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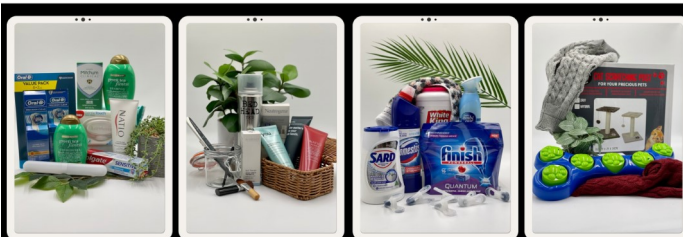
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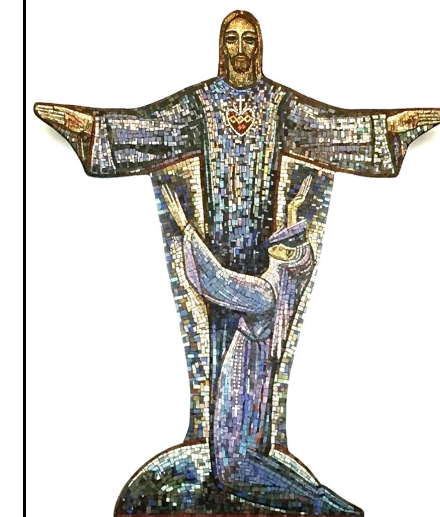


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Fr. Jeremy Santoso



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Music : Kerry van der Linden

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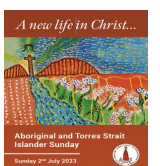
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Thirteenth Sunday in
ORDINARY TIME
July 2, 2023



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: JULY

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

FIRST FRIDAY:

11:00am: Maltese Mass
06:30pm: Confession
07:00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Thursdays-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

VESPERS- SUNDAY EVENINGS

5:15pm - 5:45pm

RCIA SESSIONS- SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00am Mass followed by session 10:00am - 11:00am

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 8:30am - 9:30am and 4:30pm - 5:30pm

MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

SICK CALLS: 9637 2526- option 3 - any time





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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING

2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, ‘Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.’ One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. ‘What can be done for her?’ he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, ‘Well, she has no son and her husband is old.’ Elisha said, ‘Call her.’ The servant called her and she stood at the door. ‘This time next year,’ Elisha said ‘you will hold a son in your arms.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

- I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. *(R.)*
- Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. *(R.)*
- For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who

finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. ‘Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. ‘Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet’s reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man’s reward. ‘If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,
that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.


MEDITATION

Who or what takes first place in your life - in your daily thoughts, cares, and concerns? God has put us first in his thought, care, and concern for our well-being and future. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding kindness and mercy towards us. Even while we were hopelessly adrift through our own sinful pride, rebellion and unbelief, he choose to give us his own beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for our sake - to set us free from slavery to sin, Satan, and death. There is no greater proof of God's love for us than the free-will offering of his Son who shed his blood for us on the cross. His death broke the curse of guilt and condemnation, and won for us pardon and adoption as beloved sons and daughters of God our Father. Through the victory of his cross and resurrection, the Lord Jesus offers us abundant new life through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us. *Lord, no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has conceived the things you have prepared for those who love you. Set us ablaze with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that we may love you in and above all things and so receive the rewards you have promised us through Christ our Lord.*






NEXT WEEK’S READINGS
09 JULY 2023
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
Zech 9:9 - 10; Rom 8:9,11 - 13; Mt 11:25 - 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



DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023
A synod of the Parramatta Diocese comprising clergy, religious and laity, chaired by Bishop, will be held from 12-15 October 2023, to decide issues to form the basis of a pastoral plan.
Parishioners are invited to suggest ideas to help form issues considered by the synod.

Ideas should relate to **“How can we improve community and devotional life and missionary activity in parishes and diocese?”**


Example ideas are: establish groups of under-represented parishioners (e.g. men, youth), closer parish-school links, more processions, longer adoration times, etc.

