



Mary Immaculate Parish

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ YEAR A

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION REGISTRATION

Registrations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is open. If you wish your child to receive this sacrament in preparation for First Holy Communion in 2027, please go to our website under the Sacraments Tab to find the link and register. This Sacrament is for those children who are in grade 3 or above. Preparations for the Sacrament will begin on the 26th of October and reception of Reconciliation will take place on 19th of November. Contact the Parish Office for more info.

DAILY MASS READINGS: 24- 29 August

Mon 24 August: Rev 21:9-14 & John 1:45-51

Tues 25 August: 2 Thess 2:1-3. 14-17 & Matt 23:23-26

Wed 26 August: 2 Thess 3:6-10.16-18 & Matt 23:27-32

Thurs 27 August: Sir 26:1-4. 13-16 & Luke 7:11-17

Fri 28 August: 1 John 4:7-16 & Matt 23:8-12

Sat 29 August: Jer 1:17-19 & Mark 6:17-29



Happy Birthday

79th Prakash Fernandopulle, 72nd Aubrey Joachim, 67th Nelum Joachim



We wish to share our deepest condolences to Monsignor Cesare Echano on the loss of his Mother Nilda Andrade Macaro Echano

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER

Sick:

Florance Heredia, Asmando Bautista, Bartolome Abad, Caden Vidal, Antonette Grech, Charito Angeles, Perlita Cadungog, Anna Fernandes, Robert Penafuerte, Jennifer Alam, Theresa Briffa, Ruth M. Manansala, Rosita Ludowyke, Precious Guerrero Tamayo, Caroline Dias, Clarina Emanuel, Sr. Paulina, Rolly Valenzuela, Tita Garcia, Michael McTegg, Jaythde Hite-Deuna, Phillip Camilleri, Margaret Deshe, Resurrection & Grace Espina, Graham Rutledge, Madeline Semisi, Ray Johnston, Sophia Pal, Harrison Whelan, Joseph Buttigieg, Jackson Naidoo, Ayllyn Yu, Raymond Gajitos & Ruby L.

Recently Deceased:

Leigh Perez, Nilda Andrade Macaro Echano, Chemandra Fernando, Therese Cassar, Norin, Aniceta Zambrano, Ramon Parcon, Patrick Fernandes, Christina Panes, Menises Dvenas, Eduardo Tamayo, Bienvinido Banal, Pam Azzopardi, Therese Cassar & Dorothy

Anniversaries:

Christine Veronica, Kristina Stacy, Maucce Mason, Joseph Pattamana, Dominico Thanh Nguyen, Maria Thanh Vu, May Suzanne Jumeau, Constanti Queruben, Rosita Sangalang, Rosita Sangalang, Winona Hate, Veronica D'Rozario, Leyden Panol, Jude Gonsalves & Benjie Pelias.

In Memoriam:

Mary Roche, Octo & Joyce Mattos, Oswin & Annette D'Souza, Teresita Ombina, Carmelita Bulaong, Nicolasa Tagalog, Michael & Roy Dias, Ashley Newness, John Camara, Elvina Heredia, Aurora Espinoza, Susan McCormick, Aurelia T. Ehart, Francisco Sr & German, Albert & Glen Toong, Bill Azzopardi, Reggie & Maria Victoria Dalgado, departed members of the Farrugia family, H.R.B Sharma, John Quattromani, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Antinitio Demagante, Epifanio Serrano, Mary Lucille Serrano, Roberto Serrano, Claude & Rita Joachim, Irene Dassanayaka, Regina—Benito Franado, Roberto—Maria Reyes, Antonio—Lucia Santos, 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, All who died in war, & all the souls in purgatory.

May they Rest in Peace

SUMMARY OF POPE'S LEO XIV REFLECTION ON SACRED MUSIC 19TH AUGUST 2026

Pope Leo XIV reflects on the Second Vatican Council's teaching in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, which describes sacred music as a "treasure of inestimable value" and an integral part of the liturgy. Music is not simply decoration; when we sing or play during worship, we are praying and participating in the mystery being celebrated.

Drawing upon Saint Augustine's teaching that "singing belongs to those who love," Pope Leo explains that music expresses the loving and emotional dimension of prayer. It opens our hearts to God's grace while also creating communion. When different voices become one in song, the unity of the Church becomes visible.

Because sacred music serves the liturgy, it should be appropriate to the particular moment of worship rather than governed by fashion or personal preference. It should possess both nobility and simplicity and, when intended for the congregation, be accessible enough for everyone to participate. The texts should likewise be profound yet understandable, drawing particularly upon Scripture, the liturgy and the Church's spiritual tradition. This reflects the principle *lex orandi, lex credendi* — the way we pray expresses and shapes what we believe.

