



# Mary Immaculate Parish

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## BULLETIN

30 November 2025

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT~ YEAR A

#### BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL WAS HELD 22 & 23 NOVEMBER

Thank you for helping heal broken-hearts this Christmas. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Christmas Appeal raised much needed funds to support Catholic Care's counsellors to continue bringing comfort and hope when it's needed most. Your kindness provides professional counselling, tailored care plans and the training that equips our team to serve with wisdom and compassion. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.



### DAILY MASS READINGS: 1-6 DEC

Mon 1 Dec: Is 2:1-5 & Matt 8:5-11  
Tues 2 Dec: Is 11:1-10 & Lk 10:21-24  
Wed 3 Dec: 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23 & Mk 16:15-20  
Thurs 4 Dec: Is 26:1-6 & Matt 7:21. 24-27  
Fri 5 Dec: Is 29:17-24 & Matt 9:27-31  
Sat 6 Dec: Is 30:19-21. 23-26 & Matt 9:35-10:1. 6-8

### PARISH LADIES GROUP

**This weekend, the Ladies Group are selling tickets of the Christmas Raffle. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.**

If you would like to be a part of this lovely group that supports our parish community, let the Parish Office know and we can place you in contact with Therese Buttigieg.

### WORKING BEE 20th DECEMBER

On the 20th of December, the parish is having its annual Advent Working Bee. It is a lot of work keeping the church and its grounds maintained. If your able to assist us in cleaning some of the areas inside and outside the church, it would be most appreciative. Please bring a broom or vacuum cleaner to help and some cleaning products.



### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

#### Sick:

Caroline Dias, Clarina Emanuel, Nina Mangion, Sr. Paulina, Fr Oliver Aro, Rolly Valenzuela, Liberty Ventura, Tita Garcia, Michael McTegg, Mila Ranoso, Lorry Debono, 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, Chadia Kaminski.

#### Recently Deceased:

Rosie Austria, Angeles Barrera Androcki, Alex Spiteri

### November Masses

November is traditionally the month in which we remember our deceased family members and friends. A Perpetual book of remembrance has been created. **You are invited** to write the names of your loved ones **in this book** and only if needs be write on the cards. These will then be converted into the book and taken off the wall. Each of these names will be remembered in all Masses during November this year and years to come. If you wish to make a donation, there is an electronic means and a cash box provided.

***During November ONLY the names of recently deceased will be published in the parish bulletin.***

*May they Rest in Peace*

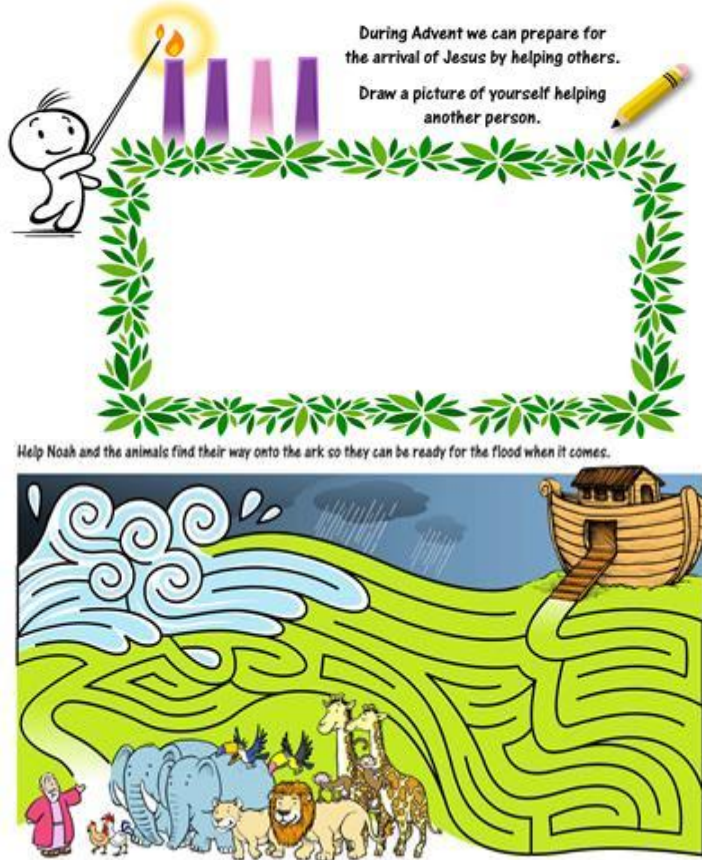
## CYMI GATHERING

**Who:** YOUTH IN YR7-12 ARE ALL INVITED!

**When:** 7pm Friday 05/12

**Theme:** Celebrating and concluding CYMI 2025 with a Christmas Party!

Please bring a plate of food or drinks to share in the festivities!



## LITURGY ROSTER'S FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

Sign up sheets are out for ministers to fill out for the Christmas Novena Masses, the Christmas Season and New Year's. We would like to have this filled out by the second week of December. Please also allow others to have the opportunity to put their names down.

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE PIETY SHOP \$10 EACH

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## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

A message from SVDP:

If you or anyone you know is experiencing hardships due to loss of job, illness, loneliness, or homelessness, and would like to receive a food and gift hamper this Christmas from your local Stanhope Gardens/Quakers Hill St Vincent De Paul Conference, please reach out to the parish office and provide a hamper delivery address. Rest assured, your details will be kept confidential and used only for the purpose of distributing the hampers.

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER

**Mass times: 6.00am & 6:30pm**

Rosary will be prayed before Mass starts. Then after mass there will be a candle light procession with the statue of Our Lady followed by fellowship. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you



## PARISH ADVENT RECOLLECTION DAY

You are invited to our Parish recollection Day on **Saturday 13 December 10.00am-2.00pm**. Sign up sheets are in the foyer of the church. Please bring a plate to share. All are welcome!

## 2ND RITE RECONCILIATION

**Thursday  
11 December  
6.30pm**

## ALTAR SERVER OUTING

This year, the Altar Servers are going out for a fun evening. The office will be sending an email out to all the altar servers. Please ensure that the office has parent's email addresses.



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**First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come  
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord  
shall tower above the mountains  
and be lifted higher than the hills.  
All the nations will stream to it,  
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'  
He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,  
their spears into sickles.  
Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.  
O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.**

**(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. (R.)
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!' (R.)
4. For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. (R.)

**Second Reading Romans 13:11-14**

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

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation Psalm 84:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**CATHOLIC CARE SEWING AND CROCHET CLASSES**

All are welcome to join Catholic Care's weekly sewing and crochet classes every Thursday during school terms, 10am-1pm at Mamre House and Farm, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. Learn new skills, connect with others, and enjoy a friendly, supportive environment. Perfect for anyone wanting to meet new people! To register, contact Catholic Care on (02) 8843 2500 or email [enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au).

**LOW COST COUNSELLING SERVICES**

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.

**MOUNT SCHOENSTATT MONTHLY SHRINE TIME FOR MEN**

Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour for men at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of the month from 8-9pm. The hour includes a brief reflection, silent personal prayer and the opportunity for confession. The Shrine has been a place of pilgrimage in the Diocese since 1968 and in 2025 is also one of the three locations in the diocese to gain the Jubilee Indulgence.

**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

THIS WEEK'S ROSTER: 29th / 30th November				5th Sunday of the Month		
Ministries	5.30pm	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 F Gabriel E	Katrina C Susan C	Heleni M Johan M	P Marcial, M Georgie A Dass
Readers	Rachelle L John F Nikita D	Mere S Belen B Pen B	Bernie P Paea T Mary C	Anna Z Cora M Pat O	Louis E Merlyn F Jeninah D	Anne T Raymond T Tressy T
Special Eucharist Minister	Ralph H	Maria M John B	Eva C	Esperanza D Fe H Patricia Z		Juvy E
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Peter S	Brad & Angela A	Pat O		
Music Ministry	C.F.C Family Ministry	Recorded music	MI Septet Choir	Recorded music	Recorded music	5.S.M Choir
PowerPoint	Jess P	Juvy A	Choir		Jelynn M	5.S.M Choir
Piety Store		Sherry		Joe A	Merlyn F	Patricia D

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 6th / 7th December				1st Sunday of the Month		
Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Conrad F	Angelo C Arnel R	Joseph S Joseph A	Rommel D	Ralph H Patricia H	John B Romany D
Junior Servers	Kiana F Ezekiel D		Aviel F Hadriel F Gabriel E John Shedad	Heleni M Johan M	Stephanie S	Paolo M M Georgie Annika D
Readers	Therese B Mariquita P Jai A	Therese M Anna Z Edgie A	Rose B Jeanne C Chrysanthi S	Mercee M Divine M Fasa M	Merlyn F Anne T Perpetual F	Paea T Belen B Neil N
Special Eucharist Minister	Edith M Pompey F	Mercy E Charmaine A	Eva C	Pat O Esperanza D	Aida L Tasia H	Mary Mathew Raymond T
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F		Ray & Sandra G		Alfredo P	
Music Ministry	Recorded Music	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	Juvy A
Piety Store	Merlyn F	Sherry	Eva C	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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**Accounts Email:**

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**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, Wednesday 6pm- 7pm Holy Hour with Mass.

Sunday Masses – Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm Sunday- 7.30am,

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