

Mary Immaculate Parish

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BULLETIN

<u>17 August 2025</u>

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

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VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

Can't go to the Holy Land at the moment???

Come on a Virtual Pilgrimage with your fellow parishioners at Mary Immaculate.

DATE: Thursday 11th September, 2025

9.15am Mass in the church

10.00am Join the pilgrims in the meeting room to go virtually to the Holy

Land for 2 hours.

MORNING TEA PROVIDED

DAILY MASS READINGS: 18-24 Aug

 $Mon\,18\,August: Jud\,2:11\text{-}19\,\&\,Matt\ \ 19:16\text{-}22$

Tues 19 August: Deut 31:1-8 & Matt 18:1-5.10.12-14

Wed 20 August: Sir 15:1-6 & Jh 17:20-26 Thurs 21 August: 1 Thess 2:2-8 & John 21:15-17

Fri 22 August: Is 9:1-6 & Luke 11:26-38

Sat: 23 August: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 & Matt 23:1-12

Sun: 24 August: Is 66:18-21 & Lk: 13:22-30

NEW DEVELOPMENT—FACEBOOK READINGS

Moving forward, at the end of the week, the parish office will place a web shortcut link to Universal-is Australia for those who would like to access the liturgical reading throughout the week. This is the free web version of an app that one could subscribe to. All you need to do is go to our Facebook page and click on the link. It will direct you to their web page and provide you the current day's readings at the top of their page along with the rest of the week. The app version also includes the Liturgy of the Hours and Spiritual reading if that is something you would like to subscribe to.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Confirmations will be taking place this Thursday and the next. May the Holy Spirit enflame the fire of their faith to take up the call to mission in our Church.



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:

Veronica D' Rozario, Lorry Debono, Peter Saliba, Jaythde Hite-Deuna, Phillip Camilleri, Tony Yu, John Brooks, Diani, Margaret Deshe, Colleen Asimus, Resurrettion & 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:

Anton Perera, Cantius Perera, Encarnacion San Juan, German Toong, Marie Mansour

Recently Deceased:

Dom Vichu, Gilda Acar, Fiona Ruth Ambulo, Carina Pugedo, Stanley Crasto, Maria Dalgado, Fr. Manuel Jadraque, Fr. Cur Montenegro

In Memoriam:

Rodrigo Malaluan, Noleen & Robby Houghton, Lema & Rufino Eleccim, Rosalia Cardenas, Robrigo Malaluan, William Almonte, Elvina Heredia, Michael Dias, Roy Dias, Annie & Dominic Pires, Angeles Buot, Salud Morgia, Abraham Morgia, eli Manus, Ediberto Racaza, Paul Domingo, Lorelei Hisoler, Dominador Lapitan, Alfredo Bahit Sr., Laudelina Bahit, Gerardo Gabriel, Leonisa Gabriel, Mary & Jacob Gonsalves, Bridget Daniels, Dorothy & Dominic Dias, Renato Paras, Paul Salon, Aurora & Fortunato Gomez, Engracia & Maxima Obatay, Ephram, Joseph Chandran, Irudhaya Mary, Michael Pace, Joey Pace, Aidan Buttigieg, Annette Rodrigo, Virgilio Malaluan, Ephram, Gerald Leo, Joseph Chandran, Esperanza Cabanilla, Leona Elecion, Pedro, John Quattromani, Loretta & Joseph Desa, 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 and family members, Mamerta San Buenaventura, Bill Azzopardi, Calvin Wijeewera, Irene Dassanayaka, 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

Vinnies is offering food hampers, blankets, beanies to anyone experiencing hardships

If you or anyone you know is experiencing hardships due to job loss, illness, loneliness, or homelessness, there is support available. St Vincent de Paul is offering a helping hand during these challenging times.

To receive a hamper, please reach out to the parish office with the contact details and delivery purpose of hamper distribution.



Diocesan Holy Hour

(a) Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers

Upcoming Face to Face Safeguarding Training Dates at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown:

- Cycle 1 (Introductory Training for New Volunteers Modules 1-3) Monday 1st September (9.30am -2.30pm)
- Cycle 2 (Renewal Training after two years Modules 4-5) Tuesday 2nd September (10am-1.30pm)
- Cycle 3 (Refresher Training after another two years Module 6) Wednesday 3rd September (10am-12noon)
- Please register at https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY ~ YEAR C ~ 17 AUGUST 2025

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10 A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14 (R.) Lord, come to my aid!

- I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. (R.)
- He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay.
 He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
- He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.
 Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
- 4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me.
 You are my rescuer, my help,
 O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4 A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding

the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27

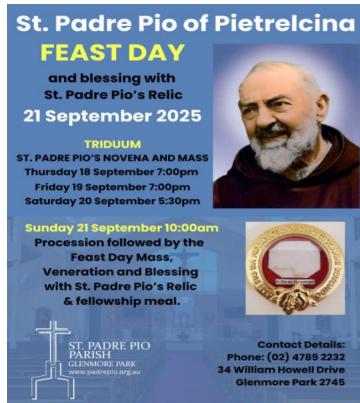
Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'



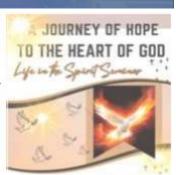
THE HEARTS INVITE YOU TO A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR ON WEEKEND 30TH 31ST AUGUST 2025

St Andrews School Hall 9:00AM - 4:30PM



Have you ever longed for a deeper, more personal encounter with Christ? Have you felt the call to live a more Spirit-filled life, empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Whether you're new to the faith or have been walking with Christ for years, this seminar will help you experience God's love in a powerful way. Scan QR code to register.



THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 16th / 17th August 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 Arnel R	Michael C Conrad F	Isaac Z Lina Z	Paul M Marvin Co	Lawrence F Romany D	
Junior Servers	Kiana F		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	Katrina 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 Rose B	Eleanor O Lucy V Alice H	Divine M Bruce M Fasa M	Gary C Paea T Perpetual F	
Special Eucharist Minister	Jane A	Maria M Mary Mathew	Katherine C Mariquita P	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 Fhilipino Choir	St Pedro Calungsod Devotees	Voices of Zion	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir	
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Tanishq A	Choir	Choir	Choir	
Piety Store	Merlyn F		Therese B	Joe A			

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 23rd / 24th August 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	Arthur W Ralph H	
Junior Servers	Kiana F Ezekiel D Jada P		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	Katrina C Jeremy A Johan A	Heleni M Johan M	Allenth E Samisoni W	
Readers	Virginia F John F Perpetual F	Mercy E Pen B Mere S	Therese B Paea T Fe H	Rukshan A Therese D Ariel or Faye D	Loli M Nerissa T Andrew H	Cheryl Z Patricia H Bernadette W	
Special Eucharist Minister	Pompey F	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	Divine Hope Choir	C.F.C Choir	Ray Pineda's group	S.C.M.I Choir	
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Divine Hope Choir	C.F.C Choir	Ray Pineda's group	S.C.M.I Choir	
Piety Store			Merlyn F	Joe A		Patricia D'Lima	

PARISH TEAM

Priest of the Parish: Rev Fr. Oliver Aro MSP

Deacon: Rev. Leon Decena OFS

Parish/Finance Administrator: Anthony Saliba OFS
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Our current Mass services are as follows:

Monday – 6.00am only - Tuesday to Friday - 6.00am and 9.15am Wednesday 6pm- 7pm Holy Hour followed by Mass 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

<u>First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation:</u> 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 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