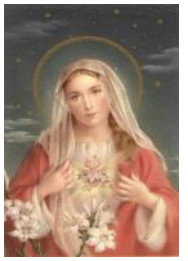




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BULLETIN

16th February 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Ash Wednesday Masses will take place on the 5th of March:

**Mass times 6.00am
9.15am
7.00pm**



Please bring your old blessed palms for burning on Shrove Tuesday 4th March.

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 7th March. All are welcome to come along.

LENT: WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving

Prayer: Prayer provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our lives, our sinfulness and need of God's salvific grace.

Almsgiving: Sharing what we have with those who are in genuine need.

Fasting: Giving up those things we like to enjoy and provides us with a sense of security to help us cultivate a deeper sense of reliance on God as the one who provides for our needs. Traditionally, we also abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent.

PARISH VISION & MISSION

Our Vision Statement is:

To create a vibrant, loving Catholic community that inspires and empowers members to make a positive impact in our world.

Our Mission Statement is:

To provide an inclusive, engaging environment for members to deepen their faith, use their talents to serve others, and make a positive impact in our world.

DAILY MASS READINGS: 17-22 FED

Mon 17th Feb: Gen 4:1-15. 25 & Mk 8:11-13
Tues 18th Feb: Gen 6:5-8. 7:1-5. 10 & Mk 8:14-21
Wed 19th Feb: Gen 8:6-13. 20-22 & Mk 8:22-26
Thurs 20th Feb: Gen 9:1-13 & Mk 8:27-33
Fri 21st Feb: Gen 11:1-9 & Mk 8:34-9:1
Sat 22nd Feb: 1 Peter 5:1-4 & Matt 16:13-19

SANCTUARY STATUE UPDATE

For a few weeks now, we have had the company of the statue of St Anthony in our new sanctuary. We are now ready to accommodate the others. The cost for each statue will be \$6,700.00. This includes the manufacture of the statue and delivery. We have a way of providing a tax deductible option. Please speak to Anthony in the Parish Office. Thank you to all those who have donated to the statues thus far.

Sick:

Resurrection & Grace Espina, Anna Marie Jackson, Barry Morkel, Graham Rutledge, Dominador Vicho, Anna Fernandes, Madeline Semisi, Ricardo de Mesa, Margaret Cooper, Nina Chavez, Ray Johnston, Precious Tamayo, Sophia Pal, Dominic Fernandez, Liberty Ventura, Harrison Whelan, Joseph Buttigieg, Jackson Naidoo, Faye Demagante, Chadia Kaminski

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Anniversary of Death:

Art Marinas, Anthony Refalo, Philomena Pachala
Petra Malong, Rita Joachim
Violeta Oviedo, Rita Saloy

Recently Deceased:

Irene David, Napoleon Aguila, Frank Dalea,
Magdalena Baryla, Editha Evangelista,
Rev. John O'Reilly

In Memoriam:

Francis Villarino, Albert Gomes, Eli rys Manus, Eladio Rosagaran, Paul Radomski, Cadeling family members, Blasa & Josefina Alivo, Paul Domingo, Linda & Michelin Lim, Ginggonix Granado, Teresita Illguth, Edelia Hamoy, Renato, Amador & Trinidad Hamoy, Olivia, Conea Gomes & Fernandes family members, Francisco Briones, Eduardo Tanedo, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Edward Ombina, Mamerta San Buenaventura, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Bibiana Malaluan, Mary Lucille Serrano, Marilou, Mariano Jr., Perpetua, Arsenia, Roberto, Marichar & Horacio Serrano, Joselito & Bobet Serrano, Epifanio Serrano, Lois & Bede Hill, Mari Mackenzie, Ben McShane Hill, Albert & Michael Agius, Anthony Farrugia & Haber & Farrugia family members, Bill Azzopardi, Calvin & Alberto Wijewera, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Claude Joachim, Regina—Benito Franado, Joseph Grech, Roberto—Maria Reyes, Antonio—Lucia Santos, Julio De Mello, Regina—Baby Granado, Regina & Cristeta Granado, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Naty Mutuc, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granado, John & Frances Micallef, Stuart Richard, Dan Peiris & all the souls in purgatory.

