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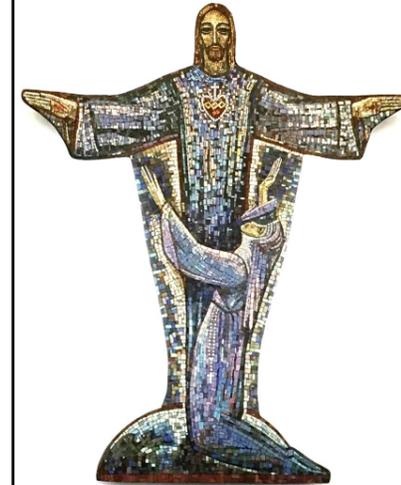
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Sunday of Easter
01ST MAY 2022



WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil

Sunday: 7:30am
 9:00am
 10:30am
 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: 9:15am

Tuesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Wednesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am
Friday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Saturday: 8:30am

PRAYER: HOLY FATHER-POPE FRANCIS'

MONTHLY INTENTION: MAY
For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



FIRST FRIDAY:

11:00am: Maltese Mass
 07:00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Thursdays-Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30 am - 2:30pm
4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm - Divine Mercy Devotions
1st Friday of the month: approx. 8:30pm - midnight

VESPERS- SUNDAY EVENINGS

5:15 pm - 5:45pm

RCIA SESSIONS- SUNDAY MORNINGS

9am Mass followed by Session 10 am - 11am

DEVOTIONS:

- ♦ **Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**
Tuesday: after morning Mass
Wednesday: 6:30pm before 7:00pm Mass
- ♦ **Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus:**
Tuesday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
- ♦ **Divine Mercy Devotions**
4th Sunday of the month: 1.00pm - 3.00pm, 3.00pm - Holy Mass

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

RECONCILIATION:

Tues - Fri 8.30 - 8.55am
Sat - 9am - 9.30am and 4.30pm-5.30pm (or by appointment)

MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

SICK CALLS: 9637 2526- option 3 or 0412 625 187 - any time



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

- 1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)
- 2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)
- 3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rv 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 21:1 – 14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into

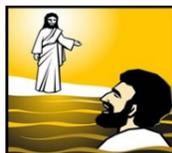
the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

MEDITATION:



The Lord Jesus calls each one of us, even in our personal struggles, weakness, and sin, to draw near to him as our merciful Healer and Savior. He invites us to choose him as our Lord and to love him above all else. What can hold us back from giving him our undivided love and unqualified loyalty (Romans 8:38-39)? Nothing but our own sinful pride and stubborn will, and blind fear can hold us back from receiving his gracious forgiveness, loving-kindness, and faithful love. God's abundant grace (favor and blessing) is a free and unmerited gift, far beyond what we deserve or could possibly hope to obtain through our own means. We can never outmatch God in generosity and goodness. He loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace (unmerited favor) and mercy. The Lord Jesus wants to personally draw near to each one of us and he knocks every day on the door of our hearts and he waits for our response (Revelation 3:20). Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you and do you listen for his voice as he speaks to you in your heart and through the word of God in the Sacred Scriptures? The Lord is ever ready to help us grow in the knowledge of his great love for us and in the exceeding richness of his mercies and goodness towards us. Ask the Lord Jesus to rekindle your love for him and to transform your life through the power and action of the Holy Spirit who dwells within you. **Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your merciful love and remove everything that is unkind, ungrateful, unloving and unholy, and that is not in accord with your will. May I always seek to love you above all else and follow you wherever you wish to lead me.**

MAY DEVOTIONS



During the month of May, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after all Morning Masses and recitation of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Act of Consecration. Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ from His incarnation and birth until His ascension, the day of Pentecost and the expectation of Blessed hope and of the Lord's return. In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God** who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her, the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. (SC102,103)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ♦ Tony Ostojic ♦ Giovanna Prestipino ♦ Anthony Hanna
- ♦ Shelly Barnes ♦ Ireneo Vicencio ♦ Carlos Rivanar
- ♦ Teresa Saad ♦ Alice Said ♦ Josephine Hanna
- ♦ Christopher Oldham ♦ Diab Baysari ♦ Leonardo Pedavoli
- ♦ Simon Khoury ♦ Mario & Tereza Cutajar ♦ Smiljana Milina
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- ♦ Therese Nicolas ♦ Katrina & Maria Smith ♦ Jayden Jong
- ♦ Nikola Jerkovic ♦ Carolina Morante ♦ Reuben Dias
- ♦ Susan Pace ♦ Raymond Laoulach
- ♦ Branko Soric ♦ Ramona Sassine
- ♦ Gloria Lavitoria ♦ John Bartolo
- ♦ Jocelyn Santos ♦ Bob Sinclair
- ♦ Joanna Essey ♦ Barbara Hanna



