



Mary Immaculate Parish

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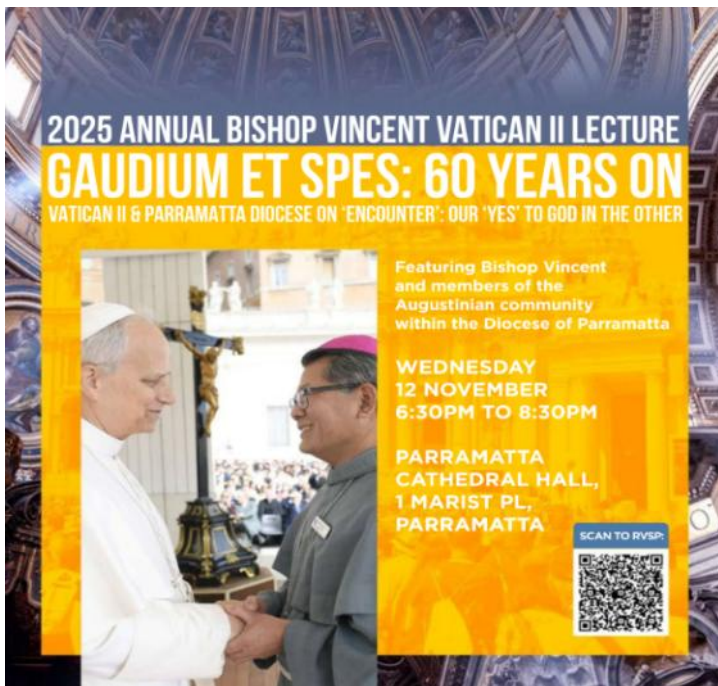


BULLETIN

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

DAILY MASS READINGS: 3 – 18 Nov

Mon 3 Nov: Rom 11:29-36 & Lk 14:12-14
Tues 4 Nov: Rom 12:3-13 & Jn 10:11-16
Wed 5 Nov: Rom 13:8-10 & Lk 14:25-33
Thurs 6 Nov: Rom 14:7-12 & Lk 15:1-10
Fri 7 Nov: Rom 15:14-21 & Lk 16:1-8
Sat 8 Nov: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 & Lk 16:9-15



2 November 2025

WHY NO TO TRICK OR TREATING

Catholics must guard worship from anything that disguises pagan superstition as Christian fun. The Church warns that popular customs must reflect the paschal meaning of death and the communion of saints, and that “great caution must be used... to ensure they cannot be interpreted as pagan residues”¹. Halloween, rooted in the ancient “cult of the dead,” often encourages evocation of spirits, a practice the Church condemns as divination and sorcery (CCC 2117)². The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith stresses that seeking contact with the dead through “techniques” is contrary to authentic prayer for souls, which is directed to God, not to spirits. By joining rituals that blur the line between prayer and occult, believers risk violating First Commandment and Church’s call to pure devotion. Therefore faithful Catholics should refrain from celebrating Halloween and instead honor the dead through approved liturgical prayers and the feast of All Saints ¹ *Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments*

MEMORIAL MASS

You are all invited to celebrate our yearly Memorial Mass for all those who have had a funeral here at Mary Immaculate in the last 12 months.

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM.

SIGN UP TO HAVE MARY IN YOUR HOME

The Legion of Mary is inviting host families to sign up to have the Mother Mary Statue in your home for a week. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage prayer in the home with your family. Please sign up in the foyer or under the pergola space.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:

Caroline Dias, Clarina Emanuel, Nina Mangion, Sr. Paulina, Fr Oliver Aro, Rolly Valenzuela, Liberty Ventura, Tita Garcia, Michael McTegg, Mila Ranoso, Lorry Debono, 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, Chadia Kaminski.

Recently Deceased:

Fr. Hugh Thomas, Max Cortez

Death Anniversary:

Maria Dalgado, Reggie Dalgado, Evelyn Gusatrya, Joseph, Varkey & Java Pattamara, Theodorus Jongkind, Valsa Devassy, Pacita Monet, Melbourne Stephenson, Danillo Dingle

November Masses

November is traditionally the month in which we remember our deceased family members and friends. A Perpetual book of remembrance has been created. **You are invited** to write the names of your loved ones **in this book** and only if needs be write on the cards. These will then be converted into the book and taken off the wall. Each of these names will be remembered in all Masses during November this year and years to come. If you wish to make a donation, there is an electronic means and a cash box provided.

