

# Parish Bulletin Mary Immaculate Parish,

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C Sunday 22ND MAY 2022

### CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

To celebrate the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the parish is holding a rosary procession, followed by fellowship on Saturday the 28th of May after the 7:30am mass. Please bring along a plate if you can.

### Choirs needed for First Holy Communion in June 2022

Over 100 children from our parish will be making their First Holy Communion during the 4 Sundays of June at an extra Mass which will be held at 2:00 PM each Sunday.

We would like to make this day extra special for them by providing music from our beautiful parish choirs. If your choir can assist us, kindly send the date that you can sing for the 2 PM Mass.

The dates are 5 June... 12 June... 19 June and 26 of June. Your assistance would be a great help to make this a very special day for all. Please call the parish office (9626 3326) if you can help us.)

### CRAFT GROUP GRANDPARENTS DAY RAFFEL

THE CRAFT GROUP HAVE COMPLETED A QUEEN SIZE HAND MADE QUILT TO BE RAFFELLED TO A LUCKY WINNER. IT WILL BE DISPLAYED AT DIFFERENT MASSES OVER THE COMING WEEKS. TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20. SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR A PHOTO OF THIS AWESOME QUILT.

## *We Remember In Our Prayers*

### Recent:

Maria Pito, Ruth Obligado, David Walsh.

### Anniversary

Francesca & Carlo Leuzzi, Bill Azzopardi, Nap Mendoza, Imelda Lim, Patricia De Guzman, Zaida Nassif, Margaret Cluff, Josephine & Gamri Said, Vicky & Joseph Quattromani, Donald & Betty Southgate, Mamerta San Buenaventura

### In Memoriam:

Narcisca & Florencio Obatay, Aaron D'Souza, Paul D'Rozario, Carmen Attard, Sergio Bompat, Mr & Mrs Harris, Mr & Mrs Fernandez, Mr & Mrs Robson, Geldine Green, Daisy, David, Josephine, Michael Fernandez, HRB Sharma, Antonia & Josephine Del Rosario, Antonio Franceschini, Elisabeth Rossi, Annmarie & Rosemarie Houghton, Maria Pito, Amador Caibman, Richeto Tura, Antonio Berlanga, John Shedad, Elizabeth Anand, Zander John, William Walker, Leslie D'Souza, Joseph Grech, Neria Villamarin, Divino & Paciencia Bantolo, Donato, Mario & Henry Sito, Nicolasa Capacio, Laura Perera, Catalino Estiaga, Anthony Morgan, Richarch Houghton, Maria D'Rozario, Anastia Gomes, Neria Villamarin, Julita Alfonso, Anthony Morgan, Vererio Gasatayo, Sr Evelyn Gastayo, Josephine Said, Eufrecina Matheson, Francisca Matheson, Milagros Manalastas, Honorato Angeles, Filemon Alivo, Maria Cecilia Avancena, Eugenio Romero, Eufrecina Mislang, Aurelia Tagudar, Mary Matilda Varunakulasingham, Joshua Varu, Rowena Teo, Myrna Gonzales Cruz, Rita Jacob, Engracio & Maxima Obatay, Aquilino Tabamo, Balasa Alivo, Rogelio Espina, Melly Stephenson, Harold Pereira, Anne & Dominic Pereis, Bruce Peters, Richard & Robbie Houghton, Luis Alivo, Goring Bacalso, Alicia Hernaez, Eny Avancena, Nieves De La Pena, Monchit Villegas, Ivan Quintos, Julio Rodriguez, Mary Lucille Serrano, Michael Gomes, Edelia Hamoy, Denham Jacob, Benjamin Rayner, Mary Keane, Aveen Rayner, Dale Keane, Roslyn & Joseph Corera, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Rita & Claude Joachim, Perpetua & Mariano Jr, Roberto & Arsenia Serrano, Pedro Arcelo, Yvonne Reymond, Francis Domingo Gorostiza, Julio De Mello, Catalino Estiago, Dan Pieris, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Dominador Snr, Efigenia Granado.

*May they Rest in Peace*

## Blessing of Relationships

On the 18th June 2022, Fr Oliver is performing a special blessing for those couples who have been together for more than 25 years. This will take place within the 7:30am mass. For those that are married and celebrating a significant mile stone like a jubilee, Fr Oliver will celebrate this blessing as a group on 26th June 2022 at the 10:30am mass. If you wish to participate in this blessing, please contact the office on 96263326 or email [parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au) to register.

