



# Mary Immaculate Parish Bulletin



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Fourth Sunday in ordinary time – year A

1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

Adult faith education (part 28)

## The Dismissal Rite

In the days before the Vatican Council II restored the Liturgy, at the end of the celebration of the Mass the priest (or deacon) used to announce *ite, missa est*. This was the traditional Latin concluding formula of the Roman Catholic Mass. Many translated this as ‘*the Mass is ended*’ and certainly when we eventually received the English translation this was what we were given. However, it is not the correct translation. The meaning of ‘ite, missa est’ is “*Go, it is the dismissal*” or “*Go, you are dismissed*”. Historically, this phrase signifies the end of the liturgical service, sending the faithful out to apply the grace received, with *missa* (dismissal) being the origin of the word “Mass”.

The problem in saying ‘the Mass is ended’ is that it gives the impression that what is celebrated is a ‘ritual’ rather than the ongoing dialogue between Christ and the Church. Adding to this view, was the practice that the priest, was the central figure in the Liturgy, and performed all the rituals within the Mass. This creates the view that the Mass ‘ends’ when the priest has finished performing the rituals i.e., when all the prayers are said, communion has been distributed. Thus, our duty to ‘attend Mass’ is now complete.

However, this is not the meaning of the Mass, as hopefully has been made clear in the articles leading up to this. Even the name “Mass” is taken for the Latin word “missa” meaning “to be sent”. Therefore, we come to Mass not to take part in a static ritual but rather, we come to Mass in order to be “sent out”.

In the Mass the Eucharist is a ‘highpoint of our lives’; it is a celebration of not only the Lord’s Last Supper but also His life completely. Through the reception of Holy Communion, we enter the life of Jesus as he offers us Himself. Therefore, we receive and we commit our lives to the Incarnation of Christ, to his teachings and healings, to his death and His resurrection and Christ on-going mission. Therefore, the Mass never ends because Christ continues to surround us and work in and through us.

Perhaps it may be more easily understood if we see the Liturgy of the Mass as the living out of the Gospel. I will explain by drawing parallels between what we find in the Gospel and what we do during the Liturgy.

**THEN** - Christ first gathered his followers, gathering them from all walks of life,

**NOW** - When we come to Mass we come because we have been called and gathered from among the world and the people.

**THEN** - Christ instructs his followers and calls them to follow and respond by imitating him.

**NOW** – We are instructed with the reading of the Scriptures and homily and we too respond with our Creed, Universal Prayers and alms giving.

**THEN** - The culmination of His ministry comes at the Last Supper. One part of the Last Supper which we don’t always emphasize is the commissioning of his disciples. For not only does Jesus inaugurate the Eucharist at the Supper but He also puts it in context by washing their feet and mandating them do the same.

**NOW** - Thus receiving Holy Communion goes hand in hand with being committed to serve the community.

**THEN** – At the completion of His earthly ministry Christ, once again draws his disciples together and before his Ascension, commissions them saying: “Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations...”

**NOW** – At the end of our liturgy we too are commissioned: “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your lives” or Go, Announce the Gospel of the Lord.”

In conclusion our Liturgy of the Eucharist is the culmination of the experience of the Church throughout history. Through Baptism, we are called to share in the “common priesthood of the faithful,” and in the Eucharist Christ empowers us to offer our lives as spiritual sacrifices, interceding for others in union with His Sacrifice. The Eucharist is who we are and who we hope to become fully.

Fr. Leo Mifsud OMI

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7–9pm - CAMPBELLTOWN CATHOLIC CLUB - FOUNDATION PATHWAYS**



**Want to see real change in parish life – not just good intentions?**

Join us for a practical formation evening on **Implementing Cultural Change**, where we'll explore: why parish culture forms the way it does, how it shapes what's possible, and how small, intentional leadership actions can create change that lasts.

This is a hands-on, hopeful formation for anyone who cares about the future of parish life.

