



Parish Bulletin Mary Immaculate Parish,

Quakers Hill ~ Schofields

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ YEAR C Sunday 19th December

PARISH VISION & MISSION

As a gathering of the People of God in Mary Immaculate Parish, one in Christ, proclaiming the Gospel, the teachings of the Church and promoting Mary and the saints as models of discipleship, our parish community will manifest itself as an open, transparent and accountable Church, which respects due process, rejects every form of discrimination, listens to its people, promotes co-responsibility in every facet of its mission and ministry, and is compassionate to its core; an inclusive parish, developing and implementing pastoral strategies to welcome and support all, particularly the marginalised.

SEEKING NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Mary Immaculate is seeking new altar servers to serve at the altar. If you have already received your 1st Holy Communion, you can altar serve. Please collect an application form from the stand near the piety shop and drop into the SRE mail box. Or email the parish office with your details.

Parish Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who participated in helping to raise funds for our new parish project. God bless you for a very successful day. And big thank you to all those who helped make the day possible. Without you, we would not have such a fantastic parish community. Thank you!



R.C.I.A for 2022

Enrolments for 2022's RCIA program is about to start. If you or someone you know would like to enquire into joining or know more about the Catholic Church, please encourage them to contact Anthony in the Parish Office on 96263326 or email him at parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au Please keep the current group (Michelle, Rob and Caitlin) in your prayers.

PARISH TEAM

Priest of the Parish: Rev Fr. Oliver Aro

Deacon: Rev. Leon Decena

Parish Secretary: Anthony Saliba

Administrative Assistant: Marthese Sultana

Sacramental Coordinator: Sr Valerie (0414638884)

Parish Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9am to 4pm

Office email:

parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

Sacramental email:

sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au

Our current Mass services are as follows:

Monday – 6.00am only - Tuesday to Friday - 6.00am

and 9.15am - Saturday - 7.30am

Sunday Masses – Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Sunday- 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 5.30pm

We Remember In Our Prayers:

Recent:

Ajith De Silva, Amalia Fernandes, Alicia Diy

Anniversary

Anne & Joe Sultana, Nataline D'ouza, Virgilio Malaluan, Eustaquio Aro

In Memoriam:

Salud & Abraham Morgia, Edelberta Tura, Milroy De Silva, Teresita Ong Carther, Vernon Cruz, herril Cruz, Cordelia Pereira, Harold Pereira, Angelyn Yu, Claire & Soledad Licalde, Leslie D'Souza, Daniel Salomon, Maud Bussier, Aborted Babies, Severino Marcelo, Bill Azzopardi, Thomas Kalogjera, Mary & Paul Zammit, Mary & Angelo Spiteri, Maria Dass, Okusi Joshua, Fr Renato Paras, Dominic Botlero, Michae Gomes, Edelia Hamoy, Ma. Theresa Icao, Friolo Ico Sr., Remedios Icao, Salud & Abraham Morgia, Epifanio Paras, Josemaria Rafael Galang, Nenita & Rufino Galang, Denham Jacob, Anthony & Angelina Nazareth, Benjamin Rayner, Mary Keane, Brian Harding, Aveen Rayner, Dale Keane, Roslyn & Joseph Corera, Fernando Sr & Jr Espero, Florencia Espero, Ambrosio & Estela Gatuz, Vicky Quottromani, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Mamerta San Buenaventura, Mary Lucille & Robert Serrano, Claude & Rita Joachim, Mary Lucille, Perpetua & Mariano Jr, Roberto & Arsenia Serrano, Maria Cecilia Avancena, Eugenio Romero, Theresa Amjadali, Juliet Alfonso, Stan Saldanha, Pedro Arcelo, Nicholasa Capacio, Concepcion Teo, Yvonne Reymond, Francis Domingo Gorostiza, Julio De Mello, Catalino Estiago, Salud Aro, Ricardo, Dan Pieris, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granado.

May they Rest In Peace

PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

Every year, there are many children in our community that miss the opportunity to receive a gift at Christmas. With the help of ourselves and St Vincent De Paul, we can provide boys and girls something this Christmas. Please take a label off the Christmas Tree in the Church and place it on the wrapped gift that matches the age on the card and place it under the tree.

Please see the parish website for the latest information.

PLEASE NOTE!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

FROM BOXING DAY TO THE 12TH OF

JANUARY Apologies for any

inconvenience this may cause.



RECONCILIATION

Saturday's 4pm to 5pm

THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Preparation for sacrament during restrictions:

Baptisms on Saturdays at 9.00am, 10.00am & 11.00am

Every Sunday of the month at 10.30am.

One child per Baptism ceremony on Saturday.

