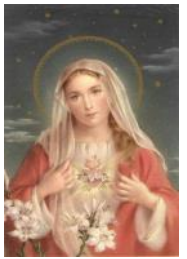




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21 JANUARY 2024

EXISTING ALTAR SERVERS

The parish office is now adding the parish Altar Servers to our Ministry Contact List. For those who have been serving prior to 2023, please ask your parents to email the parish office so that we have a current list.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LANKA

Calling all Sri Lankan Parishioners at Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill – Schofields, to please join in the celebrations on the feast of Our Lady of Lanka on Sunday the 4th of February 2024 at the 10.30 am Mass.

We request your contributions of Traditional Sri Lankan food, for fellowship with the whole community at Mary Immaculate. Let us all come together to celebrate as one Catholic Community to celebrate this wonderful feast.

Kindly contact Tania Peiris on 0405 820 073 or Mary Fernando on 0422 889 798 and place your name and contact details on the sign-up sheets in the Church foyer.

Thank you sincerely.

NO 6AM MASSES

6AM MASSES WILL RESUME ON THE 22ND OF JAN. 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Ash Wednesday Masses will take place at 6am, 9:15am and 7pm on the 14th of February. We are asking everyone to bring their blessed branches from last year to the church to become the ashes for this year. Please place them in the tub under the noticeboard that is clearly marked for burning



DAILY MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 22nd Jan: 2 Sam 5:1-7. 10 & Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday 23rd Jan: 2 Sam 6:12-15. 17-19 & Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday 24th Jan: Eph 3:8-12 & Jn 15:9-17
Thursday 25th Jan: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 & Mk 16:15-18
Friday 26th Jan: Is 32:15-18, & 1 Cor 12:4-11 or Rom 12:9-13 Mt 5:1-12 or Lk 12:22-32
Saturday 27th Jan: 2 Sam 12:1-7. 10-17 & Mk 4:35-41

PARISH VISION & MISSION 2023

Our new Vision Statement is:

To create a vibrant, loving Catholic community that inspires and empowers members to make a positive impact in our world.

Our new Mission Statement is:

To provide an inclusive, engaging environment for members to deepen their faith, use their talents to serve others, and make a positive impact in our world.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:

Joseph Buttigieg, Jackson & Anna Marie
Naidoo, Mary Vella, Joe Aquilina &
Faye Demagante.

Anniversary of Death:

Anthony Silva & Harry Castelino

Recently Deceased:

Joseph Aquilina, Marlene Allen, Probha Aldonkar,
Mildred D'Souza, Patricia Brick, Linda Sakasegawa,
Vince Constantino & Walter Castelino.

In Memoriam:

Julie Thivy, Frances & Joseph Muscat, Deogracias Mirasol, Don Gaculais, Ivan Quintos, Renato Fornolles, Lorna Hall, Martha Aquino, Narcisco Ignacio, Esperanza Repollo, Maria Hinugin, Ilar, Bibiana Marciano, Virgilio, Pat, Napette, Malaluan, Garry Gnatz, Carlos D'Souza, Codelia & Harold Perera, Vernon & Sherri Crusz, Hermie, Aida & Thirdie Roque, Vicky Perera, Fatima Lizi, Juan Adrales, Nap Mendonza, Concepcion Barrozo, Celestine, Judith Tinago & Tinago family members, Chimbamu family members, Josephine & Estery Sahomby, Etchiog Gisala, Theresa Amjadali, Alfred Luna, Colleen McCunnie, Chispina Paras, Ramon Villegas, Marites Mirasol, Teresita Racaza, Bibiana Malaluan, Regina Granado, Etchiog Gisala, Jacob Gonsalves, Theresa Amjadali, Melissa Randal, Pertpetua, Arsenia, Roberto & Marichar Serrano, Mary Lucille & Epifanio Serrano, Rafael & Benita Reyes, Calvin Wijewera, Anthony Mangion, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Claude & Rita Joachim, Regina—Benito Franado, Joseph Grech, Roberto—Maria Reyes, Antonio—Lucia Santos, Francis Domingo Gorostiza, Julio De Mello, Regina & Cristeta Grando, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Naty Mutuc, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granado, Dan Pieris, John Micallef, Sylvia Sapan, Elizabeth Anand, Joshua Anand, John Shedad, Manuel Solero, Freddie Gella, Stuart Richard, Bill Azzopardi, Tumarao- Santos Families & Tarranza-Hizon Families & all the souls in purgatory.

