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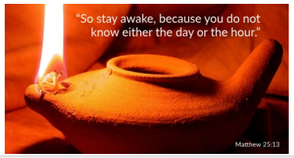
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Fr. Zachary Lewis



Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year A
08 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

Please remember to switch off your mobile phone

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING — Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
   for you my soul is thirsting.
   My body pines for you
   like a dry, weary land without water. ***(R.)***
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
   to see your strength and your glory.
   For your love is better than life,
   my lips will speak your praise. ***(R.)***
3. So I will bless you all my life,
   in your name I will lift up my hands.
   My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
   my mouth shall praise you with joy. ***(R.)***
4. On my bed I remember you.
   On you I muse through the night
   for you have been my help;
   in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. ***(R.)***

SECOND READING — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL — Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

MEDITATION



When the Lord Jesus comes to lead you to his heavenly banquet will you be ready to hear his voice and follow? Our eternal welfare depends on our hearing, and many have trained themselves to not hear. We will not be prepared to meet the Lord, face to face, when he calls us on the day of judgment, unless we listen to him today. The Lord invites us to feast at his heavenly banquet table. Are you ready? ***Lord Jesus, make me vigilant and attentive to your voice that I may heed your call at all times. May I find joy in your presence and delight in doing your will.***



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
15 NOVEMBER 2026
33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Year A)
First Reading: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Second Reading: 1Thess 5:1-6
Gospel: Mt 25:14-30



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.***

7-8 November to 12-13 December 2026

This Christmas, embrace the spirit of the Nativity story. Let the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, inspire us to reach out to those in need - especially vulnerable homeless women and children. Your tax-deductible gift this Christmas can provide young mothers and their children with secure shelter, nourishing food, and the support they need to build a strong family life and a hopeful future.
Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity, Christian kindness and compassion.

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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

This ***Sunday, 08 November 2026*** couples celebrating their wedding anniversary are invited for a special blessing at the 10:30am Mass.
We wish all these couples God's blessings and graces.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

The Sacrament of Confirmation program will be taught by Monique Kairouz and assisted by Fr. Zachary.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre
***Confirmation Rehearsal** on **Wednesday, 11 November 2026 at 6:00pm** inside the Church.*



Saturday, 14 November 2026 at 6:00pm

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.

NO DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS ON FOURTH SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2026 & JANUARY 2027



Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well

Wednesday after 7pm Mass in the Pastoral Centre



Eternal Rest presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness and compassion, so we can think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of life.



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.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

First Collection (Priests) Pauline Fathers
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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-05 December 2026
in the Pastoral Centre
Time: 10:00am to 1:30pm (lunch included)

It is ***mandatory*** for all volunteers involved in the parish ministries who have not completed their online training to attend a face-to-face training.
Cycle 1 ***(New staff/volunteers who have not completed any training within the Diocese)***
Cycle 2 ***(Renewal Training for staff/volunteers who have completed Cycle 1 two years ago)***
For further information kindly contact your group coordinator or email **safeguarding@stmm.org.au**

'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

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.

GOD'S WORD 2027

We request our Parishioners to support our Parish with their generous purchase of **GOD'S WORD 2027 for a special price of $22 (limited stock available).**
Purchases may be done from the Piety Shop. **Thank you.**

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For more information please scan the QR code.

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The Power of Prayer
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