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Parish Priest
Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

Assistant Priest
Fr. Zachary Lewis

Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year A
13 September 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
	10:30am	Wednesday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Thursday	8:30am-8:55am
Vespers	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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

- My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
- It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
- His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
- For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. ‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me time,” he said “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me”, he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said. “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

MEDITATION



If we want mercy shown to us we must be ready to forgive others from the heart as God has forgiven us. Do you hold any grudge or resentment towards anyone? Ask the Lord to purify your heart that you may show mercy and loving-kindness to all - and especially to those who cause you grief and ill-will.

Lord Jesus, you have been kind and forgiving towards me. May I be merciful as you are merciful. Free me from all bitterness and resentment that I may truly forgive from the heart those who have caused me injury or grief.

**25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
20 SEPTEMBER 2026**
**25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
(Year A)**
First Reading: Is 55:6-9
Second Reading: Phil 1:20-24, 27
Gospel: Mt 20:1-16

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We wish all these couples God's blessings and graces.

**FEAST OF THE EXALTATION
OF THE HOLY CROSS**
MONDAY - 14 SEPTEMBER 2026



**ACOLYTES MEETING
FRIDAY - 18 SEPTEMBER 2026**

All Acolytes of our Parish are invited to attend a meeting with the Parish Priest on **Friday, 18 September after 7pm Mass** in the Pastoral Centre.

**AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH**
Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, (20 September 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: 25 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: 25 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



**FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW (APOSTLE)
MONDAY - 21 SEPTEMBER 2026**

**FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS
TUESDAY - 29 SEPTEMBER 2026**



**NO EVENING MASS ON
22, 23 AND 25 SEPTEMBER 2026**

**SUNDAY - 27 SEPTEMBER 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.

TRIUMPH of the HEART
Wednesday after 7pm Mass in the Pastoral Centre
A film on the final days of Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Catholic priest who volunteered to die in place of another prisoner in Auschwitz during World War II.



**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.

**80th Anniversary
CELEBRATION**
Of Our Parish

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026
Sacrament of Confirmation enrolments are until **Friday 09 October 2026. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child)**
Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or are available at our Parish Office during working hours.
The Sacrament of Confirmation program will be taught by Monique Kairouz and assisted by Fr. Zachary.
Parents Information evening: Monday - 12 October at 7pm.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
All preparation sessions held on **WEDNESDAYS at 5:30 - 6:30pm**
Session 1: 14 OCTOBER **Session 2: 21 OCTOBER**
Session 3: 28 OCTOBER **Session 4: 04 NOVEMBER**
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

Confirmation Rehearsal on Wednesday, 11 November 2026 at 6:00pm inside the Church.

**CONFIRMATION** **Saturday, 14 November 2026 at 6:00pm**

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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
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