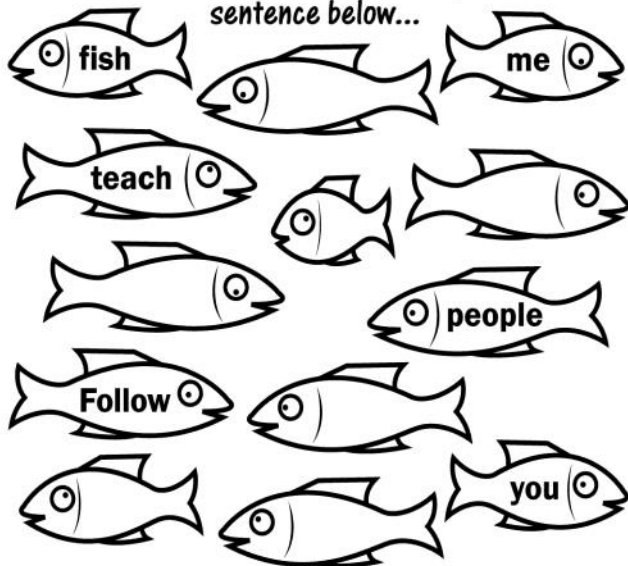
May they Rest in Peace

FAREWELL TO JOSEPH AQUILINA

Last Monday we heard of the passing from this life to the next of Joseph Aquilina. He was one of our treasured and beloved parishioners who frequented the Sunday Vigil Mass. His funeral took place on Friday here in the parish. Please keep his family in your prayers during this difficult time and may the soul of Joe rest in peace.

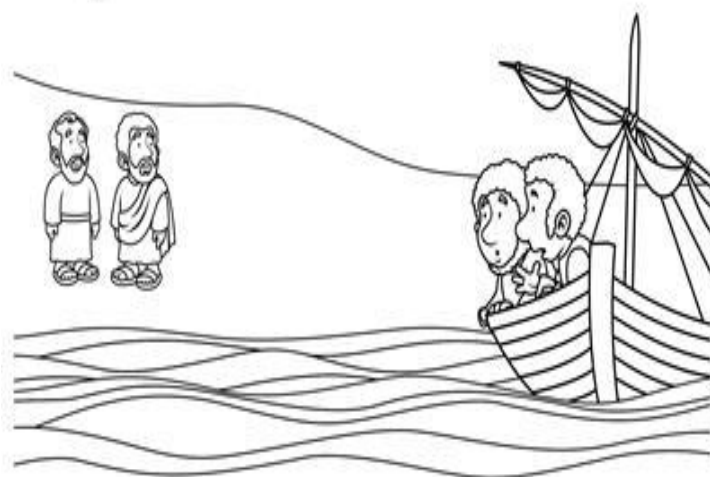


Use the words in the fish to complete the sentence below...



_____ and I will _____
_____ to _____ for _____.

Jesus called Peter and Andrew, and James and John to follow him. Draw Jesus standing on the beach calling out to James and John in their boat.



SANCTUARY UPGRADE UPDATE

Work has commenced on the current sanctuary last Tuesday. As you can see, much has been accomplished already and more is to come over the coming weeks. We are in need of a number of people to help with keeping the church clean as we are still using the church for Mass and Baptisms. If you are able to give of a few hours of your time help, it would make quick work of this project. We are also in need of some "younger" men to help with taking up some of the flooring in preparation for the new flooring to be installed. If you can help, please call the office or put your name down on the clipboard under the notice board. Please keep this project in your prayers.

SHROVE TUESDAY RITUAL

Our Shrove Tuesday 13th February 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.

MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a Memorial mass held here at Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill on Friday 9th February at 7pm for the souls of Sr Edith Angel RSM, Jim Eves & Fr. Ruben Elago. All are welcome to attend. There will be fellowship afterwards. We would appreciate it if you can bring a plate to share.

MINISTRY COURSES FOR 2024

If you would like to be part of our parishes ministry team, the Bede Heather Centre is starting their new training course for readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Senior Servers and Acolytes on the 20th Feb 2023. Please collect an enrolment form from the foyer and drop it back to us in the parish office for Fr Oliver to sign before sending.

