



# Mary Immaculate Parish

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## BULLETIN

18 January 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

### STATUE UPDATE

AS YOU KNOW, 5 OF THE 8 STATUES WE ORDERED FROM SRI LANKA WERE COMPLETED AND DELIVERED IN JULY 2025. UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN SRI LANKA WAS HIT BY CYCLONE DITWAH IN NOVEMBER, IT TRIGGERED DEVASTATING FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES. SADLY, THIS HAS IMPACTED THE PREMISES WHERE THE STATUES WERE BEING MANUFACTURED. THE SUPPLIER IN SRI LANKA ADVISED HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE WORK ON THE REMAINING 3 STATUES IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. NO PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN RESPECT OF THE STATUES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SUPPLIED.

THE PARISH HAS NOW DECIDED TO COMMISSION ANOTHER LOCAL MANUFACTURER TO COMPLETE OUR PROJECT. WHILST THIS MEANS THE COST OF THE STATUES WILL BE MORE EXPENSIVE, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS MORE CLOSELY.

UNFORTUNATELY, THIS MEANS A FURTHER DELAY IN THE DELIVERY OF THE REST OF THE STATUES (ST MARY MCKILLOP, ST THERESA OF CALCUTTA AND ST JOHN DON BOSCO). ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE IS AUGUST 2026.

IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT OUR PARISH OFFICE.

**Australia Day Monday 26 January**

**Mass times**

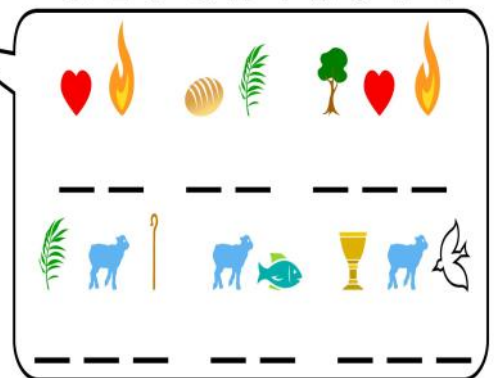
**6.00am, 9.15am & 6.30pm**

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**D E F G H I N O S T**



### DAILY MASS READINGS: 19- 24 JAN

Mon 19 Jan: 1 Sam 15:16-23 & Mk 2:18-22

Tues 20 Jan: 1 Sam 16:1-13 & Mk 2:23-28

Wed 21 Jan: 1 Cor 1:26-31 & Matt 13:44-46

Thurs 22 Jan: 1 Sam 18:6-9; 19:1-7, & Mk 3:7-12

Fri 23 Jan: 1 Sam 24:3-21 & Mk 3:13-19

Sat 24 Jan: Eph 3:8-12 & Jn 15:9-17

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

#### Sick:

Precious Guerrero Tamayo, Caroline Dias, Clarina Emanuel, Nina Mangion, 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, Chadia Kaminski.

#### Recently Deceased:

Kieren Marquillero, Sr. Jeana, Marian Angeline Arrastia, Corazon Uy

#### Anniversaries:

Carmen Attard, Edwin, Joe Aquilina, Manilal Peter, Maria Dalgado, Julie Thivy, John Ranbhise, Jorenal Pauot Sr., Filomena & Arokia Swamy, Anthony Silva

#### In Memoriam:

Apolinario Marinay, Eileen & Dr. Torevillas, Apolinario Marinay, Gerard Charles Courtenay, Henry Sito Batandolo, Benjamin Moores, Robert & Filomena Segneira, Robert & Serophine D'Lima, Maxima Obatay, Engracio Obatay, Ricky Hunter, Kerry Patterson, Shilpa K, Michael Fernandez, Paula Rana, Deogracias Mirasol, Anita Basnillo, Ivan Quintos, Julio Rodriguez, Mariano Serrano, Adrian Amistad, Luis Alivo, Maricel Avancena, Dave Culala, Renato Fornolles, Don Gaculais, Leslie D'Souza, Tony Gonsalves, Therese & John Amjadali, Doreen Gois, Pauline Vella, rowena Paz, Rufina Jaron, Alejo Macaraeg Sr., M. Fernandez, R.B. Sharma, Nigel Barrett, Sofie & Herbert Peacock, Fran Powell, Florencio & Narcisa Obatay, Frank Kelly, Ray & Michael Dias, Fr. Renato Paras, Joseph & Rose Muscat, Xandru & Mikelina Bezzina, Dominador Canizares, Thirddie Rogne, Dominador Tulud, Teresita Racaza, Marites Mirasol, Ramon Villigas, Arsenia & Perpetua Serrano, John Quattromani, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Roberto & Mary Lucille 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 the souls in purgatory.

*May they Rest in Peace*

# APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR THOSE IN MINISTRY

While serving in ministry, we dress not to impress others but in a manner that honors the Lord and the nature of our work: The guide below provides examples of suitable attire for women and men.

## WOMEN



- Dresses or skirts at or below the knee
- Tops with sleeves or covered shoulders
- Modest necklines

## MEN



- Dress shirts or polo shirts
- Long trousers
- Optional jacket

**It has been brought to Father Oliver's attention that some ministers are not wearing the appropriate attire when fulfilling their ministry. We would like remind all Readers & Ministers to please take note of the above image. Please come dressed appropriately so as to not draw any complaints or unnecessary attention to ourselves.**

**Happy 55th Anniversary**  
**Obet & Esperanza**  
**Dionisio**



## Little Saints Mass

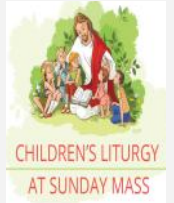
Mary Immaculate Parish  
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**Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Mass**  
**(Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month)**

ALL ARE WELCOME.  
Come & support the Little Saints who  
will be singing & serving at Mass.

## 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. **Children's Liturgy will resume back Sunday 1st February.**



## The Feast of Our Lady of Lanka



**WHEN:** Sunday, 8th February 2026

**WHERE:** Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill

**MASS AT:** 10.30 am

Mass will be followed by fellowship of traditional Sri Lankan food

You are welcome to dress in traditional attire



**M.I.Y.A**

**Mary Immaculate  
Young Adults**

**Ages: 18-35**

Come join MIYA! A vibrant young adults community growing together in faith through inspiring sessions, captivating talks, and fun events - from the Lifted Sports Day and pilgrim walks to celebrations and fundraisers. Come as you are, all are welcome!

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." - Matthew 18:20*

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**First Reading Isaiah 49:3. 5-6**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';  
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.  
And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:  
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9 (R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

**Gospel Acclamation John 1:14. 12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
He enabled those who accepted him  
to become the children of God.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 1:29-34**

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

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

**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 24th January 2026.



THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 17th / 18th January					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	Michael C Conrad F	Isaac Z Lina Z	Paul M Marvin Co	Arnel R Romany D
Junior Servers	Kiana F Senadi F Christine S		Aviel F, Yavniel F, Hadriel F, 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	Belen B Nikita D Anthony S	Mere S Laurinda A Rachelle L	Amila F Mary Dinushi Jeana B	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	Maria M Mary Mathew	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	Recorded music
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Tanishq A	Choir		Choir
Piety Store	Merlyn F	Sherry	Therese B	Joe A		Patricia D
NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 24th / 25th January					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 Louis E	Ralph H Patricia H
Junior Servers	Kiana F Ezekiel D Jada P Samisoni W		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	Katrina C Susan C Jeremy A Johan A		Allenth E
Readers	Virginia F John F Perpetual F	Mercy E Pen B Mere S	Therese B Paea T Fe H	Rukshan A Therese D Alin D	Loli M Nerissa T Andrew H	Cheryl Z Jeana B Raymond T
Special Eucharist Minister	Pompey F Jai A	Maria M Anna Z	Eva C Charmaine A	Juvy E Eleanor O	Angela D	Lita W Edgie A
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F			Aubrey J	Ines A	
Music Ministry	Trebles	Recorded music	Recorded music	C.F.C Choir	Recorded music	S.C.M.I Choir
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P		C.F.C Choir		S.C.M.I Choir
Piety Store		Sherry	Merlyn F	Joe A		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 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: Robert Muscat