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BULLETIN

4TH MAY 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Scripture Reflection: 3rd Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's readings reveal how the Resurrection transforms lives. In Acts, Peter boldly proclaims Jesus as the risen Messiah, rooted in Israel's story and offering repentance and forgiveness. The once-fearful apostles are now courageous witnesses, empowered by the Spirit and the reality of the Risen Lord.

The psalm speaks of deliverance from death—whether physical, emotional, or spiritual. God's mercy is not abstract; it is deeply personal and life-restoring. The psalmist's joy becomes a communal call to praise God's holiness and faithfulness. Where have you seen God lift you from despair?

In Revelation, the Lamb is praised by all creation. His authority is given, not taken—underscoring the humility and obedience of Christ. Worship of Jesus, therefore, is always in relationship to God who grants him all things.

John's Gospel shows Jesus restoring Peter after his denial. Through a meal and a gentle conversation, Jesus not only forgives but commissions Peter: "Feed my sheep." This is a call to love in action.

Reflection Questions:

- How does the Resurrection give you courage in daily life?
- Where in your life have you experienced God's rescue or healing?
- What "sheep" has Christ entrusted to your care in this Easter season?

DAILY MASS READINGS: 5- 10 MAY

Mon 5th May: Acts 6:8-15 & John 6:22-29
 Tues 6th May: Acts 7:51-8:1 & John 6:30-35
 Wed 7th May: Acts 8:1-8 & John 6:35-40
 Thurs 8th May: Acts 8:26-40 & John 6:44-51
 Fri 9th May: Acts 9:1-20 & John 6:52-59
 Sat: 10th May: Acts 9:31-42 & John 6:60-69



MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

This Mother's Day, the Ladies Group will be raffling off a lovely hamper to some lucky person. Tickets will be on sale after each of the Masses from this weekend or through the parish office during the week. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.



PARISH LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group are looking for some more ladies to join them. Are you free on a Thursday morning once a month to have some fun and help the parish. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

PILGRIMAGE 2025

Fr. Clifford D'Souza is inviting you to join him on a pilgrimage to the saints of Portugal, Spain, France and Italy- Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Nevers, Lisieux, Paris, Padova, Assisi and Rome. 31 August - 19 September 2025. For more details pls contact Fr. Clifford on cliff_dsouza03@yahoo.com.au

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:

Diani, Margaret Deshe, Colleen Asimus, Resurrettion & 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, Chadia Kaminski.

Anniversary of Death:

Jean Viviel, Teodora Lee, Aurora Espinoza, Lilia Dadulla, Harry Castelino, Julita Alfonso

Recently Deceased:

Pope Francis, Lorraine Sultana, Michelle Thomas, Chantelle Attard, Vernon Weerasinghe

In Memoriam:

Caricia Benitez, Rodrigo M. Valencia, Eufrecina Mislant, Tom & Maryanne Dimech, Joe & Carmen Dimech, Valerio Callos, Bienvenido Espectacion, Fortunto & Felicidad Dingle, Antonio & Danny Dingle, Tony & Maya Demagante, Grace Bongalon, Fausfino Pinili, Helen & Consti Gois, Rosan Nicholas, Cathy Gonsalves, Epifanio Serrano, Nilo Montecillo, Pricilla D'Souza, Lina Moloney, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Nilo Montecillo, Neneng Bonachita, Alexin Cabuenas, Rogelio Espina, Nilo Adalos, Marites Tanedo, Florencio Basnillo, Joey Lapitan, Ely Maneja, Annie Mirasol, Blasa Alivo, Esteban Alivo, Lolito Gonzales, Raji John, Maria Torres Estacio, Hermenegilda Calayan, Marinessa Bajacan, Ginggonix Granado, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Roberto & Mary Lucille Serrano, Marilou, Mariano Jr., Perpetua, Arsenia, Marichar & Horacio Serrano, Joselito & Bobet Serrano, Epifanio Serrano, Mari Mackenzie, Ben McShane Hill, Anthony Farrugia & Haber & Farrugia family members, Bill Azzopardi, Calvin Wijewera, Irene Dassanayaka, Claude & Rita Joachim, Regina—Benito Franado, Roberto—Maria Reyes, Antonio—Lucia Santos, Julio De Mello, Regina & Baby Granado, Regina & Cristeta Granado, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granado, John & Frances Micallef, Stuart Richard, Dan Peiris, Nilo Abalos, Eugenio De Jesus Jr., Goring Bacalso, Crispina Paras, & all the souls in purgatory.

