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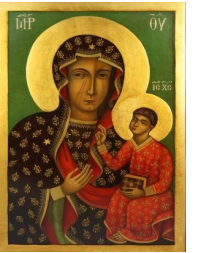


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Parish Priest
Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

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Fr. Jeremy Santoso



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♦ Gwen D'Silva

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♦ Fr. Jeremy Santoso
Pauline Junior/Teen: Rita Elbayeh/Rita Jacobson

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♦ Merwyn D'Souza - 0478 109 569

Playgroup:
♦ Nadin Clark & Maryanne Pickering

Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Year B
23 June 2024

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 6:00pm
Vigil
Sunday 7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
Vespers 5:15-5:45pm
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 9:00am

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 8:30am-8:55am
6:30pm-6:55pm
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

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

FIRST READING

Job 38:1. 8-11

A reading from the book of Job
From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

- Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. **(R.)**
- For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. **(R.)**
- Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. **(R.)**
- They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him,

just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

MEDITATION



How can we fight fear with faith? Jesus' sleeping presence on the storm-tossed sea reveals the sleeping faith of his disciples. They feared for their lives even though their Lord and Master was with them in the boat. They were asleep to Christ while he was present to them in their hour of need. The Lord Jesus is ever present to us. And in our time of testing he asks the same question: Why are you afraid? Have you no faith? Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, especially when you meet the storms of adversity, sorrow, and temptation? Whenever we encounter trouble, the Lord is there with the same reassuring message: "It is I, do not be afraid." The love of God strengthens us in our faith and trust in him and enables us to act with justice and kindness towards our neighbor even in the face of opposition or harm. Do you allow the love of Christ to rule in your heart and mind, and to move your will to choose what is good in accordance with his will? **Lord Jesus, increase my faith in your redeeming love and power that I may always recognize your abiding presence with me. And give me courage to do your will in all circumstances.**

SPEAK TO ME LORD

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
30 JUNE 2024
13th SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME
(Year B)
First Reading: Wis 1:13-15;2:23-24
Second Reading: 2Cor 8:7,9,13-15
Gospel: Mk 5:21-24,35-43

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 IN JUNE

The NATIVITY of ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Monday - 24 June 2024

STS. PETER and PAUL
Saturday - 29 June 2024

DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY - 23 JUNE 2024
1:00 – 1:30pm Silent Adoration
1:30 – 3:00pm Devotions
3:00 pm Holy Mass
All are welcome to come and pray with us.

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 28 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: 28 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

Collection 2024 **PETER'S PENCE**

29 - 30 June 2024

Dear Parishioners, next weekend, our Parish is proud to support the Peter Pence collection. With your gift, you express your love and trust in the Holy Father. This will help Pope Francis in his mission which extends throughout the world.
Thank you for your support and generosity.

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 "Genesis to Jesus" on Thursdays at 7:00pm at St. Margaret Mary's Pastoral Centre. For further queries, contact Gwen on 9632 9097

RCIA PROGRAM

RCIA is an ongoing Apostolate in this Parish. The RCIA Apostolate consists of a dedicated team of volunteers who have received instructions to guide anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church through weekly preparations classes and regular Mass attendance. If you know of anyone who wishes to enter the Catholic Faith, who has been baptised in another Faith or unbaptised and wishes to complete the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church; Please see our Priests after Mass during the weekends or contact the **RCIA Coordinator Peter Carroll on 0414 070 082** or the Parish Office.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your respective planned giving envelopes box for the new financial year **01 July 2024 from the church foyer.**

St Margaret Mary's Parish truly appreciates your utmost generosity and continuous support which will help go Above and Beyond. **Thank you and God Bless You.**

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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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Second Collection (Parish)
Account: Merrylands Catholic Church
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Last weekend First Collection - \$2456.40
Last weekend Second Collection - \$3316.70
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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.**
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Volunteers needed to clean church grounds & car park area once every fortnight. Please leave your details at the Parish Office.

For safety and safeguarding reasons, we kindly request all parents / carers to ensure to accompany their children to the toilets and the play area in the school premises at all times.

Prayer Requests

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◆ Shelly Barnes	◆ Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria	◆ Jacqueline Parr
◆ Robbie Barnes	◆ Salam Awkar	◆ Cheryl Fortini
◆ Therese Nicolas	◆ Leila Rouhana	◆ Margaret Falzon
◆ Hermie Alves	◆ Charles Zammit	◆ Anthony Quach
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