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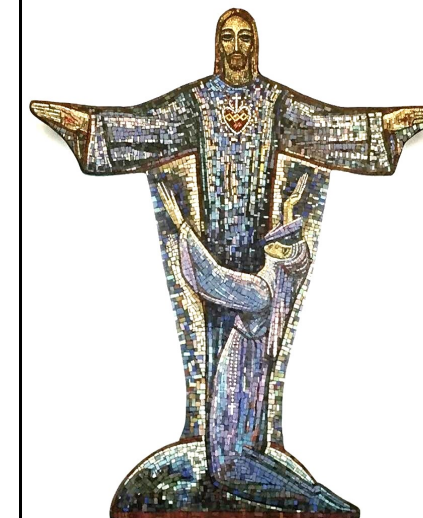
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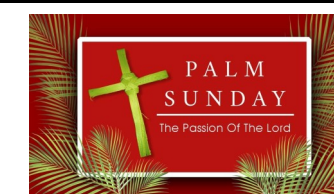
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Playgroup: Nicole Gadd - 0402 350 170

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**02ND APRIL
2023
YEAR A**



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: APRIL

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

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 Help (Succour)

Wednesday: after morning Mass

Wednesday: 6:00pm before 7:00pm Mass (Marian Movement Cenacle)

♦ 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

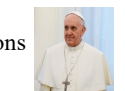
RECONCILIATION:

Tues - Fri 8.30 - 8.55am

Sat - 9am - 9.30am and 4.30pm-5.30pm

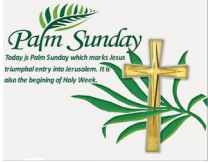
MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

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THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:
* Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.
* Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
- Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
- They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
- I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mt 26:14 – 27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.


COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

MEDITATION:

Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9) The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover. Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory? **Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honored as the King of glory!**



**GOOD FRIDAY**

07 April 2023

Please remember that fasting and abstinence (especially from meat- incl chicken) is to be observed on **Good Friday**.
All adults between the age of 18 & 60 are expected to observe the laws of fasting - 1 main meal and simple snacks (no sweet).
Those **14 years and over** to observe the law of abstinence- (3 simple meals -no meat or treats).

Good Friday Collection For The Holy Land

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.
Your donations will support the missionary work in the Holy Land.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**


TUESDAY - following 9:00am Mass
FRIDAY - following 7:00pm Mass
FRIDAYS IN LENT

ROSARY- 6:30pm
HOLY MASS - 7:00pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:30pm following 7pm Mass
LENTEN MORNING DEVOTIONS
Following All Morning Mass (excluding Tuesday & Wednesday)

During the period of Lent, all are invited to join in our special Lenten devotions after the morning Mass. We will be reciting the **chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Christ**.

PRAYER REQUESTS		
♦ Reuben Dias	♦ Fr. Gabriel Taylor	♦ Charles Zammit
♦ Leonardo Pedavoli	♦ Mary Callagja	♦ David O'Connor
♦ Shelly Barnes	♦ Rita Figredo	♦ Marcelina Domingo
♦ Robbie Barnes	♦ Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria	♦ Jacqueline Parr
♦ Therese Nicolas	♦ Salam Awkar	
♦ Hermie Alves	♦ Leila Rouhana	



**OUR PARISH PRAYER**

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**


**SPEAK TO ME LORD**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
09 APRIL 2023
EASTER SUNDAY
of the RESURRECTION of the LORD - YEAR A
Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1- 4; Jn 20:1- 9

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY
07 April to 15 April 2023
in preparation for
Divine Mercy Sunday on 16 April 2023

07 April - Good Friday - 2:30pm
08 April - Easter Vigil - 6:00 pm
09 April - Easter Sunday - 10:00am
10, 11, 12, 13, 14 April - after 09:00am Morning Mass
15 April - Saturday - 9:00am after 8.30am Mass



**FIRST FRIDAY**

ON 14 APRIL 2023
(ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS)
MASS AT 7:00PM

Please join us in responding to 'OUR BLESSED MOTHER'S APPEAL for PRAYER & REPARATION for WORLD PEACE & the SANCTITY of FAMILY LIFE'.
Followed by Adoration, Scriptural Rosaries & Nine Office of the SACRED HEART of JESUS, until Midnight.
"IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"





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Purchases may be done from the Parish Office as well during working hours. **Thank you.**



**Holy Shroud**

The Association of the Holy Shroud invites you to the **32nd Annual Holy Shroud Fiesta Celebration**

Easter Monday, 10th April 2023 at 2:45 pm
St Margaret Mary's Catholic Church
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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

Sacrament of Reconciliation Enrolments commence from **Tuesday, 14 March** until **Friday, 28 April 2023**.



Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or available at our Parish Office during working hours.**(Enrolment Fee \$50 per child).**

Parents Night: Wednesday, 26 April at 7pm.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre

Sacrament of Reconciliation program is divided into two groups taught by Monique Kairouz & assisted by Fr. Jeremy Santoso.


RECONCILIATION PROGRAM


All preparation sessions will be held on **WEDNESDAYS** with two time slots to choose from: **5:30 - 6:30pm or 7:00 - 8:00pm**
Session 1: 03 MAY
Session 2: 10 MAY
Session 3: 17 MAY
Session 4: 24 MAY
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre


**First Reconciliation**


Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Monday, 29 May 2023 at 6:00pm inside the Church.

Holy Week 2023


**Holy Thursday April 6**

**Good Friday April 7**

**Holy Saturday April 8**

**Easter Sunday April 9**

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
SATURDAY (01 April) - 6:00pm - Vigil
SUNDAY (02 April) - 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm
(Blessings of palms and olive branches at all Masses)
MONDAY (03 April) - 9:15am
TUESDAY (04 April) - 9:00am & 7:00pm
WEDNESDAY (05 April) - 9:00am {NO 7:00pm Mass}
Thursday of Holy Week (06 April) - No Morning Mass
Thursday of the LORD'S SUPPER - 7:00pm
Friday of the PASSION of the LORD
Good Friday (07 April)
Stations of the Cross - 10:00am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm
Holy Saturday (08 April) - No Morning Mass
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (08 April) - 6:30pm
EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD (09 April) - 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm

**Goodbyes**
*are not forever
Goodbyes are
just the end
They simply mean
we'll miss you
Until we meet
again*

FAREWELL MASS OF FR. JANUSZ PAWLICHA
23 APRIL 2023 – 10:30AM

Eight years ago St. Margaret Mary's Parish was truly blessed with a Parish Priest like none other than **FR. JANUSZ**. **'Giving to others seems to come so naturally to you. You go the extra mile, take the extra time, give the extra thought...and it really makes a difference'**.
Thank you Fr. Janusz for being such a wonderful example of God's Love. We have been fortunate to have an outstanding role model like you, who has managed this Parish with invaluable and inspired excellence. You have helped our Church and community to grow spiritually and have given so much to this Parish and done much for it. Your contributions and dedication will always serve as an inspiration to others.
May our Triune God and our Blessed Mother guide and protect Fr. Janusz always. We pray that the Lord will bless you abundantly as you journey towards the next chapter in your ministerial life and that the Holy Spirit will guide you in your pastoral duties .
A farewell Mass for Fr. Janusz will be held on Sunday 23 April at 10:30am followed by a Parish Brunch in the Parish Hall. All are welcome and we request you to kindly bring a dish to share.
For those who wish to contribute towards a farewell monetary gift for Fr. Janusz, please contact Priscilla Newman, Gwen D'Silva or the Parish Office during office hours.