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SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm
On the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am
Mass, celebrated in Filipino.

WEEKDAY MASSES Mondays 9:10am Communion service
Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any
weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an
open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass for an hour.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass

BAPTISMS By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on
the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am.

MARRIAGES By appointment at least 6 months notice.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time/B 4TH AUGUST 2024

Gospel Reading John 6:24-35

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John's report of Jesus' walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John's Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In today's Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that he gives in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfilment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realising that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

We thank

- ✦ Rael & Ventura families for donating flowers.
- ✦ Bambic family for fixing the glass doors.

Fr Danai
Parish Priest

Thought of the Week

"A man who governs his passions is master of the world. We must either rule them or be ruled by them. It is better to be the hammer than the anvil."

St. Dominic ~ Feast Day 3 August



**WELCOME TO
THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH**
Florence Luu,
who will be baptised this
weekend.

Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
2nd Reading	Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
Responsorial Psalm	The Lord gave them bread from heaven.
Gospel	John 6:24-35
Next Weekend: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:30– 5:2 John 6:41-51

We pray for...

Our sick: Massimo Baroni, Michael Oude Vrielink, Lorins Dawood, Greg Biddle, Ive, Melad Hanna, Taghlat Saleem, Alexander, Felipe, Anne Carmel, George Attard, Alfie Dimarco, Emil Frijas, Ambroz, Svetko, Aysar Nicolaou, Sandra, Bozo, Philip, Valencia, Alan Biag, Rita Edge, Angelo Aguilar, Zora, Denny Biordi, Kim Dau, Tony Surace, Oliver Cabardo, Cecilia Felipe, Josephine Schembri, Eddy Hrkac, Catherine Cordina, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Gani Rael, Rita Francis, Diosdada Penollar, Carole Robertson, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Bernadetta Russo (*Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise*).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the **Recently deceased:** Marcelina Rael, Rose Grima, Karlo Montibeler, Anita Sadsad-Flores, Carlo Montebella, Gilda Pontello, Nancy Costa Correia, Jose Ribeiro, Palmira Pacenza, Benedetto Perricone, Rocky Reitano, Luz Concepcion, Ganna Fenech, Erlinda Calios, Angela Tamburri, Angelo Rinaldi, Vernon Vertley, Louisa, John Gordon, Renza Martignago, Steven Suplat, Tobia Panuccio, Narciso Ignacio, Rita Malapitan, Joseph Francis and those whose

Anniversaries occur at this time: Benjamin T. Penollar, Margaret Fenech, Maryanne Tomarchio, Laurie & Mary McCallum, Orazio Di Marco, Carol Motyka **Other deceased including:** Nonata San Miguel, Rita Azzopardi, Laurie & Mary McCallum, Ercole Oselli, Gaetano & Agnes Cordina, Agapita Valdez Primitivo & Maria Luz Labis, Carl Joseph Labis, Nicola & Serafina Froio, Gaudencial Prudente, Carmen Miel & Jose Ch Perez, Stife, Reynaldo Dino, Domenic Sergi, Tadija Bakic, Vinko Zovko, Alejandro Feliciano, Joseph Valenti, Samuel Williams, Jack Frank, Gerald D'Souza, Stefano Collu, Rizalina Redoblado, Marko Bakic, Rita Reggio, Carmelino Maniti, Vincenzo Simone, Martin Sartor, Patrick & Tom Anderson, Joseph & Doris Cassar, Guido Pontello, Mario & Antonina Sinacori, Frank Ieroianni, Vincenzo Demaio, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince & Giovanna Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Nonata San Miguel, Michele, Concetta, Antonio Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Caruso, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory. **May they rest in peace.**

Other Intentions : Maria Bugge, Daniel De Guzman, Maria, Vivian & family, Cveta, Tommy, Andjelka

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Are you, or do you know someone who is, interested in joining the Catholic Church? The RCIA is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. For more enquiries, please contact the Parish on 9604 8927 or email admin@mibp.org.au.



Donate to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal
3rd & 4th August 2024 is our parish appeal.

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place. Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

Donate at www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf
Or complete the parish envelope.

Parish Diary

Monday 5th August	9:10am Communion Service 10:00am Healing Mass with Fr Justin Praise & Worship Group (Italian) 7:00pm Healing Mass with Fr Justin
Tuesday 6th August	The Transfiguration of the Lord 9:10am Mass 4:30pm Legion of Mary 7:00pm Praise & Worship (English)
Wednesday 7th August	St Sixtus II & St Cajetan 9:10am Mass 9:40am Rosary 3:15pm Junior Prayer Group 6:30pm Choir
Thursday 8th August	St Mary of the Cross 9:10am Mass-MIPS (Y6) Followed by Adoration for an hour 10am Prayer Group
Friday 9th August	St Teresa Benedicta 9:10am Mass 9:40am Rosary 7:00pm Mass-JHPGroup 7:30pm Rosary-Disciples of SHJ
Saturday 10th August	St Lawrence 5:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 11th August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 11:00am Filipino Mass 6:00pm Mass