During November ONLY the names of recently deceased will be published in the parish bulletin.

May they Rest in Peace



CYMI November Gathering:

Saturday 08/11 5:30pm Vigil Mass
 Followed by Youth Program from 6:30-9:00pm
 Topic this month is Catholic Holidays: All
 Hallowtide (All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day & All
 Souls Day).

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH INVITES YOU TO

FAMILY FUN DAY AND CHRISTMAS MARKET SALE



GAMES & FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

INTERNATIONAL FOOD

BAKED GOOD AND SWEETS

XMAS DECORS - GIFTS & PARTY

SUPPLIES - PLANTS - TEA & COFFEE

**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS ONGOING
CHURCH BUILDING MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS**

WHERE: Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill-Schofields Parish

125 Barnier Drive Corner Farnham Rd, Quakers Hill

WHEN: Sunday, 30 Nov 2025 From 10.00am To 12.00pm

SVDP NEEDS YOUR HELP

Every night, the St Vincent Depaul Van heads out to locations in Mt Druitt and Parramatta, offering sandwiches and drinks to men, women, and children who are in need.

Not only do they provide sandwiches, fruits, snack packs, but also offer a chance for conversation and connection, which can truly make a significant difference in the lives of these individuals.

Many of the homeless people who visit the van are in desperate need of basic toiletry items.

- 1) Male/female Deodorant spray cans
- 2) Small bottles of shampoo
- 3) Small bottles of body wash
- 4) Men's Razors
- 5) Toothbrush
- 6) Small tubes of toothpaste

Your contributions, no matter how small, will go a long way in supporting the homeless and low-income families in our community.

A collection box has been placed at the rear of the church for your convenience behind the Tap Terminal.

If you would like to join the St Vincent Depaul Van and experience real connection on the ground, please feel free to contact Roger Perera on 0413 713 911.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

INVITATION TO ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH

We would like to invite all our parish volunteers to our Volunteers Morning Tea on the 22nd of November from 10am to 11:30am. **If you are able to come along, please RSVP by registering your name on church foyer for catering purposes by the 15th of November.**



FAMILY FUN DAY 30TH NOV 10AM

Our parish will be holding a fundraising event on Sunday Nov 30 from 10am to raise funds for ongoing church building repairs and necessary improvements. This event is also an opportunity for us to come together as a parish community; celebrate diversity by sampling food, cakes and sweets from various international cuisines, stock up on Christmas decorations and party supplies, pick up a pot or two from the plant sale, and enjoy a family fun-filled morning with organised games and other fun activities for kids.

We are inviting the various ethnic communities and ministry groups in the parish to band together to support this initiative by donating food and other items that can be sold on the day.

Together let us support our parish. Your contribution will help ensure that our church facilities are regularly maintained to ensure safety, functionality and longevity.

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from the book of Isaiah

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.1 or v.4

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Romans

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to

God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:39

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 7:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOP

Come along for a fun day of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft days and evenings will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown on the following days.

- Monday 10 November from 10am to 11:30am
- Monday 10 November from 1pm to 2:30pm
- Tuesday 11 November from 7pm to 8:30pm
- Tuesday 18 November from 7pm to 8:30pm

Costs are \$10 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

**MANDATORY DIOCESEAN
SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

Safeguarding training opportunities for October
The next sessions of face-to-face Initial safeguarding training (Modules 1-3) will be held on the following days from 10 am to 3pm:

- Saturday 15 November at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville.

For more info, please email the Safeguarding Team on Safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 1st / 2nd November					1st 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	Joseph A Romany D	Lina Z Isaac Z	Arnel R	John B
Junior Servers	Kiana F Ezekiel D		Aviel & Hadriel F, Gabriel E John Shedad	Heleni M Johan M	Stephanie S	Paolo M M Georgie Annika D
Readers	Therese B Mariquita P Jai A	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 Neil N
Special Eucharist Minister	Jane A Edith M	Mercy E Charmaine A	Eva C	Pat O Zeny B	Aida L Tasia H	Mary Mathew Raymond T
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	CFC Quakers Hill	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: 8th / 9th November					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	Heleni M Johan M	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 Valle Jeninah De Leon	Cheri-Anne L Nikita D
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	Fasa & Bruce M	
Music Ministry	Recorded music	Recorded music	Blacktown Philipino Choir	Hosanna Eukaristi	5.S.M	Recorded music
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir	Choir	Jelynn M	
Piety Store	Merlyn F	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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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, 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

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: Robert Muscat