



Mary Immaculate Parish

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Oblate of Mary Immaculate

Easter Sunday
He is Risen! Alleluia!

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5th APRIL 2026

From the Parish Priest

Dear fellow Parishioners

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to offer prayers that you all experience the

Joy and Peace of this Blessed Eastertide.

I would also like express my gratitude to you, our wonderful parishioners and friends for your dedication and prayerful support. Across the period of Lent and Easter there have been such wonderful examples of how our community at Mary Immaculate values our call to be the Body of Christ, sharing our faith, not only amongst ourselves but in reaching out to the wider communiity, including the marvelous Mission seen through the work of the teachers and staff of Mary Immaculate Primary School.

So many have contribute this time of Grace and Renewal: Liturgies, Scripture Groups, R.C.I.A. and our Youth Group, who lead us in a very special Stations of the Cross on Good Friday and during Lent.

On a very brief visit for our Oblate Superior General also commented on the friendly and faith filled nature of our Parish. I pray that as we journey throughout the coming year we may, with the help of Our Lord continue to discover our full potential and encourage each other in our spiritual Growth.

Bishop Brian Mascord's Easter Message 2026



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

This Easter, in 2026, we pause and find ourselves in a world that faces uncertainty, rapid change, and moments that are testing our resilience. Across our world we see challenges that remind us how interconnected we truly are, but also how strong we can be when we stand together. Easter is the story of resurrection, the triumph of life over death, of hope over despair, a story of renewal. It reminds us that through the risen Christ, we are reminded that no darkness is too great for God's light, and no burden is beyond God's power to redeem.

What seemed like an ending became a new beginning, offering us a living hope that endures through every season.

Even after the darkest moments, light can return, hope is not fragile, it is enduring—that new beginnings are always possible, even when they seem distant.

In a time when many feel weary or uncertain, this promise calls us back to faith: that God is still at work, bringing renewal where it is needed most. The resurrection assures us that suffering is not the final word, love is. Grace is. Life is. At Easter, we celebrate not just tradition, but the quiet courage of people everywhere: those who keep going, who care for others, who choose kindness when it's easier not to. These everyday acts are what shape a better future.

As we reflect this Easter, may we open our hearts to that hope, not as wishful thinking, but as something we actively build in our communities, in our conversations, and in the way we show up for one another. May we be renewed in spirit, strengthened in faith, and inspired to share Christ's love through compassion, kindness, and unity with those around us. I wish you a blessed Easter filled with peace, joy, and the enduring hope found in the risen Lord. He is risen, bringing light to our world and hope to every heart and a sense of purpose this Easter. Brighter days are ahead, and we will reach them together.

Yours in Christ

+ Brian Mascord

Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG



Holy Week 2026



Launch of the International Eucharistic Congress 2028

The Australian Church is setting out on the journey toward the International Eucharistic Congress, Sydney 2028 (Eucharist28), a great time of renewal and transformation centred on encountering the Eucharistic Lord.

In preparation, Australian Catholics will enter a Year of Prayer - March 2026, focused on rediscovering Our Lord's love in the Blessed Sacrament. The theme, ***This is My Body, Given for You***, calls us to deeper faith, generosity and mission. Learn more about the way ahead at eucharist28.org.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's appeal. If you haven't already done so, please return any outstanding boxes as soon as you can.

'Our Legacy of Light:

A History of St Patrick's College, Campbelltown, is a book by Francesca Musico Rullo and Joanne Cavallin documenting the 185-year history of St Patrick's College for Girls, Campbelltown, NSW. It chronicles the school's journey from 1840 as a community-run, Irish-Catholic school to its role as a modern Catholic school for girls. Drawing on archival records, photographs, and personal recollections, the book provides a valuable insight into both the school's history and its place within the broader Macarthur community. The book is published by the Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society and can be purchased in either hard copy or e-book at its website <https://www.cahs.org.au/>

Footsteps of St. Eugene de Mazenod Charism Pilgrimage 2026

This pilgrimage will take us to key Oblate sites in Paris, Aix-en-Provence, Marseille, and Oblate General House in Rome, where we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Oblates. The pilgrimage will be spiritually led by our Provincial, Fr Andrew Chen OMI. Other Oblates will be on the pilgrimage, including Fr. Didier. **When:** 21 June – 2 July 2026

Indicative Cost: \$8,300 (land only, twin share)

Registrations close **17 May 2026**.

For more information visit:

<https://omi.com.au/charism-pilgrimage> OR scan QR

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Call: 1800 967 894 **Email:** fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au We will support you every step of the way.

