



# Parish Bulletin Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill ~ Schofields

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**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.  
17th September 2023**

## PARISH VISION & MISSION 2023

### Our new Vision Statement is:

To create a vibrant, loving Catholic community that inspires and empowers members to make a positive impact in our world.

### Our new Mission Statement is:

To provide an inclusive, engaging environment for members to deepen their faith, use their talents to serve others, and make a positive impact in our world.

## Made Free: Creative Retreat, 20-22 October 2023

Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat that explores a range of creative prayer experiences. Recapture the freedom you were made for, let go of what is burdening you, and let God fill you again with life.

Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW  
Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBRD>  
(by 6 October)

Contact: Judy - [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Congratulations to all the children who made the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish on 31 August and 14 September 2023.

May they always develop the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit throughout their lives and live as good and faithful Christians.

These 106 children are now fully initiated into the Church.

We wish them many blessings.



## PARISH TEAM

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

**Deacon:** Rev. Leon Decena OFS

**Parish Secretary & Accounts:** Anthony Saliba OFS

**Administrative Assistant:** Marthese Sultana

**Sacramental Coordinator:** Sr Valerie (0414638884)

**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 - Wednesday 7pm - 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

### Sick:

Jackson Naidoo

### Recently Deceased:

Jose Nera & Arnel Mojica

### Anniversary:

Narcisa Obatay, Michael Dias, Geraldina Battiston & Fatima Lizi

### In Memoriam:

Sammy Roldan, Abraham Morgia, Dominador Callengan, Rosette Silvestre, Benito Navarro, Theresa & John Amjadali, Helen & Doreen Gois, Anthonie Inteng, Joven Degamo, Ambrocio Gatuz & Fernando Sr, Joyce & Octo Mattos, Jose Tubalinal, Patrick & Wina Carey, Elisabetta Rossi, Angela Rossetti, Rudy Heredia, Manger Pereira, Monica Rodrigues, Alton Sousa, Mary, Joseph & Bruno Gonsalves, Erlinda & Rodolf Rosales, Angel Santos, Leona Eleccion, Lydia Austria, Vernon & Sherril Cruz, Esme Gray, Cordelia & Harold Pereira, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Romeo Jun De Guzman, Rafael & Benita Reyes, Calvin Wijeeewera, Aurelia Tagudar, Mercedes Escobio, Joseph & Maria Saliba, Tony & Maria Attard, Francesco & Maria Barba, Giorgio Caccamo, Fernand, Sylvain & Manuella Labour, Jacque Dada, Angeline Yu, Arnel Mojica, Lorenza Schembri, Joan & Rosemary Houghton, Roslyn & Joseph Corera, Alfredo Bahit Sr—Gerardo Gabriel, Anthony Mangion, Francisca & Tino Degamo, John Camra, Suzie Mascarenhas, Florencio & Cirilo Obatay, Victoria & Edwarda Pogoy, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Claude & Rita Joachim, Mary Lucille, Regina—Benito Franado, Joseph Grech, Roberto—Maria Reyes, Antonio—Lucia Santos, Pedro Arcelo, Yvonne Reymond, Francis Domingo Gorostiza, Julio De Mello, Regina & Cristeta Grando, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Natty Mutuc, Dominador Snn & Efigenia Granado, Dan Pieris & John Micallef, Sylvia Sapan, Elizabeth Anand, Joshua Anand, John Shedad, Manuel Solero, Freddie Gella, Stuart Richard, Alberto & Donato, Yu -Sanchez Families, Tumarao Santos Families & Tarranza-Hizon Families

*May they Rest in Peace*

## MINISTRY MONTH

Thank you to those who have already signed up to some ministries. The office will be contacting you at the end of the month. In the meantime, please have your WWC number ready and complete the first three Safeguarding modules.

## DAILY MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 18th September: 1 Tim 2:1-8 & Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday 19th September: 1 Tim 3:1-13 & Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday 20th September: 1 Tim 3:14-16 & Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday 21st September: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 & Mt 9:9-13  
Friday 22nd September: 1 Tim 6:2-13 & Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday 23rd September: 1 Tim 6:13-16 & Lk 8:4-15



## RECONCILIATION

Saturday's 4pm to 5pm

## THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Preparation for sacrament:

Baptisms on Saturdays at 10, 11:00am & 12pm

Two children per Baptism ceremony on Saturday.  
Parents must attend a preparation session prior to baptism.

Preparation session on the 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.