An Invitation to New Life in God's Spirit Seminar with Fr Nards Mercene

on Saturday, 10th August, 9am to 6pm
at Mary Immaculate Parish (Fr Peter Neville Hall)
Seminar is free, lunch and refreshments provided.
Contact: Manding 0413147740, Dan 0414548781,
Zeny 0419115443

UPCOMING COURSES at Mary Immaculate Parish for EMHC and READERS

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NOW DUE for the upcoming **3 part EMHC Course** which will take place on Wednesday 14th August, Thursday 22nd & 29th August at 6pm-9pm in the Parish Centre. Please email or bring forms to the Parish Office asap. Thank you.

The **2 part Readers Course** will take place on Thursday 3rd & 10th October at 6pm-9pm in the Parish Centre.

You must register to attend. Please write your name and contact details on the list in the church foyer. Thanks.

Striving to be a "Loving, Caring, Christian Community"

From the Liturgy Office...



We believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated life or to live as generous single people. Celebrated from 4 – 11 August 2024, **National Vocations Awareness Week** is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. This celebration coincides with the feast of the country's first saint: **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**.

During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live out your vocation more deeply. We pray that more generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life for the Church in Australia.

If you want more information about Vocations or to find prayers for vocations, please visit <https://sydneyvocations.org>

SINGERS and MUSICIANS NEEDED

We continue to ask for competent and confident musicians and singers to be a part of the parish music ministry.



In fact, we are looking for singer or singers to join a musician to lead the music once a month at the Saturday Vigil mass.

you are interested in any of the above information or just want to know more, please call me at the Parish Liturgy Office on 96096087 (Tues & Wed) or email me at liturgy@mibp.org.au

Thank you and God bless.

Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

AUGUST: For Political Leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

Fr Justin Torres, OATH

Fr Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be celebrating Healing Mass on **Monday, 5th August at 10am and 7pm in the church**. All welcome.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/11 August 2024

	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
Commentator	FHC	R Sofia	S Andrijic	M Perrone
Minister of the Word	Candidates C Aranda & D Mosa	M Tran	J Baulman	R Ilagan
EMHC	F Di Marco J Habelreeh	A Froio G Kruk	L Labbozzetta P Redoblado T Baltero	M Oliveri M Laviste
Data Proj/ Musician	S Poullath	T Pham	T Dacanay-Lo	A Perrone S Faga
Altar Servers	J,A,L Daly A Rai G Morgante	S Sofia A Lapietri	M Franso R El Boustani O Andrijic	E&A Fleita M Menzagopian J Nicolas
Welcomers	FHC Candidates	FHC Candidates	FHC Candidates	FHC Candidates
Piety Stall	C Stanislas	G Smith	D Hrkac	T Seraglio
Counter: Group 2 N&P Redoblado M Dandan	Altar Linen : A Fleming	Flowers : M Vu	Cleaners : Group 6 B Cuka A Karoomi E Kemi T Safar	

Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2024

Catechetical Sessions will commence on the 5th August.

GOD'S PERSONAL MESSAGE FOR YOU

8:50am Tuesdays

Church foyer meeting room - all welcome

Listen and reflect on God's personal message for you, revealed in the Sunday Gospel.

No sharing required.

Stay on for mass at 9:10am

COME JOIN THE FUN AT
MINI IMMACULATES
PLAYGROUP FOR PRE-KINDERS (0-5YRS)

TUESDAYS AT 9:15AM
ARTS & CRAFT
STORY TIME
FUN GAMES
SONGS & MUSIC
FREE PLAY

OPPORTUNITY FOR:
*1:1 TIME WITH YOUR CHILD
*TO CONNECT WITH FAMILIES
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Before school Rosary



8:30am this Friday
in the church

Pray the rosary at Church
Surrender it all to your Heavenly Mum!
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Staff Welcome.





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Symbols of St Jude:

Medallion of Jesus symbolises the image of Jesus' face in "The image of Edessa" St Jude delivered it to King Abgar to heal him.



The tongue of flame represents the Holy Spirit descending on St Jude at Pentecost.

The Dove symbolises the Holy Spirit.

The green colour represents hope and renewal, like the renewal of foliage in the Spring time.

Pray for us St Jude, Patron Saint of Hope, in our desperate time of need.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

25-27 October 2024

For bookings: Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419
or email: nswwbookings@wwme.org.au

Consent to Film and Photograph a child/children in the Parish : As a general rule, no consent is required to photograph or film groups of 10 or more children (where they are not identified by name). However, for one child or a group of less than 10 children, a general consent form should be obtained by a parent/guardian.



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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.