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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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year A
28 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:
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

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING **2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16**

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

- I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**
- Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**
- For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

SECOND READING **Romans 6:3-4. 8-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 10:37-42**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who

finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.



MEDITATION

Who or what takes first place in your life - in your daily thoughts, cares, and concerns? God has put us first in his thought, care, and concern for our well-being and future. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding kindness and mercy towards us. Even while we were hopelessly adrift through our own sinful pride, rebellion and unbelief, he choose to give us his own beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for our sake - to set us free from slavery to sin, Satan, and death. There is no greater proof of God's love for us than the free-will offering of his Son who shed his blood for us on the cross. His death broke the curse of guilt and condemnation, and won for us pardon and adoption as beloved sons and daughters of God our Father. Through the victory of his cross and resurrection, the Lord Jesus offers us abundant new life through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us. **Lord, no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has conceived the things you have prepared for those who love you. Set us ablaze with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that we may love you in and above all things and so receive the rewards you have promised us through Christ our Lord.**

14TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
05 JULY 2026
14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
(Year A)
First Reading: Zech 9:9-10
Second Reading: Rom 8:9, 11-13
Gospel: Mt 11:25-30

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.



PETER PENCE - 28 JUNE 2026
On **Sunday 28 June** - in celebration of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on Monday 29 June - the traditional St Peter's Pence collection takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church.
There will be a third collection during all weekend Masses. Thank you for your support and generosity.




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 of STS. PETER and PAUL
Monday - 29 June 2026



ON 03 JULY 2026
AT 7:00PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT
(ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS)





MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE
SATURDAY - 04 JULY 2026
@ 10:00AM

Come Pray the Rosary


FR. JEREMY'S FAREWELL
SATURDAY - 04 JULY 2026
All are welcome to join the Parish bid farewell to our dear Fr. Jeremy on Saturday, **04 July after 6pm Mass**. A get-together to create memories & wishing him abundant graces and blessings combined with a sumptuous BBQ at the Pastoral Centre.




Together we can keep the faith alive
SUNDAY - 05 JULY 2026
Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. **Next Sunday (05 July)** we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

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.



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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS



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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.
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.
For enquiries contact Maryanne Pickering (0416116707)



STMM PIETY SHOP
We request our Parishioners to support our Parish Piety Shop with their generous purchase of a variety of available products. Kindly support the Parish by purchasing the *Catholic Weekly* for only \$2 available at our Piety Shop.


'Return & Earn' Parish Fundraising
Our Return & Earn fundraising program is going from strength to strength! 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



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES
Please collect your respective planned giving envelopes box for the new financial year **01 July 2026 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.** We further request our New Parishioners to enrol and support our Parish Planned Giving Program. Sign up with filling the form and choose a payment option of:
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PARISH OFFICE **OPERATIONAL DAYS**
With immediate effect, the parish office will be opened on **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. The office is closed on **Tuesdays**, weekends, and public holidays until further notice.



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Save the Dates...
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