



# Mary Immaculate Parish

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## BULLETIN

29 MARCH 2026

### PALM SUNDAY ~ YEAR A



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

### Palm Sunday 28–29 March 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.



**UNITE  AGAINST  
POVERTY**  
this Lent

#### Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

**NOW IS THE TIME TO RETURN YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES TO THE CHURCH FOR COUNTING AND RECEIPTING. PLEASE GIVE THEM TO A COLLECTOR OR HAND THEM INTO THE PARISH OFFICE.**



### DAILY MASS READINGS: 23-28 March

Mon 23 March: Dan 13:1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 or Dan 13:41-62 & Jn 8:1-11 or Jn 8:12-20

Tues 24 March: Num 21:4-9 & Jn 8:21-30

Wed 25 March: Is 7:10-14.8:10, Heb 10:4-10 & Lk 1:26-38

Thurs 26 March: Gen 17:3-9 & Jn 8:51-59

Fri 27 March: Jer 20:10-13 & Jn 10:31-42

Sat 28 March: Ez 37:21-28 & Jn 11:45-56

**HOLY WEEK ROSTERS ARE IN THE  
FOYER OF THE CHURCH**

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER

#### Sick:

Ruth M. Manansala, 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:

Mark Passe-de Sliva, Karmnu Muscat, Angela Muscat, John Brown, Raquel Castillo, Norma Villamarin, Chandra Jayawardena, Josefina Napiza, Castorio Padona

#### Anniversaries:

Emmanuel Grishti, Walter Valenton, Maria L. Canales, Francisco E. Canales, Soledad Liceralde, Marcelline Rodrigo, Ken Cluff, Jessie Zabala, Rolando Zabala, Robert Sequeira, Philomena Sequeira, Catherine Rose

#### In Memoriam:

Joseph & Maria Saliba, Tony, Maria & Josephine Attard, Engracio Obatay, Robert L. Filet, Bernadette Jalea, Bridget Daniel, Manuel Alfonso, Robert D' Silva, Seraphine D'Silva, Ivy & Annaclette Paez, Isidore & Margaret Sequeira, Rita & Paschal Fernandes, Juanito Oblepias, Sophie & Herbert Peacock, Fran Powell, Eustaqirion & Caitano, Rhodel Park, June Williams, Amalia Timfiman, Albert Jermy D'Souza, V.V.K. Das, Tennyson Fernando, Hyacinth, Harendra & Sandreen Das, Eneliko Williams, Flower Clement, K.J. John, Raji John, Paz Offemaria, Palma Erclarlan, 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, 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 Granado, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granado, John & Frances Micallef, Stuart Richard, Dan Peiris, Nilo Abalos, Eugenio De Jesus Jr., Goring Bacaloso, 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](http://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.**

### WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

There will be **NO evening Novena Mass** as all priests will be going to the cathedral to renew their priestly vows and to receive the new Chrism oils.

### MEETING WITH ACOLYTES & SENIOR SERVERS FOR HOLY WEEK TUESDAY 31ST AT 7PM

### WORKING BEE THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish, Fr Oliver would like to thank all those who assisted with cleaning and preparing the church for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. It is a lot of work keeping the church and its grounds maintained. If you would like to assist in church maintenance and cleaning (including trades), please contact the parish office.

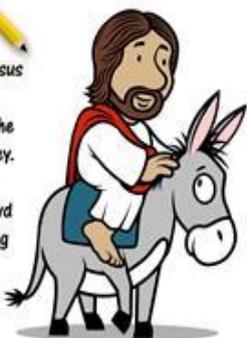


### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RCIA CANDIDATES AS THEY PREPARE FOR THEIR RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH THIS EASTER SATURDAY

### 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!

A crowd of people came to see Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Draw yourself amongst a crowd of people waving palm fronds at Jesus.



## 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.

### Emmaus Encounters - Intergenerational Gathering— Share Wisdom, Build Connections

Our parish is inviting older parishioners to take part in a special opportunity to meet with students for a relaxed and meaningful conversation across generations.

This is a chance to share life experiences, stories, and faith, while also listening and learning from the perspectives of younger people. These gatherings are enriching for both generations—offering wisdom, encouragement, fresh insight, and genuine connection.

If you would like to be part of this rewarding experience, we warmly encourage you to join.

**There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer of the church to express your interest.**

This project, initiated by Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese, shares the values of the Gospel to help students grow in faith and learning, and values the contribution of older parishioners to the next generation of Church.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ANY BLESSED ITEMS THAT ARE BROKEN AND NEED TO BE PROPERLY DISPOSED OF, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE CHUCH AND PLACE IN THE TUB LABELED "BLESSED ITEMS FOR DISPOSAL". IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONTATE THEM TO ANOTHER FOREVER HOME, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE PIETY STALL. THEY WILL BE GIVEN AWAY FOR FREE.**

**PASSION SUNDAY**

Write down what you know about the procession of palms.

