



# Mary Immaculate Parish

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## BULLETIN

6TH APRIL 2025

### 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



#### Fifth Sunday of Lent 5th and 6th of April 2025

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### CYMI YOUTH NEWS

This is just a friendly reminder that the next CYMI gathering will take place on the 11th of April 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](mailto:miyouthgroups@maryimmac.org.au)

### DAILY MASS READINGS: 7 April- 12 APRIL

Mon 7th April: Dan 13:1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 & or Dan 13:41-62, Jn 8:1-11 or Jn 8:21-30

Tues 8th April: Num 21:4-9 & Jn 5:1-3. 5-16

Wed 9th April: Dan 3:14-20. 24-25. 28 Jn 8:31-42

Thurs 10th April: Gen 17:3-9 & Jn 8:51-59

Fri 11th April: Jer 20:10-13 & Jn 10:31-42

Sat 12th April: Ezek 37:21-28 & Jn 11:45-56

### MEETING WITH ACOLYTES & SENIOR SERVERS

**MEETING this Tuesday 8th April 6.30PM in the church to discuss serving during Holy Week and any issues that need discussion.**

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

#### Sick:

Diani, Margaret Deshe, Lorraine Sultana, 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, Chadia Kaminski.

#### Anniversary of Death:

Gerald Cato, Anna Fernando, Maria Vaz, Soledad Liceralde, Joe Farrugia, Leona Martinez Canlas, Louisa Angela Desa, Bingbing Quijano, Eddie Coelho, K.J Antony, Annamma Antony, Leonida Mangabat, Generosa Suarez, Elizabeth & Joshua Anand & Suman Paul

#### Recently Deceased:

Alfred Agius, Sam Mercieca, Irene Vaz, Golda Tuite, Thelma Ramos, Margaret Cooper, Onesimo Capacio Sr., Maxwell Cruz, Mark Tramoli

#### In Memoriam:

Lina Moloney, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Nilo Montecillo, Neneng Bonachita, Alexin Cabuenas, Rogelio Espina, Nilo Adalos, Marites Tanedo, Florencio Basnillo, Joey Lapitan, Ely Maneja, Annie Mirasol, Blasa Alivo, Esteban Alivo, Lolito Gonzales, Raji John, Maria Torres Estacio, Hermenegilda Calayan, Makulusio Qialele, Lolita Sebastian All, Gerard Champion, Sophie, Herbert, Peacock & Fran, Michael, Sanhius & Florence Fernandez, Heather Brohier, Maxwell Crusez, Michael Fernandez, Sanhius Fernandez, Florence Fernandez, Mr & Mrs P. Harris, Charles Briffa, Marinessa Bajacan, Lolita Sebastian Allarey, Norbert Pasqual, Ben Moores, Esmeraldo Rasgo, Damaso Digo, Cynthia Rasgo, Reggie Dalgado, Alberto & Edelberta Tura, Charles Briffa, Leonor Noblejas, Lourdes Ruiz, Albert Gomez, Ginggonix Granada, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Roberto & Mary Lucille Serrano, Marilou, Mariano Jr., Perpetua, Arsenia, Marichar & Horacio Serrano, Joselito & Bobet Serrano, Epifanio Serrano, Mari Mackenzie, Ben McShane Hill, Anthony Farrugia & Haber & Farrugia family members, Bill Azzopardi, Calvin Wijewera, Claude & Rita Joachim, Regina—Benito Franado, Roberto—Maria Reyes, Antonio—Lucia Santos, Julio De Mello, Regina—Baby Granada, Regina & Cristeta Granada, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granada, John & Frances Micallef, Stuart Richard, Dan Peiris, Nilo Abalos, Eugenio De Jesus Jr., Goring Bacalso, Crispina Paras, & all the souls in purgatory.

*May they Rest in Peace*

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

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 will close online on **19th April**.  
We cannot accept late applications.

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

## WORKING BEE 12TH APRIL FROM 11AM—1PM

In preparation for the Easter Triduum, we are excited to announce that we are organizing 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**

Tasks will include:

- Dusting and wiping surfaces
- Vacuuming and sweeping floors
- Cleaning pews
- Organizing and tidying up common areas.

If you are available to help there is a sign up sheet in the church foyer. Your support will make a big difference, and it's a great opportunity to give back to our community.

## USHERS REQUIRED

As we prepare for the upcoming Easter Triduum, we need volunteers to serve as ushers during the services. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated to ensure everything runs smoothly and our congregation feels welcomed.

### Responsibilities will include:

- Greeting and seating attendees
- Assisting with seating arrangements
- Assisting with the collection
- Providing directions and answering questions
- Ensuring the smooth flow of the service

If you are available to help, there is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer under the noticeboard with your preferred day. Your support will make a big difference, and it's a wonderful opportunity to serve our community during this sacred time.



Sumana Peiris 92yrs & Tarcisja Azzopardi 80yrs

## HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

### Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Last Supper: 7:30pm.  
Altar of Repose: Following Mass to 11pm.

### Good Friday:

Morning Prayer: 8:30am.  
Stations of the Cross:  
Mary Immaculate Primary: 9am (Video)  
Parish 10am.  
Confession: 10:30am—11:30am.  
Veneration of the Cross: 3pm.

**Holy Saturday:** Liturgy of Light 7:30pm.

**Easter Sunday:** Usual weekend Mass times.

## PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

Palms will be provided on the day, but if you wish to bring your own you are welcome to do so.



## 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.

## SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**Children's Liturgy is for those children between the ages of 5yrs to 10yrs old. If they have already received their First Holy Communion, they need to participate in Mass in order to receive Holy Communion. There will be NO Children's from 13th April and will resume back 4th May.**



## FATHER OLIVERS ANNUAL LEAVE



Father Oliver will be on annual leave from Monday 28th April until 3rd June. During this time there will be **NO** 6.00am Mass and **NO** Wednesday evening Novena Mass at 7pm. 6.00am will resume Monday 9th June & Wednesday evening Mass will resume 11th June. We wish him a safe and restful time away. Please keep him in your prayers. Fr Ever will be our supply priest while Father Oliver is away.

**First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,  
 who made a way through the sea,  
 a path in the great waters;  
 who put chariots and horse in the field  
 and a powerful army,  
 which lay there never to rise again,  
 snuffed out, put out like a wick:  
 No need to recall the past,  
 no need to think about what was done before.  
 See, I am doing a new deed,  
 even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
 Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
 paths in the wilds.  
 The wild beasts will honour me,  
 jackals and ostriches,  
 because I am putting water in the wilderness  
 (rivers in the wild)  
 to give my chosen people drink.  
 The people I have formed for myself  
 will sing my praises.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3**

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
 it seemed like a dream.  
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
 on our lips there were songs. . (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
 the Lord worked for them!'  
 What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
 Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
 as streams in dry land.  
 Those who are sowing in tears  
 will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
 carrying seed for the sowing:  
 they come back, they come back, full of song,  
 carrying their sheaves. (R.)

**Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death.

That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation Joel 2:12-13**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
 With all your heart turn to me,  
 for I am tender and compassionate.  
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel John 8:1-11**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

**COMBINED CHOIR FOR EASTER**

Paul and his team of singers and musicians would like to invite those that wish to sing or play an instrument for the Easter Vigil. **There will be a choir practise for the Easter Vigil on Friday the 11th of April in the Church** following the Stations of the Cross. If you wish to participate, please come along to practice night.

**PARISH LADIES GROUP**

The Ladies Group are looking for some more ladies to join them. Are you free on a Thursday morning once a month to have some fun and help the parish. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office. Next meeting Thursday 10th April at 10.00am.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 5th / 6th April						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 Ruwanal F	Lina Z Isaac Z	Ralph H Patricia H	Arnel R John B
Junior Servers	Kiana F Ezekiel D		Aviel F Hadriel F Gabriel E John Shedad	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 Chrysanthi S	Mercee M Divine M Fasa M	Merlyn F Anne T Perpetual F	Paea T Belen B
Special Eucharist Minister	Jane A Edith M Pompey F	Mercy E	Eva C Bessie M	Esperanza D Zeny B	Aida L Tasia H	Mary Mathew
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F		Ray & Sandra G		Alfredo P	
Music Ministry	Fishers of Men	Recorded music	Liam Shield's & Paul Macaraeg Group	Hosanna Eukaristi	CFC Quakers Hill	Rise Up Soul Singers
PowerPoint	Jess P	Marcus M	Choir	Choir	Choir	Juvy A
Piety Store		Sherry	Eva Chan	Joe A	Ines A	Patricia D

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 12th / 13th April						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		Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E John Shedad	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 Del V Jeninah De L	Bernadette W Cheri-Anne L Andrew H
Special Eucharist Minister	Maria M	Therese M Maria M	Katherine C	Anna Z Esperanza D	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 Philipino Choir	Hosanna Eukaristi	5.S.M	Duly Noted
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir	Choir	Jelynn 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

**Office Email:**

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**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**

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**

**Enroll for 2025 online via our website!**

### 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 Hambleton Road Schofields  
Ph: 9208-7200. Principal: Robert Muscat