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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.

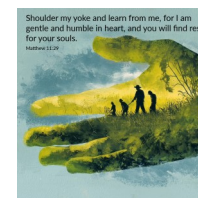


Parish Priest
Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

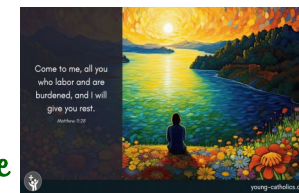
Assistant Priest
Fr. Jeremy Santoso



Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year A 05 July 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
		Wednesday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Thursday	8:30am-8:55am
Vespers	10:30am 5:15-5:45pm 6:00pm	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

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: ‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

- I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**
- The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
- All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
- The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

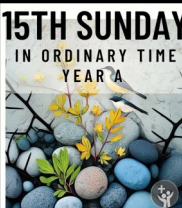
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

MEDITATION

Jesus humbled himself to lift us out of our misery and slavery to sin in order to raise us up to glory with him and the Father. Jesus came not to bruise the weak but to heal, to pardon and not to condemn, to restore us to abundant life by defeating sin, Satan, and death. It was love for his eternal Father and for each one of us that motivated Jesus to humble himself to death on the cross in order to rescue us from slavery to sin and death. The Lord Jesus shows us the true path of love and victory, freedom and joy, through the cross that defeated pride and hatred, greed and selfishness, guilt and condemnation. Do you acknowledge your utter dependence on God and do you trust him with your whole heart, mind, and being? **Lord Jesus, give me the child-like simplicity and purity of faith to gaze upon your face with joy and confidence in your all-merciful love. Remove every doubt, fear, and proud thought which would hinder me from receiving your word with trust and humble submission.**





15TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
12 JULY 2026
15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
(Year A)
First Reading: Is 55:10-11
Second Reading: Rom 8:18-23
Gospel: Mt 13:1-23



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SUNDAY - 05 JULY 2026
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
On 2nd 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, 12 July 2026**.
Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office.



NOVENA TO ST. CHARBEL
(15 JULY - 23 JULY 2026)
Novena to St. Charbel commence from **Wednesday, 15 July** and will conclude on **Thursday, 23 July** after Morning and Evening Mass.
Feast of St. Charbel will be celebrated on **Friday, 24 July 2026**.





AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH
Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, **(19 July 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: 24 July)
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: 24 July)
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: 19 July)
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 8: The Language of Sexual Love
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre
For further information please contact parish@stmm.org.au

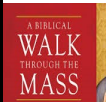




PARISH CAR BLESSING & SUNDAY - 26 JULY 2026
St. Christopher known as the patron saint of travellers protecting them from danger and illness. Through his intercession of safe travel and protection, for all our Parishioners who wish to have their car blessed, **after 10:30am Mass**. Fathers will bless the cars exiting school car park (**Henson St**). A request to kindly follow instructions from our volunteers, who will be there to guide the drivers in a systematic manner from the entrance to the exit. **Thank you.**
After the blessings of the cars, the Parish is organising a **BBQ Fundraiser**. Proceeds of sale will go towards replacement of the church pews.



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.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026
Sacrament of First Holy Communion program is divided into two groups taught by the Sacramental Coordinator.
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: 22 JULY
Session 2: 29 JULY
Session 3: 05 AUGUST
Session 4: 12 AUGUST
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.
Rehearsal: Thursday - 20 August at 6pm - 7pm
Mass on Sunday, 23 August at 3pm.



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

First Collection (Priests) Pauline Fathers
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Account: Merrylands Catholic Church
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Table Tennis social nights
Every Tuesday evening, in the Pastoral Centre after 7pm evening Mass. **All are welcome.**





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OPERATIONAL DAYS
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The office is closed on **Tuesdays**, weekends, and public holidays until further notice.

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Prayer Requests 

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