



Parish Bulletin Mary Immaculate Parish,

Quakers Hill ~ Schofields

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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH ~ YEAR C Sunday 26th December

Christmas Greetings from Fr Oliver

To all parishioners and church-goers of Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill-Schofields Parish, Greetings as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour! Christmas is one of the joyous moments of the year that everyone looks forward to celebrating. The occasion reminds us of the significant initiative of God to give us His only Begotten Son, "the long-expected Messiah. At this moment, I would like to be one with you in partaking in the joy of the Incarnation of the Infant God.

During the past two Christmas' working with you, I have personally developed a love for this parish and I feel at home on this fertile land. The people in this community lead my steps on familiar ground now. I am so proud to be your Pastor. No pandemic can stop our community from celebrating the nativity of our Lord. Let me greet you warmly with a Merry Christmas and a grace-filled year 2022!

Fr Oliver Aro, MSP
Parish Priest
Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill
Schofields Parish



PARISH TEAM

Priest of the Parish: Rev Fr. Oliver Aro

Deacon: Rev. Leon Decena

Parish Secretary: Anthony Saliba

Administrative Assistant: Marthese Sultana

Sacramental Coordinator: Sr Valerie (0414638884)

Parish Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9am to 4pm

Office email:

parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

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 - Saturday - 7.30am

Sunday Masses – Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Sunday- 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 5.30pm

We Remember In Our Prayers:

Recent:

Thomas Kalogjera, Dennis Rendon, Leopoldo Adajar, Rolando Ferrer.

Anniversary

Manuel Marasigan

In Memoriam:

Bibiana & Virgilio Malaluan, Maggie Fernandes, Sabina Geronimo, Mafin Dela Torre, Sarto Almedida, Sylvester D'Souza, Lloyd Furtado, Salud & Abraham Morgia, Edelberta Tura, Milroy De Silva, Teresita Ong Carther, Vernon Cruz, Herril Cruz, Cordelia Pereira, Harold Pereira, Angelyn Yu, Claire & Soledad Licalalde, Leslie D'Souza, Daniel Salomon, Maud Bussier, Aborted Babies, Severino Marcelo, Bill Azzopardi, Thomas Kalogjera, Mary & Paul Zammit, Mary & Angelo Spiteri, Maria Dass, Okusi Joshua, Fr Renato Paras, Dominic Botlero, Michae Gomes, Edelia Hamoy, Ma. Theresa Icao, Friolo Ico Sr., Remedios Icao, Denham Jacob, Benjamin Rayner, Mary Keane, Brian Harding, Aveen Rayner, Dale Keane, Roslyn & Joseph Corera, Fernando Sr & Jr Espero, Florencia Espero, Ambrosio & Estela Gatuz, Vicky Quottromani, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Mamerta San Buenaventura, Mary Lucille & Robert Serrano, Claude & Rita Joachim, Mary Lucille, Perpetua & Mariano Jr, Roberto & Arsenia Serrano, Maria Cecilia Avancena, Eugenio Romero, Theresa Amjadali, Juliet Alfonso, Stan Saldanha, Pedro Arcelo, Nicholas Capacio, Concepcion Teo, Yvonne Reymond, Francis Domingo Gorostiza, Julio De Mello, Catalino Estiago, Salud Aro, Ricardo, Dan Pieris, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granado.

May they Rest in Peace

NO CHILDRENS LITURGY DURING JANUARY 2022

NO Choirs or bulletins throughout January '22

NEW YEARS EVE AND DAY MASSES

Parish New Years Eve Mass 8pm for the Vigil
Parish New Years Day Mass 7:30am & 9:30am

Please see the parish website for the latest information.

PLEASE NOTE!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

FROM BOXING DAY TO THE 12TH OF

JANUARY Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

In cases of emergency, please call Sr Valerie on the mobile.



RECONCILIATION

Saturday's 4pm to 5pm

THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Preparation for sacrament during restrictions:

Baptisms on Saturdays at 9.00am, 10.00am & 11.00am

Every Sunday of the month at 10.30am.

One child per Baptism ceremony on Saturday.

One child per baptism ceremony on Sunday

Parents must attend a preparation session prior to baptism.

Preparation session on every 1st Tuesday of the month

If you want your child baptized, please call Marthese in

the Parish Office Wed-Fri 9.00am-4.00pm

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation:

Please contact sacramental coordinator for details.

