

OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
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Office Hours: *Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am-3.00pm

**Secretary is on leave, please leave a message or email us.*

Sunday Masses: *English:* Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

Mass in other languages: *Chin - Burmese* Sunday 2.30pm; *Tongan* TBC

Vietnamese Saturday Vigil 7pm, Sunday 12.30pm, Friday 7pm

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 9am; Friday 11am; Tuesday 7.30pm

Confessions: Saturday 9.30am after morning Mass **Novena:** Tuesday 8.00pm



MASS INTENTIONS 2 - 8 March 2025

Sat 5.30pm *Pro Populo*
Sun 9.00am Filip & Mara Krsticevic RIP
10.30am Parish Intention
5.30pm George St one RIP
Mon 9.00am Ted Arnold RIP
Tues 7.30pm Parish Intention
Wed 9.00am Parish Intention
7.00pm RECONCILIATION Evening
Confessions in English & Vietnamese & Chin
Thurs 9.00am Parish Intention
Fri 11am Calum & Alena - Prayer for Happy Marriage (Marriage Today)
Sat 9.00am Parish Intention

Child Safety Reminders: *Parents please accompany your child if they need to leave the church building. Please ensure you know where your child is if not beside you. Our parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and the vulnerable.*

INVITATION

 to spend some quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 12.00pm-3.00pm

Come for a short visit or stay as long as you wish.

"Come to me all who labour and carry a heavy burden." Matt 11:28

DONATIONS: Cards / Phone TAP & GO in church entrance

Please support our parish.

Thank you!



EASTER TIMETABLE

See the church noticeboards and the parish webpage

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NEW PRINCIPAL

Receiving Archbishop Peter A. Commensoli's approval, **Mrs Caroline Madigan**, will join us. Caroline* is deeply honoured to be appointed and looks forward to commencing in July 2025. *Fr Peter* *For a brief introduction see parish webpage.

Something New: *Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Lent*

The Liturgy this Lent has shown us the God of the Exodus. He is a mighty and gracious God, Who out of faithfulness to His covenant has done "great things" for His people, as today's Psalm puts it.

But the "things of long ago," Isaiah tells us in today's First Reading, are nothing compared to the "something new" that He will do in the future.

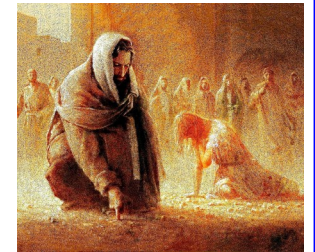
Today's First Reading and Psalm look back to the marvelous deeds of the Exodus. Both see in the Exodus a pattern and prophecy of the future, when God will restore the fortunes of His people fallen in sin. The readings today look forward to a still greater Exodus, when God will gather in the exiled tribes of Israel that had been scattered to the four winds, the ends of the earth.

The new Exodus that Israel waited and hoped for has come in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like the adulterous woman in today's Gospel, all have been spared by the Lord's compassion. All have heard His words of forgiveness, His urging to repentance, to be sinners no more. Like Paul in today's Epistle, Christ has taken possession of every one, claimed each as a child of our heavenly Father.

In the Church, God has formed a people for Himself to announce His praise, just as Isaiah said He would. And as Isaiah promised, He has given His "chosen people" living waters to drink in the desert wastelands of the world (see John 7:37-39).

But our God is ever a God of the future, not of the past. We are to live with hopeful hearts, "forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead," as Paul tells us. His salvation, Paul says, is power in the present, "the power of His resurrection."

We are to live awaiting a still greater and final Exodus, pursuing "the goal, the prize of God's upward calling," striving in faith to attain the last new thing God promises—"the resurrection of the dead."



Young Saints recognised in the Jubilee Year

Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati (born on **6 April 1901** – Died on **4 July 1925**)

Dedicated young Italian man dedicated to Catholic social justice issues.

He attended weekday Mass as often as possible, and took his faith with him in charitable works, including Catholic Action and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, to better aid the poor and less fortunate living in his hometown of Turin; he put his own pious beliefs into practice to cater to their needs and was best known for his devotion and amiable character. A picture of him is on the Altar steps of our church.



Week 2	5.30 pm	9.00 am	10.30 am	5.30 pm
Lectors	Mary Rapa	Andrea Borges	Tongan Choir	Jenny Hoang
Extraordinary Ministers	Simplex & Blezza Borges	Sr. Shirani Britto	Jennifer Godfrey	Kieran Sheridan
Data Projector	Connie Sposato	Antoinette Spiteri	Tongan Choir	Jimmy Do
Weekly Counting	John Francis & Michael Payne			