williams, Flower Clement, K.J. John, Raji John, Paz Offemaria, Palma Ercarlan, Aaron dela Cruz, Georgina Mercieca, Marie Louise Gatt, Anthony Farrugia and departed family members, Vanita Peter, Abraham Macaraeg, Arlene Rosagaran, Elizabeth Aaan & Baby Joshua, Julio Alivo, Arsenia Avancena, Edilberto Racaza Jr., Gerard Gador, Arlene Rosagaran, Joselito Serrano, Roberto Serrano Jr., Steve Daag, Anthony Uy, Reggie Dalgado, Therese Alice Fernandez, Felix, Elvina, Reggie & Rudy Heredia, Paloma Escarlan, Alphonso & Mary Roche, Wenceslao Manalo, Wilfredo Mangabat, Richeto Tura, Mila Punzalan, Bibiana & Marciano Malaluan, Josephine De Rosario, Pedro Maano, Jess Zabala, Julie Nunez, Eric Rotik, Fred Homedia, Gualbert Fantonial, Roy Dias, Annie & Dominic Pireo, Maria Attard, Maria Saliba, Fred Homedia, Alejandro & Arnel Mojica, Nigel Barrett, Rudolph Caesar, H.R.B Sharma, John Quattromani, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Mary Lucille Serrano, Roberto Serrano, Bill Azzopardi, Calvin Wijewera, Irene Dassanayaka, Claude & Rita Joachim, Regina—Benito Franado, Roberto—Maria Reyes, Antonio—Lucia Santos, Julio De Mello, Regina & Baby Granada, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granada, John & Frances Micallef, Stuart Richard, Dan Peiris, Nilo Abalos, Eugenio De Jesus Jr., Goring Bacalso, Margaret Cooper, Crispina Paras, All who died in war, & all the souls in purgatory.

May they Rest in Peace

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

To apply go to the Parish website
www.maryimmac.org.au
Click on sacraments on top of the page.

**Applications are now open online and
will close 12 April.**

We cannot accept late applications.

**PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION PROVIDED
BEFORE CLICKING APPLY.**

**GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL will be held
28-29TH MARCH**

HEALING MASS

On the 4th Saturday of every month there will be a healing mass taking place in our parish at the 7:30am mass. The next Mass is on Saturday 28th April.

**KARAOKE FUNDRAISER COMING SOON!
PLEASE SEE THE SIGNS AT THE
ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH**

FIRST AID REGISTER

Another new addition to the parish is the First Aid Register. This register will contain the names of our first aiders and which Mass they usually attend on the weekends. It will also not if there are any doctors or nurses that may be present onsite too in cases of an emergency. If you wish to be added to the list, please record your name and indicate your level of aid assistance. We would also like to include a photo to help easily identify you. Please also email the parish office to include your phone number and email if we need to contact you after an incident.



SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Ministry is seeking passionate and caring volunteers to help nurture the faith and spiritual growth of our youngest members. By joining our team, you'll have the rewarding opportunity to lead engaging, age-appropriate reflections and activities during Mass, creating a warm and welcoming environment for children to learn and connect with their faith. No prior experience is necessary—just a heart for service and a desire to make a positive difference in the lives of our children. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office. Join us in inspiring the next generation to grow in faith and joy!

HOLY ROSARY AT THE GROTTA

We Invite all Families to
World Peace -Holy Rosary
17th March 2026 @ 6.30pm
Front of MIP Grotto.



HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Last Supper: 7:30pm.
Altar of Repose: Following Mass to 12am.

Good Friday:

Morning Prayer: 8:00am.
Way of the Cross: 9.30am
Confession: 11:00am—1:00pm.
Veneration of the Cross: 3pm.

Holy Saturday: Liturgy of Light 7:00pm.

Easter Sunday: Usual weekend Mass times.

WORKING BEE 21ST MARCH FROM 11AM—1PM

In preparation for the Easter Triduum, we are excited to announce that we are organizing Working Bee - a cleaning day for our church, and we are in need of volunteers to help us make our space clean and welcoming for everyone. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. **PLEASE BYO Buckets and Brooms**

Tasks will include:

- Dusting and wiping surfaces
- Vacuuming and sweeping floors
- Cleaning pews
- Organizing and tidying up common areas.

If you are available to help there is a sign up sheet in the church foyer. Your support will make a big difference, and it's a great opportunity to give back to our community.