One child per baptism ceremony on Sunday

Parents must attend a preparation session prior to baptism.

Preparation session on every 2nd Tuesday of the month

If you want your child baptized, please call Marthese in

the Parish Office Wed-Fri 9.00am-4.00pm

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation:

Please contact sacramental coordinator for details.

Weddings: By Appointment.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Mary Immaculate Primary School

125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill

Ph: 9626-3999. Principal: Stephen Dowd.

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: Jim Fanning.

Current COVID-19 Restrictions for Places of Worship

- Congregational singing can resume at our liturgies and services.
- Mask wearing will be encouraged but will no longer be mandatory for places of worship.
- No density limits will apply.
- Social events can resume with no density limits.
- QR Check-in and recording is still required of patrons.
- COVID-19 Safety Plans are no longer mandatory.

Whilst masks are not mandatory, Fr Oliver would still like to encourage everyone to wear one when in the church.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. has now REVOKED the dispensation to the Sunday Mass Obligation. All Catholics in the diocese must now attend Sunday Mass in their respective parishes as prior to COVID –19 times.

MASS FOR THE HOLY FAMILY

Due to Christmas being on a Saturday it **does not count towards** our Sunday Mass obligation. We are also required to attend again the Sunday mass for the Feast of the Holy Family to fulfill our Sunday obligation.

NEW YEARS EVE AND DAY MASSES

Parish New Years Eve Mass 8pm for the Vigil
Parish New Years Day Mass 7:30am & 9:30am

Fr Oliver's Silver Jubilee

Following the 10:30am mass on the 2nd of January, the parish will be celebrating Fr Oliver's 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. To make it more festive, we would like those attending to bring a plate or make a monetary donation to help cover some of the catering costs. For enquiries, please contact Mercee, Cora or any of those on the Social Committee.

NO MORE POTHOLES

Thank you to Angelo Cauchi for arranging to have the potholes filled along with J & M Schembri for filling them. Fantastic work fellas!

PIETY SHOP NOW FULL OF CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

The Piety Shop has now been re-stocked with some great Christmas cards and gifts. Please come and see what is available and support your parish.

THE PIETY SHOP WILL BE OPEN AGAIN FROM 9AM TO 3PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY

PARISH LADIES RAFFLE

A big thank you to the Parish Ladies group and all those that donated such great prizes to be won. Our winners are listed below: **1st Prize:** Jerry Attard **2nd Prize:** Mel Murnualtu **3rd Prize:** Raymond Fernando **4th Prize:** Anthony Sultana **5th Prize:** Faye Demagante **Congratulation to everyone!**

No 6am Masses during the Christmas Novena

There will be no 6am masses from the 16th of December to the 24th of November including Saturday the 19th due to the Christmas Novena Masses taking place.

NO Choirs or bulletins throughout January '22**NOVENA MASSES IN PREPARTION FOR CHRISTMAS**

Our parish will be celebrating Novena Masses in the preparation for Christmas. In order to give our parishioners an opportunity to participate and attend these Masses we will have "Misa De Gallo" each morning at 4.30am from 16th December to 24th December. From the 15th December to 23rd December we will have "Simbang Gabi" (Night Mass) each evening at 7.00pm. These nine-day novena Masses will be in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mother in preparation for Christmas. There will be fellowship only after the first & final Dawn and Nights Masses only.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Christmas Mass Times

Friday 24 December

4:30am - Final Novena Dawn Mass (*Misa De Gallo*)

9:15am - Mass

Christmas Eve Masses

5:30pm, 9:30pm & 12 Midnight

Mary Immaculate Church

5.30pm

Family Mass. (All Welcome)

9.30pm

Youth & Young Adults Mass.

Singing of Christmas Carols at 9pm.(All Welcome)

12 Midnight

Midnight Mass at Mary Immaculate Church.

Singing of Christmas Carols at 11.30pm (All Welcome)

Saturday 25 December

Christmas Day Mass - **8am & 10am**

** There will be **No Saturday Christmas Evening Mass** but there is for the 5:30pm Vigil for The Holy Family. **

New Year's Mass Times

New Year's Eve 31/12/21

8:00pm - Mass

New Year's Masses

7:30am & 9:30am

** New Year's Mass does not count to the Sunday obligation. Therefore the 5:30pm Vigil is for the feast of The Epiphany. **

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First Reading: Mi 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock

with the power of the Lord,

with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power
to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

(R.) THANKS BE TO GOD.

Responsorial Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;
then I said,

just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,

‘God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.’

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:

may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 1:39-45

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

(R.) PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Communion Antiphon: Is 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.