## THE YOUTH GROUPS

Email: [youthgroups@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:youthgroups@maryimmac.org.au)

## 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: Angela Hay.

## PPC UPDATE

Your PPC working to build a cohesive & progressive parish



"The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was celebrated on September 14th to honour the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. The feast looks to commemorate God's greatest work: his redemptive death on the Cross and Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

As Christians, the choice we make before every action should bear witness to the testimony of how God loved the world so much, that He gave His only Son on the Cross. Again, we are calling for more parishioners to answer the various needs and vocations in our church like Eucharistic ministers who help to remind us of our salvation through His death and resurrection. This ministry is open to those over 18 and will help our celebrants, acolytes and seniors servers in the distribution of communion to the parishioners. Please contact the parish office for further information. Thank you"



### BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

**Thank you for caring for our retired priests who have always cared for us.**

Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised a little over \$4100 to care for our retired priests and clergy in ill health. Your generosity enables our Clergy Support Foundation to nurture our retired priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing, and provide for daily living essentials and medical expenses for our ageing priests.



JOIN US FOR A FIESTA!  
to celebrate the Feast day of the first Filipino Saint, beloved  
**SAN LORENZO RUIZ**  
on Saturday, 23rd of Sept, 10:30 am  
Shrine of the Holy Innocents  
8 Greyfriar Pl Kellyville

Mass and Special Blessing at the Timber Chapel by Rev. Monsignor Cezar Eschano, Rev. Fr John Paul Escarlan, and Rev. Fr Leonides Mateo, OFM Conv.  
Filipino Food Fest, Cultural Performances, Crafts, Palaro (Fun Games), and lots lots more..  
Altar servers invited to get a special blessing

Come as you are, wear chinos like San Lorenzo or your Filipiniana outfit!

For more information or if you wish to donate food or prizes, please call Cecile on 0415253771 or Jun on 0409118204



### MYIA

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of September the young adults of the parish will be spending an hour with Jesus in adoration. To quote St Maximilian Kolbe "Eucharistic adoration is the greatest power in the universe, capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world." Why not come and spend this beautiful hour of adoration with the Lord. Can you hear Jesus calling you, inviting you to spend this time with Him "...could you not keep watch with Me for one hour?" Mt 26:40. If you are between the ages of 18 – 35 years come along for a night of prayer, adoring and socialising with other young adults.

If you'd like more information regarding this event or you like to join MIYA, please contact Anthony in the Parish Office or Bruce on 0452 179 766

### LITTLE SAINTS

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of September the Little Saints will be having a Q & A with Bishop Long OFM Conv. This will take place after the vigil mass under the pergola space. Everyone is welcome to come and join the Little Saints for this amazing evening. If you or someone you know is between the ages of 6 years – 12 years and you would like to be part of the Little Saints junior youth group, please contact Anthony in the parish office or Maria on 0499 559 915.

### CYMI (YOUTH) NEWS

If you or anyone you know who have high school students in years 7 to 12, please pass on the invitation to come along and join us at our next youth gathering. For more info please see the following CYMI Youth leader contact details below.

Jess – 0468 437 149

Louella – 0400 110 908

Fasa – 0451 374 773

### PARISH LADIES GROUP

The Ladies meet every 2nd Thursday of every month after the 9.15am Mass. All are welcome to come. Please contact the Parish office if you need more information.

### LEGION OF MARY

The Rosary is said every weekday before the 9:15am mass starting at 8:40am. There is also the Rosary said at 6:40pm on Wednesday night will also be rosary from 6.20pm.

## MARY IMMACULATE SCHOOL FETE 2023

**Friday the 20 October 2023**

Rides  
Stalls  
Food  
Games  
Entertainment

**From:  
3:30pm to  
8pm**

**MARY IMMACULATE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A ~ 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

### First Reading Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of  
the Lord,

who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,

and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another,

can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,

can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;

who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,

remember dissolution and death, and live by the  
commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your  
neighbour ill-will;

remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the  
offence.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

### Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others;  
if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the  
Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This  
explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so  
that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

### Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

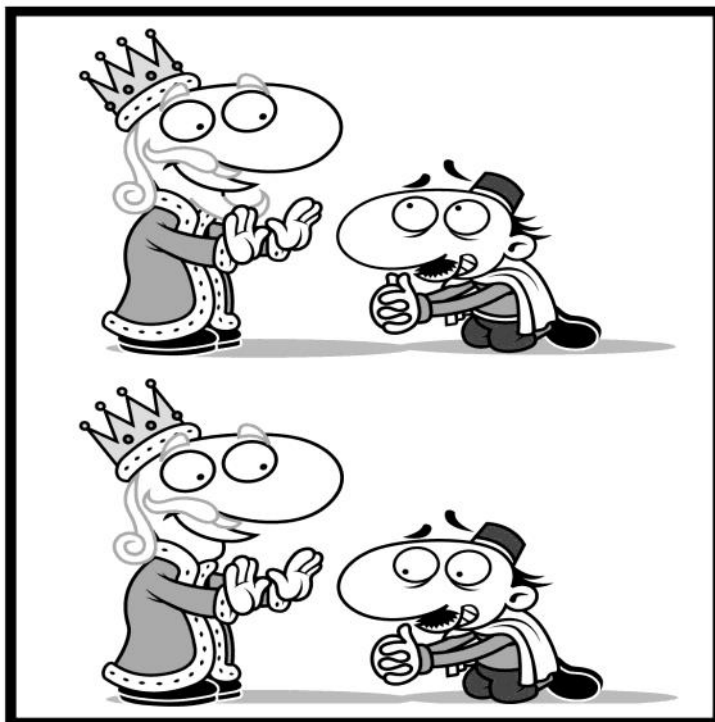
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I  
forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven

times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but  
seventy-seven times.

