



Mary Immaculate Parish

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BULLETIN

14 December 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT~ YEAR A

PARISH LADIES GROUP

This weekend, the Ladies Group are selling tickets of the Christmas Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

There are two hampers up for winning. The first a a \$250 hamper donated by Lina from Yahuahs of Healing. It contains:

- † Natural Oils
- † Christmas shirt
- † Gold necklace
- † Rosary
- † And more!

The second is a hamper at the value of \$250 from our parish ladies and parish donations. It contains:

- † \$\$\$ of gift vouchers
- † Wine
- † Decorations
- † God's Word
- † Delicious goodies
- † And more!



DAILY MASS READINGS: 15-20 DEC

Mon 15 Dec: Num 24:2-7, 15-17 & Matt 21:23-27
Tues 16 Dec: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 & Matt 21:28-32
Wed 17 Dec: Gen 49:2, 8-10 & Matt 1:1-17
Thurs 18 Dec: Jer 23:5-8 & Matt 1:18-24
Fri 19 Dec: Jud 13:2-7, 24-25 & Lk 1:5-25
Sat 20 Dec: Is 7:10-14 & Lk 1:26-38

WORKING BEE 20th DECEMBER

On the 20th of December, the parish is having its annual Advent Working Bee. It is a lot of work keeping the church and its grounds maintained. If your able to assist us in cleaning some of the areas inside and outside the church, it would be most appreciative. Please bring a broom or vacuum cleaner to help and some cleaning products.



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:

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:

Maureen Fernandez, Irene Ee, Stjepan Ojurovic, Julian Ee, Chinamma Thomas & Dolores Panelo Remonte

Anniversaries:

Anthony Farrugia, Maria Dalgado, Joseph Cadelina, Veronica D'Rosario & Fausta Marinas

In Memoriam:

Joyce Estabillo, Lalito Gonzales, Daday Gella, Albert Estrada, Bill Azzopardi, Joseph & Maria Saliba, Tony, Maria & Josephine Attard, Joseph & Rose Muscat, Xandru & Mikelina Bezzina, Guadalupe Slena, Vicky Perera, Joseph & Stella Zahra, Charlie & George Zahra, Angelen Yu, Flower Clement, Raji John, K.J. John, Karen Senires-Dangoy, Rosa Agondez, Nicolasa Capacio, Sabino Monet, Detozia D'Souza, Theresa Amjadali, Rosita Guaico, Members of the Menezes family, Francisco Briones, Julio & Esteban Alivio, Rosita Sunico, 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.

ACYF—MICHAEL WEBSTER

Last week, I attended the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne. The event included Mass, a pilgrimage walk to the festival location, and the inspiring sight of more than 6,000 young people gathered from across Australia. Participants also enjoyed a range of workshops and unique experiences throughout the festival.

We received a special message from Pope Leo XIV, and there were powerful plenary sessions and worship, where it was wonderful to witness the Holy Spirit moving among all the Parramatta pilgrims. Highlights included meeting the Sisters of Life and listening to Ukrainian Cardinal Mykola Bychok.

The festival's theme was "Pilgrims of Hope", and the World Youth Day Cross and Icon were present, ahead of the next World Youth Day in 2027, which will be held in South Korea.

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a truly amazing event for young people and young adults to explore and experience. The next ACYF will take place in December 2028 in Sydney.

Thank you again for your financial and prayerful support. Let us continue to pray that more of our youth feel inspired to profess with their actions the loving presence of God in our world.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Dec 24- Family Mass: 5:30pm
Youth Mass: 9pm
Midnight Mass: 11:30pm Carols followed by Mass at 12am

Dec 25- Christmas Day: 8am
10am
5:30pm

Dec 31- New Year's Eve: 8:30pm
Jan 1- New Year's Day: 8am
10am
5:30pm

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be **closed from the 24th Dec to 13th Jan 2026**. Fr's Oliver & Jonathan will still be onsite occasionally during this time. In cases of emergencies, you will need to contact Fr Oliver on **0491895087**. Please email the Parish Office for all other issues or information.

The first Baptism Preparation for 2026 will take place on the 3rd of February at 7pm.

For those reading and needing Power Point presentations for weekend liturgies, please go to our website for a copy of the weekend liturgies. Simply click and download.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

A message from SVDP:

If you or anyone you know is experiencing hardships due to loss of job, illness, loneliness, or homelessness, and would like to receive a food and gift hamper this Christmas from your local Stanhope Gardens/Quakers Hill St Vincent De Paul Conference, please reach out to the parish office and provide a hamper delivery address. Rest assured, your details will be kept confidential and used only for the purpose of distributing the hampers.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY GIFT-GIVING INITIATIVE

This year, more children and young adults are facing hardships and are at risk of not receiving a Christmas gift. To help make their Christmas brighter, we invite you to participate in our gift-giving initiative.

