



Parish Bulletin Mary Immaculate Parish,

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C Sunday 15TH MAY 2022

DEEPENING THE FAITH PRAYER GROUP

Deepening the Faith Prayer Group will be resuming its prayer gatherings at 10am following the 9:15am mass on Wednesday the 4th of May. They have great material to discover new things about our Catholic faith Tradition.

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.

Choirs needed for First Holy Communion in June 2022

Over 100 children from our parish will be making their First Holy Communion during the 4 Sundays of June at an extra Mass which will be held at 2:00 PM each Sunday.

We would like to make this day extra special for them by providing music from our beautiful parish choirs. If your choir can assist us, kindly send the date that you can sing for the 2 PM Mass.

The dates are 5 June... 12 June... 19 June and 26 of June. Your assistance would be a great help to make this a very special day for all. Please call the parish office (9626 3326) if you can help us.)

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 will be online during the month of June and will be due by the end of June. We are unable to accept late applications. Check the Parish website in the beginning of June for the application form. www.maryimmac.org.au

We Remember In Our Prayers

Recent:

Vicky Vella, Mamerta Rico, Conrad Michael Rodriguez

Anniversary

Devasia Mathai, Francesca & Carlo Leuzzi, Bill Assopardi

In Memoriam:

Amador Caimban, Richeto Tura, Antonio Berlanga, John Shedad, Elizabeth Anand, Zander John, William Walker, Leslie D'Souza, Joseph Grech, Neria Villamarin, Mamerta San Buenaventura, Divino & Paciencia Bantolo, Donato, Mario & Henry Sito, Nicolasa Capacio, Laura Perera, Catalino Estiaga, Anthony Morgan, Richard Houghton, Maria D'Rozario, Anastia Gomes, Neria Villamarin, Julita Alfonso, Milagros Manalastas, Rosemary, Adelaide & Richard Houghton, Anthony Morgan, Vererio Gasatayo, Sr Evelyn Gastayo, Josephine Said, Eufrecina Matheson, Francisca Matheson, Milagros Manalastas, Honorato Angeles, Filemon Alivo, Maria Cecilia Avancena, Eugenio Romero, Hugo Sr & Marita Agudo, Eufrecina Mislant, Maria Cecilia Avancena, Aurelia Tagudar, Mary Matilda Varunakulasingham, Joshua Varu, Rowena Teo, Myrna Gonzales Cruz, Rita Jacob, Engracio & Maxima Obatay, Aquilino Tabamo, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Balasa Alivo, Ely Maneja, Annie Mirasol, Nilo Montecillo, Rogelio Espina, Vicky & Joseph Quattromani, Melly Stephenson, Harold Pereira, Anne & Dominic Pereis, Florentino G Sanchez, Marianne & Thomas Dimech, Carmena & Joe Dimech, Felicida Dingle, Antonio Dingle, 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 Estiaga, Dan Pieris, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Dominador Snr, Efigenia Granado, Pacencia & Divino Batandolo, Alberto, Donato & Mario Batandolo, Viecko Kukkauen, Jaap Steilberg.

May they Rest in Peace

Blessing of Relationships

On the 18th June 2022, Fr Oliver is performing a special blessing for those couples who have been together for more than 25 years. This will take place within the 7:30am mass. If you wish to participate in this blessing, please contact the office on 96263326 or email parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au to register.

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, Nick 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

MARY IMMACULATE NEW YOUTH GROUP INITIATIVE

Hello everyone, my name is Rommel del Valle and you may have seen me serve at the 10.30am Masses on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month. ... The Mary Immaculate Parish is inviting the young members (Year 4 - High School - University Age) and the young at heart to join in the re-launch of its youth group. The past couple of years has had it's challenges and it's now time to move forward. We're looking for enthusiastic participants and young leaders to help us grow this youth group. Please leave your name and number with Anthony Saliba, Mary Immaculate Parish Secretary and we will get back to you soon as possible.

Ph: 96263326 or email anthony.saliba@maryimmac.org.au

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.

