



Parish Bulletin Mary Immaculate Parish,

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ASCENSION SUNDAY YEAR C Sunday 29TH MAY 2022

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

To celebrate the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the parish is holding a rosary procession, followed by fellowship on Saturday the 28th of May after the 7:30am mass. Please bring a plate if you can.

Blessing of Relationships

Special blessing for couples in relationship

There will be a special blessing for couples who have been civilly married and have decided to have their civil marriage validated in accordance with the Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church. The rite of special blessing for couples in relationship will be held on Saturday, 18 June 2022, after the 7:30 am mass. If you wish to participate in this Rite of Blessing please contact the parish office on 02-96263326 or email parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au.

Rite of Renewal of Marriage Commitment

The Parish invites couples married in the Catholic Church who are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50 60 years of marriage and above to renew their commitment before God on 26th June 2022 during the 10:30 am mass. If you wish to participate in this Rite of Renewal of Marriage Commitment, please contact the parish office on 02-96263326 or email parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au. Please provide your marriage details (the names of the couple, the date of marriage and the name and address of the Catholic Church that you were married in) when you book for this event.

We Remember In Our Prayers

Recent:

Esther De Guzman, Mo Christina, Dawn Mary Mannings & Charlie Attard

Anniversary

John Vella, Carol D'Lima, Mary & Joshua Varunakulasingham, Imelda Lim, Pedro Cabanilla Sr, Estrella & Frqncisco Marcelo

In Memoriam:

Filomena & Sergio, Eleanor & John Shelley, Alberto, Donato, Mario & Henry Sito, Leonida, Marietta, Mariomito, Era, Jacob, Veiko, Zalder John, MJ, Elijah, Michael Isreal, Mary, Marie, Diomedes Aguelo, Plebicita Pementel, William Walker, Sammy Ponce De Leon, Ding Garcia, Joseph Sultana, Imec Quitasol, Alberto Turo, Eustquio & Engracio Caitano, Narcisa & Florencio Obatay, Aaron D'Souza, Paul D'Rozario, Carmen Attard, Sergio Bompat, Mr & Mrs Harris, Mr & Mrs Fernandez, Mr & Mrs Robson, Geldine Green, Daisy, David, Josephine, Michael Fernandez, HRB Sharma, Antonia & Josephine Del Rosario, Antonio Franceschini, Elisabeth Rossi, Annmarie & Rosemarie Houghton, Maria Pito, Amador Caimban, Richeto Tura, Antonio Berlanga, John Shedad, Elizabeth Anand, Zander John, William Walker, Leslie D'Souza, Joseph Grech, Neria Villamarin, Divino & Paciencia Bantolo, Nicolasa Capacio, Richarch Houghton, Maria D'Rozario, Anastia Gomes, Neria Villamarin, Eufrecina Matheson, Francisca Matheson, Milagros Manalastas, Honorato Angeles, Filemon Alivo, Maria Cecilia Avancena, Eugenio Romero, Eufrecina Mislant, Aurelia Tagudar, Mary Matilda Varunakulasingham, Joshua Varu, Rowena Teo, Myrna Gonzales Cruz, Rita Jacob, Engracio & Maxima Obatay, Aqiulino Tabamo, Balasa Alivo, Rogelio Espina, Melly Stephenson, Harold Pereira, Anne & Dominic Pereis, Bruce Peters, Richard & Robbie Houghton, Luis Alivo, Goring Bacalso, Alicia Hernaez, Eny Avancena, Nieves De La Pena, Monchit Villegas, Ivan Quintos, Julio Rodriguez, Mary Lucille Serrano, Michael Gomes, Edelia Hamoy, Denham Jacob, Benjamin Rayner, Mary Keane, Aveen Rayner, Dale Keane, Roslyn & Joseph Corera, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Rita & Claude Joachim, Perpetua & Mariano Jr, Roberto & Arsenia Serrano, Pedro Arcelo, Yvonne Reymond, Francis Domingo Gorostiza, Julio De Mello, Catalino Estiago, Dan Pieris, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Dominador Snr, Efigenia Granada.

May they Rest in Peace

CRAFT GROUP GRANDPARENTS DAY RAFFEL

THE CRAFT GROUP HAVE COMPLETED A QUEEN SIZE HAND MADE QUILT TO BE RAFFELED TO A LUCKY WINNER. IT WILL BE DISPLAYED AT DIFFERENT MASSES OVER THE COMING WEEKS. TICKEST ARE \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20. SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR A PHOTO OF THIS AWESOME QUILT.