Active participation is central to the Council's vision. The faithful should participate through responses, psalms, antiphons and songs, while also appreciating the importance of reverent silence. Ministers, musicians, choirs and congregation each have their own role, contributing together to the harmony of the celebration.

The Council gives particular importance to Gregorian chant and the organ while welcoming other forms of sacred music and suitable instruments. It also values the musical traditions of different cultures, recognising that authentic inculturation can enrich worship.

Choirs have a special responsibility not simply to perform but to support the liturgy and encourage congregational participation. Similarly, composers should draw upon the Church's musical heritage while creating worthy new music that respects contemporary cultures and the dignity of worship.

Pope Leo therefore stresses the importance of sound musical and liturgical formation for clergy, religious, musicians and singers.

He concludes with Saint Ignatius of Antioch's beautiful image of the Church becoming **one choir, harmonious in love, singing with one voice through Jesus Christ to the Father**. Sacred music ultimately expresses the Church united in **faith, prayer, communion and love**.

SAVE THE DATE 6TH DECEMBER 2026

On the 6th of December, the parish will be having its annual Parish Summer Feast Day Celebration. We hope to have a number of activities on the day. If you wish to assist in preparations or on the day, please contact Anthony in the Parish Office.

Happy 47th Wedding Anniversary
Prakash and Dianitha Fernandopulle

FR OLIVER ON ANNUAL LEAVE 28TH AUGUST-3RD OCTOBER

Fr Oliver will be on Annual Leave from the 28th of August to the 3rd of October. During this time Fr Jonathan will be here on his own to manage the pastoral needs of the parish.



Bishop's FATHER'S DAY APPEAL
HONOUR A LIFETIME OF FAITHFUL SERVICE THIS FATHER'S DAY

CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION



This Father's Day Appeal will begin 29th of August to the 20th of September.



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PARISH

Holy Hour

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

EVERY 4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
28th August 2026
7PM - 8PM Eucharistic Adoration (Confession available)
Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill-Schofields

"When we face the sun we get a tan... but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints"
- Saint Carlo Acutis

First Reading Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R)

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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Join us at...

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (YR 7-12)

CYMI GATHERING NIGHT
and Holy Hour

Our theme is...

Her Yes, His Mission: Living
Like Mary & St Maximilian
Kolbe

Bring a plate to share!

Friday, 28th August
6.30 - 9.30 pm - Youth Program
7 - 8 pm Holy Hour

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE Mary Immaculate Parish,
MARTYR OF CHARITY Quakers Hill-Schofields

Contact us:

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@cymi_qhs
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THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 22nd / 23 rd August						4th Sunday of the Month
Ministries	Vigil	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, Yavniel & Hadriel F Gabriel E	Katrina C, Susan C Jeremy A, Johan A		Allenth E
Readers	Virginia F John F Bernadette W	Mercy E Pen B Neetha Lima	Therese B Paea T Chrysanthi S	Rukshan A Ariel or Faye D Alin D	Loli M Nerissa T Andrew H	Cheryl Z Jeana B Raymond T
Special Eucharist Minister	Pompey F Jai A	Maria M Belen B	Eva C Charmaine A	Ariel or Faye D Juvy E	Angela D	Edgie A
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F			Aubrey J	Ines A	
Music Ministry	Trebles	Recorded music	Divine Hope Choir	C.F.C Choir	Recorded music	S.C.M.I Choir
PowerPoint	Jess P	Delyse P	Divine Hope Choir	C.F.C Choir		S.C.M.I Choir
Piety Store		Sherry	Merlyn F	Joe A		Patricia D

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 29th / 30th August						5th Sunday of the Month
Ministries	Vigil	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A	Angelo C	Conrad F	Lina Z Lawrence F	Paul M	Rommel D Patricia H
Junior Servers	Kiana F Senadi F Christine S		Rachael P Aviel, Yavniel & Hadriel, Gabriel E	Katrina C Susan C		P Marcial, M Georgie A Dass
Readers	Virginia F Mariquita P John F	Mere S Belen B Pen B	Bernie P Paea T Mary C	Anna Z Cora M Pat O	Divine M Merlyn F Alice Ho	Joy M Raymond T Tressy T
Special Eucharist Minister	Jane A Maria M	Maria M John B	Juvy E Neetha L	Patricia Z Zeny B		Ralph H
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F		Brad & Angela A	Pat O		
Music Ministry	C.F.C Family Ministry	Recorded music	MI Septet Choir	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir	Recorded music	5.S.M Choir
PowerPoint	Jess P		Choir	Choir	Jelynn M	Choir
Piety Store					Merlyn F	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

Office Email: parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

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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

THE SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY'S 4PM TO 5PM

BAPTISM & PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENT:

Baptisms on Saturdays at 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 9626 3326

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION:

Please contact sacramental coordinator for details
sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au

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.