



Mary Immaculate Parish

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BULLETIN

19 APRIL 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

1st Holy Communion start's on Mon. 27th 6.30pm

ANZAC DAY

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL MASS TIME: 7.30AM

Life is like being on a journey of faith, but sometimes we encounter obstacles along the way. What are some of the toughest obstacles on your path of life?

How does Jesus help you and guide you along that path?



Color the shapes that contain a white dot • in red. Color the remaining shapes in colours that you find in a loaf of bread.

Draw yourself walking beside Jesus as you try to find the way to Emmaus. As you pass through the letters along the correct path, write them down in the boxes below to discover what the disciples learned at Emmaus.

Jesus is always with us, even when we don't realize he is there. Where or when can we recognise Jesus in our everyday life.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER

Sick:

Aylyn Yu, Susie, Tersesita & Alfredo, Theresa Briffa, Lode Garcia, Ruth M. Manansala, 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, Jaythe 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:

John Zammit, Karmnu & Angela Muscat, Margaret Walker, Dani Laksana

Anniversaries:

Jan, Miecia & Zyguich, K.J. John, Melissa Zeitouni, Maria Vaz, Shanti Thumbawila, Paz Araceli Bautista, Fortunato Dingle, Maya Demagante, Albert Agius, Tony & Josephine Attard

In Memoriam:

Maxima & Engracio Obatay, Marcelline Rodrigo, Romeo Mondido Sr., Eneliko Williams, Lamberto Cadelina Sr., Phyllis Pereira, Ignatius Pereira, Trevon Vaz, Robert Lutz, Bernadette Jalea, Santiago Bautista Sr., Hermegildo Exequiel Capacio, Bernadette Jalea, Romeo Mondido, Vanita Peter, Dominigu Attard, Delilah Gregorio, Amelia Gabor, Albert Gomez, Zolion Del Rosario, Esteban Albino, Loudith Canizares, Leah Orongan, Rodrigo M. Valencia, Charles Briffa, Bernadette Jaba, Dem Bacus, Nancy Bartido, Joseph & Mary Vella, Rencio Basnillo, Elizabeth & Joshua Anaad, Nilo Montecillo, Wilson Paul, Lorna Miranda, Aida Rogue, Dominador Canizares, Dominique Attard, Joseph & Maria Saliba, Tony, Maria & Josephine Attard, Anthony Farrugia and departed family members, 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 & 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 Bacaloso, Margaret Cooper, Crispina Paras, All who died in war, & all the souls in purgatory.

May they Rest in Peace

RCIA 2027

The RCIA programme for this year will start early on the 15th June.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, preparing for Baptism, confirmation, or being received into the Church, we invite you to enrol.

Please contact the parish office or check the notice board for enrolment details.

We encourage you to spread the word to family and friends who may be interested.

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Ministry is seeking passionate and caring volunteers to help nurture the faith and spiritual growth of our youngest members. By joining our team, you'll have the rewarding opportunity to lead engaging, age-appropriate reflections and activities during Mass, creating a warm and welcoming environment for children to learn and connect with their faith. No prior experience is necessary—just a heart for service and a desire to make a positive difference in the lives of our children. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office. Join us in inspiring the next generation to grow in faith and joy! Children's Liturgy is not held during school holidays.

PARISH LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group are having a Mother's Day Raffle, Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets go on sale next weekend. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the prizes, please leave it in the parish office or with one of the members of the ladies group. Need to be in it to win it!

Happy Anniversary

Jun & Bebeth Cadelina 59th Wedding Anniversary



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: 20-25 April

Mon 20 April: Acts 6:8-15 & Jn 6:22-29

Tues 21 April: Acts 7:51-8:1 & Jn 6:30-35

Wed 22 April: Acts 8:1-8 & Jn 6:35-40

Thurs 23 April: Acts 8:26-40 & Jn 6:44-51

Fri 24 April: Acts 9:1-20 & Jn 6:52-59

Sat 25 April: Wis 3:1-9, 1 Cor 1:18-25 & Jn 12:23-28



The Secular Franciscans are holding a **retreat day to all** on the **16th of May at Our Lady of Mercy (Penrose Park) from 10am to 3pm**. We are hoping that there would be enough interest to book a bus to keep the cost of fuel down. **Cost Approx. \$55 per person**. We are hoping for 33 people to come on the bus. **If you are interested in coming on the bus, please contact Anthony in the parish office ASAP**. You will need to BYO Lunch for the day. There will also be activities for children on the day if you wish to bring them along. **RSVP BY THE 28th APRIL 2026 EVEN IF YOU ARE DRIVING DOWN.**



CLIMBING LADDERS
Early Learning & Montessori Centre

Explore our Learning Spaces at:

- Stanhope Gardens 02 8610 3775
- Rouse Hill 02 8678 9149
- North Kellyville 02 9629 4444

For Children aged 6 weeks to 6 years

Where the Journey Begins!



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

All parishes will be going through two audits this year. One in June and the other in October 2026. It is very important to ensure that you are updated on your certification. Marthese or Anthony have already emailed you last Friday. If you have recently updated your certification, please contact the office. If you have not, please complete your renewal online. If you wish to do your renewal face to face, Anthony will be setting a date soon to enable this to happen with Maria or Wendy from Safeguarding Diocese of Parramatta. **One Saturday in June, the parish will be conducting a face to face for those who have completed modules 1-3 and need to now complete 4-5. More information to follow next month. We will also email again, all those who need to follow-up this invitation.**

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the

ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 18th / 19th March					3rd Sunday of the Month	
Ministries	Vigil	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		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 Jai A Anna Marie N	Mere S Laurinda A Rachelle L	Rose B Jeana B Chrysanthi S	Eleanor O Cora M Pat O	Divine M Bruce M Fasa M	Gary C Paea T Perpetual F
Special Eucharist Minister	Jane A	Maria M Mary Mathew	Aida L Katherine C	Lucy V Patricia Z	Rudy H Tasnia H	Juvy E Edgie A
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Peter S	Brad & Angela A		A Aquini	
Music Ministry	Recorded music	Recorded music	Blacktown Philippino 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		

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 25th / 26th April					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	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	Virginia F John F Bernadette W	Mercy E Pen B Neetha L	Therese B Paea T Chrysanthi S	Therese D 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 Eleanor O	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

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 9626 3326

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.