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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

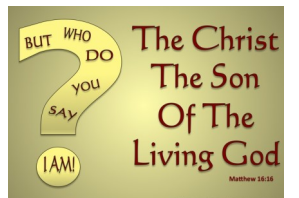
Assistant Priest
Fr. Zachary Lewis



Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae



Year A
23 August
2026



<u>SUNDAY MASSES</u>		<u>WEEKDAY MASSES</u>		<u>RECONCILIATION</u>	
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

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates

of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’ Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

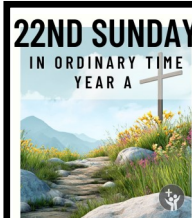
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

MEDITATION

The Lord Jesus offers us the gift of unshakeable faith, enduring hope, and unquenchable love - and the joyful boldness to proclaim him as the one true Savior who brings us the kingdom of God both now and forever. Who do you say he is to yourself and to your neighbor?

Lord Jesus, I profess and believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my Savior. Make my faith strong like Peter's and give me boldness to speak of you to others that they may come to know you personally as Lord and Savior and grow in the knowledge of your great love.



22ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
30 AUGUST 2026
22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
(Year A)
First Reading: Jer 20:7-9
Second Reading: Rom 12:1-2
Gospel: Mt 16:21-27



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION

AUGUST 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

OUR PARISH PRAYER



Father, through the intercession of St. Margaret Mary, pour out Your Spirit upon the people of this parish so that inspired by Your word, nourished at Your table and graced by Your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building up of Your Kingdom. May our parish community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ Your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **Amen.**



SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2026

3:00PM MASS

Congratulations to all the children who are receiving their Sacrament of First Holy Communion.
May you always be nourished by the Eucharist.



THERE WILL BE NO
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
ON 23 AUGUST 2026
DUE TO FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION IN THE PARISH

NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

17 AUGUST - 25 AUGUST 2026

Novena will conclude on **Tuesday, 25 August** during Mass.

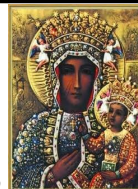
The Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa

will be celebrated on Wednesday 26 August 2026.

There will be Morning Tea celebration after 9am

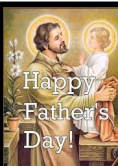
Mass in the Pastoral Centre.

All are welcome to kindly bring a plate to share.



ON 04 SEPTEMBER 2026
AT 7:00PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT
(ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS)

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE
SATURDAY - 05 SEPTEMBER 2026
@ 10:00AM



As we honour the special role of fatherhood; St. Margaret Mary's Parish invites all fathers, grand-fathers and carers to receive a **special Father's Day blessing** during all **Sunday Masses on 05 - 06 September 2026.**

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

05 - 06 September 2026

This Father's Day, our Parish proudly supports the Clergy Support Foundation's Bishop's Father's Day Appeal.

Please give generously via parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or the giving envelopes and help ensure our spiritual fathers receive the dignity, comfort and care they need.



The Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on **Tuesday, 08 September 2026.**

YOUTH GROUP @ STMM

Pauline Junior (Meeting: 11 September)

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: 11 September)

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: 20 September)

Our young adults group (*ages 18 to 35 years*), meets on 3rd Sunday of the month starting at 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre

For further information please contact parish@stmm.org.au



JESUS: The Way, The Truth, and The Life

Wednesday after 7pm Mass in the Pastoral Centre



Christ will inspire and empower you to center your life on Him as you come to know and love him in a deeper & more intimate way.

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Matthew—The King and his Kingdom portrays Jesus as the true King who fulfills the Law the people of Israel have failed to keep and who introduces the new law that will accompany the New Covenant. **All are welcome on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Pastoral Centre.**



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS



First Collection (Priests) Pauline Fathers

Account: Order of St. Paul The First Hermit Merrylands
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Second Collection (Parish)

Account: Merrylands Catholic Church
BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00438

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Saturday 29 August 2026 at the Pastoral Centre

Time: 10:00am to 1:30pm
(Lunch included)



It is **mandatory** for all volunteers involved in the parish ministries to attend and complete the appropriate Safeguarding Training. The Parish is holding a face-to-face training. For further information kindly contact your group coordinator.

PARISH MERCHANDISE NOW AVAILABLE!

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Come in, have a look at our new parish merchandise, check out the styles and sizes, and place your order today!

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FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE TICKETS

We request our Parishioners to purchase as many raffle tickets for **\$5 only**.

Raffle draw will be held on Father's Day, Sunday 06 September 2026 after 10:30am Mass.

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Save the Dates...

15 November 2026 (Sunday) 10:30am Solemn Mass
Celebrant: Very Rev Fernando Montano

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