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Parish Priest
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Year A
01 November
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	**Tuesday**	9:00am & 7:00pm		**Wednesday**	8:30am-8:55am
	9:00am	**Wednesday**	9:00am & 7:00pm		**Thursday**	8:30am-8:55am
Vespers	10:30am 5:15-5:45pm	**Thursday**	9:00am		**Friday**	8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
	6:00pm	**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

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

FIRST READING — Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
   the world and all its peoples.
   It is he who set it on the seas;
   on the waters he made it firm. ***(R.)***
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
   Who shall stand in his holy place?
   The man with clean hands and pure heart,
   who desires not worthless things. ***(R.)***
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
   and reward from the God who saves him.
   Such are the men who seek him,
   seek the face of the God of Jacob. ***(R.)***

SECOND READING — 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL — Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

MEDITATION



What is the good life which God intends for us? And how is it related with the ultimate end or purpose of life? Is it not our desire and longing for true *happiness*, which is none other than the complete good, the sum of all goods, leaving nothing more to be desired? Jesus addresses this question in his sermon on the mount. The heart of Jesus' message is that we can live a very happy life. The call to holiness, to be saints who joyfully pursue God's will for their lives, can be found in these eight beatitudes. Jesus' beatitudes sum up our calling or vocation - to live a life of the beatitudes. The word *beatitude* literally means "happiness" or "blessedness". ***Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you and show me the way that leads to everlasting peace and happiness. May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will.***



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
08 NOVEMBER 2026
32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
(Year A)
First Reading: Wis 6:12-16
Second Reading: 1Thess 4:13-18
Gospel: Mt 25:1-13



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION
NOVEMBER 2026
For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



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.***



THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
MONDAY - 2ND NOVEMBER 2026
Mass at 9:15 am & 7:00pm

Join us as we celebrate the Eucharist on **All Souls Day**. A special remembrance offered for those who had funerals in our parish this past year. We also warmly invite parishioners who lost a close relative whose funeral was conducted outside the parish. A candle ceremony will be held at all Masses where a family member will be invited to place a candle on the sanctuary in memory of their loved one.You may bring a small framed photo of your loved one and place on the sanctuary before the commencement of Mass.
On this day a Plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead under the usual conditions by attending a church or cemetery.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS FOR ALL DEPARTED SOULS



During the month of November, we will be celebrating **ONE (1) daily Gregorian Mass** during **weekdays and weekends** for all the deceased.
On Thursdays (during November) there will be recitation of the Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Morning Mass.
We will continue with **"November Mass" yellow envelopes** for our daily Gregorian Masses in November. The envelopes will be kept on the church pews. Please write the name of your deceased loved ones for whom you wish to pray along with an offering inside the envelope. Kindly place the **"November Mass"** envelope in the basket at the altar or give it to the Priests or Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAY
ON 06 NOVEMBER 2026
AT 7:00PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT
(ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS)

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE
SATURDAY - 07 NOVEMBER 2026
@ 10:00AM





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, 08 November 2026.***
Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office.

YOUTH GROUP @ STMM

Pauline Junior (Meeting: 13 November)
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: 13 November)
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: 22 November)
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**





AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH
Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, **(15 November 2026)** there will be a Children's Mass at 10:30am followed by Morning Tea in the Pastoral Centre.



Lead Kindly Light
The Story of Saint John Henry Newman
Wednesday after 7pm Mass in the Pastoral Centre



The Story Of Saint John Henry Newman is an invitation to clarity amid confusion—a call to live with integrity between faith and reason, and to rediscover, alongside Newman, that truth may cost us everything, but it is the only path to freedom.

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.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026
The Sacrament of Confirmation program will be taught by Monique Kairouz and assisted by Fr. Zachary.

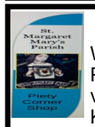
CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
All preparation sessions held on **WEDNESDAYS** at **5:30 - 6:30pm**
Session 4: 04 NOVEMBER
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre
***Confirmation Rehearsal** on **Wednesday, 11 November 2026 at 6:00pm** inside the Church.*



Saturday, 14 November 2026 at 6:00pm

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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Prayer Requests

Save the Dates...
15 November 2026 (Sunday) 10:30am Solemn Mass
Celebrant: Very Rev Fernando Montano
Morning Tea in Pastoral Centre
17 November 2026 (Tuesday) 7:00pm Solemn Mass
Celebrant: Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE
Refreshments in Pastoral Centre (please bring a plate to share)
22 November 2026 (Sunday) 1:00pm - 7:00pm
Parish Luncheon Banquet at Aria House
Tickets are on sale at the Piety Shop