PARISH MARKET STALL DAY 29TH MAY 2022

The parish is having a Market Day to fundraise for the parish. We will have the Coffee Kart out with yummy cakes and slices to sell, hand made kids clothing and crafts, knick Knacks, plants and some things delicious too! All the goods are made from our own parishioners hands. Invite your friends and family to come along to mass and maybe even buy something on the way home!

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday's 4pm to 5pm

THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Preparation for sacrament during restrictions:

Baptisms on Saturdays at 9, 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.

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: Angela Hay

Daily Mass readings for the week

Monday 30th May: Acts 19:1-8 & Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday 31st May: Zeph 3:14-18 & Lk 1:29-56

Wednesday 1st June: Acts 20:28-38 & Jn 17:11-19

Thursday 2nd June: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 & Jn 17:20-26

Friday 3rd June: Acts 25:13-21 & Jn 21:15-19

Saturday 4th June: Acts 28:16-20 & Jn 21:20-25



THE CRAFTY GUILDERS

Thank you to all those who came along to our open day. The group has decided to hold a day time slot only from 10am—1pm on Monday's on a fortnightly basis. The next meeting is on the **30th May** in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to come (children included) and join and we will be updating the parish of a regular basis on what is coming up.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT MASS WITH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST WHEN FR OLIVER IS BACK FROM HOLIDAYS

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on 5th June 2022 at OLQP Church Greystanes. The theme is "We are one in the Spirit", with Prayer & Praise at 1.30pm followed by Mass celebrated by Fr. Brian Steele MGL followed by Prayer Ministry concluding at 4.30pm. Enquiries email@ccrns.org.au or 0411404090 or 0431778476.

Blessings
Neville Fernandes
0431 778 476

Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

The Sacrament of Confirmation for children in Year 5 or higher will take place in our parish during the month of September. Applications are now online during the month of June and will be due by the end of June. We are unable to accept late applications.

APPLY NOW VIA THE PARISH WEBSITE. www.maryimmac.org.au

Children's Liturgy – Helpers Required

The Children's Liturgy Ministry is looking for more team members to help with providing Catechical lessons during the 9am & 10:30am masses on Sundays. If you are interested in joining this ministry, Please email the office if you are interested and we will pass on your details to Rachael.

Liam & Paul's Choir

Are looking for a bass player to join their choir at 9am every 1st Sunday of the month. Please call 0412275029 for more information.

PIETY SHOP

The Piety Shop now has some new stock. Come and see! If there anything you would like that is not there, please let us know.

THERE ARE 2 PYXES NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PIETY SHOP FOR THOSE WHO NEED ONE TO GIVE COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOME BOUND. \$15ea

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH DINNER DANCE

12TH NOVEMBER 2022 @ 6PM

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

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.

Mary Immaculate Youth Initiation

Junior Youth Group

Are you or anyone you know between the ages of 5 to 12 years? Are you or anyone you know interested in music, singing or playing an instrument? Or would they like to know more about their faith in a fun, creative and spiritual way? Then why not join seek to join our junior youth group. We are already somewhat active in the church on Saturday nights and have weekly gatherings to practice music and have some catechesis. Please call Maria for more information on 0499 559 915.

Youth Group

We have for sometime now advertised the relaunching of our youth group. We are now seeking new youth members between the ages 13 to 18 years to join the Youth Group. Come be part of the fun, faith filled and creative group. Jeninah will help you become more active in your faith and our parish. Please call Jeninah for more information on 0416 488 238.

Young Adult Youth Group

The parish is also calling for young adults between the ages of 18-35 years of age to come and see (with the possibility of joining) our young adult youth group. This group will explore, deepen and learn about their faith, our Church, discerning their vocation and how they can best witness their faith and the faith of our Church in today's world. If you would like more information about this group, please contact Rommel on 0414 419 329.

Come and be apart of our new three tier Mary Immaculate Parish youth group initiative!

PERGOLA UPDATE

For those that have not heard, the parish has received certification to proceed with the construction of the new pergola space at the front of the church. This is great news as it will give the parish a number of new initiatives for the future. We are now seeking the help of a number of people to make this as cost effective as possible. The rising cost of steel has escalated the price so we are having to do a number of fundraisers to help with the costs. Another way we can help is to reach out to those whom we know that have tools, material and expertise in construction or trade. Just an idea of what we are going to need: Electricians, Machine Operators (mini excavator), mini skip waste removal, Builders, Steel Fabricator and Powder Coaters, Audio Visual, Carpenters to name a few. If you or someone you know that can help, please contact Anthony in the parish office on 96263326 or email parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au Every little bit helps! Please keep the project in your prayers so that it will be completed safely and speedily.

