



# Mary Immaculate Parish

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## BULLETIN

1 MARCH 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR ~ YEAR A

### FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, we will be celebrating Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:30pm. All are welcome to come along.

### DAILY MASS READINGS: 2- 7 March

Mon 2 March: Dan 9:4-10 & Lk 6:36-38  
Tues 3 March: Is 1:10. 16-20 & Matt 23:1-12  
Wed 4 March: Jer 18:18-20 & Matt 20:17-28  
Thurs 5 March: Jer 17:5-10 & Lk 16:19-31  
Fri 6 March: Gen 37:3-4. 12-13. 17-28 & Matt 21:33-43. 45-46

**OPEN DAY**

Friday 6 March 2026 9:15am to 10:45am & Saturday 7 March 2026 9:15am to 10:45am  
Please Register your attendance  
<https://forms.gle/p5hMV5tTp6cajEte6>  
Mary Immaculate Primary School 125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill

### Junior Youth Little Saints EVENTS

**MARCH**

<b>SAT</b> <b>28 Feb</b>	<b>Youth Mass</b> 4-5PM Confession (optional) 5PM Youth Led Rosary (optional) 5:30PM Vigil Mass with Little Saints & CYMI serving	
<b>FRI</b> <b>13</b>	<b>Parish Stations of the Cross</b> 6:30PM Little Saints to lead Stations of the Cross this week.	
<b>SAT</b> <b>28</b>	<b>Karaoke Fundraiser Night</b> • 6:30PM start • Gold coin donation to support Youth Groups • Cafe & BBQ will be available to purchase • Please invite family & friends	

*Friendly reminder: A parent or an adult is required to stay during events.*

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

### Sick:

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:

Denis Nalletamby, Corazon Rivera, Graeme Donald, Paul Borg, Jose Acosta, Aquilina Monet, Nitasha Rebello, Thelma Farrugia, Shawn Spina, Rodolfo Manalo Jean Borka.

### Anniversaries:

Aquilina San Juan, Zoe Zerrudo, Luiz Fernando Pacheco, Carmelo Pecora, Marilyn Nalapo, Ma Mercedes Laxamana, Doris Ellul, William Almonte, Benedict De Silva, Swarnamali De Silva, Jose Benitez Sr., Onesimo Jr., Fe Aseneta, Marcelline Perera, Peter Rodrigo, Michael Dias, Rita Joachim, Ephram & Remigius Rajan

### In Memoriam:

Richeto Tura, Mila Punzalan, Bibiana & Marciano Malaluan, Josephine De Rosario, Pedro Maano, Jess Zabala, Julie Nunez, Eric Rotik, Fred Homedia, Gualbert Fantonial, Roy Dias, Annie & Dominic Pireo, Maria Attard, Maria Saliba, Fred Homedia, Alejandro & Arnel Mojica, Nigel Barrett, Rudolph Caesar, Jen Sitlani, Shilpa Karthik, Mary Jones, Dominico Thann Nguyen, Maria Thann Vu, Aquilino & Isabel Amistoso, Roy Dias, Francisco Briones, Mariano Gella, Eli Manus, Horacio Serrano, Eduardo Tanedo, Jess Zabala, Adeline Yparraguirre, Angela Gambin, Onesimo Sr, Francis Villarino, Paul Radomski, Linda Cinco, Michelin Lim, Gilbert Ornopia, Blasa Alivo, Jose Alivo, Quirino Bartido, Edelia Hamoy, Renato Hamoy, Sabina Carlos, Juan Mislant, Rosario Erlinda Senives, 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 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 Bacalso, Margaret Cooper, Crispina Paras, & all the souls in purgatory.

*May they Rest in Peace*



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
28 February – 1 March 2026

**Sisilia** is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



**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.*

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

**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.**

**We cannot accept late applications.**

**PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION PROVIDED  
BEFORE CLICKING APPLY.**

**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD**

You are warmly invited to take part in 24 Hours for the Lord, at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa.

Commencing with mass and confession from Friday 13 March at 6:30 pm to mass at 5:30 pm on Saturday 14th March. The Shrine will remain open all night for 24 hours of prayer, adoration, and quiet reflection.

Whether you come for a few minutes or stay longer, this is a beautiful opportunity to step away from the busyness of life and spend time in the gentle presence of the Lord. All parishioners, families, and visitors are welcome to drop in.

**KARAOKE FUNDRAISER COMING SOON!  
PLEASE SEE THE SIGNS AT THE  
ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH**

**COMMISSIONING MASS**

This weekend at our 10.30am Mass some parishioners from our parish will be commissioned as SRE Catechists. These parishioners go into our public schools and share the gift of faith. Our support of this important ministry is essential. Please pray for our catechists and the students they teach.

