



Mary Immaculate Parish

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BULLETIN

2nd March 2025

EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Ash Wednesday Masses will take place on the 5th of March:

**Mass times 6.00am
9.15am
7.00pm**



Please bring your old blessed palms for burning on Shrove Tuesday 4th March.

PLEASE NOTE: M.I. PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING THE 9.15AM MASS. PARKING WILL POSSIBLY BE AN ISSUE.

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 Macaraeg paulmaca@tpg.com.au or Deacon Leon Decena - leondecena@hotmail.com

PLANT SALE: 9 March 2025

On the 9th of March, Rose will be holding a plant sale to raise funds for the maintenance of the church. There will be a number of varieties to suit everyone's gardens. Please bring cash on the day. Plants will be on sale during the morning Masses.



DAILY MASS READINGS: 3-8 MARCH

Mon 3rd March: Sir 17:24-29 & Mk 10:17-27
Tues 4th March: Sir 35:1-12 & Mk 10:28-31
Wed 5th March: Joel 2:12-18 & Matt 6:1-6. 16-18
Thurs 6th March: Duet 30:15-20 & Luke 9:22-25
Fri 7th March: Is 58:1-9 & Matt 9:14-15
Sat 8th March: Is 58:9-14 & Luke 5:27-32

SANCTUARY STATUE UPDATE

For a few weeks now, we have had the company of the statue of St Anthony in our new sanctuary. We are now ready to accommodate the others. The cost for each statue will be \$6,700.00. This includes the manufacture of the statue and delivery. We have a way of providing a tax deductible option. Please speak to Anthony in the Parish Office. Thank you to all those who have donated to the statues thus far.

Sick:

Lorraine Sultana, Colleen Asimus, Resurrection & Grace Espina, Anna Marie Jackson, Barry Morkel, Graham Rutledge, Dominador Vicho, Anna Fernandes, Madeline Semisi, Ricardo de Mesa, Margaret Cooper, Nina Chavez, Ray Johnston, Precious Tamayo, Sophia Pal, Dominic Fernandez, Liberty Ventura, Harrison Whelan, Joseph Buttigieg, Jackson Naidoo, Faye Demagante, Chadia Kaminski & Christine D'Rosario

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Anniversary of Death:

William Almonte, Marie-Antoinette Coelho, Michael Agius, Jose Benitez & Caricia Benitez, Anna Fernando, Esperanza Cabanilla, Rita Joachim, Michael Dias, Maria Attard, Maria Saliba, Hope Marie Coelho, Hunter Capacio, Anthony Mangion, Josefina Mella Lastica, Peter Rodrigo, Marcelline Perera, Clemente Soriano, Rene Nassif, Ephrame

Recently Deceased:

Irene Flavia Dassanayake, Fe Aseneta Rosario Goyala, Doris Ellul, Joseph Vella, Lawrence

In Memoriam:

Ginggonix Granado, Abelardo Delfin, Pedro Maano, Kundar Family members, Florencio Obatay, Salud & Abraham Morgia, Marie & Boulas Monsour, B. Salem, Irene David, Napoleon Aguila, Fr. Gualbert Fantonial, Pedro Maano, Francis Villarino, Albert Gomes, Eli Rys Manus, Eladio Rosagaran, Paul Radomski, Cadeling family members, Blasa & Josefina Alivo, Paul Domingo, Linda & Michelin Lim, Ginggonix Granado, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Edward Ombina, Mamerta San Buenaventura, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Bibiana Malaluan, Mary Lucille Serrano, Marilou, Mariano Jr., Perpetua, Arsenia, Roberto, Marichar & Horacio Serrano, Joselito & Bobet Serrano, Epifanio Serrano, Lois & Bede Hill, Mari Mackenzie, Ben McShane Hill, Albert & Michael Agius, Anthony Farrugia & Haber & Farrugia family members, Bill Azzopardi, Calvin & Alberto Wijewera, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Claude Joachim, Regina—Benito Franado, Joseph Grech, Roberto—Maria Reyes, Antonio—Lucia Santos, Julio De Mello, Regina—Baby Granado, Regina & Cristeta Granado, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Naty Mutuc, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granado, John & Frances Micallef, Stuart Richard, Dan Peiris & all the souls in purgatory.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:30pm. They will start Friday 7th March. All are welcome to come along.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 3rd May

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held in our parish on the 17th of March from 6:30pm in the church and on Saturday 3rd May at Holy Family Emerton for **Cycle 2 (Module 4-5)**. More training opportunities will be available soon. Please register directly with the parish offices for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org.

Mary Immaculate will be emailing all those in our parish that need to do cycle 2 in order to remain certified to perform ministry in our parish.



BRING YOUR OLD BLESSED PALMS

Now is the time to bring your old blessed palm branches for burning to become the ashes for the coming Ash Wednesday. Kindly place them in the tub labelled palms for Ash Wednesday. We will also be burning some on Shrove Tuesday before sharing in some pancakes.

SHROVE TUESDAY 4th MARCH

On Shrove Tuesday 4th March a ritual will take place at 6pm under the pergola. Please hold off on bringing in your broken blessed items to the church to be disposed of properly. As they will be correctly disposed of at Easter time.

We also invite everyone to come for pancakes following the ritual, hosted by our Social Committee and friends.

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 or atitours@atitours.com.au/

LENTEN PROGRAM

Commencing Wednesday 5th of March after the 9.15am Mass and subsequent Wednesday's after that during Lent. Lenten books are available for \$10 each.



