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BULLETIN

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR A

A Model of Obedient Love Amid Trials

The Feast of the Holy Family invites us to contemplate Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a living icon of domestic holiness—one shaped by obedience to God, mutual honor, and deep trust in divine providence. The Scriptures proclaimed today offer a coherent vision of family life that is not rooted in comfort or stability alone, but in faithful love lived amid uncertainty and trial.

The wisdom of Sirach reminds us that honoring parents is not merely a social duty but a sacred act that brings blessing, healing, and reconciliation. Such honor atones for sin and fosters joy across generations. This teaching takes flesh in the Holy Family, where Joseph's humble, attentive authority and Mary's faithful consent form a household grounded in reverence for God's will. In a culture often marked by individualism and generational division, this call to honor parents and elders stands as a counter-cultural witness to communion and mercy.

Psalm 128 celebrates the fruitful home of those who fear the Lord, portraying family life as a place of blessing where work, relationships, and daily routines are sanctified through reverent trust. This vision is deepened by St Paul, who

exhorts Christian households to clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, patience, and love. These virtues are not abstract ideals but are embodied in Joseph's prompt obedience and Mary's quiet strength.

The Gospel presents the Holy Family not in peaceful stillness, but on the move—fleeing danger, living as refugees, and trusting God's guidance in uncertainty. Their journey teaches us that holiness grows not despite hardship, but through it. As we imitate their obedience, perseverance, and trust, our own homes can become places where Christ dwells and God's saving promises continue to unfold.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

6.00am & Wednesday Novena MASSES

6.00am will recommence

29th December &

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7 January

DAILY MASS READINGS: 29 DEC -3 JAN

Mon 29 Dec: 1 John 2:3-11 & Luke 2:22-35

Tues 30 Dec: 1 John 2:12-17 & Luke 2:36-40

Wed 31 Dec: 1 John 2:18-21 & John 1:1-18

Thurs 1 Jan : Num 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Heb 1:1-6 & Luke 2:16-21

Fri 2 Jan: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 & Matt 23:8-12

Sat 3 Jan: 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6 & Jn 1:29-34

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:

Precious Guerrero Tamayo, Caroline Dias, Clarina Emanuel, Nina Mangion, 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, Chadia Kaminski.

Recently Deceased:

Maureen Fernandez, Irene Ee, Nina Mangion, Alicia Guinto

Anniversaries:

Paz Offemaria

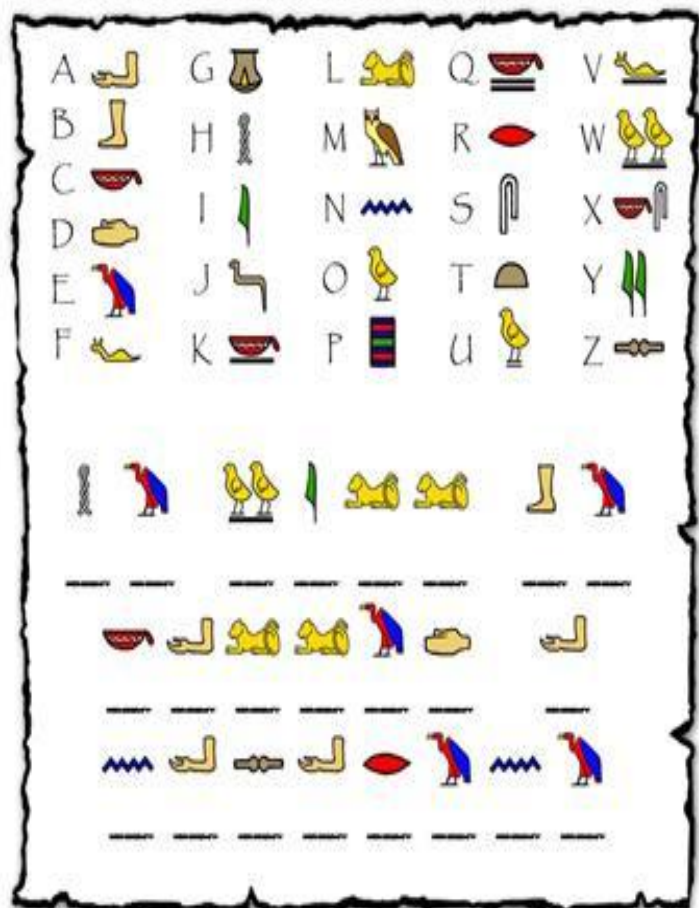
In Memoriam:

R.B. Sharma, Nigel Barrett, Sofie & Herbert Peacock, Fran Powell, Florencio & Narcisca Obatay, Frank Kelly, Ray & Michael Dias, Fr. Renato Paras, Joseph & Rose Muscat, Xandru & Mikelina Bezzina, Dominador Canizares, Thirde Rogne, Dominador Tulud, Teresita Racaza, Marites Mirasol, Ramon Villigas, Arsenia & Perpetua Serrano, John Quattromani, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Roberto & Mary Lucille Serrano, Bill & Anne Azzopardi, Calvin Wijewera, Irene Dassanayaka, Claude & Rita 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

DECODE THE PROPHECY

Use the code below to decipher the prophet's message



HEALING MASS

On the 4th Saturday of every month there will be a healing mass taking place in our parish at the 7:30am mass. The next Mass is on Saturday 27th December.

NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Dec 31- New Year's Eve:8:30pm

Jan 1- New Year's Day:8am

10am

5:30pm

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be **closed from the 24th Dec to 13th Jan 2026**. Fr's Oliver & Jonathan will still be onsite occasionally during this time. In cases of emergencies, you will need to contact Fr Oliver on **0491895087**. Please email the Parish Office for all other issues or information.

The first Baptism Preparation for 2026 will take place on the 3rd of February at 7pm.

For those reading and needing Power Point presentations for weekend liturgies, please go to our website for a copy of the weekend liturgies. Simply click and download.

PARISH COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

Our Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families, carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the center of all of our thinking and action. This approach is to follow Jesus' command in Matthew 18:1-3. Enquiries or concerns please contact Fr. Oliver Aro MSP orapacifico@gmail.com or Anthony Saliba at anthony.saliba@maryimmac.org.au or call 9626 3326, Paul Macareag paulmaca@tpg.com.au or Deacon Leon Decena -leondecena@hotmail.com

There are a number of people on our register that needs to renew their safeguard training.. A number of which will need to complete the new Module 6 that will be online in February 2026 for those who have completed Modules 4 & 5. For those that have completed the first cycle of Modules 1-3, you will need to complete module 4-5. If you have any questions, please contact the office when it reopens.

Joseph listened to the angel's warning because he trusted in God. Write down some of the names of those who you trust.

LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Congratulations to the two winners of our Ladies Christmas Raffle. The funds of which will go towards the upkeep of the parish. They managed to raise just over \$1000. This is an astonishing effort on their part. Thank you to all those who donated prizes for this raffle. Our two winners are a Mr Sam and Ms Julie Collins.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH ~ YEAR A ~ 28 DECEMBER

First Reading Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own,
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! (R.)

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation Colossians 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

"IN SANTO NIÑO WE ARE ONE"

36th Anniversary

Fiesta Sinulog 2026



Cofradia del
Señor Santo Niño
of Sydney Incorporated

Main Celebrant: Fr Wim Hoekstra, EV
Sunday, 18 Jan '26 Concelebrated Mass at 2:00 pm
St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, NSW 2148

All devotees please bring your Santo Niño Statues

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SCHEDULE OF THE 9-DAYS NOVENA MASSES @ 7 PM

Date	Venue	Address
Day 1 Thursday , 8th Jan	Holy Spirit Catholic Church	5 Todd Row, St Clair, NSW 2759
Day 2 Friday , 9th Jan	St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church	326 High Street, Penrith NSW 2750
Day 3 Saturday , 10th Jan	Our Lady of Holy Rosary Catholic Church	26 Swanston Street, St Marys 2760
Day 4 Sunday , 11th Jan	St Aidan's Catholic Church	9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766
Day 5 Monday , 12th Jan	St Paul, the Apostle Catholic Church	40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills, NSW 2153
Day 6 Tuesday , 13th Jan	The Good Shepherd Catholic Church	136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton, NSW 2761
Day 7 Wednesday , 14th Jan	St Andrew, The Apostle Catholic Church	40 Breakfast Road, Marayong, NSW 2148
Day 8 Thursday , 15th Jan	Mary Immaculate Catholic Church	125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill, NSW 2763
Day 9 Friday , 16th Jan	Our Lady of the Rosary Church	8 Diana Avenue, Kellyville NSW 2155

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 27th / 28th December					4th Sunday of the Month	
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Marvin Co	Angelo C Michael C	Conrad F Amila F	Rommel D Isaac Z	Arnel R Louis E	Ralph H Patricia H
Junior Servers	Kiana F Ezekiel D Jada P Samisoni W		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	Jeremy A Johan A		Allenth E
Readers	John F Perpetual F Bernadette W	Mercy E Pen B Mere S	Therese B Paea T Fe H	Rukshan A Ariel or Faye D Alin D	Nerissa T Andrew H	Cheryl Z Jeana B Raymond T
Special Eucharist Minister	Pompey F Jai A	Maria M Anna Z Belen B	Eva C Charmaine A	Ariel or Faye D Juvy E Eleanor O	Angela D	Lita W Edgie A
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F			Aubrey J	Ines A	
Music Ministry	Trebles	Recorded music	Divine Hope Choir	C.F.C Choir		S.C.M.I Choir
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir	Choir		Choir
Piety Store		Sherry	Therese B	Joe A		Patricia D

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 3rd / 4th January					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 Arnel R	Joseph S Joseph A	Lina Z Isaac Z	Ralph H Patricia H	John B Romany D
Junior Servers	Kiana F Ezekiel D		Aviel F Hadriel F Gabriel E John Shedad	Heleni M Johan M	Stephanie S	Paolo M M Georgie Annika D
Readers	Therese B Mariquita P Jai Antony	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 Pompey F	Mercy E Charmaine A	Eva C Neetha Lima	Esperanza D Zeny B	Aida L Tasia H	Mary Mathew Raymond Thomas
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F		Ray & Sandra G		Alfredo P	
Music Ministry	Recorded music	Recorded music	Liam Shield's & Paul Macaraeg Group	Hosanna Eukaristi	CFC Quakers Hill	Recorded music
PowerPoint	Jess P	Marcus M	Choir	Choir	Choir	Juvy A
Piety Store		Anna Z	Eva C	Joe A	Ines A	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