Register: [dow.sh/fpfeb2026](http://dow.sh/fpfeb2026)

Or **SCAN**



**Parish Sacramental Program 2026**

**ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN FOR:**

- **Sacrament of Reconciliations:** (for children in Grade 3 or above), Preparation will start in February.
- **Reception of Holy Communion:** (for children in Grade 4 or above) will be during the month of June
- **Confirmation:** will be in early **September 2026.** (Grade 6 or above)

**To enrol visit our website and follow the links to 'SACRAMENTS' or use the QR**



**5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING DAYS – Now meeting on Thursday Nights**

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT FR LEO MIFSUD at the Parish Office 4626 3055**

**10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**Men's Group – Fresh Men**

Meeting fortnightly (Tuesday nights) at 7:30pm - BYO, snacks and drink to share.

**WHERE:** At the presbytery, on 2 Aquamarine Drive, Eagle Vale

**For more information contact the parish office (462643055) or Fr Leo.**

**SRE CATECHISTS NEEDED – Can You Help?**

Would you consider sharing your faith with the children of our parish area? Can you spare 30 minutes a week? Our parish is seeking volunteer Catechists to teach Catholic Special Religious Education (SRE) in local government schools during the school year. SRE Catechists are parishioners who share the Good News of Jesus with Catholic children through Scripture, prayer, and faith formation.

No teaching experience required!

All materials, training, and support are provided by the Parish team and the Diocese of Wollongong. Classes are approximately 30 minutes each week. You can be involved as a teacher or classroom helper, and volunteers come from all walks of life – parents, grandparents, retirees, professionals, and students are all welcome.

What's involved:

- Participation in training, including child protection and classroom skills.
- Completion of a Working with Children Check (free for volunteers)
- A commitment to one school year teaching or assisting in Catholic SRE

This is a wonderful way to live your faith by sharing God's love with the children in our parish public schools.

**For more information or to volunteer, please contact Sabrina Peroumal on 0447 441 578 or the Parish Office.**

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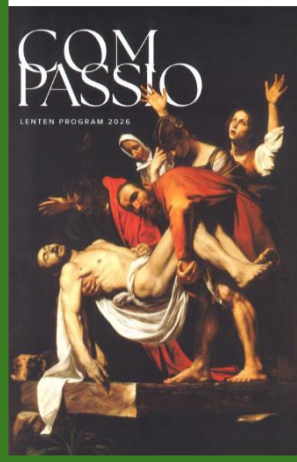
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### 2026 Lenten Program

Join our group program that will start on:  
**19<sup>th</sup> Feb – 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Thursdays, 6:45pm to 8:30pm**  
**in the Parish Hall.**



Enrolments will be taken after the weekend Masses

#### Booklets.

for private preparation for Lent will also be sold after the Masses.

**\$5**

**Church Cleaning Ministry**  
Contact Vicki 02 4626 3055

**If anyone is interested in joining the cleaning roster (once every 8 weeks) we are always in need of extras**

Join us for a

# SIP & PAINT

To fundraise in support of all our upcoming Alpha initiatives

**14 Feb | 7:00 pm**

Cost: \$20 pp includes all paint supplies, a glass of wine & a cheese platter to share

**LIMITED SPOTS**  
To book contact  
Jessica: 0403 146 889  
May: 0416 157 294

Mary Immaculate Eagle Vale Parish Hall

# Try Alpha

Stay tuned for details

- Alpha in a Catholic Context
- Youth Alpha
- Alpha Marriage Course

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
[www.alpha.org.au](http://www.alpha.org.au)  
**Contact Ivanka & May**  
[may.ataya@dow.org.au](mailto:may.ataya@dow.org.au)

Mary Immaculate Parish invites you to

# PANCAKE SUNDAY!

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
**After 8:30am & 10am Masses!**  
*Join Us for a Delicious Breakfast!*

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL RESPONSE.

If you still wish to sponsor or donate towards the purchase of these table for small parish groups, Each table costs \$82.

You can contact the parish office 02 4626 3055 or May Ataya 0416 157 294. Again, "Thank you"



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### Consecrated Life Weekend: Discernment Retreat

**13th - 15th March**

An opportunity for single women aged 18-35 to come and listen for the voice of Jesus, ask questions and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and times of sharing to help you discern your vocation.