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**First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard,  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.



to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are,  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2  
(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. (R)
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

**Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself

**Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel: Matthew 26:14 - 27:66**

**The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to Matthew. Displayed up on the screens.**

**SAFEGUARDING UPDATE**

All parishes will be going through two audits this year. One in June and the other in October 2026. It is very important to ensure that you are updated on your certification. Marthese or Anthony have already emailed you last Friday. If you have recently updated your certification, please contact the office. If you have not, please complete your renewal online. If you wish to do your renewal face to face, Anthony will be setting a date soon to enable this to happen with Maria or Wendy from Safeguarding Diocese of Parramatta.

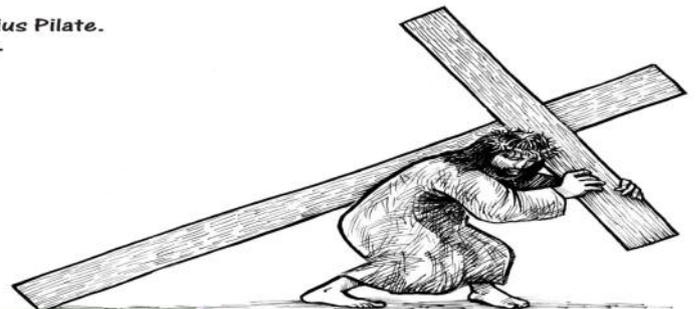
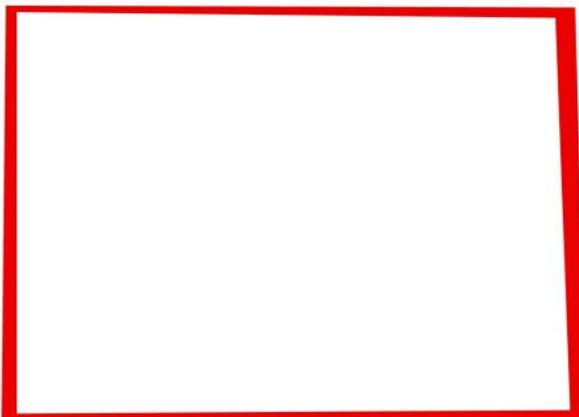
**HOLY THURSDAY**

Draw Jesus and his disciples at the last supper.



**GOOD FRIDAY**

Draw Jesus standing trial before Pontius Pilate.  
Then color in Jesus carrying his cross.



**HOLY SATURDAY**

Holy Saturday is a quiet time  
when we reflect on the death  
of Jesus. How do you think  
Jesus' friends and family  
were feeling on that day?

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THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 28th / 29th March				5th Sunday of the Month		
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A	Angelo C	Conrad F	Lina Z Lawrence F	Paul M	Rommel D Patricia H
Junior Servers	Kiana F Senadi F		Rachael P Aviel, Yavniel & Hadriel F Gabriel E	Katrina C Susan C Christine S Ezekiel D		P Marcial, M Georgie A Dass
Readers N-Narrator	Virginia F Nikita D Chrys S John F—N	Mere S Belen B Pen B Therese M —N	Bernie P Paea T Mary C Amila F— N	Anna Z Cora M Pat O Kevin L—N	Divine M Merlyn F Alice Ho Fasa M— N	Cheri-Anne F Raymond T Tressy T Jeana B—N
Special Eucharist Minister	Jane A Maria M	Maria M John B	Juvy E Neetha L	Esperanza D Patricia Z		Ralph H
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Peter S	Brad & Angela A	Pat O		
Music Ministry	C.F.C Family Ministry	Recorded music	MI Septet Choir	Fishes of Men	Recorded music	5.S.M Choir
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir		Jelynn M	Choir
Piety Store				Joe A	Merlyn F	Patricia D

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 4th / 5th April				1st Sunday of the Month		
Ministries	7.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server		Angelo C Arnel R	Joseph S Joseph A	Lina Z Isaac Z	Ralph H Patricia H	John B Romany D
Junior Servers			Aviel F Hadriel F Gabriel E John Shedad	Heleni M Johan M	Stephanie S	Paolo M M Georgie Annika D
Readers	<b>ROSTER ON FOYER TABLE</b>	Therese M Anna Z Edgie A	Rose B Jeanne C Amila F or Mary D	Mercee M Divine M Fasa M	Merlyn F Perpetual F	Paea T Belen B Neil N
Special Eucharist Minister		Mercy E Charmaine A	Eva C Neetha L	Pat O Esperanza D	Aida L Tasia H	Mary Mathew Raymond Thomas
Greeters			Ray & Sandra G			
Music Ministry		Recorded music	Recorded music	Recorded music	CFC Quakers Hill	Rise Up Soul Singers
PowerPoint	Choir	Marcus M			Choir	Choir
Piety Store	Sherry		Eva C	Joe A	Ines 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

**Office Email:**

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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

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.