Submissions can be made at <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/submissions/> or by mail to: **Synod C/- Bethany Centre, 470 Church Street. Parramatta, NSW 2150.**


Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday (02 July 2023)


This year’s theme “A New Life in Christ” reflects the hope and promise of a brighter future, rooted in unity and shared commitment to positive change. Catholics from all corners of Australia gather on this Sunday to celebrate the unique gifts and contributions of Australia’s First People.






ON 07 JULY 2023 AT 7:00PM
(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'. Followed by Adoration, Scriptural Rosaries & Nine Office of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, until Midnight.
"IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"


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, 09 July 2023.**
Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office with their relevant details.





SEA SUNDAY- 09 July 2023
Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously to:
<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>




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**

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

STMM PIETY SHOP
We request our Parishioners to support our Parish Piety Corner Shop with their generous purchase of a variety of available products. These items are perfect for your own personal needs or as a treasured gift to share with others. Purchases may be done from the Parish Office as well during working hours. **Thank you.**

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.



For safety and safeguarding reasons, we kindly request all parents / carers to ensure to accompany their children to the toilets and the play area in the school premises at all times. **Thank you for your cooperation.**





Table Tennis social nights
Every Tuesday evening, in the Pastoral Centre after 7:00 pm evening Mass. **All are welcome.**


PRAYER REQUESTS

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| ◆ Reuben Dias | ◆ Mary Callagja | ◆ David O'Connor |
| ◆ Leonardo Pedavoli | ◆ Rita Figredo | ◆ Marcelina Domingo |
| ◆ Shelly Barnes | ◆ Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria | ◆ Jacqueline Parr |
| ◆ Robbie Barnes | ◆ Salam Awkar | |
| ◆ Therese Nicolas | ◆ Leila Rouhana | |
| ◆ Hermie Alves | ◆ Charles Zammit | |






PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES
Please collect your respective planned giving envelopes box for the new financial year **01 July 2023 from the church foyer.**
St Margaret Mary’s Parish truly appreciates your utmost generosity and continuous support which will help go Above and Beyond. **Thank you and God Bless You.**



To adhere to our Parish compliance to safeguarding policy and ensure all documents are up to date, it is therefore mandatory for all our Parish Volunteers to come to the Parish Office to provide their details (role in the Parish, contact and email address) and the Keys they possess to access Church / Parish premises. **The deadline to provide these details is Friday, 14 July 2023. Thank you.**



On Saturday 22 July 2023
@ St. Margaret Mary’s Parish School Grounds
Set - up: 8:00am
Start: approx.9:15am (after 8.30am Mass)
Pack - up: 2:00pm

Parking Space Bookings
(prepay at the Piety Shop or Parish Office)

- Sedan, station-wagon, people-mover, SUV or 1-tonne utility – **\$50**
- Medium commercial vehicle (eg. Hi Ace, RAM utility) or car + box trailer – **\$100**

Please note: No trucks or other large vehicles. Parking allocation is at the time of booking. Each booking includes 1 trestle table if required. No on-site electricity.

Public Admission: Gold coin donation.

Food on Sale: Sausage sizzle, bacon & egg rolls, soft drinks, bottled water, tea & coffee.
All proceeds to St. Margaret Mary’s Parish

* If significant rain is forecast, then the event will be postponed and booking money refunded.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023



Sacrament of First Holy Communion Enrolments commence from **Tuesday, 06 June 2023** until **Friday, 21 July 2023.**
(Enrolment Fee **\$50** per child)

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or are available at our Parish Office during working hours.

Parents Night: Monday - 17 July at 7pm.

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion program is divided into two groups taught by Monique Kairouz & assisted by Fr. Jeremy Santos.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM:

All preparation sessions held on **MONDAY** or **TUESDAY** at **5:30-7:00pm**

Session 1: 24 JULY or 25 JULY 2023

Session 2: 31 JULY or 01 AUGUST 2023

Session 3: 07 AUGUST or 08 AUGUST 2023

Session 4: 14 AUGUST or 15 AUGUST 2023

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

Rehearsal Group 1:Thursday- 24 August at 6:00pm

Rehearsal Group 2:Thursday- 31 August at 6:00pm



Group 1:Sunday- 27 August at 10:30am
Group 2:Sunday- 03 September at 10:30am