May they Rest in Peace

PPC UPDATE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am sure you will all had a great spiritual experience during the Lenten and Easter season just past. Attendances were exceptional and shows the significant growth of Mary Immaculate Parish. Many new faces were seen and shows the diversity of our Parish.

Many were involved behind the scenes to provide such an experience and grateful thanks to them all. If there were any lapses it was unintentional and we invite parishioners to provide feedback on any aspect that they feel could be improved.

We now look forward to the next event on the liturgical calendar - the Feast of Pentecost. As in the past there are plans to celebrate this important feast in a fitting manner by involving the many ethnicities in our Parish. After all Pentecost reminds us of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and each began talking in their own tongues. This is very representative of our Parish.

The Catholic community worldwide is also still mourning the passing of the beloved Pope Francis. We pray that he is now with the Lord in eternal bliss. We must also pray that his chosen successor continues the work that Pope Francis started.

That being said we must recognise that one of Pope Francis' initiatives was declaring 2025 as the Jubilee Year of Hope, the theme being "Pilgrims of Hope". It is a time for the church to celebrate and deepen its faith through prayer, pilgrimage and acts of mercy. It encourages spiritual renewal. To this end the PPC will come up with Parish based initiatives to celebrate and keep alive the aspirations of the late Pontiff. You will be kept advised in the weeks and months ahead. Some youth and young adult initiatives are already being planned in our Parish and the wider community will also be offered opportunities to be a part of the Jubilee Year of Hope.

God Bless you all. Aubrey Joachim

Jesus asked his disciples to let down their nets and they were rewarded. What are some things that Jesus asks us to do? How are we rewarded?



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IN THIS YEAR OF JUBILEE

We celebrate all of our liturgical ministers across the
Diocese of Parramatta

*Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL
extends an invite to you and your family to the*

A N N U A L C O M M I S S I O N I N G M A S S of L I T U R G I C A L M I N I S T E R S

13TH MAY 2025

7:30PM

St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta

1 Marist Pl, Parramatta

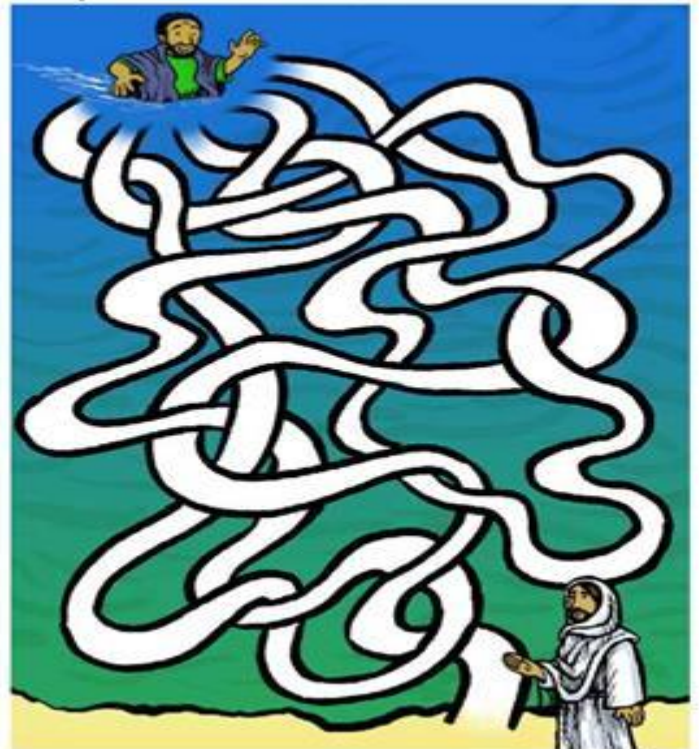
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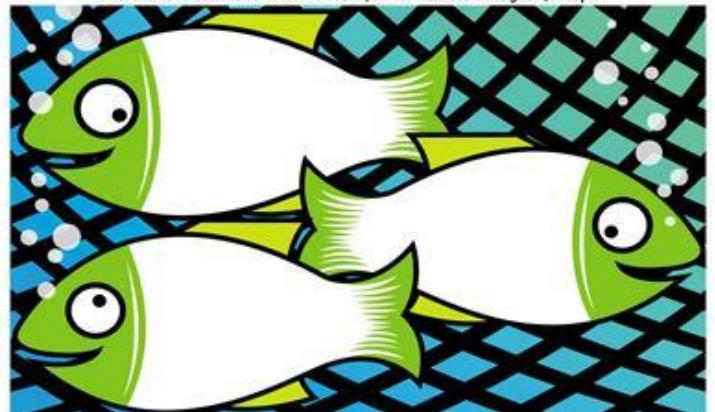
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Help Peter swim to shore to be with Jesus.