Weddings: By Appointment.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Mary Immaculate Primary School

125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill

Ph: 9626-3999. Principal: Stephen Dowd.

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: Jim Fanning.

Current COVID-19 Restrictions for Places of Worship

- Congregational singing is not encouraged.
- Mask wearing is mandatory for places of worship.
- Density limits will now apply 2 square metres.
- QR Check-in and recording is still required of patrons.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. has now REVOKED the dispensation to the Sunday Mass Obligation. All Catholics in the diocese must now attend Sunday Mass in their respective parishes as prior to COVID –19 times.

If you are feeling COVID-19 symptoms please stay home and get tested if needs be. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these changing times.

New Year's Mass Times

New Year's Eve 31/12/21 8:00pm - Mass

New Year's Masses 7:30am & 9:30am

**** New Year's Mass does not count for the Sunday obligation. Therefore the 5:30pm Vigil is for the feast of the Epiphany. ****

PARISH VISION & MISSION

As a gathering of the People of God in Mary Immaculate Parish, one in Christ, proclaiming the Gospel, the teachings of the Church and promoting Mary and the saints as models of discipleship, our parish community will manifest itself as an open, transparent and accountable Church, which respects due process, rejects every form of discrimination, listens to its people, promotes co-responsibility in every facet of its mission and ministry, and is compassionate to its core; an inclusive parish, developing and implementing pastoral strategies to welcome and support all, particularly the marginalised.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for Children in Year 4 or older in 2022. Please see parish website for information on how to apply. Please call Sister Valerie with any questions (0414 638 884) or email sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au

Fr Oliver's Silver Jubilee

Following the 10:30am mass on the 2nd of January, the parish will be celebrating Fr Oliver's 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. To make it more festive, we would like those attending to bring a plate or make a monetary donation to help cover some of the catering costs. For enquiries, please contact Mercee, Cora or any of those on the Social Committee via parish email.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 24th / 25th December 2021 CHRISTMAS EVE / CHRISTMAS DAY

Ministries	5.30pm	9.00pm	Midnight		8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	R Hutton R del Valle	O Dionisio A Cauchi	I Zambrano L Zambrano		A Cauchi D Mojica	B Lastica
Junior Servers	Jade Leeson Xavier Hutton		Megan Guerrero Lorenzo Ybuan		Jasmine Zolerick Cameron Zolerick	
Readers	B Morkel Aviel Fernando A Saliba	T Buttigieg	L Outschoorn M Malig V Peiris		D Hill R Limson R Barraquio	A & F Demagante
Special Eucharist Minister	E Oblepias J Hartento R Hartento		D Macaraeg A Zackria		B Mojica	A Lastica K Chan S Pieris
Wardens	Jerry Attard	NEEDED	A Wykes		NEEDED	NEEDED
Music Ministry	C.F.C Choir	Mary Immaculate Youth Choir	Combined Choir led by P Macaraeg		Recorded Music	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir
Powerpoint	Choir	Choir	Choir		Needed	Choir

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 25th / 26th December 2021 HOLY FAMILY [4th Sunday of the Month]

Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	N Varquez T Agius	P Sultana A Cauchi	B Rutledge G Rutledge	R Del Valle I Zambrano	P Macaraeg	R Hutton
Junior Servers	J Varquez					E D'Lima M Georgie
Readers	V Fernandez J Fernandez P Fernandes	M Engle P Bartolome K Waddington (Comm)	T Buttigieg S Dsouza (Comm) P Enosi	R Anthony T del Valle A or F Demagante	D Macaraeg M Fernandez D Mesa	A Togado E Abuel M Chacko
Special Eucharist Minister	P Fernandez M Muscat	M Muscat B Morkel A Zackria	K Chan J Fernando	E Oblepias A or F Demagante F Hernandez		R Heredia L Walton T Hutama
Wardens	J Attard P Fernandez	NEEDED	F & B Moa	A Joachim	I & J Aguilar	S Hutton
Music Ministry	Fusion 2021	Recorded music	Divine Hope Choir	C.F.C Choir	Ray Pineda's group	S.C.M.I Choir
Powerpoint	J Pacheco	D Pereira	CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR C ~ 26TH DECEMBER 2021

First Reading: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

(R.) THANKS BE TO GOD.