HEALTHCARE FORMATION MASS

There will be a Healthcare Formation and Support Masses at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill on Sunday 22nd March, commencing 5:30 p.m. There will also be an afternoon tea from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. before the Mass starts for those who wish to attend for networking and support purposes.

Please see <https://catholicoutlook.org/healthcare-ministries-formation-and-support-masses-to-be-held-in-2026/> for more details.

Enquiries Michael.tan@parracatholic.org

SECOND RITE RECONCILIATION 26TH MARCH 6:30AM

For those who would like to receive reconciliation before Holy Week, please come along. There may not be enough time for you prior to Easter. There will be a small window on Good Friday but it could be very busy.

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; (R.)
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Romans Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light.

That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel: John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38
(shorter form)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RCIA
CANDIDATES AS THEY PREPARE
FOR THEIR RECEPTION INTO THE
CHURCH THIS EASTER SATURDAY**

**PILGRIMAGE AT THE HOLY INNOCENCE
SHRINE AT KELLYVILLE 15/3/26 AT 2PM**

If you would like to participate in a Franciscan Lenten Retreat with the added bonus of receiving a plenary indulgence, you are more than welcome to come and participate. The event is hosted by the Secular Franciscans with a guest speaker. Please bring something small for afternoon tea as there will be Tea/Coffee provided.

| THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 14th / 15th March | | | | | | 3rd Sunday of the Month |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ministries | 5.30pm | 7.30am | 9.00am | 10.30am | 12.30pm | 5.30pm |
| Senior Server | Tony A Lina Z | Angelo C | Michael C Conrad F | Isaac Z Lina Z | Romany D Marvin Co | Arnel R Romany D |
| Junior Servers | Kiana F Senadi F Christine S | | Gabriel E | Katrina C Susan C Jeremy A Johan A | D & D De Leon Heleni M Johan M | P Marcial M Georgie A Dass |
| Readers | Nikita D Chrys S | Mere S Laurinda A Rachelle L | Rose B Jeana B Alin D | Cora M Pat O Alice H | Amila F Bruce M Fasa M | Gary C Paea T Perpetual F |
| Special Eucharist Minister | Jane A Patricia H | Maria M Mary Mathew | Aida L Mariquita P | Lucy V Patricia Z | Rudy Hartanto Tasnia H | Juvy E Edgie A |
| Greeters | Jerry A Pompey F | Peter S | Brad & Angela A | | A Aquini | |
| Music Ministry | C.F.C Family Ministry | Divine Praises Choir | Blacktown Philipino Choir | St Pedro Calungsod Devotees | Voices of Zion | Mary Immaculate Parish Choir |
| PowerPoint | Jess P | Delyse P | Tanishq A | Choir | | Choir |
| Piety Store | | Sherry | Therese B | Joe A | | Merlyn F |

| NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 21st / 22nd March | | | | | | 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 | |
| Junior Servers | Kiana F Ezekiel D Samisoni W | | Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E | Katrina C Susan C Jeremy A Johan A | | Allenth E |
| Readers | Virginia F Perpetual F Bernadette W | Mercy E Mere S Neetha Lima | Therese B Paea T Fe H | Rukshan A Therese D Ariel or Faye D | Loli M Nerissa T Andrew H | Cheryl Z Jeana B Raymond T |
| Special Eucharist Minister | Pompey F | Anna Z Belen B | Eva C Charmaine A | Juvy E Eleanor O | Angela D | Edgie A |
| Greeters | Jerry A Pompey F | Peter S | Brad & Angela A | Aubrey J | Ines A | |
| Music Ministry | Trebles | Recorded music | Divine Hope Choir | C.F.C Choir | | S.C.M.I Choir |
| PowerPoint | Jess P | Delyse P | Choir | Choir | | Choir |
| Piety Store | | Sherry | Merlyn F | Joe A | | Patricia D |

PARISH TEAM

Priest of the Parish: Rev Fr. Oliver Aro MSP

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr. Jonathan Germinanda 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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Our current Mass services are as follows:

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

Saturday - 7.30am, Wednesday 6pm- 7pm Holy Hour with Mass.

Sunday Masses – Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm Sunday- 7.30am,
9.00am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 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 Barrier Drive, Quakers Hill
Ph: 9626-3999. Principal: Sharon Mizzi.

St. Joseph's Primary School

78 Alex Avenue, Schofields
Ph: 9626-1328. Principal: Cathy Hey.

Saint John Paul II Catholic College

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