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ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH MERRYLANDS

Our Parish is under the Pastoral Care of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit (known as the Pauline Fathers) who for more than 630 years are renowned Custodians of the Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Jasna Gora, Poland.



Parish Priest
Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

Assistant Priest
Fr. Jeremy Santoso

Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year A
14 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 9:00am & 7:00pm	Wednesday 8:30am-8:55am Thursday 8:30am-8:55am
Vespers 10:30am 5:15-5:45pm 6:00pm	Thursday 9:00am Friday 9:00am & 7:00pm Saturday 9:00am	Friday 8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm Saturday 8:30am-8:55am 4:30pm-5:55pm

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
4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm- Divine Mercy Devotions
1st 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 - 1st Saturday of the month after 9:00am Mass
Divine Mercy - 4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 3:00pm (3:00pm - Holy Mass)

BAPTISMS:

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
(not during Advent, Month of January, 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)

SICK CALLS: 9637 2526- option 3 - any time

 Please remember to switch off your mobile phone

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus
From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

- Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. *(R.)*
- Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *(R.)*
- Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of

diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

MEDITATION

Jesus commissioned his disciples to carry on the works which he did - to speak God's word and to bring his healing power to the weary and oppressed. In the choice of the twelve apostles we see a characteristic feature of God's work - Jesus chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, had no wealth or privileged position. They were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no special education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these men, not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power. When the Lord calls us to serve, we must not think we have nothing or very little to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom. Do you believe that God wants to work in and through you for his glory?
Lord Jesus, you have chosen me to be your disciple. Take and use what I can offer, however meager it may seem, for the greater glory of your name.



12TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
21 JUNE 2026
12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Year A)
First Reading: Jer 20:10-13
Second Reading: Rom 5:12-15
Gospel: Mt 10:26-33

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.

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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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
This **Sunday, 14 June 2026** couples celebrating their wedding anniversary are invited for a special blessing at the 10:30am Mass.
We wish all these couples God's blessings and graces.

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.

YOUTH GROUP @ STMM
Pauline Junior (Meeting: 26 June)
Our youth group for Primary School Students, meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month starting at 5:30pm to 6:30pm.
Pauline Teen (Meeting: 26 June)
Our youth group for High School Students, meets on the 2nd & 4th 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 3rd 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

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

RCIA PROGRAM
RCIA is an ongoing Apostolate in this Parish. Our dedicated volunteers 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 not baptised and wishes to complete the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church. Please see our Priests after Mass during weekends or contact the **RCIA Coordinator Peter Carroll on 0414 070 082** or the Parish Office.

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80th Anniversary
CELEBRATION
Of Our Parish

A Biblical Walk through the Mass
Wednesday after 7pm Mass in the Pastoral Centre
Explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE
In the *Psalms: The School of Prayer*, discover how these sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. All are welcome on Thursdays at **7:00pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS
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EVERY TUESDAY FORTNIGHT DURING SCHOOL TERM
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Bring your child (*newborn to pre-school age*) along with their morning tea for some Parish fun! They will enjoy singing songs, craft, story time, structured play and meeting new friends.
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Please collect your respective planned giving envelopes box for the new financial year **01 July 2026** from the church foyer.
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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.