



# Mary Immaculate Parish

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## BULLETIN

**8 MARCH 2026**

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR ~ YEAR A

Dear brothers and sisters in Mary Immaculate Parish, in these past days, my heart has been heavy. Our world is shaken again by the darkness of war, and our brothers and sisters in the Middle East are suffering deeply. The growing tension involving Iran, United States and Israel has brought fear, loss of life, and painful disruption of peace. When one part of the human family hurts, we all feel wounded.

But as Christians, we never stay in fear we respond with faith. And prayer is our greatest strength. Every evening at 6:00 Pm, many of us turn on the news. Unfortunately, what we hear often fuels anxiety, anger, sadness and helplessness. Instead of allowing this darkness to overwhelm our spirits, I invite you to transform that moment into a moment of grace.

I humbly ask each of you to join me every day at 6:00 Pm to step outside your home, light a small candle of peace, and pray one Our Father, One Hail Mary and One Glory Be.

Let that tiny flame be our parish's united cry for peace, a gentle but powerful knock on the heart of God, asking Him to touch the world leaders with wisdom, courage, and the desire to choose dialogue over destruction. And if you can, gather your family and pray the Holy Rosary. Let us entrust the world to Mary, our mother, the Queen of Peace. She always brings our prayers to her Son.

Let us begin this beautiful mission together on the third Sunday of Lent, at exactly 6:00 Pm, 08 of March 2026.

Imagine, an entire parish, united in one prayer, one intention, one hope. Our single voice, lifted together, will not go unheard. Thank you for answering this call for peace. May God bless our parish and bless our world.

Sincerely with Prayer,  
Fr Oliver Aro, MSP  
Parish Priest

### 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:

Denis Nalletamby, Jose Aban Sr., Felina Parcon, George Moorehead,  
Gloria Dyogi, Erlinda Santos, Nithsha Rebello

#### Anniversaries:

Maria Dalgado, Ricardo Reyes Lao, Michael Agius, Rogelio Mangabat, Peter Rodrigo,  
Generosa Suarez, Arthur de lo Santos, James Rodriguez, Clemente Soriano, Marcellene Perera,  
Ephram, Anthony Farrugia and souls of family members,

#### In Memoriam:

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, Pedro Maano, Jess Zabala, Julie Nunez, Eric Rotik, Fred Homedia, Gualbert Fantonial, Roy Dias, Annie & Dominic Pireo, Maria Attard, Maria Saliba, Fred Homedia, Alejandro & Arnel Mojica, Nigel Barrett, Rudolph Caesar, Jen Sitlani, Shilpa Karthik, Mary Jones, Dominic Thann Nguyen, Maria Thann Vu, Aquilino & Isabel Amistoso, Roy Dias, Francisco Briones, Mariano Gella, Eli Manus, Horacio Serrano, Eduardo Tanedo, Jess Zabala, Adeline Yparraguirre, Angela Gambin, Onesimo Sr, Francis Villarino, Paul Radomski, Linda Cinco, Michelin Lim, Gilbert Ornopia, Blasa Alivo, Jose Alivo, 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 Granada, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granada, 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*



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

### Third Sunday of Lent 7-8 March 2026

**Monoranjon** lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

To apply go to the Parish website  
[www.maryimmac.org.au](http://www.maryimmac.org.au)

Click on sacraments on top of the page.

**Applications are now open online.**  
We cannot accept late applications.

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

### FIRST AID REGISTER

Another new addition to the parish is the First Aid Register. This register will contain the names of our first aiders and which Mass they usually attend on the weekends. It will also not if there are any doctors or nurses that may be present onsite too in cases of an emergency. If you wish to be added to the list, please record you name and indicate you level of aid assistance. We would also like to include a photo to help easily identify you. Please also email the parish office to include your phone number and email if we need to contact you after an incident.



