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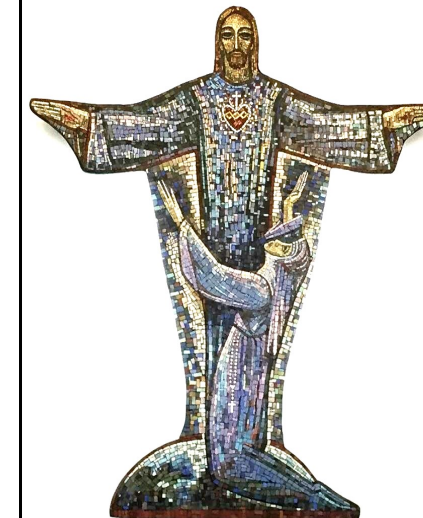
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Assistant Priest
Fr Joseph Maria Buckley



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Fax: 9637 2442
Email: parish@stmm.org.au
Website: stmm.org.au

PARISH GROUPS CO-ORDINATORS:
Secretary: Denise Fernandes
Finance Committee: TBA
Parish Council:
♦ **Chair:** Gwen D'Silva
Fr Janusz Pawlicha, OSPPE
♦ **Secretary:** Monique Kairouz

Fundraising Committee:
♦ Mike Jacobson - 0438 590 136

Catechists: Sonia Abi-Rached

Music : Kerry van der Linden

Sacraments: Fr Joseph Maria Buckley

Acolytes / RCIA : Peter Carroll - 0414 070 082

Readers: Gwen D'Silva

YOUTH GROUP:
Pauline Teen: Fr Joseph / Rita Jacobson

Legion of Mary: Merwyn D'Souza - 0478 109 569

Playgroup: Nicole Gadd - 0402 350 170

St Vincent de Paul: 88619757



27th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Year C
02nd October 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: OCTOBER

For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

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)

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



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

11. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the

servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

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

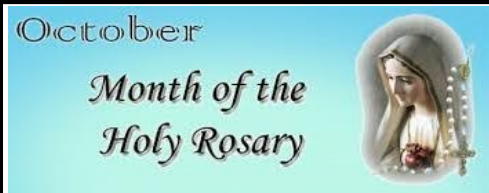
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

MEDITATION:



How strong is your faith in God and how can you grow in it? Faith is not something vague, uncertain, undefineable, or something which requires a leap of the imagination or worse, some kind of blind allegiance. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Faith is a response of trust and belief in what is reliable, truthful, certain, and real. To have faith is to believe and trust in someone or something. We believe in the power of electricity even though we can't visibly see it with the naked eye. We know we can tap into that power and use it to do things we could not do by our own human power. Faith in God works in a similar way. **Lord Jesus, fill me with your consuming love and set my heart free to love generously and to serve selflessly. Fill me with gratitude for all you have done for me, and increase my faith and loyalty to you who are My All, My Strength, and My Life**



THE ROSARY is a prayerful exercise comprised of both meditation and vocal prayer.

While praying the prayers of the Rosary, meditation focuses on the lives of Jesus and Mary. There are four mysteries of the Rosary: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious. During the month of October, there will be recitation of The Holy Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of every Morning Mass.

SOLAR PANELS INSTALLATION IN OUR PARISH

On Monday, 26 September 2022, solar panels were installed to curtail the rising cost of energy bills in our Parish. The Parish Priest has accomplished another major project which will be beneficial to our Parish in the long-run.

We would like to thank some of our Parishioners for their advice and a special mention of gratitude and thanks to Edgar D'souza for his immense support, help and valuable time towards this project.

To date we have generated an amount of \$18,747 towards the solar panels and air-conditioning project.

St Margaret Mary's Parish is truly grateful to their Parishioners for their generous contributions and financial support.

For any further enquires please contact Fr. Janusz.

God Bless You All for everything you do for our Parish.

AIR CONDITIONING (REVERSE CYCLE) SYSTEM IN OUR PARISH

The Parish is also looking into installing an air conditioning split system inside the Church before summer begins and we are currently looking at different price quotations.

St Margaret Mary's Parish humbly requests our generous Parishioners for their financial support towards these projects.

Donation envelopes are placed in the church pews and for other payment options kindly contact our Parish Office.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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| ◆ Reuben Dias | ◆ Robbie Barnes | ◆ Hermie Alves |
| ◆ Leonardo Pedavoli | ◆ Therese Nicolas | ◆ Joseph Fucile |
| ◆ Shelly Barnes | ◆ Ivy Aza | ◆ Nancy Surace |



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**



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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**



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

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



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

09 OCTOBER 2022

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

2Kg 5:14-17; 2Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19



GOD'S WORD 2023

We request our Parishioners to support our Parish with their generous purchase of **GOD'S WORD 2023** for a **special price of \$20**. Purchases may be done from the Parish Office as well during working hours. **Thank you.**



Table Tennis social nights

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION 2022



Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolments commence from **Tuesday, 23 August 2022** until **Friday, 07 October 2022**. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child)

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

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:

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

Parents Night & Session 1: 10 October or 12 October 2022

Session 2: 17 October or 19 October 2022

Session 3: 24 October or 26 October 2022

Session 4: 31 October or 02 November 2022

Rehearsal: 07 November or 09 November 2022

Venue: Pastoral Centre



CONFIRMATION Saturday, 12 November 2022 at 6:00pm



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT PRAYER

On the weekend **(08 - 09 October)** Saturday Vigil and Sundays Masses, all the children enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation are requested along with their parents to attend any one of the weekend Mass.

At the end of the Mass, they will be invited forward to say the Enrolment Prayer as a spiritual beginning to the child's formation in the Sacrament. All children enrolled in the program are expected to attend.

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Young Adults (Next Meeting: 16 October)

Our youth group for young adults aged 18-30. It meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after 6pm evening Mass.

Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 14 October)

Our youth group for Primary School Students. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month starting at 5:15pm ending just before the evening mass.

Pauline Teen (Next Meeting: 14 October)

Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month after 7pm evening Mass.



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 Co-ordinator Peter Carroll on 0414 070 082** or the Parish Office.

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)

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

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 October 2022**.

Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office with their relevant details.