Our Parish would like to thank our Divine Mercy Team led by Annie Molejona & Annie Isbilir for their utmost dedication to ensure that Divine Mercy Sunday devotions was celebrated in a glorious manner. The Team have worked tirelessly in the preparations, from prayers, hymns, decorating the church to a sumptuous spread of afternoon tea for our Parish. A special mention of thanks to all our volunteers with cleaning and beautifying our Church and all those involved in making the day a successful one. We sincerely thank our great congregation of Parishioners and visitors who attended Divine Mercy Sunday. **May God bless you all abundantly.**

Our Parish truly appreciate **Zdravko Tomas** for his services rendered for Pest Control in and around the Church. We like to take the opportunity to thank all our volunteers for their dedication, valuable time & effort with the maintenance in and around the Church premises.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION THURSDAYS 9:30am to 2:30pm

The Lord invites us to take some time out of our busy lives to spend some time with Him in quiet adoration, prayer and reflection. If you can spare 1/2 hour or more, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed after morning Mass every Thursday until 2.30pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 08 MAY 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

Acts 13:14,43-52; Rev 7:9,14-17; Jn 10:27-30



Father, 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**



ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS

Please join us in responding to 'Our Blessed Mother's Appeal for Prayer & Reparation for World Peace & the Sanctity of Family Life'. **Every First Friday of the month** after 7pm Mass, Scriptural Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, & Nine Office of the Sacred Heart of Jesus until Midnight. Every Friday (except 1st Friday of the month) the Adoration Service will commence after 7:00pm Mass until 10:00pm **"IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"**

SCRIPTURE STUDY

You are invited to experience the joy of **"the Word of God"** in a weekly discussion meeting on Thursdays at 7pm at St. Margaret Mary's Pastoral Centre. For further queries, contact Gwen on 9632 9097

Table Tennis social nights

Every Tuesday evening, in the Pastoral Centre from approx 7:30 pm after the evening Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022



Sacrament of Reconciliation Enrolments commence from **Tuesday, 26 April** until **Friday, 20 May 2022.** (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child). Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or available at our Parish Office during working hours.

Parents Night: **Monday, 23 May** or **Wednesday, 25 May** at 6pm. Venue: **Inside the Church**

Sacrament of Reconciliation program is divided into two groups taught by Fr. Joseph Maria Buckley & assisted by Monique Kairouz.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

All preparation sessions held on **MONDAYS** or **WEDNESDAYS** at 6:00pm.

- Session 1: **30 MAY 2022** or **01 JUNE 2022**
- Session 2: **06 JUNE 2022** or **08 JUNE 2022**
- Session 3: **13 JUNE 2022** or **15 JUNE 2022**
- Session 4: **20 JUNE 2022** or **22 JUNE 2022**

Venue: **Inside the Church**

Details of Sacrament of First Reconciliation to follow soon.



DEVOTIONAL RELIGIOUS CANDLES

A variety of devotional candles are being sold at the Parish. We request our Parishioners to support our Parish with their generous purchase.

These candles are perfect for your own personal devotion or as a treasured gift to share with others.

- Small candle **\$5 each** (burns upto 70 hours)
- Large candle **\$10 each** (burns upto 7days)
- Easter candle **\$12 each** (burns up to 7days)

Kindly contact the Parish Office during working hours for purchase of candles or further details. **Thank you.**

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Young Adults
Our youth group for young adults aged 18-30. It meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month after 7pm evening Mass. **Next Meeting: 06 May**

RCIA PROGRAM

RCIA is an ongoing Apostolate in this Parish. The RCIA Apostolate consists of a dedicated team of volunteers who have received instructions to guide anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church through weekly preparations classes and regular Mass attendance. If you know of anyone who wishes to enter the Catholic Faith, who has been baptised in another Faith or unbaptised and wishes to complete the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church; Please see our Priests after Mass during the weekends or contact the **RCIA Coordinator Peter Carroll on 0414 070 082** or the Parish Office.

ROSARY PROCESSION - 7 MAY 2022

The Legion of Mary, in conjunction with the Prospect Curia, is organizing a rosary procession on the first Saturday (07th May) of the Marian Month of May. The procession will commence immediately after the first Saturday devotions in the church after the 8:30am Mass and will go around the Church and Primary School block. We encourage all parishioners and families to participate in this public witness of praying the rosary. Thank you all Marian devotees.

REGINA CAELI

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
- R. For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia.
- V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia.
- R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray, O God, who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**