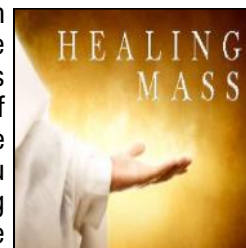
'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king  
who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When  
the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten  
thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his  
master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his  
wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt.  
At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet.  
"Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And  
the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go  
and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he  
happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one  
hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began  
to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow  
servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me  
time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on  
the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay  
the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when  
they saw what had happened, and they went to their master  
and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent  
for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that  
debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not  
bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had  
pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over  
to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is  
how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each  
forgive your brother from your heart.'

### Spot the 7 differences between these pictures



### HEALING MASSES

On the 4TH Saturday of every month  
there will be a healing mass taking place  
in our parish at the 7:30am mass. This  
blessing is not the Sacrament of  
Extreme Unction which is given to those  
nearing death. If you or anyone you  
know would like to receive a blessing  
of healing with Holy Oil, please come  
along to this celebration of healing.



THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 16th/17th September 2023					[3rd Sunday of the Month]	
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A John B	Angelo C Richard J	Bobby L	Isaac Z Lina Z	Paul M Louis E	Arnel R Conrad F
Junior Servers			Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F	Katrina C	D & D De Leon Heleni M Johan M	P Marcial, M Georgie A Dass
Readers	Belen B Edward S Denise H	Mere S Laurinda A Nikita D	Amila F Mary F Rose B	Eleanor Cora M Pat O	Divine M Bruce M Fasa M	Andrew H Gary C Paea E
Special Eucharist Minister	Ralph H Jane A	Maria M Mercy E	Aida L Katherine C	Lucy V	Jonathan Hartanto	Juvy E
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Peter S	Brad & Angela A		A Aquini	
Music Ministry	C.F.C Family Ministry (Michael)	Recorded music	Blacktown Philipino Choir	St Pedro Calung- sod Devotees	Deirdre & Subin Francis "The faithful Ensemble"	Mary Immacu- late Parish Choir
Power Point	Jess P	Jeanie A	Tanishq A	Choir	Choir	Charmaine D
Piety Store	Merlyn F		Therese B	Joe Agius		

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 23rd/24th September 2023					[4th Sunday of the Month]	
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A	Angelo C Richard J	Conrad F Ding M	Rommel D Isaac Z	Arnel R Louis E	Ryan H Arthur W
Junior Servers			Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F	Katrina C Heleni M Johan M		P Marcial, A Dass, M Georgie, R Phimson
Readers	John F Perpetual F Stephen D	Mercy Pen B Mere S	Therese B Paea E Fe H	Rukshan A Therese D Ariel or Faye D	Loli M	Cheryl Z Bernadette W
Special Eucharist Minister	Pompeyo F	Maria M Anna Z		Ariel or Faye D Juvy E Eleanor O	Angela D	Ralph H Lita W
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	NEEDED	NEEDED	Aubrey J	Ines A	
Music Ministry	Fishers of Men	Recorded music	Divine Hope Choir	C.F.C Choir (Tony)	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	Helper needed	Helper needed	Katherine C	Joe A		Helper needed

### **VINNIES VAN**

**Distribution of Toiletries for homeless and low-income families visiting the Vinnies VAN at Mount Druitt and Parramatta**

A donation box near the Piety shop is placed to accept the following donations

1. Shampoo (small bottles - 200ml or less)
2. Body Wash (small bottles - 200ml or less)
3. Deodorant
4. Razors/shaving cream

Thank you for your continued support.



### **DEEPENING THE FAITH SESSIONS.**

These will re-commence in the Parish meeting Room on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month following the 9.15am Mass. If you would like to refresh your knowledge or learn more about your faith, you are invited to join us for a "cuppa", a DVD, a little sharing and prayer. We use different DVD programmes to help deepen our faith further. No need to book. All are welcome! For enquiries phone Colleen: 0413 668 652 or leave a message on (02) 98375069.

**BISHOP VINCENT O.F.M. Conv.** will be coming to our parish to celebrate the Vigil Mass with our community on the 23rd of September at 5:30pm. Followed by fellowship with our Little Saints Jr Youth Group. All kids in primary school are more than welcome to come along for a little Q & A with our Bishop.

**Attention ALL MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS**  
If you have renewed your working with children number please contact the parish office.