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal 28 & 29th May 2022

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Seminarians Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is preparing men who have been called by God to be good shepherds and beacons of Christ's light. Will you be their extended formation community and support these faithful men to be formed as priests after the heart of Christ? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their spiritual journey to becoming priests.

Support our seminarians to become beacons of Christ's light



**Please give generously to the
Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal**

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ASCENSION SUNDAY ~ YEAR C ~ 29TH MAY 2022

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

(R.) THANKS BE TO GOD.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the

Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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Gospel Acclamation: Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:44-53



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Fusion 2021 Junior Choir

We are seeking some musicians to join our choir. They can be of any age and play any instrument (even a triangle)! Practice is every Friday from 5-6pm and we sing on the 1st & 4th of Sat. of the month. Call 96263326 for more info.

Mary Immaculate Parish Choir

We are seeking a pianist to join our choir. They can be of any age! Practice is on a Tuesday from 6:30pm to 7pm and we sing on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:30pm. Call the office on 96263326 for more info.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 28th / 29th May 2022						[5th Sunday of the Month]
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	T Agius D Nalletamby	A Cauchi	J Shedad D Mojica	R Dionisio L Zambrano	P Macaraeg	R Oblea
Junior Servers			H Moa			P Marcial, E D'Lima M Georgie , A Dass
Readers	V Fernandez J Fernandez R Limson	M Stewart B Avila NEEDED	B Perera P Enosi M Chacko	A Zackria B Perera C Malong	D Macaraeg M Fernandes L Millare	E Aaron E Abuel C Silva
Special Eucharist Minister	P Fernandez	M Muscat	R Fernando	E Dionisio	NEEDED	J Escueta
Greeters	J Attard	P Stewart	B & A Andrews	P Ong		S & R De Pedro
Music Ministry	C.F.C Family Ministry	Recorded music	Jude & Clarian	Living Water Chorale		5.S.M
Power Point	J Pacheco	D Pereira	F Moa	F Demagante	J Millare	B Rutledge
Piety Store	A Saliba	Helper needed	Helper needed	J Agius	M Fernandes	Helper needed

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 4th / 5th June 2022						[1st Sunday of the Month]
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	D. Nalletamby T Agius	A Cauchi	J Shedad D Mojica	R Dionisio L Zambrano	B Lastica	G Rutledge B Rutledge
Junior Servers						P Marcial, E D'Lima M Georgie A Dass
Readers	R Limsom D Hill E Small	T McDonald J Balintec	R Barraquio J Coelho K Chan	M Malig D Macaraeg Needed	M Fernandez B Wykes L Egbunike	P Enosi Needed
Special Eucharist Minister	J Agius	M Muscat	S Peiris	P Ong	F Demagante	R. Heredia
Greeters	J Attard	NEEDED	R & S Gois	C Zolerick	A Pribadi	R Hutton
Music Ministry	Fusion 2021	Recorded music	Paul Macaraeg & Liam Shield's Group	Hosanna Eukaristi	CFC Quakers Hill	Gallardo Youth Choir C Dias
Power point	J Pacheco	Needed	L Shields	P Macaraeg	CFC	Gallardo Youth
Piety Store	M Fernandes	Helper needed	Helper needed	J Agius	M Fernandes	Helper needed

Office for Safeguarding in the Diocese of Parramatta

The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to being a community of safeguarding. This means we must have zero tolerance of abuse in any form. We promise to do everything we can so no child or other person in our care is ever harmed. As part of this, everyone who works or acts for the Church understands and recognises the Standards as an integral part of their understanding of what it means to be engaged in the life of the Church. The National Catholic Safeguarding have created a framework for Catholic entities to promote the safety of children and adults at risk. The standards they have articulated outline the policies and activities that will prevent, respond to, and support reporting of concerns regarding child abuse. The Standards work together to ensure that every entity, ministry and organisation across the Catholic Church places the safety of children and adults at risk at the core of how they plan, think and act. The 10 National Catholic Safeguarding Standards incorporate recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and also the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, contextualising these requirements for the Catholic Church in Australia. The Standards have been adopted by all Church Authorities, religious institutes, Catholic entities, ministries and organisations across Australia.

To ensure our parish is complying with the diocesan safeguarding policies and procedures, our parish is holding Safeguarding training on the **26th of July for Part 1 and half of Part 2 and the remainder of Part 2 on the 2nd of August (Tuesday's) from 10am to 12pm. Or a full day session of Parts 1 & 2 on the 23rd of July (Saturday) from 10am to 3pm all of which are going to take place in the church.**

Please register your interest via email or clipboard under the noticeboard to do either as soon as possible so we can have enough resources. Alternatively, you can complete the courses online if you go to their website and follow the links or call them up for assistance. <https://safeguarding.org.au/>