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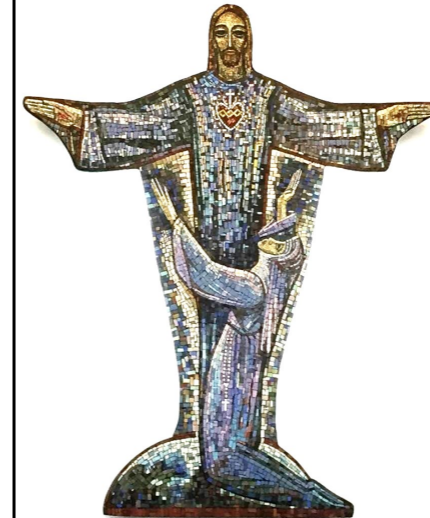
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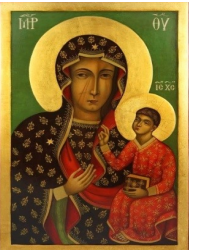


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Year B
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



02 June 2024

SUNDAY MASSES	WEEKDAY MASSES	RECONCILIATION
Saturday 6:00pm Vigil	Monday 9:15am	Tuesday 8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am Vespers 5:15-5:45pm 6:00pm	Tuesday 9:00am & 7:00pm Wednesday 9:00am & 7:00pm Thursday 9:00am Friday 9:00am & 7:00pm Saturday 9:00am	Wednesday 8:30am-8:55am Thursday 8:30am-8:55am Friday 8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm Saturday 8:30am-8:55am 4:30pm-5:55pm

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2024

For Those Fleeing Their Own Countries

Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.



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: 9:30am - 2:30pm
4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm - Divine Mercy Devotions
1st Friday of the month: approx. 8:30pm - midnight

DEVOTIONS:

- ♦ Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Succour)
Wednesday: after morning Mass
- ♦ Marian Movement Cenacle
Friday: 5:00pm (Children's Rosary)
Saturday: 8:00am before 9:00am 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 (not during Advent, Lent, Divine Mercy Sunday & Corpus Christi Sunday)

Baptism Preparation: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month - 10:30am Mass followed by session.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sunday morning: 9:00am Mass followed by session 10:00am - 11:00am

MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

- How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. *(R.)*
- O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. *(R.)*
- A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

MEDITATION

When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.) calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ" (Ad Eph. 20,2). This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward. When you approach the Table of the Lord, what do you expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for your soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist is an intimate union with Christ. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ. Do you hunger for the "bread of life"? *Lord Jesus, you nourish and sustain us with your very own presence and life. You are the "Bread of Life" and the "Cup of Salvation". May I always hunger for you and be satisfied in you alone.*

SPEAK TO ME LORD

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
09 JUNE 2024
10th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
(Year B)
Gen 3:9-15; 2Cor 4:13 - 5:1; Mk 3:20-35

OUR PARISH PRAYER

Father, through the intercession of St. Margaret Mary, 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.*

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Everyday during the month of June, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Morning Mass and recitation of the Litany of Sacred Heart and Act of Consecration.

Solemnity of The Most SACRED HEART of JESUS
Friday - 07 June 2024
9:00am (Morning Mass)
After 9am Mass there will be Litany & Act of Consecration
7:00pm (Evening Mass)
After 7pm Mass there will be Friday Devotions

FIRST FRIDAY
ON 07 JUNE 2024 AT 7:00PM
(ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS)
Please join us in responding to 'Our Blessed Mother's Appeal for Prayer & Reparation for World Peace & the Sanctity of Family Life'. Followed by Adoration, Scriptural Rosaries & Nine Office of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, until Midnight.
"IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
On 2nd Sunday of each month, couples celebrating their wedding anniversary during that month are invited for a special blessing at the 10:30am Mass.
The next blessing will be on **Sunday, 09 June 2024**. Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, (16 June 2024) there will be a Children's Liturgy during the 10:30am Mass.
All children are welcome to attend.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL
08 & 09 JUNE 2024

Dear Parishioners, next weekend, our Parish is proud to support the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth.

Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums?
Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families.
Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM
Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 14 June)

Our youth group for Primary School Students. It meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month starting at 5:30pm to 6:30pm.
Pauline Teen (Next Meeting: 14 June)
Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month starting at 7:30pm to 9:00pm. For further information please contact Fr. Jeremy at Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org

EUCHARIST with Dr. Brant Pitre
Wednesday after 7pm in the Pastoral Centre

Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. "The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching?

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
THURSDAYS 9:30am to 2:30pm

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. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed after morning Mass every Thursday until 2:30pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

You are invited to experience the joy of "The Bible and the Church Fathers" on Thursdays at 7:00pm at St. Margaret Mary's Pastoral Centre. For further queries, contact Gwen on 9632 9097

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024
Sacrament of First Holy Communion enrolments commence from Tuesday, 28 May until Friday, 28 June. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child)
Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or are available at our Parish Office during working hours.
Parents Night: Monday - 01 July at 7pm.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.
Sacrament of First Holy Communion program is divided into two groups taught by Monique Kairouz & assisted by Fr. Jeremy Santoso.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM:
All preparation sessions will be held on **WEDNESDAYS** with two time slots to choose from: **5:00 - 6:30pm or 7:00 - 8:30pm**
Session 1: 24 JULY
Session 2: 31 JULY
Session 3: 07 AUGUST
Session 4: 14 AUGUST
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.
Rehearsal Group 1: Thursday- 22 August at 5:00 - 6:00pm
Rehearsal Group 2: Thursday- 22 August at 7:00 - 8:00pm
Group 1: Sunday, 25th August at 10:30am.
Group 2: Sunday, 25th August at 3:00pm.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

First Collection (Priests) Pauline Fathers
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BSB: 062 202 Account Number: 10869892
Second Collection (Parish)
Account: Merrylands Catholic Church
BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00438
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Last weekend Second Collection - \$2864.20
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'Return & Earn' Parish Fundraising
The parish is trialling a fundraising initiative based on the 'Return & Earn' recycling cash-back scheme. Parishioners are invited to put their unwanted EMPTY drink containers labelled with the "10c" refund logo in the 'Return & Earn' cage outside the western entrance of the Pastoral Centre. **NO glass bottles please.**
All proceeds will go to the parish youth groups

STMM PIETY SHOP
We request our Parishioners to support our Parish Piety Corner Shop with their generous purchase of a variety of available products. These items are perfect for your own personal needs or as a treasured gift to share with others.
Purchases may be done from the Parish Office as well during working hours. **Thank you.**

CHURCH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE
Volunteers needed to clean church grounds & car park area once every fortnight. Please leave your details at the Parish Office.

Table Tennis social nights
Every Tuesday evening, in the Pastoral Centre after 7:00pm Mass. **All are welcome.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Reuben Dias
- ◆ Shelly Barnes
- ◆ Robbie Barnes
- ◆ Therese Nicolas
- ◆ Hermie Alves
- ◆ Mary Callagja
- ◆ Rita Figredo
- ◆ Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria
- ◆ Salam Awkar
- ◆ Lella Rouhana
- ◆ Charles Zammit
- ◆ David O'Connor
- ◆ Marcelina Domingo
- ◆ Jacqueline Parr
- ◆ Cheryl Fortini
- ◆ Margaret Falzon

The Power of Prayer