



# Parish Bulletin Mary Immaculate Parish,

Quakers Hill ~ Schofields

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## ***FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY ~ YEAR C Sunday 2nd January 2022***

### ***New Years Greetings from Fr Oliver***

To our Catholic family of Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill-Schofields Parish,

Greetings as we celebrate new beginnings with 2022!

The new year is a time of refreshed beginnings. 2021 has been a year of constant changes and challenges with restrictions on celebrating with our families and church community.

This year has been dedicated to the family by Pope Francis. May 2022 be one that unites our families together in faith, hope and love. May it also be one of healing and growth. Let not the issues of this world destroy the togetherness we share with each other.

This year we hope to see some new and exciting events in our parish. I hope to share them with you as they eventuate.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a most happy and blessed new year. I hope to see you at our mass celebrations and parish functions.

Fr Oliver Aro, MSP  
Parish Priest  
Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill  
Schofields Parish



### **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

## ***We Remember In Our Prayers:***

### **Recent:**

Gracy Fernandes

### **In Memoriam:**

Thomas Kalogjera, Dennis Rendon, Leopoldo Adajar, Rolando Ferrer, Manuel Marasigan, Bibiana & Virgilio Malaluan, Maggie Fernandes, Sabina Geronimo, Mafin Dela Torre, Sarto Almedida, Sylvester D'Souza, Lloyd Furtado, Salud & Abraham Morgia, Edelberta Tura, Milroy De Silva, Teresita Ong Carther, Vernon Cruz, Herril Cruz, Cordelia Pereira, Harold Pereira, Angelyn Yu, Claire & Soledad Liceralde, Leslie D'Souza, Daniel Salomon, Maud Bussier, Aborted Babies, Severino Marcelo, Bill Azzopardi, Thomas Kalogjera, Mary & Paul Zammit, Mary & Angelo Spiteri, Maria Dass, Okusi Joshua, Fr Renato Paras, Dominic Botlero, Michae Gomes, Edelia Hamoy, Ma. Theresa Icao, Friolo Ico Sr., Remedios Icao, Denham Jacob, Benjamin Rayner, Mary Keane, Brian Harding, Aveen Rayner, Dale Keane, Roslyn & Joseph Corera, Fernando Sr & Jr Espero, Florencia Espero, Ambrosio & Estela Gatuz, Vicky Quottromani, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Mamerta San Buenaventura, Mary Lucille & Robert Serrano, Claude & Rita Joachim, Mary Lucille, Perpetua & Mariano Jr, Roberto & Arsenia Serrano, Maria Cecilia Avancena, Eugenio Romero, Theresa Amjadali, Juliet Alfonso, Stan Saldanha, Pedro Arcelo, Nicholasa Capacio, Concepcion Teo, Yvonne Reymond, Francis Domingo Gorostiza, Julio De Mello, Catalino Estiago, Salud Aro, Ricardo, Dan Pieris, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granado.

*May they Rest in Peace*

## **NO CHILDRENS LITURGY DURING JANUARY 2022**

### **Congratulations to Fr Oiliver Aro MSP**

Congratulation to Fr Oliver on the Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination. We wish him peace and blessings on this wonderful day and wish him many more to come.

## **NO Choirs or bulletins throughout January '22**

**Please see the parish website for the latest information.**

## **PLEASE NOTE!**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**FROM BOXING DAY TO THE 12TH OF**

**JANUARY Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.**

**In cases of emergency, please call Sr Valerie on the mobile.**



## **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday's 4pm to 5pm

## **THE SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism & Preparation for sacrament during restrictions:**

Baptisms on Saturdays at 9.00am, 10.00am & 11.00am

Every Sunday of the month at 10.30am.

One child per Baptism ceremony on Saturday.

**One child per baptism ceremony on Sunday**

Parents must attend a preparation session prior to baptism.

**Preparation session on every 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: Jim Fanning.

**Current COVID-19 Restrictions for Places of Worship**

- Congregational singing is not encouraged.
- Mask wearing is mandatory for places of worship.
- Density limits will now apply 2 square metres.
- QR Check-in and recording is still required of patrons.

**Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. has now REVOKED the dispensation to the Sunday Mass Obligation. All Catholics in the diocese must now attend Sunday Mass in their respective parishes as prior to COVID –19 times.**

If you are feeling COVID-19 symptoms please stay home and get tested if needs be. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these changing times.

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

If you are a new parishioner, we kindly request you to complete a Parish Census Form, and return it to the Parish Office. If you are a current parishioner who has not filled out a Parish Census Form or your details have changed please also complete a census form return it to the Church or Parish Office. Forms are available in the foyer of the Church.

