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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.

Thought of the Week

"Now I myself suffer what I am suffering;
but then there will be Another in me
who will suffer for me, because I am to
suffer for him. — St. Felicity

Fourth Sunday of Lent/B 10TH MARCH 2024

Gospel Reading John 3:14-21

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening Antiphon. On this Sunday, the Antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

Fr Danai
Parish Administrator



Next baptismal information
evening is on the
21st March at 7:30pm.

Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Are you or 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.

We pray for...

Our sick: Alan Biag, Oliver Cabardo, Cecilia Felipe, Cely Aragon, Josephine Schembri, Sabastijan, Fr Joy, Ante, Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Catherine Cordina, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Kathleen Grogan, Cveta, Joe, Zvonko, Francis Agius, Roman, Marin, Josip, Ed Malapitan, Rolly Rocela, Elizabeth Mifsud, Tommy, Darko, Steve, Gani Rael, Kate/Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Sipina family, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Bernadetta Russo, Lina (*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:** Renza Martignago, Steven Suplat, Patrick Dine, Renato Deprat, Lilian Camba, Dennis De Martin, Gil Ilagan, John Svircevic, Zenaida Matias, Carlo Farrugia, Tobia Panuccio, Bruno Debortoli, Geraldine Jansen, Narciso Ignacio, Liliam Camba, Antonio Gooden Lapuz, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Joseph Francis, and those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:** John Sergi **Other deceased including:** Gaetano and Agnes Cordina, Leticia Dedase, Nestor Belen, Guido Soligo, Fr Denis Foley, Peter Sanfilippo, Anita Wilson, Miriam & Victor Busutil, Edwin Zammit, Mario Todaro, Giuseppe Varrica, Sandro Oselli, Josip & Andelko Lozina, Grazia & Giuseppe Panuccio, Purificacion Ortega, Rosaro Violi, Juliana Medina & Rolando Olano, Thomas Yousif, Steven Suplat, Albert & Jean Montgomery, Thelma Fernandes, Mario & Antonina Sinacori, Frank Ieroianni, Angelita Bowrow, Slavko Kucinic, Ramon Umali, Pasquale Carboni, Anna Cattelini, Carlo Farrugia, Stefano Cantele, Anita Wilson, Margaret Bastic, Stephen & Maria Suplat, Francesco Papalia, Milagros Gaspi, William Barton, Reynaldo Morales, Bernard Gitz, Emmanuel Attard, Vincenzo Demaio, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Francesco Leuzzi, Nonata San Miguel, Michele, Concetta, Antonio & Giovanna Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimaano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory. **May they rest in peace.**

Other Intentions: A Froio

LEGION OF MARY

“Our Lady of Lourdes” Cabramatta Curia cordially invites you to celebrate our Annual Acies Ceremony on Saturday, 6 April 2024 (Rosary 9:00 am; Mass 9:30 am) Rev Fr. Danai Penollar, Pastor, mass celebrant at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Bossley Park (110 Mimosa Road Corner Restwell Road)



Parish Diary



Monday 11th March	9:10am Communion Service 10:00am Praise & Worship (Italian)
Tuesday 12th March	9:10am Mass 4:30pm Legion of Mary 7:00pm Lenten Reflection-Deacon 7:00pm Praise & Worship (English)
Wednesday 13th March	9:10am Mass 9:40am Rosary 3:15pm Junior Legion of Mary 5:30pm Stations of the Cross rehearsal 7:00pm Choir
Thursday 14th March	8:30am Stations of the Cross 8:45am Lenten Reflection 9:10am Mass Adoration after the Mass for an hour.
Friday 15th March	9:10am Mass 9:40am Rosary 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Praise & Worship-JHPGroup 7:30pm Rosary-Disciples
Saturday 16th March	5:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass-Rite of Acceptance for the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation
Sunday 17th March	5th Sunday of Lent 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass-Rite of Acceptance for the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation 11:00am Baptism 6:00pm Mass-Rite of Acceptance for the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading	2Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23
2nd Reading	Ephesians 2:4-10
Responsorial Psalm	Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!
Gospel	John 3:14-21
Next Weekend: 5th Sunday of Lent	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33

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From the Liturgy Office...