PRAYER FOR THE END OF WARS

The Legion of Mary is holding a prayer vigil in front of the grotto on Wednesday Evenings at 5:30pm for the end of the Russian/Ukraine war and other wars going on around the world.

MINISTRY MONTH IS HAPPENING DURING MAY

Ministry month is a time where we focus on all our ministries each week for 5 weeks. You can now pick up a brochure from the foyer. You can sign up through our website and all training will be provided through the parish and diocese. More information will be given about each ministry during Ministry Month. The topics for this weekend are ministries of the Altar.

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

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 and on a fortnightly basis **starting 16th May**. The first "official" group meeting will be held in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to come (children included) and join and will be updating the parish of a regular basis on what is coming up.

Daily Mass readings for the week

Monday 16th May: Acts 14:5-18 & Jn 13:31-35
Tuesday 17th May: Acts 14:19-28 & Jn 14:27-31
Wednesday 18th May: Acts 15:1-6 & Jn 15:1-8
Thursday 19th May: Acts 15:7-21 & Jn 15:9-11
Friday 20th May: Acts 15:22-31 & Jn 15:12-17
Saturday 21st May: Acts 16:1-10 & Jn 15:18-21



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

Parramatta Diocesan News

Positions Vacant:

2 x Project Coordinator (part time) – Catholic Youth Parramatta, Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Sunday 29 May.

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

LIFTED Live featuring Gen Bryant

Friday May 20, 7:30-10pm

WEST HQ, Rooty Hill

Youth, young adults and families are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta for a Holy Spirit inspired night of praise and worship

Register at <https://parracatholic.org/liftedlive/>

Bishop Vincent Presents Sr Patricia Fox NDS

Friday May 27, 7-9pm

Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown

Ministering to the poor and marginalised in the Philippines for close to 30 years, Sr Pat Fox was arrested at her convent in northeast Manila and accused by the Filipino president of taking part in illegal political activities and of speaking out against the government. Join us for her compelling presentation, a short response from Bishop Vincent Long, Q&A and light canapes and dinks. LIMITED SEATS - Bookings essential via email at met@parracatholic.org

Support Mass for You at Home

Many people who are isolated, in prison, in hospital or don't have internet rely on Mass for You at Home. The Catholic Mass is broadcast free-to-air each Sunday morning on Channel 10 and WIN at 6am. Find out more at www.massforyou.com.au

Gospel Reflection

The departure of Judas sets into motion the machinery of Jesus' arrest, trial and execution. There is no going back now. The die is cast; the events of salvation are about to begin. The hour of eschatological fulfilment has come. While it looks like only suffering and death are on the horizon, this is in fact the moment of glorification. Lifted up in ignominy, Jesus will really be lifted up in glory, for surrender, death, resurrection and exaltation are really all one event. Jesus' willingness to suffer also glorifies God, for it reveals the extent of Jesus' love for God and God's love for humankind. Jesus addresses the remaining eleven apostles with the affectionate address of a teacher to students, 'my children'. It is followed by the commandment to love one another. This kind of love will be the universal sign of discipleship of Jesus. It will establish a new kind of order. The disciples are to love one another as Jesus has loved them.

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This passage therefore, challenges us today with the question: how have we loved one another?

- ◇ Do I respect those around me?
- ◇ Do I do things out of love or do I because I am forced to by others?
- ◇ Do I avail myself to God's mission or am I just to busy?
- ◇ Do I listen to my children?
- ◇ Do I honour to my parents?
- ◇ How do I show my care for others?
- ◇ Do I listen to myself?
- ◇ Do I stop and make time to listen to God?
- ◇ How do I show God that I am fulling his call to follow him?

It is only in giving ourselves time to examine questions like these and becoming conscious of our call to love one another that we truly live our the new commandment Jesus gave us.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ YEAR C ~ 15TH MAY 2022

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

(R.) THANKS BE TO GOD.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord.