Responsorial Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10. R. v.5

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. (R.)
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. (R.)
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
gave ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed,
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,

because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Lk 2:41-52

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord.

(R.) PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Communion Antiphon: Bar 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Daily Mass readings for the week

Monday 20th December: Is 7:10-14 , Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday 21st December: Sg 2:8-14 , Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday 22nd December: 1 Sm 1:24-28 , Lk 1:46-56

Thursday 23rd December: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 , Lk 1:57-66

Friday 24th December: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 , Lk 1:67-79

Friday 24th December Vigil 5.30pm & 9.00pm: Is 62:1-5,

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25 **Midnight:** Is 9:1-7, Ti 2:11-14 , Lk 2:1-14

Saturday 25th December 8.00am : Is 62:11-12 , Ti 3:4-7, Lk 2:15-20

10.00am: Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training will commence in January 2022. Anthony will email those interested with a time and date in January. If you are interested and have already received your first Holy Communion, please email Anthony on parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au.



**CATECHIST
WANTED!**

We are seeking Catechists to bring the word of God to our state schools in 2022, if you are available during the week and want to participate in this ministry please contact the parish office for more information.

Ph: (02) 9626 3326 or parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 1st / 2nd January 2022 THE EPIPHANY [1st Sunday of the Month]						
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	D. Nalletamby T Agius	P Sultana A Cauchi	J Shedad D Mojica	R Dionisio L Zambrano	B Lastica	G Rutledge B Rutledge
Junior Servers						E D'Lima M Georgie
Readers	R Limsom D Hill E Small	T McDonald A Zackria J Balintec	R Barraquio J Coelho K Chan	M Malig D Macaraeg F Moa	M Fernandez B Wykes	E Abuel P Enosi
Special Eucharist Minister	E Menezes P Fernandez	M Muscat	E Chan B Mojica	E Dionisio Z Bautista P Ong	A Lastica F Demagante	R. Heredia L. Walton
Warden	J Attard P Fernandez	Needed	R & S Gois	C Zolerick	A Pribadi	R Hutton
Power point	J Pacheco	M McDonald	L Shields	P Macaraeg	CFC	Gallardo Youth

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 8th / 9th January 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD [2nd Sunday of the Month]						
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	T Agius	P Sultana A Cauchi	J Shedad D Mojica	R Dionisio R Del Valle	I & L Zambrano	R Oblea
Junior Servers						E D'Lima M Georgie
Readers	E Menezes V Fernandez J Fernandez	M Engle, P Bartolome, K Waddington (Comm)	J Mondragon D Fernandopulle Jenesia Fernandes (Comm)	K Zamora M Chacko C Zolerick	E Aaron L Millare D Mesa	A Togado M Deshe
Special Eucharist Minister	J Agius E Abuel M Muscat	M Muscat T McDonald	R Fernando B Mojica B Wykes	E Dionisio B Guerrero A Zackria	T Hutama R Hartanto	Lita Walton Youth Ministry G Rutledge
Warden	J Attard P Fernandez	T McDonald M McDonald	F & B Moa	A Joachim	I Aguilar	Sylvia & Renato De Pedro
Power point	J Pacheco	D Pereira	Jenesia Fernandes	P Macaraeg	J Millare	C Dias

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 15th / 16 January 2022 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time [3rd Sunday of the Month]						
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	D Nalletamby	P Sultana A Cauchi	B Lastica	I Zambrano L Zambrano	P Macaraeg	D Mojica
Junior Servers						E D'Lima M Georgie
Readers	B Avila E Small D Hill	M Stewart B Morkel	A Fernando M Fernando R Harris	E Oblepias C Malong P Ong	B Moa D Macaraeg J Balintec	E Aaron
Special Eucharist Minister	E Abuel R Heredia	John Noort	S Peiris A Lastica	D Macaraeg L Valenton	R Hartanto J Hartanto	L Walton T Hutama J Escueta
Wardens	J Attard P Fernandez	P Stewart	B & A Andrews	V & R Fernandez	A Aquini F Moa	B & G Rutledge
Power Point	J Pacheco	D Pereira	T Aldonker	V & R Fernandez	Operator needed	C Dias

ALL MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU CANNOT FULLFILL YOUR ROSTER THROUGHOUT JANUARY PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO REPLACE YOU.