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS & MINISTERS:

Helpers are still needed in the following areas:

1. Covering all the statues/pictures in the church on Sat 16 March at 9am.
2. Cutting palm branches and decorate the Church and grounds on Sat 23 March at 9am.
3. Additional readers for the Palm Sunday Passion.
4. Participants for the Washing of the Feet which occurs at the Last Supper Mass on Thursday 28 March at 7pm.
5. Participants for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross on 29 March at 10am. **(There will be a meeting for all those wishing to participate in the Good Friday Stations on Wednesday 13 March at 6pm in the Church.)**
6. Preparing and decorating the Church on Easter Saturday 30 March at 9am for the Vigil Mass.

Please remember, *“many hands make light work”*. So if you can assist, please write your name and phone number on the helpers lists located in the Church Foyer. For any further information, please contact me at the Liturgy Office on 96096087. Thank you.

Themes for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B

This weekend, the readings present a profound reflection on themes of longing for restoration, God's mercy and grace, the dichotomy between light and darkness, and God's unwavering love for humanity. They invite us to contemplate our own lives in light of God's enduring patience and willingness to forgive. They challenge us to recognize our transgressions, yet reassure us of the possibility of repentance and returning to God's grace.

Moreover, the readings offer a deep exploration of God's relationship with humanity, characterized by both justice and immense love. Despite the harsh reality of judgment, we are assured that there is always a path back to God through repentance, illuminated by the light of Christ.

Therefore, as we journey through Lent, let us hold fast to the promise of restoration and the gift of God's mercy, celebrating the profound love He has for each of us, manifested through the giving of His only Son. *(Sourced from Young Catholics)*

God bless,
Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

MARCH: For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Way of the Cross—St Joseph's Conference Centre, 30 Tyson Rd, Bringelly, Tuesday, 19th March at 10:30am.

Please pay the bus fare of \$20 to the Parish office.

Altar Server's Training

Next altar server's training on **Tuesday, 19th & 26th March at 3:15pm until 5pm**. Children must be at least 8years old and above and received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.



5th Sunday of Lent 16/17 March 2024

	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
Commentator	Y Vitagliani	J Cruz	J Weaver	T Seraglio
Minister of the Word	A Soldo	M Tran	J Cordina	E Russo
EMHC	F Di Marco E Sadsad	Y Dawood L Pham	A Elizes R Ranola L Biag	T Corpus L Bykowski
Data Proj/ Musician	B&B Soldo M Balgos	L Kardum S Cruz	R Mannino Choir	A Fleita
Altar Servers	M Kouza K Liang C Debono R Mascarenas	Volunteer	A Banbekian	M Nicolaou
Piety Stall	Volunteer	S Wilkins	V&M Pante	R Rossi
Counter: Group 3 M&E Frijas J Cruz S Cruz	Altar Linen : B Juan	Flowers : No flowers during Lent	Cleaners : Group 3 Adorers c/o W Bacucang	

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024

All are invited to attend the Lenten Reflection to be led by Deacon Mervyn

Every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Parish centre, led by Deacon Mervyn is providing an opportunity for the faithful to come together to pray and to prepare for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, using the **Lenten Companion now available in the foyer**. Please register (clipboard in the foyer).

Stations of the Cross

Every Thursday throughout Lent at 8:30am followed by Lenten reflection and Friday at 7:00pm in the Church.

23/24 March—Passion (Palm) Sunday

Procession of Palms into the Church

Masses: Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

26 March—Confession for Lent from 6pm-7pm in the church

28 March—Holy Thursday

Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11:00pm

29 March—Friday of the Passion of the Lord

10:00am - Morning Prayer

10:30am - Stations of the Cross

1:00pm - Filipino Liturgy

4:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross

30 March—Easter Vigil—Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer at 10am followed by the Blessing of Easter foods. **Easter Vigil commencing at 7pm** with the Blessing of Easter Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle & procession.

31 March—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12pm (Laos Community)

Note : No 6pm Mass



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