(R.) THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

(R.) Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



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**CATECHIST
WANTED!**

We are seeking at least 6 additional Catechists to bring the word of God to our state schools in 2022, if you are available during the week for just an hour and are willing to participate in this ministry please contact the parish office for more information.

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

It is a ministry that produces living saints in our parish!

CONSECRATION OF MARRIAGES

Fr Oliver and Deacon Leon are inviting those who have been married outside of the church to have their marriage consecrated in the Church in June 2022 if canonically possible. Please contact Deacon Leon on leon.decena@maryimmac.org.au for more information and what paper work will need to be provided.

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.

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.

Mary Immaculate Parish Choir

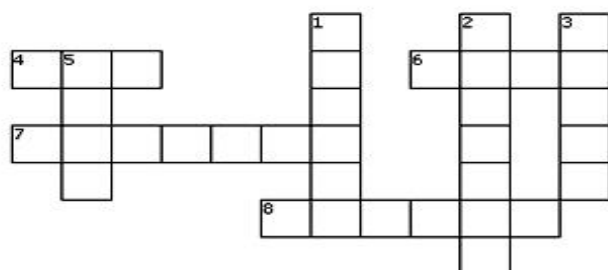
We are seeking a pianist to join our choir. They can be of any age! Practice is on a Wednesday's from 6:30pm to 7pm and we sing on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:30pm. Call the office on 96263326 for more info.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 14th / 15th May 2022						[3rd 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	B Lastica	I Zambrano L Zambrano	P Macaraeg	G Rutledge B Rutledge
Junior Servers	A Fernando M Fernando				H Moa D & D De Leon	P Marcial, E D'Lima M Georgie A Dass
Readers	B Avila E Small D Hill	M Stewart B Morkel Needed	A Fernando M Fernando R Harris	E Oblepias C Malong P Ong	B Moa D Macaraeg J Balintec	E Aaron A Togado L Egbunike
Special Eucharist Minister	E Abuel R Heredia	Needed	A Lastica	D Macaraeg L Valenton	R Hartanto J Hartanto	L Walton T Hutama J Escueta
Greeters	J Attard P Fernandez	P Stewart	B & A Andrews	Needed	A Aquini F Moa	B & G Rutledge
Music Ministry	C.F.C Family Ministry (Michael)	Recorded music	Jude & Clarian	St Pedro Calungsod Devotees	MI Choir (TANIA)	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir
Power Point	J Pacheco	D Pereira	T Aldonker	M Malig	Operator needed	C Dias
Piety Store	M Fernandes	Helper needed	T Buttigieg	J Agius	Helper needed	Helper needed

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 21st / 22nd May 2022						[4th Sunday of the Month]
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	N Varquez T Agius	A Cauchi		R Del Valle I Zambrano	A Rana	R Hutton
Junior Servers	J Varquez					P Marcial, A Dass, E D'Lima M Georgie
Readers	V Fernandez J Fernandez P Fernandes	M Engle P Bartolome Needed	T Buttigieg S Dsouza (Comm) P Enosi	R Anthony T del Valle A or F Demagante	M Fernandez L Millare	A Togado E Abuel M Chacko
Special Eucharist Minister	P Fernandez J Agius	M Muscat B Morkel A Zackria	K Chan J Fernando	E Oblepias A or F Demagante F Hernandez		R Heredia L Walton T Hutama
Greeters	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 (Tony)	Ray Pineda's group	S.C.M.I Choir
Powerpoint	J Pacheco	D Pereira	CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR
Piety Store	A Saliba	Helper needed	K Chan	J Agius	M Fernandes	Helper needed

*Love each other as
I have loved you.*

John 15:12 (NIV)



ACROSS

- A state of happiness or delight
- To hold dear, to like or desire greatly
- Someone that performs duties for a master
- A person that you like very much

DOWN

- One who has authority over another person
- An order which a person is expected to obey
- To gain knowledge, skill, or understanding
- To do what you are told; follow the rules



Words used in the crossword:

- LOVE
- OBEY
- COMMAND
- SERVANT
- FRIEND
- MASTER
- JOY
- LEARN