



Mary Immaculate Parish

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BULLETIN

9th March 2025

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



First Sunday of Lent 8th and 9th of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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: 10-15 MARCH

Mon 10th March: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18 & Matt 25:31-46
Tues 11th March: Is 55:10-11 & Matt 6:7-15
Wed 12th March: Jon 3:1-10 & Lk 11:29-32
Thurs 13th March: Es 14:1, 3-5, 12-14 & Matt 7:7-12
Fri 14th March: Ezek 18:21-28 & Matt 5:20-26
Sat 15th March: Is 58:9-14 & Luke 5:27-32

SANCTUARY STATUE UPDATE

We have an update on the statues. They are all in the process of moulding now and will hopefully be cast in the coming weeks. The parish is still welcoming donation for the statues. The cost for each statue will be capped at \$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.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:

Julie Collins, 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.

Anniversary of Death:

Teresita Maralit, Alphonse V. Kuttikkattu, William Almonte, Michael Agius

Recently Deceased:

Ryan John Gatuz, Leila Iligan, Rosario Goyala, Hyacinth Dass

In Memoriam:

Reggie Dalgado, Alberto & Edelberta Tura, Charles Briffa, Leonor Noblejas, Lourdes Ruiz, John Ranbhise, Elizabeth, Joshua Anand, Grace Aslan, Peter Iskander, Gois & Gonsalves deceased family members, 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, Anthony Farrugia & Haber & Farrugia family members, Bill Azzopardi, Calvin & Alberto Wijewera, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Claude & Rita 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.

May they Rest in Peace

PARISH REFLECTION DAY

Monsignor Cezar will be presenting a Lenten reflection on Saturday 22 March from 11am-2.00pm. There is a sign up sheet on table under the Noticeboard. BYO lunch. All welcome! The topic of the reflection is to be announced shortly.

WEEKLY LENTEN REFLECTION

The weekly Lenten Reflection Program has begun but there is room for more. It is a great way to break open the following Sunday's Gospel passage and share our own reflection of the passage. It is also a wonderful way to share our faith with others and build community. It is open to all ages. It begins at 10am sharp and goes to 11am every Wednesday till Holy Week. You will be in for a treat!

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

HEALING MASS

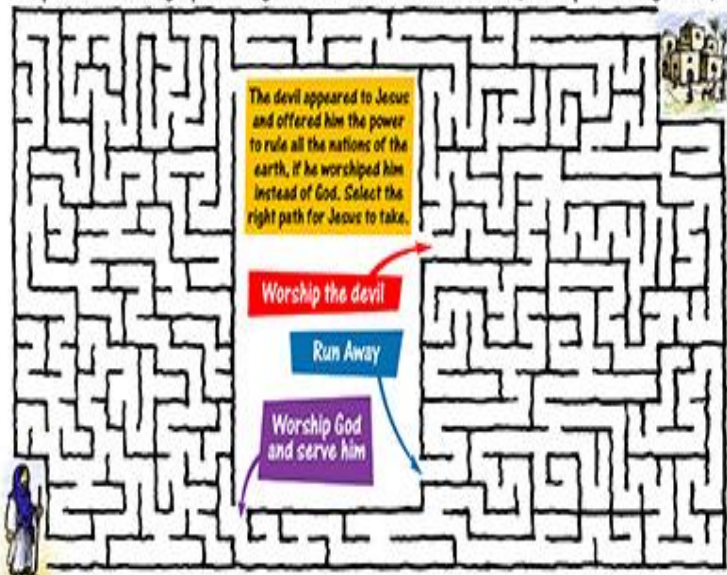
On the 4th Saturday of every month there will be a healing mass taking place in our parish at the 7:30am mass. The next Mass is on Saturday 22nd March.



After Jesus was baptized the Holy Spirit sent him into the desert. He stayed there for forty days and was tempted by Satan. Draw Jesus in the desert.



Help Jesus find the right path through the desert and into Galilee. Be wary of temptation along the way!



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

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.



THANK YOU FROM S.V.D.P

Thank you to everyone who sent in glasses for Sri Lanka. It is humbling so see such generosity from a our parish community.

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

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



First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
 Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory.

Second Reading Romans 10:8-13

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

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved.

When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
 No one lives on bread alone,
 but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
 Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'
 Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,
 and again:
 They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'
 But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'
 Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

CYMI YOUTH NEWS

This is just a friendly reminder that the next CYMI gathering will take place on the 14th of March at 7PM and, it is opened to all high school students in years 7 to 12 and if you've got any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the CYMI Leadership team at miyouthgroups@maryimmac.org.au

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 Philippino Choir	Hosanna Eukaristi	5.S.M	Duly Noted
Power point	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir	Choir	Jelynn M	Choir
Piety Store		Alice D	Katherine C	Joe A	Sherry	Patricia D

NEXT WEEKS Roster: 15th / 16th March						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 Romany D	Michael C Conrad F Marvin Co	Isaac Z Lina Z	Paul M Ding M	Arnel R Ralph H
Junior Servers	Kiana F		Aviel, Yavniel, Hadriel, Gabriel E, Lucia C, Olivia C	Katrina C Jeremy A Johan A	D & D De Leon Heleni M Johan M	P Marcial M Georgie A Dass
Readers	Belen B Edward S Nikita D	Mere S Laurinda A Rachelle L	Amila F Mary F Rose B	Eleanor O Cora M Pat O	Divine M Bruce M Fasa M	Gary C Paea T Perpetual F
Special Eucharist Minister	Ralph H Jane A	Mary Mathew	Katherine C	Lucy V Patricia Z	Rudy Hartanto Tasnia H	Juvy E Edgie A
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Peter S	Brad & Angela A		A Aquini	
Music Ministry	C.F.C Family Ministry	Recorded music	Blacktown Philippino Choir	St Pedro Calungsod Devotees	Recorded music	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir
Power point	Jess P	Delyse P	Tanishq A	Mercee M		Choir
Piety Store	Merlyn F	Sherry	Therese B	Joe A		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 Barrier 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