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# ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH MERRYLANDS

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**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

**Assistant Priest**  
Fr. Jeremy Santoso



*Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae*

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A  
21 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**

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**

**Jeremiah 20:10-13**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
 Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

- It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. *(R.)*
- This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. *(R.)*
- The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. *(R.)*

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 5:12-15**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
 Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
 The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.  
*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 10:26-33**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
 Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the rooftops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

*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**

When Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God he met opposition and hostility from those who refused to believe in him. He tells his disciples that they must expect the same treatment if they are to live and to proclaim the reign of God. There is both a warning and a privilege in his statement. Just as Jesus had to carry his cross, so the disciples must carry their cross and not try to evade it. To suffer for the faith is to share in the work of Christ. As one hymn states: *Lift high the Cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod.* The Holy Spirit gives us power and grace to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Do you trust in God's grace to carry your cross for Jesus' sake? *Lord Jesus, it is my joy and privilege to be your disciple. Give me strength and courage to bear any hardship and suffering which may come my way in your service. May I witness to others the new life, joy and victory you have won for us through your cross and resurrection.*

**13TH SUNDAY**  
 IN ORDINARY TIME  
 YEAR A

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
**28 JUNE 2026**  
**13th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
 (Year A)  
 First Reading: 2Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16  
 Second Reading: Rom 6:3-4, 8-11  
 Gospel: Mt 10:37-42

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION**  
**JUNE 2026**  
*For the values of sports*

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**POPE LEO XIV**

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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.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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)



**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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**LITTLE ANGELS PLAYGROUP**

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**15 November 2026 (Sunday) 10:30am Solemn Mass**  
**Celebrant: Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv**

**17 November 2026 (Tuesday) 7:00pm Solemn Mass**  
**Celebrant: Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE**

**22 November 2026 (Sunday) 1:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**Parish Luncheon Banquet at Aria House**