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Daily Mass readings for the week

Monday 20th December: Is 7:10-14 , Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday 21st December: Sg 2:8-14 , Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday 22nd December: 1 Sm 1:24-28 , Lk 1:46-56

Thursday 23rd December: Mal 3:1-4. 23-24 , Lk 1:57-66

Friday 24th December: 2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16 , Lk 1:67-79

Friday 24th December Vigil 5.30pm & 9.00pm: Is 62:1-5,

Acts 13:16- 17. 22-25, Mt 1:1-25 **Midnight:** Is 9:1-7, Ti 2:11-14 , Lk 2:1-14

Saturday 25th December 8.00am : Is 62:11-12 , Ti 3:4-7, Lk 2:15-20

10.00am: Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18



WARDENS NEEDED FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS

The Parish is looking for some volunteers to be Wardens till the end of the year. We need some especially at the 1st and 2nd Sunday 10:30am Mass, 4th Sunday at the 5:30pm Mass please.

Please email the office if you are able to step up.

Only 5 more sleeps till Christmas!



**CATECHIST
WANTED!**

We are seeking Catechists to bring the word of God to our state schools in 2022, if you are available during the week and want to participate in this ministry please contact the parish office for more information.

Ph: (02) 9626 3326 or parishoffice@maryimamc.org.au

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 18th / 19th December 2021					[3rd Sunday of the Month]	
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	D Nalletamby	P Sultana A Cauchi	B Lastica	I Zambrano L Zambrano	P Macaraeg	D Mojica
Junior Servers						E D'Lima M Georgie
Readers	B Avila E Small D Hill	M Stewart B Morkel	A Fernando M Fernando R Harris	E Oblepias C Malong P Ong	B Moa D Macaraeg J Balintec	E Aaron
Special Eucharist Minister	E Abuel R Heredia	John Noort	S Peiris A Lastica	D Macaraeg L Valenton	R Hartanto J Hartanto	L Walton T Hutama J Escueta
Warden	J Attard P Fernandez	P Stewart	B & A Andrews	V & R Fernandez	A Aquini	B & G Rutledge
Music Ministry	C.F.C Family Ministry	Recorded music	Recorded music	St Pedro Calungsod Devotees	Recorded music	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir
Power Point	J Pacheco	D Pereira	T Aldonker	V & R Fernandez	Operator needed	C Dias

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 24th / 25th December 2021					Christmas Eve / Day	
Ministries	5.30pm	9.00pm	Midnight		8.00am	10.00am
Senior Server	R Hutton R del Valle	O Dionisio A Cauchi	I Zambrano L Zambrano		A Cauchi D Mojica	B Lastica
Junior Servers	Jade Leeson Xavier Hutton		Megan Guerrero Lorenzo Ybuan		Jasmine Zolerick Cameron Zolerick	
Readers	B Morkel Aviel Fernando A Saliba	T Buttigieg	L Outschoorn M Malig V Peiris		D Hill R Limson R Barraquio	T Buttigieg A & F Demagante
Special Eucharist Minister	E Oblepias J Hartento R Hartento F & A Demagante		D Macaraeg A Zackria		B Mojica	A Lastica K Chan S Pieris
Wardens	Jerry Attard	NEEDED	A Wykes		NEEDED	NEEDED
Music Ministry	C.F.C Choir	Mary Immaculate Youth Choir	Combined Choir led by P Macaraeg		Recorded Music	Mary Immaculate Parish Choir
Powerpoint	Choir	Choir	Choir		Needed	Choir

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 25th / 26th December 2021					HOLY FAMILY [4th Sunday of the Month]	
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	N Varquez T Agius	P Sultana A Cauchi	B Rutledge G Rutledge	R Del Valle I Zambrano	P Macaraeg	R Hutton
Junior Servers	J Varquez					E D'Lima M Georgie
Readers	V Fernandez J Fernandez P Fernandes	M Engle P Bartolome K Waddington (Comm)	T Buttigieg S Dsouza (Comm) P Enosi	R Anthony T del Valle A or F Demagante	D Macaraeg M Fernandez D Mesa	A Togado E Abuel M Chacko
Special Eucharist Minister	P Fernandez J Agius	M Muscat B Morkel A Zackria	K Chan J Fernando	E Oblepias A or F Demagante F Hernandez		R Heredia L Walton T Hutama
Wardens	J Attard P Fernandez	NEEDED	F & B Moa	A Joachim	I & J Aguilar	S Hutton
Music Ministry	Fusion 2021	Recorded music	Divine Hope Choir	C.F.C Choir	Ray Pineda's group	S.C.M.I Choir
Powerpoint	J Pacheco	D Pereira	CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR