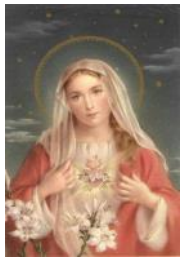




# Mary Immaculate Parish

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## BULLETIN

26th January 2025

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME & AUSTRALIA DAY

Happy Australia  
Day



The Feast of Our Lady of Lanka



WHEN: Sunday, 2nd February 2025  
WHERE: Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill  
MASS AT: 10.30 am

Mass will be followed by fellowship of traditional Sri Lankan food.  
Please contact Tania on 0405820073 or Mary on 0422 889 798

You are welcome to dress in traditional attire

### 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: 27 JAN-1 FEB

Mon 27th Jan: Heb 9:15, 24-28 & Mk 3:22-30

Tues 28th Jan: Heb 10:1-10 & Mk 3:31-35

Wed 29th Jan: Heb 10:11-18 & Mk 4:1-20

Thurs 30th Jan: Heb 10:19-25 & Mk 4:21-25

Fri 31st Jan: Heb 10:32-39 & Mk 4:26-34

Sat 1st Feb: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 & Mk 4:35-41

### 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:

Anna Fernandes, Madeline Semisi, Richardo 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:

Carmen Muscat, Asher Alaura,  
Jaime Nassif, K.F. Joseph, Aaron D'Souza

#### Recently Deceased:

Mary Sultana, Maria Theresa Xuereb  
Wilma A. Cristobal, William Gomes, Mario Cauchi

#### In Memoriam:

Felix Paul, Meinardo Benitez, Felix Romero, Jr., Noel Johnson, Vicente Alaura, Ariel Domingues, Salvador Nassif, Emma Fernandez, Joe Aquilina, Carmen Attard, Emma Soriano, Maria Billones, Apolonio Ladrangan, Walter Saldanha, Paul Camilleri, Salud Morgia, Marilyn Deza, Deceased members of the Parcon family, Dave Culala, Aurelia Salgado Bernardo, Julio Rodriguez, Nancy Bartido, Deogracias Mirasol, Don Gaculais, Prem Sauni, Crispina Pancho, Benjamin Moores, Doreen Gois, Tony Gonsalves, Leslie D'Souza, Ivan Quintos, Lorna Hall, Renato Fornolles, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Edward & Teresita Ombina, Mamerta San Buenaventura, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Albert Gomez, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Bibiana Malaluan, Mary Lucille Serrano, Marilou, Mariano Jr., Perpetua, Arsenia, Roberto & Marichar Serrano, Joselito & Bobet Serrano, Epifanio Serrano, Lois & Bede Hill, Marie Mackenzie, Ben McShane Hill, Albert & Michael Agius, Ruben Elago, Anthony Farrugia and family members, Bill Azzopardi, Calvin & Alberto Wijewera, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Claude & Rita 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

## PPC UPDATE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we celebrate Australia Day and the first of the multi-ethnic events in our Parish throughout the year. However, Australia Day is different from the celebrations of the other individual ethnic groups as we are all Australians irrespective of our ethnicity and original homelands. Today we join with the traditional owners of this land in thanking God for this great country we now call home and to which we have been welcomed as migrants. We all contribute to the enhancement of this country providing our God-given talents and skills.

Next weekend - February 2nd, the Parish celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Lanka as well as the 77th anniversary of its independence from colonial rule. As in the past several years our Sri Lankan brothers and sisters will commemorate these two occasions at the 10.30 a.m. Mass. Followed by a fellowship at which traditional food and hospitality will be shared.

Sri Lankans will also be dressed in colourful attire depicting the vibrancy of their homeland. It is hoped that many of you will join in celebrating with the sizeable Sri Lankan community in Mary Immaculate Parish.

With this being the first PPC communication for the year it is hoped that 2025 will provide you all an even greater spiritual and pastoral experience. The order for the remaining seven statues have now been placed with a sculptor in Sri Lanka. The statues are expected to arrive in June.

I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy Australia Day and invite you to share in a morning tea following the 9am & 10:30am morning Masses.

God Bless all of you and Australia, this beautiful country.

Aubrey Joachim Chairman PPC 25/26



Denis & Monique Nalletamby  
55th Wedding Anniversary

**RCIA Workshop**  
Involving the parish community in the Scrutinies and Easter Vigil Rites of the Elect

**FEBRUARY 19 2025 7PM - 9PM**  
BISHOP BEDE HEATHER CENTRE  
MARION ST BLACKTOWN

RSVP by Feb 15 at [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795

## DEEPENING THE FAITH SESSIONS

These will re-commence in the Parish meeting Room on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month following the 9.15am Mass. Programme will start Wednesday 12 February. If you would like to refresh your knowledge or learn more about your faith, you are invited to join us for a "cuppa", a DVD, a little sharing and prayer. No need to book. All are welcome! For enquiries phone Colleen: 0413 668 652 or leave a message on (02) 98375069.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Parish Secretary to join the parish team on a part time basis, working from the Parish Offices at St Patrick's Church, 51-19 Allawah Street, Blacktown. This position is for 4 days per week, Tuesday to Friday, with working hours from 9am to 4pm. This role offers a unique opportunity to support the mission of the Church in Western Sydney.

## SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Should anyone need to complete their Safeguarding Training, Maria Kervin is presenting these Modules face to face at Marayong.

1. Initial Mandatory Modules (Cycle 1: 1-3) on: Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan (10am-11.30am)
2. Renewal Mandatory Modules (Cycle 2: 4-5) for those who completed training 2 years ago will be presented on: Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Jan and Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb (10am-11.30am)

Everyone is also welcome to complete these independently, and at times convenient to them, by 'signing up' to:

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

DIocese of PARRAMATTA

"LET US BE CLOSE TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE GOING THROUGH ILLNESS AND ALSO THEIR FAMILIES."  
POPE FRANCIS

CELEBRATING

**World Day of Prayer for the Sick**

— MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES WITH THE RITE OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK —

**TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 11AM 2025**

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

**First Reading Isaiah 32:15-18**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Once more there will be poured on us  
the spirit from above;  
then shall the wilderness be fertile land  
and fertile land become forest.  
In the wilderness justice will come to live  
and integrity in the fertile land;  
integrity will bring peace,  
justice give lasting security.  
My people will live in a peaceful home,  
in safe houses,  
in quiet dwellings.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.9**

**(R.) The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

**Second Reading Romans 12:9-13**

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

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers should, and have a profound respect for each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care.

**Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21**

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

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your

Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives

and to the blind new sight,  
to set the downtrodden free,

to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'



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.

MIYA will be recommencing gathering at 7pm on the 7th of February in the meeting room. The topic for the night TBA. For those who wish to be a part of this group, application forms can be collected near the bulletin stand.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy will recommence on Sunday 9th February at the 9.00am & 10.30am Masses. If there is anyone to volunteer to facilitate please contact the office.

Where are our families?  
HALF of our Catholic children  
are in Public Schools.

**ANSWER  
THE CALL  
TO MISSION!**

We will show you how to pray  
and explore the Good News  
about Jesus with Catholic  
students as an SRE Teacher  
(SRE Catechist or Helper).



**THIS WEEKEND'S ROSTER: 25th/26th January**
**4th Sunday of the Month**

Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A	Angelo C Romany D	Conrad F Ding M	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 Lourdes M	Cheryl Z Patricia H Bernadette W
Special Eucharist Minister	Pompey F	Maria M Belen B	Eva C	Eleanor O	Angela D	Lita W
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F			Aubrey J	Ines A	
Music Ministry	Recorded music	Recorded music	Recorded music	Recorded music	Recorded music	Recorded music
Power point	Jess P	Delyse P				
Piety Store		Sherry	Merlyn F	Joe A		Patricia D

**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 1st/2nd February**
**1st Sunday of the Month**

Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am Feast of Our Lady of Lanka	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Conrad F	Angelo C	Joseph S Ding M	Ruwanal F Amila F Romany D	Ralph H Patricia H	Arnel R John B
Junior Servers	Katrina C Kiana F Ezekiel D		Gabriel E	Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F	Stephanie S	Paolo M M Georgie Annika D
Readers	Edward S Anthony S Jeana B	Therese M Anna Z Edgie A	Rose B Jeanne C Perpetual F	Dianitha F Vanessa P Aubrey J	Merlyn F Anne T	Paea T Belen B
Special Eucharist Minister	Jane A Edith M	Charmaine A	Eva C Bessie M	Bernie P	Aida L Tasia H	Mary Mathew
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F		Ray & Sandra G		Alfredo P	
Music Ministry	Fishers of Men	Recorded music	Liam Shield's & Paul Macaraeg	MI Septet Choir	CFC Quakers Hill	Rise Up Soul Singers
Power point	Jess P	Marcus M	Choir	Choir	Choir	Juvy A
Piety Store		Sherry	Eva C	Joe A	Ines 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 Coordinator:** Sr Valerie (0414638884)

**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday—Friday 9am to 4pm

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**Accounts Email:**

accounts@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 - 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.

**THE YOUTH GROUPS**

Email: parishoffice@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