At the bottom of the Christmas tree, you will find a basket filled with name tags. Each tag represents a child or young adult. Please take a name tag and purchase a suitable gift based on the age indicated. We kindly ask that you place your gift under the tree by December 15th. This deadline ensures that St. Vincent DePaul can deliver the gifts on time. Please briefly write a description of the gift so that we don't have to unpack to make sure the gift is suitable for a particular individual.

If any gifts are delivered after December 15th, they will be given to the recipients in the new year.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in thinking about those less fortunate during Christmas. Your contribution will surely bring smiles and joy to many. Please reach out to Roger Perera (0413 713 911) from Vinnies for further info or if you would like to volunteer.

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATION

It has come to the attention of Bishop Vincent that the Society of St Pius X (SSPX), a schismatic organisation, is to commence the celebration of a Latin Mass at the Pennant Hills Community Centre from Sunday 18 January 2026. Bishop Vincent wishes to remind the Faithful that the Society is not in communion with Rome and therefore it would be a grave violation for any of the Faithful to attend such events. If you have any questions, please contact Fr Oliver for further discussion.

Jesus told John the Baptist's followers to tell him all they had seen and heard. How did Jesus help the following people?

Blind People

Deaf People

Lame People

Lepers

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.
The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.
Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.
They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading James 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

"IN SANTO NIÑO WE ARE ONE"

36th Anniversary

Fiesta Sinulog 2026



Cofradia del
Señor Santo Niño
of Sydney Incorporated

Main Celebrant: Fr Wim Hoekstra, EV
Sunday, 18 Jan '26 Concelebrated Mass at 2:00 pm
St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, NSW 2148

All devotees please bring your Santo Niño Statues

Contact Persons:
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 Marissa 0431 503 333 . Dianne 0420 844 955 . Aline 0416 876 912 . Sarah 0405 756 752

SCHEDULE OF THE 9-DAYS NOVENA MASSES @ 7 PM

Date	Venue	Address
Day 1 Thursday , 8th Jan	Holy Spirit Catholic Church	5 Todd Row, St Clair, NSW 2759
Day 2 Friday , 9th Jan	St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church	326 High Street, Penrith NSW 2750
Day 3 Saturday , 10th Jan	Our Lady of Holy Rosary Catholic Church	26 Swanston Street, St Marys 2760
Day 4 Sunday , 11th Jan	St Aidan's Catholic Church	9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766
Day 5 Monday , 12th Jan	St Paul, the Apostle Catholic Church	40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills, NSW 2153
Day 6 Tuesday , 13th Jan	The Good Shepherd Catholic Church	136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton, NSW 2761
Day 7 Wednesday , 14th Jan	St Andrew, The Apostle Catholic Church	40 Breakfast Road, Marayong, NSW 2148
Day 8 Thursday , 15th Jan	Mary Immaculate Catholic Church	125 Barrier Drive, Quakers Hill, NSW 2763
Day 9 Friday , 16th Jan	Our Lady of the Rosary Church	8 Diana Avenue, Kellyville NSW 2155

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 13th / 14th December					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	Romany D	Isaac & Lina Z	Ralph H Patricia H
Junior Servers	Kiana F Lucia C Olivia C Samisoni W		Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E John Shedad	Rachael P Katrina C Susan C	Heleni M Johan M D & D De Leon	J Machaya
Readers	Virginia F John F	Mercy E Pen B Rachelle L	Joy M Dianitha F Remy H	Mary C Kevin L Nerissa T	Louis E Therese Del Valle Jeninah De Leon	Cheri-Anne L Nikita D Neetha L
Special Eucharist Minister	Maria M	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	Fasa & Bruce M	
Music Ministry	Recorded music	Recorded music	Blacktown Philipino Choir	Hosanna Eukaristi	5.S.M	Recorded music
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir	Choir	Jelynn M	Youth
Piety Store	Merlyn F	Alice D	Katherine C	Joe A	Sherry	Patricia D

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 20th / 21st December					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, Yavniel & Hadriel F, Gabriel E	Jeremy A Johan A	D & D De Leon	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 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	Aida L 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	Merlyn F	Sherry	Therese B	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