May they Rest in Peace



We hope all our Jr Youth member's have had a great holiday from studies. Our Jr Youth choir will be recommencing singing at Mass on the **22nd of February**. If there are any children from K-6 who would like to join in singing at mass, please contact Maria after the Vigil Mass for an application form.

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 tab labelled palms for Ash Wednesday. We will also be burning some on Shrove Tuesday before sharing in some pancakes.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

To be eligible for First Communion 2025 children need to have made their First Reconciliation (Confession) in 2024.

To apply go to Parish website
www.maryimmac.org.au

Click on sacraments on top of page.

Applications will open online on **15th March**.
We cannot accept late applications.

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BEFORE CLICKING APPLY.

SHROVE TUESDAY 4th MARCH

Our Shrove Tuesday 4th March ritual will take place at 6pm under the pergola. Please hold off on bringing in your broken blessed items to the church to disposed of properly. As they will be correctly disposed of at Easter time.

We also invite everyone to come for pancakes following the ritual, hosted by our Social Committee and friends.

Find the opposites of the following words, then use the circled letters to make a word we use that describes heaven.

___ **HAPPY** <

WEAK > ___

___ **FULL** <

ASLEEP > ___

HEAVY > ___

LITTLE > ___

___ **OPEN** <

Heaven is God's _____.

Fill in the missing words for each of Jesus' teachings using the pictures as clues. Draw Jesus preaching.

God will bless you people who are _____.

His _____ will belong to you.

God will bless you _____ people.

You will have _____ to eat.

God will bless you people who are _____.

_____ You will _____!

2025 OPEN DAY

Saturday 1 March 2025 9:00am to 12:00pm & Monday 3 March 9:15am to 11:00am
Please Register your attendance

Mary Immaculate Primary School 125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill

Would you like to donate your spare reading glasses to someone in Sri Lanka who cannot afford them?



Your donation can improve someone's vision and quality of life.

Many children struggle with education due to poor eyesight, and adults find it hard to read restricting them enjoying life.

You may drop off your glasses at the St Vincent DePaul donation box at the rear of the church.

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:
'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:17. 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.
Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:
'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.
'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.
'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.
Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.
'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



LENTEN PROGRAM

For those interested in participating in a Lenten Reflection Program, there is a sign up sheet under the Noticeboard. **Minimum of 10 people needed to get it started.** Cut off for sign up is the 19th of February to commence on 5th of March and subsequent Wednesday's after that during Lent.

PARISH LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group are looking for some more ladies to join them. Are you free on a Thursday morning once a month to have some fun and help the parish. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

THIS WEEKEND'S ROSTER: 15th/16th 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 Romany D	Michael C Conrad F	Isaac Z Lina Z	Paul M	Arnel R Ding M
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 Edward S Nikita D	Mere S Laurinda A Rachelle L	Amila F Mary F Rose B	Eleanor O Cora M Pat O	Divine M Bruce M Fasa M	Gary C Paea T
Special Eucharist Minister	Ralph H Jane A	Maria M	Aida L Katherine C	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 Filipino Choir	St Pedro Calungsod Devotees	Recorded music	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir
Power point	Jess P	Delyse P	Tanishq A	Mercee M		Choir
Piety Store	Merlyn F	Sherry	Therese B	Joe A		Patricia D

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 22nd/23rd February
4th Sunday of the Month

Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A	Angelo C Michael C	Conrad F Ding M Ruwanal F	Rommel D Isaac Z	Arnel R Louis E	Ryan H Arthur W Ralph H
Junior Servers	Kiana F Ezekiel D		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	Cheryl Z Patricia H Bernadette W
Special Eucharist Minister	Pompey F	Maria M Anna Z Belen B	Eva C Charmaine A	Ariel or Faye D Juvy E Eleanor O	Angela D	Lita W Edgie A
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F			Aubrey J	Ines A	
Music Ministry	Fusion	Recorded music	Divine Hope Choir	C.F.C Choir (Tony)	Ray Pineda's group	S.C.M.I Choir
Power point	Jess P	Delyse P	Divine Hope Choir	C.F.C Choir	Ray Pineda's group	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

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 - Wednesday 7pm - 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

Two children per Baptism ceremony on Saturday.

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 Hambleton Road Schofields
Ph: 9208-7200. Principal: Robert Muscat