## PARISH MARKET STALL DAY 29TH MAY 2022

The parish is having a Market Day to fundraise for the parish. We will have the Coffee Kart out with yummy cakes and slices to sell, hand made kids clothing and crafts, Nick Knacks, plants and some things delicious too! All the goods are made from our own parishioners hands. Invite your friends and family to come along to mass and maybe even buy something on the way home!

### 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](mailto:parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au)

Sacramental email:

[sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au](mailto: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

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday's 4pm to 5pm

### THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Preparation for sacrament during restrictions:

Baptisms on Saturdays at 9, 10, 11:00am & 12pm

Two children per Baptism ceremony on Saturday.

Parents must attend a preparation session prior to baptism.

Preparation session on the 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: Angela Hay

## MARY IMMACULATE NEW YOUTH GROUP INITIATIVE

Hello everyone, my name is Rommel del Valle and you may have seen me serve at the 10.30am Masses on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month. ... The Mary Immaculate Parish is inviting the young members (Year 4 - High School - University Age) and the young at heart to join in the re-launch of its youth group. The past couple of years has had it's challenges and it's now time to move forward. We're looking for enthusiastic participants and young leaders to help us grow this youth group. Please leave your name and number with Anthony Saliba, Mary Immaculate Parish Secretary and we will get back to you soon as possible.

Ph: 96263326 or email [anthony.saliba@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:anthony.saliba@maryimmac.org.au)

## 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.

## Liam & Paul's Choir

Are looking for a bass player to join their choir at 9am every 1st Sunday of the month. Please call 0412275029 for more information.

## MINISTRY MONTH IS HAPPENING DURING MAY

Ministry month is a time where we focus on all our ministries each week for 5 weeks. You can now pick up a brochure from the foyer. You can sign up through our website and all training will be provided through the parish and diocese. More information will be given about each ministry during Ministry Month. The topics for this weekend are ministries of the Altar.

## PIETY SHOP

The Piety Shop now has some new stock. Come and see! If there anything you would like that is not there, please let us know.

THERE ARE 2 PYXES NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PIETY SHOP FOR THOSE WHO NEED ONE TO GIVE COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOME BOUND. \$15ea

## SAVE THE DATE: PARISH DINNER DANCE 12TH NOVEMBER 2022 @ 6PM MORE INFORMATION TO COME

## Daily Mass readings for the week

**Monday 23rd May:** Acts 16:11-15 & Jn 15:26-16:4  
**Tuesday 24th May:** Gen 3:9-15, 20, Eph 3:14-19 & Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday 25th May:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 & Jn 16:12-15  
**Thursday 26th May:** Acts 18:1-8 & Jn 16:16-20  
**Friday 27th May:** Acts 18:9-18 & Jn 16:20-23  
**Saturday 28th May:** Acts 18:23-28 & Jn 16:23-28



## THE CRAFTY GUILDERS

Thank you to all those who came along to our open day. The group has decided to hold a day time slot only from 10am—1pm on Monday's and on a fortnightly basis. The next meeting is on the **30th May** in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to come (children included) and join and will be updating the parish of a regular basis on what is coming up.

**THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT MASS WITH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST WHEN FR OLIVER IS BACK FROM HOLIDAYS**

## Parramatta Diocesan News

### **Bishop Vincent Presents Sr Patricia Fox NDS**

Friday May 27, 7-9pm

Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown

Ministering to the poor and marginalised in the Philippines for close to 30 years, Sr Pat Fox was arrested at her convent in northeast Manila and accused by the Filipino president of taking part in illegal political activities and of speaking out against the government. Join us for her compelling presentation, a short response from Bishop Vincent Long, Q&A and light canapes and dinks. LIMITED SEATS - Bookings essential via email at [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### **Support Mass for You at Home**

Many people who are isolated, in prison, in hospital or don't have internet rely on Mass for You at Home. The Catholic Mass is broadcast free-to-air each Sunday morning on Channel 10 and WIN at 6am. Find out more at [www.massforyou.com.au](http://www.massforyou.com.au)

### **Workshop for Children's liturgy of the Word: 9 June**

The Office for Worship is conducting a workshop for parish teams who are running or are interested in running Children's Liturgy of the Word on 9 June 2022 at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre. This workshop will include planning and leading, a look at diocesan guidelines and practicing safe ministry. If you are interested, please contact (02) 8838 3456, or [anne.stanton@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org)

### **LIFTED Live featuring Gen Bryant**

Friday May 20, 7:30-10pm

WEST HQ, Rooty Hill

Youth, young adults and families are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta for a Holy Spirit inspired night of praise and worship

Register at <https://parracatholic.org/liftedlive/>

## Gospel Reflection

The gospel emphasises the link between love and obedience, and it speaks of the presence of God with the one who loves. It provides us with a partial view of the internal relationships within the Trinity. It also reports Jesus' farewell wish of peace. Self-sacrificing love is the fundamental message of Jesus. Those who love as Jesus did will in turn be loved by his Father. This passage provides us a glimpse of the intimacy between Jesus and his Father. Jesus was sent by his Father and it is to his Father that he will return. Jesus proclaims the word of his Father and his Father sends the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. Jesus' words end on a note of assurance. He bequeaths his peace. This is more than a wish, it is a blessing that includes all of the benefits of the resurrection.

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## LAUDATO SI WEEK 16-24TH MAY

*Laudato Si' Week* (16-24 May) is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. You can participate through prayer, action and reflection with the new resources for parishes, schools, organisations and individuals created by the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. Go to [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ YEAR C ~ 22ND MAY 2022

### First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

#### The word of the Lord.

(R.) THANKS BE TO GOD.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

### Second Reading Rv 21:10-14,22-23

#### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

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### Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him  
and make our home with him.  
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.  
And my word is not my own:  
it is the word of the one who sent me.  
I have said these things to you  
while still with you;  
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all I have said to you.  
Peace I bequeath to you,  
my own peace I give you,  
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.  
You heard me say:  
I am going away, and shall return.  
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am  
going to the Father,  
for the Father is greater than I.  
I have told you this now before it happens,  
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

(R.) Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Fusion 2021 Junior Choir

We are seeking some musicians to join our choir. They can be of any age and play any instrument (even a triangle)! Practice is every Friday from 5-6pm and we sing on the 1st & 4th of Sat. of the month. Call 96263326 for more info.

#### CONSECRATION OF MARRIAGES

Fr Oliver and Deacon Leon are inviting those who have been married outside of the church to have their marriage consecrated in the Church in June 2022 if canonically possible. Please contact Deacon Leon on [leon.decena@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:leon.decena@maryimmac.org.au) for more information and what paper work will need to be provided.

#### Mary Immaculate Parish Choir

We are seeking a pianist to join our choir. They can be of any age! Practice is on a Wednesday's from 6:30pm to 7pm and we sing on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:30pm. Call the office on 96263326 for more info.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 21st / 22nd May 2022						[4th Sunday of the Month]
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	N Varquez T Agius	A Cauchi	D Mojica	R Del Valle I Zambrano	A Rana	R Hutton
Junior Servers	J Varquez					P Marcial, A Dass, E D'Lima M Georgie
Readers	V Fernandez J Fernandez P Fernandes	M Engle P Bartolome	T Buttigieg S Dsouza (Comm) P Enosi	R Anthony T del Valle A or F Demagante	M Fernandez L Millare	A Togado E Abuel M Chacko
Special Eucharist Minister	P Fernandez J Agius	M Muscat B Morkel	J Fernando	E Oblepias	Needed	R Heredia
Greeters	J Attard P Fernandez	NEEDED	F & B Moa	A Joachim	I & J Aguilar	S Hutton
Music Ministry	Fusion 2021	Recorded music	Divine Hope Choir	C.F.C Choir (Tony)	Ray Pineda's group	S.C.M.I Choir
Powerpoint	J Pacheco	D Pereira	CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR
Piety Store	A Saliba	Helper needed	K Chan	J Agius	M Fernandes	Helper needed

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 28th / 29th May 2022						[5th Sunday of the Month]
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	T Agius D Nalletamby	A Cauchi	J Shedad D Mojica	R Dionisio L Zambrano	P Macaraeg	R Oblea
Junior Servers						P Marcial, E D'Lima M Georgie , A Dass
Readers	V Fernandez J Fernandez R Limson	M Stewart B Avila B Morkel	B Perera P Enosi M Chacko	A Zackria B Perera C Malong	D Macaraeg M Fernandes L Millare	E Aaron E Abuel B Rutledge
Special Eucharist Minister	R Heredia P Fernandez	M Muscat	R Fernando	E Dionisio	NEEDED	J Escueta
Greeters	J Attard P Fernandez	P Stewart	B & A Andrews	P Ong		S & R De Pedro
Music Ministry	C.F.C Family Ministry	Recorded music	Jude & Clarian	Living Water Chorale		5.S.M
Power Point	J Pacheco	D Pereira	F Moa	F Demagante	J Millare	B Rutledge
Piety Store	M Saliba	Helper needed	Helper needed	J Agius	M Fernandes	Helper needed

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- PRAYER
- HOLINESS
- GROW IN VIRTUE & KNOWLEDGE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

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SATURDAY @ 4PM

PARISH MEETING ROOM

WELCOME TO THE JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY