



Mary Immaculate Parish

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BULLETIN

8 February 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Ash Wednesday Masses will take place on the 18th February:

Mass times 6.00am
9.15am
7.00pm



THERE IS NO SHROVE TUESDAY SERVICE THIS YEAR.

DAILY MASS READINGS: 9-14 FEB

Mon 9 Feb: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 & Mark 6:53-56
Tues 10 Feb: Song of Songs 8:6-7 & Lk 10: 38-42
Wed 11 Feb: 1 Kgs 10:1-10 & Mk 7:14-23
Thurs 12 Feb: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 & Mk 7:24-30
Fri 13 Feb: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 & Mk 7:31-37
Sat 14 Feb: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 & Lk 10:1-9

BRING YOUR OLD BLESSED PALMS

Now is the time to bring your old blessed palm branches for burning to become the ashes for the coming Ash Wednesday. Kindly place them in the tub labelled palms for Ash Wednesday.



M.I.Y.A
Mary Immaculate
Young Adults
Ages: 18-35

MEETING 8TH FEB 6:30PM

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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📷 [miya_quakershill](https://www.instagram.com/miya_quakershill)

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:

Rosita Ludowyke, 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, Denis Nellatamby.

Recently Deceased:

Ernie Aaron, Elvira Mababa, Brian Vano, Chadia Kaminski, Nathaniel Cruz, Pamela Raux, Duleep Boteju, Noelene Bartlet, Abraham Macaraeg, Rowena Paz

Anniversaries:

Rita Joachim, Alma Williams, Nestor Mislant, Jasmin Fernando, Rebecca Phalakatshele, Maria Dalgado, Alejandro Mojica, Ariz Inigo, Naty Mutuc

In Memoriam:

Maria & Joseph Saliba, Tony, Maria & Josephine Attard, Vernon Cruz, Sheril Cruz, Cordilia & Harold Pereira, Michael Fernandez, H.R.B Sharma, Mr & Mrs Fernandez, Nigel Barrett, Mr & Mrs Harris, Shilpa K, Mr & Mrs Robson, Juan Mislant, Susan Lobetana, Leah Orongan, Candelaria, Cirilo & Marcelina Obatay, Shanti, Corazon Uy, Arokia Swamy, Philomena, Felix Romero Jr., Meinardo Benitez, Maxima & Basilia, Salud & Abraham Morgia, Delia Fuao, M Fernandez, Nigel Barrett, Apolinario Marinay, Eileen & Dr. Torevillas, Apolinario Marinay, Gerard Charles Courtenay, Henry Sito Batandolo, Benjamin Moores, John Quattromani, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Roberto Serrano, Bill Azzopardi, Calvin Wijewera, Irene Dassanayaka, Claude 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



Junior Youth Little Saints EVENTS

JANUARY / FEBRUARY

FRI 13	Little Saints Event : Called to Serve – How do we participate in Holy Mass? <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>6:45PM Sign in with parent</p> <p>7PM Guest Speaker</p> <p>8PM Fellowship; Please bring a plate to share</p> </div>  </div>
FRI 27	Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>7-8PM Eucharistic Adoration</p> </div>  </div>

Friendly reminder: A parent or an adult is required to stay during events.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

To apply go to the Parish website
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.**

Remembrance Mass

You are all invite to attend a remembrance Mass for the late CHADIA KAMINSKI on Thursday 19 February at 9.15am here at Mary Immaculate. Her daughter Darlette will be attending and she would like those that knew her mother to have a cuppa and share any memories. Fellowship to follow after Mass.



Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL

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Dear friends in Christ,

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis. For this reason, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Special Year in honour of the Poverello (“little poor man” as he was affectionately known), offering a plenary indulgence to foster spiritual renewal, peace, and reconciliation.

This Franciscan Jubilee invites the faithful to imitate St Francis's evangelical virtues of poverty, humility, compassion and service to the poor. The Pope encourages us to be bridge builders in the time that is “marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear”. His mission to the Sultan of Egypt was a witness of love, mutual respect and dialogue. For this reason, St Francis is revered not only by Christians but also by Muslims, and Assisi is internationally recognised as the centre for inter-religious dialogue and reconciliation.

The Pope also emphasised that peace with God, peace among humans, and peace with creation are “inseparable dimensions”. The Franciscan vision of peace is not limited to the relations among human beings but also embraces the whole of creation. Francis, who recognises in every creature a reflection of divine beauty, reminds us that peace must be extended to the whole cosmos. This insight resonates with particular urgency in our time. Peace with God, peace among human beings and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.

As a Franciscan bishop, I am deeply committed to the legacy of St Francis. I encourage you all to take advantage of the Franciscan Jubilee Year with a view to revitalising the Gospel life and witness we are called to give, personally and collectively.

Until January 10th, 2027, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions - sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope - by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St Francis anywhere in the world. Here are the following places in our Diocese:

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| + The Good Shepherd Church, Plumpton | + St Bernadette’s Church, Dundas Valley |
| + Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kellyville | + Franciscan Shrine of Holy Innocents, Kellyville |
| + Poor Clares Monastery, North Richmond | + Our Lady of Consolation Chapel, Rooty Hill |

Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God. I pray for a spiritually enriching year through the intercession of Our Lady of Poverty and St Francis.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv Bishop of Parramatta

First Reading Isaiah 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.
'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

YOUTH MASS

We celebrated our very first Youth Mass last Saturday night, and it was a joy to see our youth groups take the lead as musicians/singers, altar servers and readers of the Word & the Holy Rosary.

A highlight was Father Jonathan giving all the children a special blessing to start the new school year with grace and wisdom.

Thank you Fr. Oliver, Fr. Jonathan & our Parish community for supporting this precious milestone.

Thank you to all the parents for practising the readings, prayers and songs with your children...and also bringing them to the practice sessions. We hope all the children had a fantastic first week back at school!

Our next Youth mass (held monthly) will be on Saturday 28 February 5.30pm. We hope to see you there.



DO YOU NEED HELP AT HOME ?

Support Worker Available (Part-Time)

Experienced support worker available after hours and on weekends.

Support with transport, shopping, errands, companionship, and general day-to-day assistance at home. Please contact the parish office and we can put you in contact with the lady.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 7th / 8th February					2nd Sunday of the Month	
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am Sri Lankan Feast	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Arthur W	Angelo C Michael C	Joseph S Joseph A	Romany D Paul M	Isaac & Lina Z	Ralph H Patricia H
Junior Servers	Kiana F Lucia C Olivia C Samisoni W		Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E John S	Rachael P Katrina C Susan C Sunny F	D & D De Leon	J Machaya
Readers	Virginia F John F Edith M	Mercy E Pen B Anna Z	Joy M Dianitha F Remy H	Sharleen D Vidura P Rebecca G	Louis E Therese Del V Jeninah De L	Cheri-Anne F Nikita D Neetha L
Special Eucharist Minister	Maria M Jai A	Therese M Maria M	Katherine C	Esperanza D Juvy E Chrysanthi S	Angela D	
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Therese M Marcus M		Flavian S Vernon P		
Music Ministry	Recorded music	Recorded music	Blacktown Philipino Choir	Mary Immaculate Septet Choir	5.S.M	Recorded music
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir	Choir	Jelynn M	Juvy A
Piety Store	Merlyn F	Alice D	Katherine C	Joe A		Patricia D

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 14th / 15th February					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 Jai A	Mere S Laurinda A Rachelle L	Amila F Mary Dinushi Rose B	Eleanor O Cora M Pat O	Divine M Bruce M Fasa M	Gary C Paea T Perpetual F
Special Eucharist Minister	Ralph H Patricia H	Maria M Mary Mathew	Katherine C Mariquita P	Lucy V Patricia Z	Rudy Hartanto Tasniah 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	Choir
Piety Store	Merlyn F	Sherry	Therese B	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 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