**FIRST AID**

### DAILY MASS READINGS: 9-14 March

Mon 9 March: 2 Kgs 5:1-15 & Lk 4:24-30  
Tues 10 March: Dan 3:25. 34-43 & Matt 18:21-35  
Wed 11 March: Deut 4:1. 5-9 & Matt 5:17-19  
Thurs 12 March: Jer 7:23-28 & Lk 11:14-23  
Fri 13 March: Hosea 14:2-10 & Mark 12:28-34  
Sat 14 March: Hosea 5:15 - 6:6 & Lk 18:9-14

### HOLY ROSARY AT THE GROTTA

We Invite all Families to  
World Peace -Holy Rosary  
17th March 2026 @ 6.30pm  
Front of MIP Grotto.



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

### 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!



### THE FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

## FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

Saturday, 14 March 2026

St Patrick's Church

Mary Queen of the Family Parish  
51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown 2148

Solemn High Mass @ 10:30 am  
Followed by Lunch & Entertainment

Theme:

**"St Joseph: Guardian of the Holy  
Family, United in the Mission of  
Christ"**



**NOVENA MASSES**

**KARAOKE FUNDRAISER COMING SOON!  
PLEASE SEE THE SIGNS AT THE  
ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH**

## Become a Special Religious Educational Teacher

Inspire faith and growth - Apply today!

### PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- BARNIER PUBLIC SCHOOL
- GALUNGARA PUBLIC SCHOOL
- HAMBLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL
- QUAKERS HILL EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
- RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL
- SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

### THE ROLE

- Teaching Catholicism in Public Schools (30 minutes during school hours).
- Lesson preparation using provided resources.

- Training provided.
- A Deepening of Scripture, the Church, and Catholic education.



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**First Reading Exodus 17:3-7**

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8**

**(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

**Second Reading Romans 5:1-2. 5-8**

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

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

**Gospel Acclamation See John 4:42. 15**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel: John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42 (shorter form)**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering  
and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,  
you would have been the one to ask,  
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water  
will get thirsty again:  
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give  
will never be thirsty again:  
the water that I shall give  
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to  
eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming  
when you will worship the Father  
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.  
You worship what you do not know;  
we worship what we do know;  
for salvation comes from the Jews.  
But the hour will come - in fact it is here already -  
when true worshippers will worship the Father in  
spirit and truth:  
that is the kind of worshipper  
the Father wants.  
God is spirit,  
and those who worship  
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 7th / 8th March					2nd Sunday of the Month	
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Arthur W	Angelo C Michael C	Joseph S Joseph A	Conrad F Romany	Isaac & Lina Z	Anthony S
Junior Servers	Kiana F Lucia C Olivia C Samisoni W		Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E John S	Rachael P Katrina C Susan C	D & D De Leon	J Machaya
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	Therese Del V Bindu M Loli M	Cheri-Anne F Nikita D Neetha L
Special Eucharist Minister	Maria M Jai A	Therese M Maria M	Katherine C	Anna Z Esperanza D Juvy E	Angela D	
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Therese M Marcus M		Aubrey J		
Music Ministry	Fisher of Men	Recorded music	Blacktown Philipino Choir	Hosanna Eukaristi	5.S.M	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir	Choir	Jelynn M	Juvy A
Piety Store		Alice D	Katherine C	Joe A	Sherry	Patricia D

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 14th / 15th March					3rd Sunday of the Month	
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Lina Z	Angelo C	Michael C Conrad F	Isaac Z Lina Z	Romany D Marvin Co	Arnel R Romany D
Junior Servers	Kiana F Senadi F Christine S		Gabriel E	Katrina C Susan C Jeremy A Johan A	D & D De Leon Heleni M Johan M	P Marcial M Georgie A Dass
Readers	Nikita D Jai A	Mere S Laurinda A Rachelle L	Rose B Jeana B Alin D	Cora M Pat O Alice H	Divine M Bruce M Fasa M	Gary C Paea T Perpetual F
Special Eucharist Minister	Jane A Ralph H Patricia H	Maria M Mary Mathew	Aida L Katherine C Mariquita P	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 Philipino Choir	St Pedro Calungsod Devotees	Voices of Zion	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Tanishq A	Choir		Choir
Piety Store		Alice D	Katherine C	Joe A	Sherry	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.