**ANSWER
THE CALL
TO MISSION!**
Become an SRE Catechist

We will show you how to pray and explore the Good News about Jesus with Catholic Students as an SRE Educator.



Contact the Parish Office for more details

First Reading Jonah 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!
Alleluia!



Gospel Mark 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

PPC UPDATE

Welcome all to the first update for 2024.

This weekend you will all notice that the first phase of the Sanctuary upgrade project has commenced. During the week a handful of dedicated volunteers responded to the call and came together to dismantle the sanctuary platform that had served well for three decades and to make way for the new expanded sanctuary which will be at a higher elevation. This modification helps reclaim additional floor space for more pews at the front to accommodate our growing attendances at services. You will also notice that the main crucifix has been repositioned and now looks down from the stained window and will be just above the new tabernacle position. The construction will progress over the next several weeks and the Parish Leadership team apologizes for any inconvenience caused. No liturgical services have been disrupted nor will they be until the entire new sanctuary has been completed. The completed sanctuary promises to enhance the spiritual experience of our community.

Some years ago Mary Immaculate Parish commenced recognizing the rich ethnic and cultural diversity of our Parish community with the celebration of festive events relating to the various major ethnic community groups. The first such event for the year will be the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Lanka, the patron Saint of Sri Lanka. The 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday February 4th will be celebrated in honour of Our Lady of Lanka – which also coincides with the 76th anniversary of the country's independence. A fellowship put on by our Sri Lanka brothers and sisters will follow after the Mass where Sri Lankan delicacies will be served. All are welcomed to come along.

The PPC promises to continue with the positive changes started in the last year and your continued support is solicited.

Aubrey Joachim

Chairman PPC.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 20th / 21st January 2024					[3rd Sunday of the Month]	
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A John B	Angelo C	Bobby L	Isaac Z Lina Z	Paul M Louis E	Arnel R Conrad F Lawrence F
Junior Servers			Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F	Katrina C	D & D De Leon Heleni M Johan M	P Marcial M Georgie A Dass
Readers	Belen B Edward S	Mere S Laurinda A Nikita D	Amila F Mary F Rose B	Eleanor O Cora M Pat O	Divine M Bruce M Fasa M	Gary C Paea T
Special Eucharist Minister	Ralph H Jane A	Mercy E Mary M	Aida L Katherine C	Lucy V Patricia Z	Rudy H or Jonathan H	Juvy E
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Peter S	Brad & Angela A		A Aquini	
Music Ministry	C.F.C Family Ministry	Recorded music	Blacktown Filipino Choir	St Pedro Calungsod Devotees	Recorded music	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir
Power point	Jess P	Therese M	Tanishq A	Mercee M		Charmaine D
Piety Store	Merlyn F	Sherry	Therese B	Joe A		

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 27th / 28th January 2024					[4th Sunday of the Month]	
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A	Angelo C	Conrad F Ding M	Rommel D Isaac Z	Arnel R Louis E	Ryan H Arthur W
Junior Servers			Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F	Katrina C Heleni M Johan M		P Marcial A Dass M Georgie R Phimson
Readers	Virginia F John F Perpetual F	Mercy E Pen B Mere S	Therese B Paea T Fe H	Rukshan A Therese D Ariel or Faye D	Loli M	Cheryl Z Bernadette W Patricia H
Special Eucharist Minister	Pompey F	Maria M Anna Z	Sumana P	Ariel D		Ralph H Lita W
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F			Aubrey J	Ines A	
Music Ministry	Fishes of Men		Divine Hope Choir	C.F.C Choir	Ray Pineda's group	S.C.M.I Choir
Power Point	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir	Choir	Choir	Choir
Piety Store		Sherry	Merlyn F	Joe A		Patricia D

PARISH TEAM

Priest of the Parish: Rev Fr. Oliver Aro MSP

Deacon: Rev. Leon Decena OFS

Parish Secretary & Accounts: Anthony Saliba OFS

Administrative Assistant: Marthese Sultana

Sacramental Coordinator: Sr Valerie (0414638884)

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 Wed-Fri 9.00am-4.00pm

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation:

Please contact sacramental coordinator for details.

Weddings: By Appointment.

THE YOUTH GROUPS

Email: youthgroups@maryimmac.org.au

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: Angela Hay.