The disciples had almost given up on catching fish when Jesus appeared to them and told them to let down their nets one more time. Write down about times in your life when Jesus has given you hope.



First Reading: (Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2)

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

(R.)

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**

3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: (Revelation 5:11-14)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

Gospel: (21:1-14) Shorter form

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Watch this space. Registration and training will take place following First Holy Communion in June.

MOTHER MARY PILGRIM STATUE

The Legion of Mary (LOM) has resumed visitation to homes with Mother Mary statue and Rosary prayers. If you would like to be visited and pray the Rosary, the visitation can be arranged by the LOM at agreed times. Please write down your details in the book on the table at the foyer. You will be contacted to arrange the visit.

FATHER OLIVER'S ANNUAL LEAVE



Father Oliver is on leave until 3rd June. During this time there will be **NO** 6.00am Mass and **NO** Wednesday evening Novena Mass at 7pm. 6.00am will resume Monday 9th June & Wednesday evening Mass will resume 11th June. We wish him a safe and restful time away. Please keep him in your prayers. Fr Ever will be our supply priest while Father Oliver is away.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 3rd / 4th May				1st Sunday of the Month		
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Conrad F	Arnel R Lina Z Isaac Z	Joseph S Ding M Ruwanal F	Angelo C	Ralph H Patricia H	John B Romany D
Junior Servers	Kiana F Ezekiel D		Aviel F Hadriel F Gabriel E John S	Heleni M Johan M	Stephanie S	Paolo M M Georgie Annika D
Readers	Anthony S Jeana B	Therese M Anna Z Edgie A	Rose B Jeanne C Chrysanthi S	Mercee M Divine M Fasa M	Merlyn F Anne T Perpetual F	Paea T Belen B
Special Eucharist Minister	Edith M Pompey F	Mercy E	Bessie M	Esperanza D	Tasia H	Mary Mathew
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F		Ray & Sandra G		Alfredo P	
Music Ministry	Fishers of Men	Recorded music	Liam Shield's & Paul Macaraeg Group	Hosanna Eukaristi	Recorded music	Rise Up Soul Singers
PowerPoint	Jess P	Marcus M	Choir	Choir	Choir	Juvy A
Piety Store		Anna Z	Eva C	Joe A	Ines A	Patricia D

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 10th / 11th May				2nd Sunday of the Month		
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Conrad F	Angelo C Michael C	Joseph S Joseph A	Rommel D Ding M	Isaac & Lina Z	Arthur W Ralph H
Junior Servers	Kiana F		Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E John Shedad	Rachael P Katrina C	Heleni M Johan M	J Machaya Samisoni W
Readers	Virginia F John F Edith M	Mercy E Pen B Rachelle L	Joy M Dianitha F Remy H	Mary C Kevin L Divine M	Louis E Therese Del Valle Jeninah De Leon	Bernadette W Cheri-Anne L Andrew H
Special Eucharist Minister	Maria M	Therese M Maria M	Katherine C	Juvy E Bessie M	Angela D	Patricia H
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Therese M Marcus M		Aubrey J	Fasa & Bruce M	
Music Ministry	Ray Pineda's Group	Recorded music	Blacktown Filipino Choir	Hosanna Eukaristi	5.S.M	Duly Noted
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir	Choir	Jelynn M	Choir
Piety Store	Merlyn F	Alice D	Katherine C	Joe A	Sherry	Patricia D

PARISH TEAM

Priest of the Parish: Rev Fr. Oliver Aro 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 - Wednesday 7pm - 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:

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

Enroll for 2025 online via our website!

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: Lesley Studans.

Saint John Paul II Catholic College

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