13th APRIL Life in the Spirit Seminar - 9 week series

As part of **Bible Study & reflection group**. Which meets **Mondays at 10am** at the Meeting Room. OLMC Parish, 193 St Andrews Rd, Varroville
For more details Nelli Rafidi 0411965526 or Parish Office 96037373

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18th April - Diocesan Youth Sports Festival

Young people ages 15 - 35 are invited for the very first Diocesan Youth Sports Festival

When: **Saturday 18 April 2026** Time: **9.30am – 2:00pm**

Where: **Holy Spirit College, Bellambi**

Cost: **\$50 per team | \$10 per person**

Form a team of 7+ to compete in a fast-paced round-robin tournament. The twist? **Teams vote on the main sport of the day**, so register early and get training! Prefer something lower intensity? **A table tennis competition** will run throughout the day with plenty of chances to jump in.

Morning tea and a **BBQ lunch are included**, and the day will finish with **Mass celebrated by Bishop Brian** at St Columbkille's Church in Corrimal.

Register here:

dow.sh/youthsportsfest

19th APRIL Appin Massacre Memorial

This year is the 210th Anniversary of the Appin Massacre which occurred on 17 April 1816. Our annual memorial service will be held on Sunday, **19 April 2026 at Cataract Dam from 11:00am – 3:30pm.**

We would like to encourage everyone to come to the Appin Massacre Memorial as a sign of respect for the Dharawal people who were killed in the Massacre on the 17 April 1816, and to the descendants of the survivors.

It is a family friendly day. The day begins with a free sausage sizzle. We encourage bringing a hat, sunscreen, water bottle, and walking shoes for the short walk down the hill from the picnic ground to the dam wall. Some event buses will be available for those unable to walk. Once there, we hold a short ceremony, including a smoking ceremony, dancing by local Aboriginal dance groups, and didgeridoo playing. It is important that we continue our efforts at truth telling and reconciliation.

20th & 21st APRIL - ASIST Workshop

8.30am - 4.30pm both days - Location: 36 Harbour Street Wollongong, NSW 2500

CatholicCare is an accredited provider of LivingWorks Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). It is two-day in-person workshop where you'll learn how to recognise when someone may be thinking about suicide, and how to provide a skilled intervention and develop a safety plan with the person to connect them to further support.

To book call Rita Maher on 0458 472 983 or email ritam@catholiccare.dow.org.au

Tuesday 21 April 7-9pm CAMPBELLTOWN - Formation Pathway | Leading People Well

The conversation you avoid today becomes the conflict you manage tomorrow.

Every leader eventually discovers the same thing.

The most difficult part of leadership is not vision, planning, or organisation. It is people.

Our next Formation Pathway evening will focus on the practical side of

leading people well. The session will explore several areas that often determine whether teams thrive or struggle, including:

- handling conflict constructively
- having honest and respectful conversations
- setting clear expectations and responsibilities
- supporting the people entrusted to our leadership

If you are involved in any form of leadership or ministry, this evening will offer practical help for one of the most important parts of leadership: caring for and guiding people well. All are welcome. **To register: Dow.sh/fpapril2026**

ALSO AVAILABLE @ WOLLONGONG; ZOOM Wednesday 22 April 7-9pm

Jamberoo Abbey Retreats April to June. Go to our website for more information and how to register.

We would like to enable as many people to attend our retreats. If you require assistance with the registration cost, please don't hesitate to contact us at onlineretreat@jamberooabbey.org.au.

10 - 12 April 2026 Lord, Teach Us to Pray: The Aramaic Prayer of Jesus

(Cottage Weekend Retreat) In this contemplative retreat - exploring the Lord's Prayer in its original Aramaic. Retreat Cost: \$150 + accommodation cost.

18 April 2026 - Day Retreat - He is risen! This is a retreat for youth and young adults aged 16 - 35. The Lord is risen! Let us come and spend time sitting at the tomb and wait for his voice to call our name. Retreat Cost: \$60 (Limited space available)



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THE SICK: Jaetan Noyeaux, Willow Morrison, Lisa Farnhill, Adrian Banks, Christine Debski, Ana Villagonzalo, Pinky and Evelyn Arenas, Lachlan Abood, Charbel Aziz, Fr John Pickering, Pauline Iacono, Margaret Roberts.

THE DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Adam Daniels, Rene Maurice, Ricardo Ayalde** and **Robyn Hunt** whose anniversaries occur at this time and all Holy Souls. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

Pope Leo's monthly intention for APRIL: For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS 28 th – 4 th April. 2026		
SATURDAY VIGIL		For the People of the Parish and our families.
SUNDAY		For the repose of the soul of Adam Daniels
8.30am		For the intention of Murray families
10.00am		NO EVENING MASS
Mon.	9.00am	Michael & Lee Paul
Tues.	9.00am	available
Wed.	7:30 PM	For the past, present and future members of the Legion of Mary
Thur.	9:00am	Repose of the souls of Rene Maurice and members of Maurice Family
Fri.	9:00am	For the anniversary of death of Ricardo Ayalde
Sat.	9:30am	For the anniversary of death of Robyn Hunt

