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**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

**Assistant Priest**  
Fr. Jeremy Santoso



*Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae*



Year A  
07 June  
2026

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	Tuesday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Wednesday	8:30am-8:55am
Vespers	10:30am 5:15-5:45pm 6:00pm	Wednesday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Thursday	8:30am-8:55am
		Thursday	9:00am	Friday	8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
		Friday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Saturday	8:30am-8:55am 4:30pm-5:55pm
		Saturday	9:00am		

**FIRST FRIDAY:**

11:00am: Maltese Mass  
07:00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition

**ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Thursday-Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am - 2:30pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm - Divine Mercy Devotions  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month: approx. 8:30pm - midnight  
Every Saturday Adoration: 4:30pm-5:45pm

**DEVOTIONS:**

Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus - Tuesday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm  
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Succour) - Wednesday after 9:00am Mass  
Novena to The Holy Family - Wednesday after 7:00pm Mass  
Novena to St. Margaret Mary every Friday morning mass  
Marian Movement Cenacle - Friday: 5:00pm (Children's Rosary)  
Saturday: 8:00am before 9:00am Mass  
Men's Rosary Crusade - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month after 9:00am Mass  
Divine Mercy - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 3:00pm (3:00pm - Holy Mass)

**BAPTISMS:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month  
(not during Advent, Month of January, Lent, Divine Mercy Sunday & Corpus Christi Sunday)  
Baptism Preparation: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

**SICK CALLS:** 9637 2526 - option 3 - any time

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

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

**FIRST READING** **Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
Moses said to the people: ‘Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ‘Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.’

*The Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

- O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. *(R.)*
- He has established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. *(R.)*
- He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. *(R.)*

**SECOND READING** **1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

*The Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** **John 3:16-18**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
Jesus said to the Jews: ‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’ Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied: ‘I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

*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**

What is the *bread of life* which Jesus offers to all who believe in him? It is first of all the life of God himself - life which sustains us not only now in this age but also in the age to come. 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 or Lord's Supper 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-giving word. You are the bread of life - the heavenly food that sustains us now and that produces everlasting life within us. May I always hunger for you and be satisfied in you alone.*



**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
**14 JUNE 2026**  
**11th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
**(Year A)**  
First Reading: Ex 19:2-6  
Second Reading: Rom 5:6-11  
Gospel: Mt 9:36 - 10:8

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION**  
**JUNE 2026**  
**For the values of sports**  
Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

**40 HOURS WITH THE LORD JESUS**  
**IN PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION**  
**OF CORPUS CHRISTI**  
**Are you ready to spend an hour next to the King of Kings?**  
"Could you not watch one hour with me?" - Matthew 26:40

St Margaret Mary's Catholic Church  
5 Chetwynd Road Merrylands NSW

**Event Schedule**

- 5 June 2026 FRIDAY 10am to 12 midnight 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Vigil
- 6 June 2026 SATURDAY 1am to 12 midnight 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Vigil
- 7 June 2026 SUNDAY 1am to 7am 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Vigil
- 7 June 2026 SUNDAY 11:30am FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI  
St Margaret Mary's Church Grounds, PROCESSION

Fellowship at 1pm St Margaret Mary's Pastoral Centre  
Please bring a plate to share

ENQUIRIES: ANNIE 0414652479 Email: divinemercyteam3@gmail.com

**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 - 12 June 2026**  
**9:00am (Morning Mass)**  
After 9am Mass there will be  
**Litany & Act of Consecration**  
**11:30am (School Mass)**  
**7:00pm (Evening Mass)**  
After 7pm Mass there will be  
**Friday Devotions**

**YOUTH GROUP @ STMM**  
**Pauline Junior (Meeting: 12 June)**  
Our youth group for Primary School Students, meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month starting at 5:30pm to 6:30pm.  
**Pauline Teen (Meeting: 12 June)**  
Our youth group for High School Students, meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month starting at 7:30pm to 9:00pm.  
**Pauline Young Adults (Meeting: 21 June)**  
Our young adults group (ages 18 to 35 years), meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month starting at 7:00pm to 8:30pm.  
An Introduction to the Theology of the Body  
Session 7: Marriage as a Sacrament  
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre  
For further information please contact Fr. Jeremy at [Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org](mailto:Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org)

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**  
On 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 14 June 2026**.  
Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office.

**AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH**  
Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, (21 June 2026) there will be a Children's Mass at 10:30am followed by Morning Tea in the Pastoral Centre.

**SUNDAY - 28 JUNE 2026**  
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.**

**SOLEMNITY IN JUNE**  
**The NATIVITY of ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**Wednesday - 24 June 2026**  
**STS. PETER and PAUL**  
**Monday - 29 June 2026**

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**80 Anniversary**  
CELEBRATION  
*Of Our Parish*

**Wisdom: God's Vision for Life**  
**Wednesday after 7pm Mass in the Pastoral Centre**  
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**JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE**  
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**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**  
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Account: Merrylands Catholic Church  
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*Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.*

**ST MARGARET MARY'S**  
**LITTLE ANGELS PLAYGROUP**  
EVERY TUESDAY FORTNIGHT DURING SCHOOL TERM  
FROM 9:30AM TO 11:30AM IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE.  
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*For enquiries contact Maryanne Pickering (0416116707)*

**HOLY COMMUNION (LOW GLUTEN HOST)**  
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**6PM MASS**  
**Effective from 06 June 2026**  
Commencing from **Saturday, 06 June 2026**, low gluten host will be available during Holy Communion at every 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass.

**NOTE OF THANKS**  
*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*  
I want to thank you all warmly for the beautiful celebration of the 15th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Your kindness, generosity and effort made the evening truly special and joyful. Thank you for organising such a meaningful event and for your ongoing support, prayers, and friendship over last 3 years. It is a great blessing to serve as your priest. May God bless each of you and your families abundantly. With sincere gratitude and priestly blessings,  
*Fr Wojciech Sliwa*

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**Save the Dates...**  
**15 November 2026 (Sunday) 10:30am Solemn Mass**  
**17 November 2026 (Tuesday) 7:00pm Solemn Mass**  
**22 November 2026 (Sunday) 1:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**Parish Luncheon Banquet at Aria House**  
*More details to follow soon.*