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BULLETIN

22 MARCH 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR ~ YEAR A



Fifth Sunday of Lent 21–22 March 2026

Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

NEW DIOCESAN APPEAL STRUCTURE

THERE WILL BE NO GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL THIS MARCH

In 2026, there will be fewer parish appeals, allowing greater focus on key initiatives. The Lenten Appeal has been cancelled to give clear space for Project Compassion. Three major appeals will take place, each running for six weeks.

- The Bishop’s Good Works Appeal (Parramatta Catholic Foundation) will be held from **9–10 May to 13–14 June**.
- The Bishop’s Father’s Day Appeal (Clergy Support Foundation) will run from **29–30 August to 19–20 September**.
- The Bishop’s Good Works Christmas Appeal will take place from **7–8 November to 12–13 December**.

A single envelope will be used for both Good Works Appeals, so parishioners are encouraged to keep unused envelopes for reuse later in the year. This approach helps reduce waste while supporting the vital work of the Church and its ministries. Thank you for your continued support.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER

Sick:

Rosita Ludowyke, Precious Guerrero Tamayo, Caroline Dias, Clarina Emanuel, 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.

Recently Deceased:

Mark Passe-de Sliva, Karmnu Muscat, Hansal Ronald D’Souza, Robert de Silva, Mario Figueroa, Norma Villamarin, Rosita Ludowyke, Angela Muscat, Geraldine Adkins

Anniversaries:

Walter Valenton, Stella Perera, Francis K.P, Delia Furd, Willy Labagnoy, John Saliba, Joseph Desa, Loretta Desa, Ellen Hayes, Alfredo Tabtab, Margaret Cooper,

In Memoriam:

Juanito Oblepias, Sophie & Herbert Peacock, Fran Powell, Eustaqion & Caitano, Rhodel Park, June Williams, Amalia Timfiman, Albert Jermy D’Souza, V.V.K. Das, Tennyson Fernando, Hyacinth, Harendra & Sandreen Das, Eneliko Williams, Flower Clement, K.J. John, Raji John, Paz Offemaria, Palma Erclarlan, Aaron dela Cruz, Georgina Mercieca, Marie Louise Gatt, Anthony Farrugia and departed family members, Vanita Peter, Abraham Macaraeg, Arlene Rosagaran, Elizabeth Aaan & Baby Joshua, Julio Alivo, Arsenia Avancena, Edilberto Racaza Jr., Gerard Gador, Arlene Rosagaran, Joselito Serrano, Roberto Serrano Jr., Steve Daag, Anthony Uy, Reggie Dalgado, Therese Alice Fernandez, Felix, Elvina, Reggie & Rudy Heredia, Paloma Escarlan, Alphonso & Mary Roche, Wenceslao Manalo, Wilfredo Mangabat, Richeto Tura, Mila Punzalan, Bibiana & Marciano Malaluan, Josephine De Rosario, H.R.B Sharma, John Quattromani, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Mary Lucille Serrano, Roberto Serrano, Bill 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 who died in war, & all the souls in purgatory.

May they Rest in Peace

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

To apply go to the Parish website
www.maryimmac.org.au
Click on sacraments on top of the page.

**Applications are now open online and
will close 12 April.**

We cannot accept late applications.

**PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION PROVIDED
BEFORE CLICKING APPLY.**

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 28th April.

DAILY MASS READINGS: 23-28 March

Mon 23 March: Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or

Dan 13:41-62 & Jn 8:1-11 or Jn 8:12-20

Tues 24 March: Num 21:4-9 & Jn 8:21-30

Wed 25 March: Is 7:10-14, 8:10, Heb 10:4-10 &

Lk 1:26-38

Thurs 26 March: Gen 17:3-9 & Jn 8:51-59

Fri 27 March: Jer 20:10-13 & Jn 10:31-42

Sat 28 March: Ez 37:21-28 & Jn 11:45-56

WORKING BEE

28TH MARCH FROM 11AM—1PM

In preparation for the Easter Triduum, we are excited to announce that we are organizing a Working Bee - a cleaning day for our church, and we are in need of volunteers to help us make our space clean and welcoming for everyone. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. **PLEASE BYO Buckets and Brooms**

SECOND RITE RECONCILIATION 26TH MARCH 6:30PM

For those who would like to receive reconciliation before Holy Week, please come along. There may not be enough time for you prior to Easter. There will be a small window on Good Friday but it could be very busy.