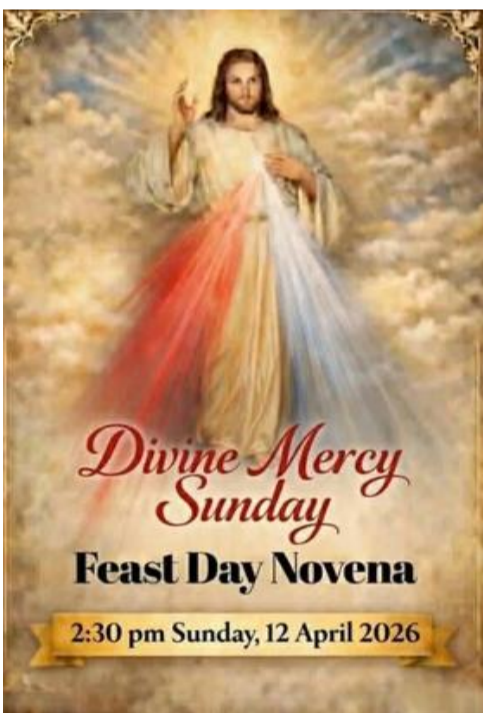
Ministers for weekend 11th/12th April 2026

Saturday 5.30pm Acolyte: Julian Rookes
 Eucharistic Minister: Marlene Jones
 Readers: 1. Anne Sheldrick 2. Tricia Manion

Sunday 8.30am Acolyte: Michael Arthur
 Eucharistic Minister: Gene De Leon Chandrika Fernando
 Readers: 1. Ann Webb 2. Tamara Neilsen

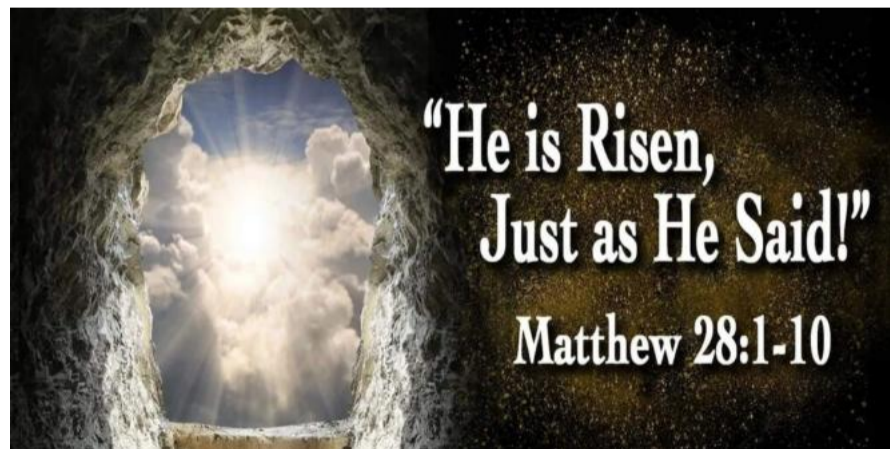
Sunday 10.00am Acolyte: Sam Kula
 Eucharistic Minister: Tina Morell Kerry Benfield
 Readers: 1. Salina Pahulu 2. Imelita Sulu-Fuamatu

Sunday 5.30pm Acolyte: Thomas Philippe
 Eucharistic Minister: Orpha Rivero
 Readers: 1. Aishwarya Jacob 2. Judy Byrne



Divine Mercy 9-day Novena
Day 1 – Good Friday- 4:30 pm
Day 2 – Holy Saturday – 10:00 am
Day 3 – Easter Sunday – 11:00 am
Day 4 – Mon. 6th April – 9:30 am
Day 5 – Tue. 7th April – 9:30 am
Day 6 - Wed. 8th April – 6:45 pm
Day 7 - Thur. 9th April – 9:30 am
Day 8 – Fri. 10th April – 9:30 am
Day 9 – Sat. 11th April – 10:00 am
Divine Mercy Sunday
12th April - 2:30 pm

Marriage Enrichment Weekend
 Come and join us on 19-21 June 2026
 at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW –
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 or contact Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or
nswbookings@wwme.org.au



The greatest gift of Easter is Hope
Basil Hume

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 8:30am | 10:00am | 5:30pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon & Tue: 9:00am / **Wednesday:** 7:30 pm
Thurs. & Fri 9:00am / **Saturday:** 9:30am
FILIPINO MASS – 2nd Sunday- 4:00pm.
HOLY HOUR First Saturday will NOT be held on the 4th April.

BAPTISMS by appointment.

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

DEVOTIONAL TIMES
ROSARY: BEFORE the weekday Masses.
DIVINE MERCY Chaplet- Fridays after 9am Mass
 First Fridays – with Benediction
 Meetings - 4th Friday @ 6.30pm (in Madigan room)