**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.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS**

**Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for Children in Year 4 or older in 2022.** Please see parish website for information on how to apply. Please call Sister Valerie with any questions (0414 638 884) or email [sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au)

**Fr Oliver's Silver Jubilee**

Due to the rising number of COVID-19 Omicron cases, Fr Oliver has decided to not celebrate his jubilee of priestly ordination as a community event. However, if you wish to congratulate him personally, you can after the mass. He deeply apologises for no being able to celebrate as a community.

# The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

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PRIESTS	MYRRH	BETHLEHEM	KING	CHRIST
GOD	CHILD	HOUSE	INCENSE	MARY
STAR	MAGI	TEACHERS	WORSHIP	MOTHER
WORSHIPED	EAST	SEARCH	BORN	HEROD

## THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY YEAR C ~ 2ND JANUARY 2022

### First Reading: Is 60:1-6

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**

**(R.) THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

**(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

### Second Reading Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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### Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.  
**Alleluia!**



### Gospel Mt 2:1-12

**The Lord be with you.**

**All: And with your Spirit.**

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

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**(R.) PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

### Communion Antiphon: Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord

### Daily Mass readings for the week

**Monday 3rd January:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Mt 4:12-17. 23-25

**Tuesday 4th January:** 1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday 5th January:** 1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday 6th January:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Lk 4:14-22

**Friday 7th January:** 1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday 8th January:** 1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30



### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training will commence in January 2022. Anthony will email those interested with a time and date in January. If you are interested and have already received your first Holy Communion, please email Anthony on parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au.



**CATECHIST  
WANTED!**

We are seeking Catechists to bring the word of God to our state schools in 2022, if you are available during the week and want to participate in this ministry please contact the parish office for more information.

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

<b>NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 1st / 2nd January 2022 THE EPIPHANY [1st Sunday of the Month]</b>						
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	D. Nalletamby T Agius	P Sultana A Cauchi	J Shedad D Mojica	R Dionisio L Zambrano	B Lastica	G Rutledge B Rutledge
Junior Servers						E D'Lima M Georgie
Readers	R Limsom D Hill E Small	T McDonald A Zackria J Balintec	R Barraquio J Coelho K Chan	M Malig D Macaraeg F Moa	M Fernandez B Wykes	E Abuel P Enosi
Special Eucharist Minister	E Menezes P Fernandez	M Muscat	E Chan B Mojica	E Dionisio Z Bautista P Ong	A Lastica F Demagante	R. Heredia L. Walton
Warden	J Attard P Fernandez	Needed	R & S Gois	C Zolerick	A Pribadi	R Hutton
Power point	J Pacheco	M McDonald	L Shields	P Macaraeg	CFC	Gallardo Youth

<b>NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 8th / 9th January 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD [2nd Sunday of the Month]</b>						
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	T Agius	P Sultana A Cauchi	J Shedad D Mojica	R Dionisio R Del Valle	I & L Zambrano	R Oblea
Junior Servers						E D'Lima M Georgie
Readers	E Menezes V Fernandez J Fernandez	M Engle, P Bartolome, K Waddington (Comm)	J Mondragon D Fernandopulle Jenesia Fernandes (Comm)	K Zamora M Chacko C Zolerick	E Aaron L Millare D Mesa	A Togado M Deshe
Special Eucharist Minister	J Agius E Abuel M Muscat	M Muscat T McDonald	R Fernando B Mojica B Wykes	E Dionisio B Guerrero A Zackria	T Hutama R Hartanto	Lita Walton Youth Ministry G Rutledge
Warden	J Attard P Fernandez	T McDonald M McDonald	F & B Moa	A Joachim	I Aguilar	Sylvia & Renato De Pedro
Power point	J Pacheco	D Pereira	Jenesia Fernandes	P Macaraeg	J Millare	C Dias

<b>NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 15th / 16 January 2022 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time [3rd Sunday of the Month]</b>						
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	D Nalletamby	P Sultana A Cauchi	B Lastica	I Zambrano L Zambrano	P Macaraeg	D Mojica
Junior Servers						E D'Lima M Georgie
Readers	B Avila E Small D Hill	M Stewart B Morkel	A Fernando M Fernando R Harris	E Oblepias C Malong P Ong	B Moa D Macaraeg J Balintec	E Aaron
Special Eucharist Minister	E Abuel R Heredia	John Noort	S Peiris A Lastica	D Macaraeg L Valenton	R Hartanto J Hartanto	L Walton T Hutama J Escueta
Wardens	J Attard P Fernandez	P Stewart	B & A Andrews	V & R Fernandez	A Aquini F Moa	B & G Rutledge
Power Point	J Pacheco	D Pereira	T Aldonker	V & R Fernandez	Operator needed	C Dias

**ALL MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU CANNOT FULLFILL YOUR ROSTER THROUGHOUT JANUARY PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO REPLACE YOU.**