Registration: [mgsisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgsisters.sydney@gmail.com)

### Ruah Pentecost Intensive Retreat 20 - 24th May

The *Ruah* (breath) of God renews each soul that receives its power. Embrace the gift of the Holy Spirit through fellowship, inputs, prayer and practical workshops and help renew the face of the earth.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DIDAV>

### the Dominican Friars and Sisters

invite

**Single adults, ages 18-35,**  
to join for a weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, NSW from **13-15 February 2026.**

The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass, and time for fellowship.  
Registration closes 6 February.  
Fee: \$300 per person.  
<https://www.trybooking.com/DHJBL>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR-**



**THE SICK:** Pauline Iacono, Margaret Roberts Fr John Pickering, Charbel Aziz.

**THE DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Lita Malia Lee, Miro Grbin and Lucila Montano who died recently, **Patrick Paul Contreras** whose anniversary occurs at this time and all Holy Souls. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

**Pope Leo's monthly intention for February:** Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

MASS INTENTIONS 31 <sup>st</sup> JAN. to 7 <sup>th</sup> FEB. 2026	
Sat 5.30pm Sat	For the Holy Souls
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
8.30am	For the people of the Parish (Pro Populo)
10.00am	For the repose of the soul of Patrick Paul Contreras. (anniversary)
5.30pm	For the Holy Souls
Mon. 9.00am	Holy Souls
Tues. 9.00am	For Lucila Montano recently deceased
Wed. 7.30pm	Anniversary of death of Paul Patrick Contreras
Thur. 9.00am	For the Holy Souls
Fri. 9.00am	For Tony's healing and strength.
Sat. 9.30am	Intentions of the Polish School

MINISTERS FOR WEEKEND 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2026		
<b>SAT 5.30PM</b>		
Acolytes:	Robert Squires	
E. Ministers:	Emillie Racca	
Reader:	Ramon Racca	Tricia Manjon
<b>SUN 8.30am</b>		
Acolytes:	Michael Arthur	
E. Ministers:	Tahlia Morris	
Reader:	Benedette Peiris	Tina Morell
<b>SUN 10.00am</b>		
Acolytes:	Jacqui Kho	
E. Ministers:	Tony Rego	Ann Webb
Reader:	Christian Berry	Edith May Berry
<b>SUN 5.30pm</b>		
Acolytes:	Thomas Philippe	
E. Ministers:	Orpha Rivero	
Reader:	Con Vink	Judy Byrne



Give expression to your Prayers with Flowers.

- ❖ Join our roster of flower arrangers.
- ❖ Flowers are supplied

Arranging the flowers can be done at a time convenient to you.  
(when the church is quiet and peaceful)

*Consider the lilies in the fields. Luke 12:27*

CONTACT VICKI 4626 0355



## Childrens Liturgy

**First Sunday of every month during the**

**8:30am & 10:00am Mass**

**All Primary School Children**



**WEEKEND MASSES**  
**Saturday Vigil** 5:30pm    **Sunday** 8:30am | 10:00am | 5:30pm.  
**Children's Liturgy** First Sunday of every month at the 10:00am Mass

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
**Mon & Tue:** 9:00am /    **Wednesday:** 7:30 pm /  
**Thurs. & Fri** 9:00am /    **Saturday:** 9:30am

**FILIPINO MASS** – 2nd Sunday- 4:00pm.

**RECONCILIATIONS:**  
**Saturday** 10:00am to 11:00am (with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

**HOLY HOUR** First Saturday of the month led by Filipino Group:  
**resumes** First Saturday in February

**DEVOTIONAL TIMES**

**ROSARY:** BEFORE the weekday Masses.  
**DIVINE MERCY Chaplet-** Fridays after 9:00am Mass / First Fridays – with Benediction / Meetings - 4<sup>th</sup> Friday @ 6.30pm (in Madigan room)  
**BAPTISMS:** On the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month. *Contact the parish office for necessary information.*

