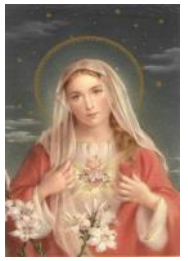




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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

29 December 2024

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from midday Christmas Eve to the 6th of January 2025. The office staff will resume work on the 7th of January from 9am. Fr Oliver will still be onsite occasionally during this time. In cases of emergencies, you will need to contact Fr Oliver on **0491895087** Please email the Parish Office for all other issues or information.

The first Baptism Preparation for 2025 will take place on the 4th of February at 7pm.

For those reading and needing Power Point presentations for weekend liturgies, please go to our website for a copy of the weekend liturgies. Simply click and download.

PARISH COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

Our Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families, carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the center of all of our thinking and action. This approach is to follow Jesus' command in Matthew 18:1-3. Enquiries or concerns please contact Fr. Oliver Aro MSP orapacifico@gmail.com or Anthony Saliba at anthony.saliba@maryimmac.org.au or call 9626 3326, Paul Macareag paulmaca@tpg.com.au or Deacon Leon Decena leondecena@hotmail.com

DAILY MASS READINGS: 30 Dec —4 Jan

Mon 30th Dec: 1 Jn 2:12-17 , Lk 2:36-40
Tues 31st Dec: 1 Jn 2:18-21 & Jn 1:1-18
Wed 1st Jan: Num 6:22-27 & Gal 4:4-7 & Lk 2:16-21
Thurs 2nd Jan: 1 Jn 2:22-28 & Jn 1:19-28
Fri 3rd Jan: 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6 & Jn 1:29-34
Sat 4th Jan: 1 Jn 3:7-10 & Jn 1:35-42

MOTHER MARY PILGRIM STATUE

The Legion of Mary (LOM) has resumed visitation to homes with Mother Mary statue and Rosary prayers. If you would like to be visited and pray the Rosary, the visitation can be arranged by the LOM at agreed times. Please write down your details in the book on the table at the foyer. You will be contacted to arrange the visit.

PARISH VISION & MISSION 2023

Our Vision Statement is:

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

Our 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.

GODS WORD 2025

God's word 2025 is available to purchase from the piety store for \$20 each.

Sick:

Lennox Mastrosa (10 months old) , Margaret Cooper, Nina Chavez, Ray Johnston, Precious Tamayo, Sophia Pal, Dominic Fernandez, Liberty Ventura, Harrison Whelan, Joseph Buttigieg, Jackson Naidoo & Faye Demagante Chadia Kaminski

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Anniversary of Death:

Guadalupe Allarey, Fausta Marinas, Joseph Newton, Len Cluff, Clara Zurbano

Recently Deceased:

Hyacinth Das, Ambrosio Francisco, Lorence Zammit, Sr Gloria Ando, Solera Jumao-as

In Memoriam:

Nap Mendoza, Charles Briffa, Tony Muscat, Flower Clement, Teresita Jumao-as, Angeline Yu, Steven Houghton, John D'Souza, Jacob Gonsalves, Theresa Amjadali, Fatima Lizi, Aquileo Nacua, Jasmin Fernando, Anthony Silva, Denham Jacob, Denis Jacob, Walter & Felda Jacob, Douglas Denzil, Doreen Leivero, Daphne Bastian, Belram & Blanche Naronha, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Edward & Teresita Ombina, Mamerta San Buenaventura, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Albert Gomez, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Julie Thivy, Bibiana Malaluan, Mary Lucille Serrano, Marilou, Mariano Jr., Perpetua, Arsenia, Roberto & Marichar Serrano, Joselito & Bobet Serrano, Epifanio Serrano, Lois & Bede Hill, Marie Mackenzie, Ben McShane Hill, Albert & Michael Agius, Ruben Elago, Anthony Farrugia and 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

Joseph listened to the angel's warning because he trusted in God. Write down some of the names of those who you trust.

DECODE THE PROPHECY

Use the code below to decipher the prophet's message

A		G		L		Q		V	
B		H		M		R		W	
C		I		N		S		X	
D		J		O		T		Y	
E		K		P		U		Z	
F									

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 Coordinator: Sr Valerie (0414638884)

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday—Friday 9am to 4pm

Office Email:

parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

Accounts Email:

accounts@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 - 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.

THE YOUTH GROUPS

Email: parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

R.C.I.A: Patrick D. 0435038281 or 96263326

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: Acting.

First Reading 1 Sm 1:20-22. 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10. R. v.5

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. (R.)
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. (R.)
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
gave ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,

by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed,
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!



Gospel Lk 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 28th/ 29th December 2024
(5th Sunday of the Month)

Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A	Angelo C	Ding M Conrad F	Lina Z Lawrence F	Paul M	Rommel D Patricia H
Junior Servers	Kiana F		Rachael P Aviel, Yavniel & Hadriel F Gabriel E	Katrina C	Heleni M Johan M	P Marcial, M Georgie A Dass
Readers	Virginia F John F Nikita D	Mere S Belen B Pen B	Bernie P Paea T Mary C	Anna Z Cora M Pat O	Divine M Merlyn F Lourdes M	Gary C Cheri-Anne L Anne T
Special Eucharist Minister	Ralph H	Maria M John B	Bessie M Eva C	Esperanza D Fe H Patricia Z		Juvy E
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Peter S	Brad & Angela A	Pat O		
Music Ministry	C.F.C Family Ministry	Recorded music	Recorded music	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir	Recorded music	Recorded music
Power point	Jess P	Juvy A		MIP Choir	Jelynn M	
Piety Store		Sherry	Merlyn F	Joe A		Patricia D

ROSTER: 31st Dec / 1st January 2025
NEW YEARS EVE/ DAY

Ministries	8.30pm New Years Eve	8.00am New Year Day	10.00am	5.30pm
Senior Server	Conrad F	John B Belen B	Ding M Paul M	Lina Z Isaac Z
Junior Servers			Stephanie S	
Readers	Anthony S Maria S	Rose B Nerissa T Rachelle L	Divine M Jeana B Mercee M	Mere S Rose B Nerissa T
Special Eucharist Minister	Maria M		Bess M Maria M	Patricia H Ralph H
Music Ministry	Recorded music	Recorded music	Recorded Music	Recorded music
Powerpoint				

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER: 4th / 5th January 2025
(1st 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 Romany D	Joseph S Ding M	Lina Z Isaac Z	Ralph H Patricia H	Arnel R John B
Junior Servers	Katrina C Kiana F Ezekiel D		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	Heleni M Johan M	Stephanie S	Paolo M M Georgie Annika D
Readers	Edward S Anthony S Jeana B	Therese M Anna Z Edgie A	Rose B Jeanne C Perpetual F	Mercee M Divine M Fasa M	Merlyn F Anne T	Paea T Belen B
Special Eucharist Minister	Jane A Edith M Pompey F	Mercy E	Eva C Bessie M	Pat O Esperanza D Zeny B Obet D	Aida L Tasia H	Mary Mathew
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F		Ray & Sandra G		Alfredo P	
Music Ministry	Fusion 2021	Recorded music				
Power point	Jess P	Marcus M				Juvy A
Piety Store						