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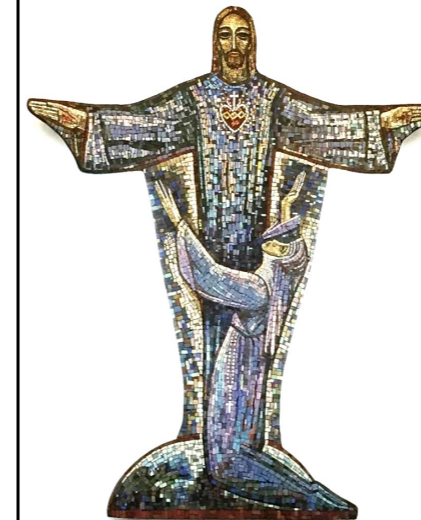
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20TH MARCH
2022
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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil

Sunday: 7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: 9:15am

Tuesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Wednesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am
Friday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Saturday: 8:30am

PRAYER: HOLY FATHER-POPE FRANCIS'

MONTHLY INTENTION: MARCH

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

FIRST FRIDAY:

11:00am: Maltese Mass

07:00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Thursdays-Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30 am - 2:30pm

4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm - Divine Mercy Devotions

1st Friday of the month: approx. 8:30pm - midnight

VESPERS- SUNDAY EVENINGS

5:15 pm - 5:45pm

RCIA SESSIONS- SUNDAY MORNINGS

9am Mass followed by Session 10 am - 11am

DEVOTIONS:

♦ **Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**
Tuesday: after morning Mass
Wednesday: 6:30pm before 7:00pm Mass

♦ **Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus:**
Tuesday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm

♦ **Divine Mercy Devotions**
4th Sunday of the month: 1.00pm - 3.00pm, 3.00pm - Holy Mass

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

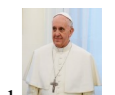
RECONCILIATION:

Tues - Fri 8.30 - 8.55am

Sat - 9am - 9.30am and 4.30pm-5.30pm (or by appointment)

MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

SICK CALLS: 9637 2526- option 3 or 0412 625 187 - any time



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING

Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

- 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the

end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Lk 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

MEDITATION:

What causes suffering or affliction and what does God want to teach us through it? The people of Israel suffered greatly under the oppressive rule of Egypt for more than 400 years. Did they suffer unjustly or was God angry with them? God was faithful to his people Israel even in the midst of their affliction and ill treatment by their Egyptian taskmaster. God in his mercy did not forget them nor forsake them. Throughout their long history of exile and suffering God made them strong and they grew in number. God listened to their plea for mercy and freedom. And God raised up a savior for them, called Moses, whom he taught and tested in the wilderness until he was ready to hear and obey God's call. Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you that I may grow in righteousness and holiness. May I not squander the grace of the present moment to say "yes" to you and to your will and plan for my life.

27 MARCH 2022
1:00 - 1:30pm Silent Adoration
1:30 - 3:00pm Devotions
3:00 pm Special Holy Mass
All are welcome to come and pray with us. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

LENT 2022 STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WEDNESDAY - following 9:00am Mass
FRIDAY - following 7:00pm Mass
FRIDAYS IN LENT: ROSARY - 6:30pm & HOLY MASS - 7:00pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:30pm following 7pm Mass
LENTEN MORNING DEVOTIONS
FOLLOWING ALL MORNING MASS (excluding Wednesday)
During the period of Lent, all are invited to join in our special Lenten devotions after the morning Mass. We will be reciting the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Tony Ostojic, Shelly Barnes, Teresa Saad, Christopher Oldham, Simon Khoury, Sonia & Pierre Abi-Rached, Therese Nicolas, Nikola Jerkovic, Susan Pace, Branko Soric, Gloria Lavitoria, Jocelyn Santos, Joanna Essey, Giovanna Prestipino, Ireneo Vicencio, Alice Said, Diab Baysari, Mario & Tereza Cutajar, Mary Essey, Katrina & Maria Smith, Carolina Morante, Raymond Laoulach, Ramona Sassine, John Bartolo, Bob Sinclair, Barbara Hanna, Anthony Hanna, Carlos Rivanar, Josephine Hanna, Leonardo Pedavoli, Smiljana Milina, Roneth Jaro, Jayden Jong, Reuben Dias



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The Lord invites us to take some time out of our busy lives to spend some time with Him in quiet adoration, prayer and reflection. If you can spare 1/2 hour or more, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed after morning Mass every Thursday until 2.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME



JOIN THE FAMILY CHOIR TO SING AT THE EASTER VIGIL MASS ON 16 APRIL

Please come forward and join the Family Choir and be part of our Easter Vigil Family Mass at 7pm.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD FRIDAY - 25 MARCH 2022



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 27 MARCH 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C Jos 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

OUR PARISH PRAYER Father, pour out Your Spirit upon the people of this parish so that inspired by Your word, nourished at Your table and graced by Your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building up of Your Kingdom. May our parish community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ Your Son, through whom we make this prayer. Amen

SCRIPTURE STUDY

You are invited to experience the joy of "the Word of God" in a weekly Lenten discussion meeting on Thursdays at 7pm at St. Margaret Mary's Pastoral Centre. For further queries, contact Gwen on 9632 9097



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022 CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

St. Margaret Mary's Parish along with the Parish Priest & Assistant Priest congratulate all the candidates upon receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 19 March 2022. We were honoured to have Very Rev Peter G. Williams presiding the ceremony. We would especially like to thank Fr. Joseph Maria Buckley & Monique Kairouz for their excellent preparation of all candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Their dedication and efforts were commendable and ensured everything was well organised for the Mass.



Our gratitude to Nada & volunteers for decorating our Church, Acolytes, Altar servers and all those who helped with the preparations. Finally, we would like to sincerely thank all the parents and families for bringing their children to learn, prepare and receive the Sacraments, as well as all sponsors and friends who attended the Confirmation ceremony.

May Our Lord continue to Bless you and your families in your journey of Faith.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal 26 & 27 March 2022

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Community Drop-in Centres. They are working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good SamaritanAppeal@yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

The theme of Project Compassion 2022 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au lent.caritas.org.au



The ACIES function of the Legion of Mary, under the Prospect Curia will be held on Saturday March 26th at St Margaret Mary's Catholic Church after the 8.30am Mass.

This is the main and most important function of the Legion of Mary during which ALL legionaries, active and auxiliary, along with their spiritual directors, renew their fealty to their Queen and Mother, with the words "I AM ALL YOURS MY QUEEN, MY MOTHER AND ALL THAT I HAVE IS YOURS!" We welcome ALL to join us for morning tea thereafter.

Parish Movie Night (The Passion of the Christ) Saturday - 26 March 2022



Please come join us in the Pastoral Center to watch a movie on Saturday, 26th March after the 6pm evening Mass. Film will be followed by a short talk/discussion.

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Pauline Junior Our youth group for Primary School Students. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month starting at 5:15pm ending just before the evening mass. Next Meeting: 25 March
Pauline Teen The youth group for High School Students is hosting a Fun Night on Friday 25th of March after 7:00pm evening Mass. Lockdowns are behind us and we are looking to welcome members to our Youth group, both new and returning. So we are hosting a fun night. A night to be a mixture of fun, faith and scripture and new friendships.