



Mary Immaculate Parish

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BULLETIN

22 February 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR ~ YEAR A

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, we will be celebrating Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:30pm. They will start Friday 20th February. All are welcome to come along.

DAILY MASS READINGS: 23-28 FEB

Mon 23 Feb: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18 & Matt 25:31-46
Tues 24 Feb: Is 55:10-11 & Matt 6:7-15
Wed 25 Feb: Jon 3:1-10 & Luke 11:29-32
Thurs 26 Feb: Est 14:1, 3-5, 12-14 & Matt 7:7-12
Fri 27 Feb: Ezek 18:21-28 & Matt 5:20-26
Sat 28 Feb: Deut 26:16-19 & Matt 5:43-48

FATHER OLIVER

IF YOU ARE A COMMUNICANT WHO RECEIVES COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE, PLEASE GO TO ANOTHER MINISTER IF FR OLIVER IS DISTRIBUTING COMMUNION. THIS IS TO PREVENT ANY UNNECESSARY AILMENTS COMING TO FR OLIVER WHILST HE IS UNDERGOING TREATMENT.

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THE ROLE

- Teaching Catholicism in Public Schools (30 minutes during school hours).
- Lesson preparation using provided resources.
- Training provided.
- A Deepening of Scripture, the Church, and Catholic education.

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WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:

Rosita Ludowyke, Precious Guerrero Tamayo, Caroline Dias, Clarina Emanuel, 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.

Recently Deceased:

Denis Nalletamby, Aurora Montaos, Hermihilda Gammucac, Placido Magsino, Jessie Zabala, Julie Nunez, Danny Patos, Graeme Donald, Chadia Kaminzki, Gloria Dyosi

Anniversaries:

Joseph Schembri, Rosemary Jayawardena, Deacon Rudy Rupac, Raymond Waniappa, Violeta Oxiedo, Rita Larazabal, Shanti Thumbawila, Stella George, Ricardo Reyes, Rita Joachim

In Memoriam:

Alejandro & Arnel Mojica, Nigel Barrett, Rudolph Caesar, Jen Sitlani, Shilpa Karthik, Mary Jones, Dominico Thann Nguyen, Maria Thann Vu, Aquilino & Isabel Amistoso, Roy Dias, Francisco Briones, Mariano Gella, Eli Manus, Horacio Serrano, Eduardo Tanedo, Jess Zabala, Adeline Yparraguirre, Angela Gambin, Onesimo Sr, Francis Villarino, Paul Radomski, Linda Cinco, Michelin Lim, Gilbert Ornopia, Blasa Alivo, Jose Alivo, Quirino Bartido, Edelia Hamoy, Renato Hamoy, Sabina Carlos, Juan Mislant, Rosario Erlinda Senives, Karen Senives Dangry, Fructuoso, Gloria & Veronica Rivera, Ricardo Rivera, Aurora Adalia, Rosita Punzalan, Michael Fernandes, Maria & Joseph Saliba, Tony Attard, Maria & Josephine Attard, Vernon Cruz, Sheril Cruz, Cordilia & Harold Pereira, H.R.B Sharma, John Quattromani, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Mary Lucille Serrano, 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



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

First Sunday of Lent 21–22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



**UNITE  AGAINST
POVERTY**

this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RCIA CANDIDATES AS THEY PREPARE FOR THEIR RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH THIS EASTER SATURDAY



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

KARAOKE FUNDRAISER COMING SOON!



Youth Mass



Mary Immaculate Parish
Quakers Hill-Schofields

**Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Mass
(Every 1st Sunday of the Month)**

ALL WELCOME!

Confessions 4-5pm / Rosary 5pm / Holy Mass / Fellowship



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.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY GIFT-GIVING INITIATIVE

Dear Parishioners,

Some of the gifts under the Christmas tree were donated to St Vincent's Open Support in Sydney, where they were shared with children from families affected by domestic violence, bringing hope and joy.

St Vincent's Open Support provides crisis and transitional accommodation for women and children escaping domestic and family violence, offering safe housing and comprehensive support. Sharing a video clip which highlights the positive impact of your donations. On behalf of St Vincent de Paul, thank you for your generous contributions last Christmas.



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.

First Reading Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (R.)
3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)



Second Reading Romans 5:12-19

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

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to

Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

From this year, parishes within a Deanery will have the same Safeguarding Training Renewal and Refresher Dates.

- **Blacktown Deanery - April 2026**
- **The Hills Deanery - August 2026**

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 21st / 22nd February					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 Samisoni W		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	Katrina C Susan C Jeremy A Johan A		Allenth E
Readers	John F Perpetual F Bernadette W	Pen B Mere S Neetha L	Therese B Paea T Fe H	Rukshan A Therese D Ariel or Faye D	Loli M Nerissa T Andrew H	Cheryl Z Jeana B Raymond T
Special Eucharist Minister	Pompey F Jai A	Maria M Anna Z Belen B	Eva C Charmaine A	Ariel or Faye D Juvy E Eleanor O	Angela D	Edgie A
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F				Ines A	
Music Ministry	Trebles	Recorded music	Divine Hope Choir	Recorded music	Recorded music	S.C.M.I Choir
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir	Choir		Choir
Piety Store		Sherry	Merlyn F	Joe A		

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 28th February/ 1st March					1st Sunday of the Month	
Ministries	5.30pm Youth Mass	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Conrad F	Angelo C Arnel R	Joseph S Joseph A	Lina Z Isaac Z	Ralph H Patricia H	John B Romany D
Junior Servers	Kiana F Ezekiel D Jada P		Aviel F Hadriel F Gabriel E John Shedad	Heleni M Johan M	Stephanie S	Paolo M M Georgie Annika D
Readers	Bernadette W YOUTH READING	Therese M Anna Z Edgie A	Rose B Jeanne C Chrysanthi S	Mercee M Divine M Fasa M	Merlyn F Perpetual F	Paea T Belen B Neil N
Special Eucharist Minister	Jane A Edith M Pompey F	Mercy E Charmaine A	Eva C Neetha Lima	Pat O Esperanza D	Aida L Tasia H	Mary Mathew Raymond T
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F		Ray & Sandra G		Alfredo P	
Music Ministry	Youth	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	Choir
Piety Store		Sherry		Joe A	Ines 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 Barrier Drive, Quakers Hill
Ph: 9626-3999. Principal: Sharon Mizzi.

St. Joseph's Primary School

78 Alex Avenue, Schofields
Ph: 9626-1328. Principal: Cathy Hey.

Saint John Paul II Catholic College

85 Hambledon Road Schofields
Ph: 9208-7200. Principal: Robert Muscat.