2025 OPEN DAY

Saturday 1 March 2025 9:00am to 12:00pm & Monday 3 March 9:15am to 11:00am

Please Register your attendance

Mary Immaculate Primary School 125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill

Missionaries of God's Love

Sisters

Sydney Consecrated Life Weekend



Fri 14th - Sun 16th
March 2025

At the Sisters' house in
Varroville, NSW

More info/RSVP: mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com



LENT: WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Lent is more about taking the time to look deep within ourselves and reflect on trimming excessive actions and habits that burden us while allowing God to take hold of our hearts and lighten our loads. So when you fast, do not proclaim it but smile and go about your day happy, as it says in the bible.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

To apply go to the Parish website
www.maryimmac.org.au

Click on sacraments on top of the page.

Applications will open online on **15th March**.
We cannot accept late applications.

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BEFORE CLICKING APPLY.

First Reading Sirach 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
 In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
 so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
 The kiln tests the work of the potter,
 the test of a man is in his conversation.
 The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the
 quality of its fruit,
 similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
 Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
 since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
 to make music to your name, O Most High,
 to proclaim your love in the morning
 and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
 and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
 they will flourish in the courts of our God,
 still bearing fruit when they are old,
 still full of sap, still green,
 to proclaim that the Lord is just.
 In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
 Corinthians
 When this perishable nature has put on
 imperishability, and when this mortal nature has
 put on immortality, then the words of scripture
 will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory.
 Death, where is your victory? Death, where is
 your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin
 gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God
 for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus
 Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit
 defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work
 always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be
 labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Shine on the world like bright stars;
 you are offering it the word of life.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind
 man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit?
 The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully
 trained disciple will always be like his teacher.
 Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's
 eye and never notice the plank in your own?
 How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me
 take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you
 cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite!
 Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then
 you will see clearly enough to take out the
 splinter that is in your brother's eye.

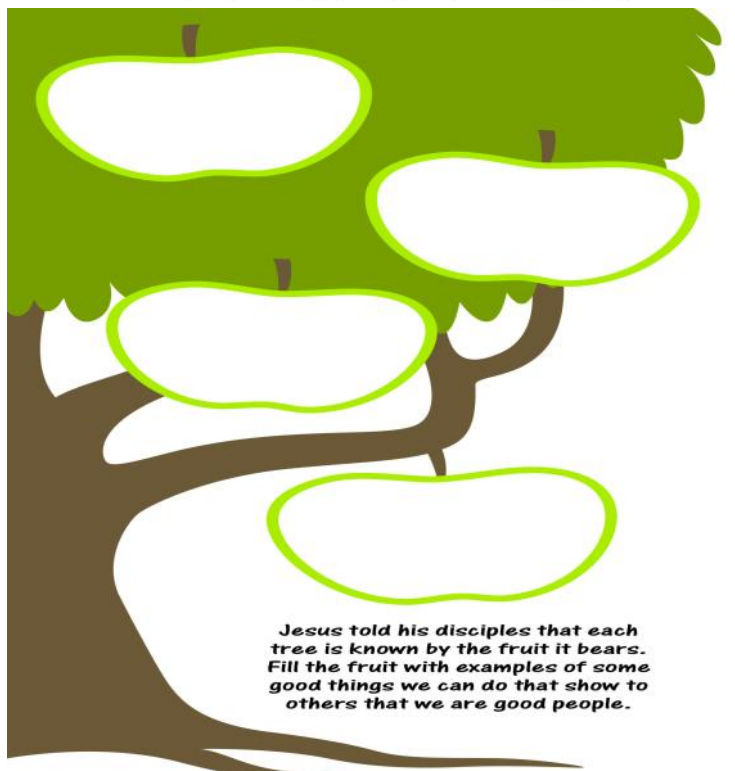
'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit,
 nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit.
 For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people
 do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from
 brambles. A good man draws what is good from the
 store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws
 what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's
 words flow out of what fills his heart.'



Fill in the missing words from
 the list below to see what Jesus
 said about judging other people.

___ do you see the
 _____ in your
 _____' eye,
 but do not _____ the
 ___ in your own ___?

**FRIEND'S SPECK LOG
 EYE NOTICE WHY**



Jesus told his disciples that each
 tree is known by the fruit it bears.
 Fill the fruit with examples of some
 good things we can do that show to
 others that we are good people.

THIS WEEKS Roster: 1st/ 2nd March						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 Romany D	Joseph S Ding M Ruwanal F	Lina Z Isaac Z	Ralph H Patricia H	Arnel R John B
Junior Servers	Kiana F Ezekiel D		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	Heleni M Johan M	Stephanie S	Paolo M M Georgie Annika D
Readers	Edward S 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	Jane A Edith M Pompey F	Charmaine A	Eva C Bessie M	Pat O Zeny B	Aida L 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	CFC Quakers Hill	Rise Up Soul Singers
Power point	Jess P	Marcus M	Choir	Choir	Choir	Juvy A
Piety Store		Anna Z	Eva C	Joe A	Ines A	Patricia D

NEXT WEEKS Roster: 8th / 9th March						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		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	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 Nerissa T	Louis E Therese D	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 Philipino Choir	Hosanna Eukaristi	5.S.M	Duly Noted
Power point	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

Two children per Baptism ceremony on Saturday.

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