**Funeral for the late Denis Nalletamby will be here at Mary Immaculate Friday 6th March at 11.00am.**



**NEW FANS COMING BEFORE EASTER**

Fr Oliver believes that the time has come to make a few more upgrades in the church. The first upgrade are the fans in the Church. We are removing the existing and reducing down to 4 commercial fans as can be seen in the picture above. The second change is removing the old carpet in the foyer. Now that the roof leaks have been fixed and proven successful, we will be removing the carpet and laying slate tiles like the ones in the devotional corridor. If there are any professional tradies that are willing to assist in laying slate tiles, please contact the parish office via email.



**FIRST AID**

**FIRST AID REGISTER**

Another new addition to the parish is the First Aid Register. This register will contain the names of our first aiders and which Mass they usually attend on the weekends. It will also note if there are any doctors or nurses that may be present onsite too in cases of an emergency. If you wish to be added to the list, please record your name and indicate your level of aid assistance. We would also like to include a photo to help easily identify you. Please also email the parish office to include your phone number and email if we need to contact you after an incident.

**STATUE UPDATE**

We can now let you know that we have decided to commission a new person to complete the remaining statues. He is a local Maltese artist, Mario Formosa. He has a long history of creating beautiful statues for a number of parishes including our own. The hope is to have them in by September of this year. Whilst they will be more expensive, they will be a beautiful representation and enhance the beauty of our church.

**First Reading Genesis 12:1-4**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22**

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

**Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10**

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy**

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

**Gospel Acclamation Matthew 17:5**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was

still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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By using the words below, can you work out what the voice from the cloud said to the apostles?

**SON AM LISTEN TO SAYS  
BELOVED HIM IS PLEASED**

THIS \_\_ MY  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
AND I \_\_\_\_\_  
WITH \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_ WHAT HE \_\_\_\_\_.

**SAFEGUARDING NEWS**

From this year, parishes within a Deanery will have the same Safeguarding Training Renewal and Refresher Dates.

- **Blacktown Deanery - April 2026**
- **The Hills Deanery - August 2026**

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 28th February / 1st March						1st Sunday of the Month
Ministries	5.30pm Youth Mass	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Conrad F	Angelo C Arnel R	Joseph S Joseph A	Lina Z Isaac Z	Ralph H Patricia H	John B Romany D
Junior Servers	Kiana F Ezekiel D Jada P		Aviel F Hadriel F Gabriel E John Shedad	Heleni M Johan M	Stephanie S	Paolo M M Georgie Annika D
Readers	Lucia Jaemiel Francis	Therese M Anna Z Edgie A	Rose B Jeanne C Chrysanthi S	Mercee M Divine M Fasa M	Merlyn F Perpetual F Bindu M	Paea T Belen B Neil N
Special Eucharist Minister	Jane A Edith M Pompey F	Mercy E Charmaine A	Eva C Neetha Lima	Pat O Esperanza D	Aida L Tasia H	Mary Mathew Raymond T
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F		Ray & Sandra G		Alfredo P	
Music Ministry	Youth	Recorded music	Liam Shield's & Paul Macaraeg Group	Hosanna Eukaristi	CFC Quakers Hill	Rise Up Soul Singers
PowerPoint	Jess P	Marcus M	Choir	Choir	Choir	Choir
Piety Store		Anna Z	Eva C	Joe A	Ines A	Patricia D

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 7th / 8th March						2nd Sunday of the Month
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Arthur W	Angelo C Michael C	Joseph S Joseph A	Conrad F	Isaac & Lina Z	Ralph H Patricia H
Junior Servers	Kiana F Lucia C Olivia C Samisoni W		Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E John Shedad	Rachael P Katrina C Susan C	D & D De Leon	J Machaya
Readers	Virginia F John F Edith M	Mercy E Pen B Rachelle L	Joy M Dianitha F Remy H	Mary C Kevin L Nerissa T	Louis E Therese Del V Bindu M	Cheri-Anne F Nikita D Neetha L
Special Eucharist Minister	Maria M Jai A	Therese M Maria M	Katherine C	Anna Z Esperanza D Juvy E	Angela D	
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Therese M Marcus M		Aubrey J		
Music Ministry	Fisher of Men	Recorded music	Blacktown Philipino Choir	Hosanna Eukaristi	5.S.M	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir	Choir	Jelynn M	Juvy A
Piety Store		Alice D	Katherine C	Joe A	Sherry	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

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**Accounts Email:**

accounts@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, Wednesday 6pm- 7pm Holy Hour with Mass.

Sunday Masses – Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm Sunday- 7.30am,

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