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Ministry is seeking passionate and caring volunteers to help nurture the faith and spiritual growth of our youngest members. By joining our team, you'll have the rewarding opportunity to lead engaging, age-appropriate reflections and activities during Mass, creating a warm and welcoming environment for children to learn and connect with their faith. No prior experience is necessary—just a heart for service and a desire to make a positive difference in the lives of our children. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office. Join us in inspiring the next generation to grow in faith and joy!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RCIA
CANDIDATES AS THEY PREPARE
FOR THEIR RECEPTION INTO THE
CHURCH THIS EASTER SATURDAY**

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Last Supper: 7:30pm.

Altar of Repose: Following Mass to 12am.

Good Friday:

Morning Prayer: 8:00am.

Way of the Cross: 9.30am

Confession: 11:00am—1:00pm.

Veneration of the Cross: 3pm.

Holy Saturday: Liturgy of Light 7:00pm.

Easter Sunday: Usual weekend Mass times.

HEALTHCARE FORMATION MASS

There will be a Healthcare Formation and Support Masses at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill on Sunday 22nd March, commencing 5:30 p.m. There will also be an afternoon tea from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. before the Mass starts for those who wish to attend for networking and support purposes.

Please see <https://catholicoutlook.org/healthcare-ministries-formation-and-support-masses-to-be-held-in-2026/> for more details.

Enquiries Michael.tan@parracatholic.org

Emmaus Encounters - Intergenerational Gathering— Share Wisdom, Build Connections

Our parish is inviting older parishioners to take part in a special opportunity to meet with students for a relaxed and meaningful conversation across generations.

This is a chance to share life experiences, stories, and faith, while also listening and learning from the perspectives of younger people. These gatherings are enriching for both generations—offering wisdom, encouragement, fresh insight, and genuine connection.

If you would like to be part of this rewarding experience, we warmly encourage you to join. **Please contact the parish office (parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au OR 9626 3326) to express your interest.**

This project, initiated by Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese, shares the values of the Gospel to help students grow in faith and learning, and values the contribution of older parishioners to the next generation of Church.

Happy Anniversary
Teri & Vojko Trebar 40th



HOLY ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO

**We Invite all Families to
World Peace -Holy Rosary
25th March 2026 @ 2.30pm
Front of MIP Grotto.**



First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)



Second Reading Romans 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation See John 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45 (shorter form)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,

and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

There will be **NO evening Novena Mass** as all priests will be going to the cathedral to renew their priestly vows and to receive the new Chrism oils.

MEETING WITH ACOLYTES & SENIOR SERVERS 24th MARCH 7pm

MEETING this Tuesday 24th March 7.00PM in the church to discuss serving during Holy Week other Acolytes and Seniors Servers are welcome to join.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 21st / 22nd March				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 Romany D	Romany D
Junior Servers	Kiana F Ezekiel D Samisoni W		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	Katrina C Susan C Jeremy A Johan A		Allenth E
Readers	Virginia F Perpetual F Bernadette W	Pen B Mere S Neetha L	Therese B Paea T Fe H	Rukshan A Therese D Ariel or Faye D	Loli M Nerissa T Andrew H	Cheryl Z Jeana B Raymond T
Special Eucharist Minister	Pompey F	Anna Z Belen B	Eva C Charmaine A	Juvy E Eleanor O	Angela D	Edgie A
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Peter S	Brad & Angela A	Aubrey J	Ines A	
Music Ministry	Trebles	Recorded music	Divine Hope Choir	Recorded music	Recorded music	S.C.M.I Choir
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir			Choir
Piety Store		Sherry	Merlyn F	Joe A		Patricia D

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 28th / 29th March				5th 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	Lina Z Lawrence F	Paul M	Rommel D Patricia H
Junior Servers	Kiana F Senadi F Christine S		Rachael P Aviel, Yavniel & Hadriel F Gabriel E	Katrina C Susan C		P Marcial, M Georgie A Dass
Readers	Virginia F Mariquita P Nikita D	Mere S Belen B Pen B	Bernie P Paea T Mary C	Anna Z Cora M Pat O	Divine M Merlyn F Alice Ho	Cheri-Anne F Raymond T Tressy T
Special Eucharist Minister	Jane A Maria M	Maria M John B	Juvy E Neetha L	Esperanza D Fe H Patricia Z		Ralph H
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Peter S	Brad & Angela A	Pat O		
Music Ministry	C.F.C Family Ministry	Recorded music	MI Septet Choir	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir	Recorded music	5.S.M Choir
PowerPoint	Jess P	Juvy A	Choir	Choir	Jelynn M	Choir
Piety Store				Joe A	Merlyn F	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 Barrier Drive, Quakers Hill
Ph: 9626-3999. Principal: Sharon Mizzi.

St. Joseph's Primary School

78 Alex Avenue, Schofields
Ph: 9626-1328. Principal: Cathy Hey.

Saint John Paul II Catholic College

85 Hambledon Road Schofields
Ph: 9208-7200. Principal: Robert Muscat.