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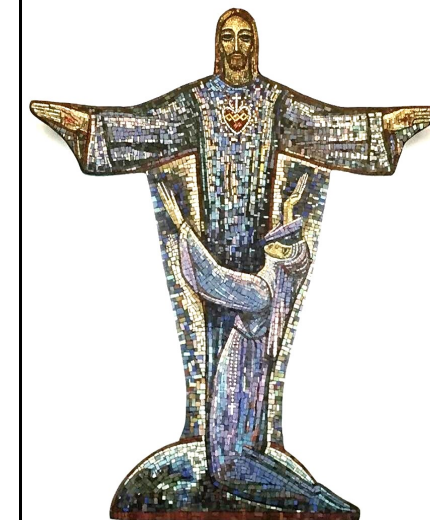
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**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

**Assistant Priest**  
Fr. Jeremy Santoso



**Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae**

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Email: parish@stmm.org.au  
Website: stmm.org.au

**PARISH GROUPS CO-ORDINATORS:**  
Secretary: Denise Fernandes  
Finance Committee: TBA  
**Parish Council:**  
♦ Chair:  
♦ Secretary:

**Fundraising Committee:**  
♦ Mike Jacobson - 0438 590 136

**Catechists:** Sonia Abi-Rached

**Music :** Kerry van der Linden

**Sacraments:** Monique Kairouz

**Acolytes / RCIA :** Peter Carroll - 0414 070 082

**Readers:** Gwen D'Silva

**YOUTH GROUP:**  
Pauline Junior / Teen: Fr. Jeremy Santoso

**Legion of Mary:** Merwyn D'Souza - 0404 863 564

**Playgroup:** Kathy-lynn Azzi - 0416 225 815

**St Vincent de Paul:** 88619757



**04 June 2023**  
**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**  
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: JUNE

#### For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

#### 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: 9:30 am - 2:30pm

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm - Divine Mercy Devotions

1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, 3:00pm - Holy Mass

**BAPTISMS:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - any time







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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

*The Word of the Lord.*  
Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.)** *Glory and praise for ever!*

- You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **(R.)**  
Blest your glorious holy name. **(R.)**
- You are blest in the temple of your glory. **(R.)**  
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **(R.)**
- You are blest who gaze into the depths. **(R.)**  
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

2 Cor 13:11-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*The Word of the Lord.*  
Thanks be to God

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God,  
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,  
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

### MEDITATION:



How can we grow in our understanding and experience of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? It is the Holy Spirit who reveals the Father and the Son to us and who gives us the gift of faith to know and understand the truth of God's word. Through baptism we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Lord renews the gift of the Spirit in each one of us as we open our hearts with expectant faith and yield to his work in our lives. Jesus promised his disciples that he would send them the Spirit of truth who would be their Teacher and Guide. Ask the Lord Jesus to renew in you the gift of the Holy Spirit who strengthens us in the seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence, and holy fear in God's presence (Isaiah 11:2-3). **May the Lord Jesus put his hands on our eyes also, for then we too shall begin to look not at what is seen but at what is not seen. May he open the eyes that are concerned not with the present but with what is yet to come, may he unseal the heart's vision, that we may gaze on God in the Spirit, through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, whose glory and power will endure throughout the unending succession of ages. (prayer of Origin, 185-254 AD)**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 11 JUNE 2023 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR A

Deut 8:2 - 3, 14 - 16; 1Cor 10:16 - 17; Jn 6:51 - 58



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



### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Everyday during the month of **June**, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Morning Mass and recitation of the Litany of Sacred Heart and Act of Consecration.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Thank you for being the face of Christ to our First Nations people.

Fr Fernando Montano Rodriguez, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and Catholic Care thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for our First Nations brothers and sisters in need. Our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal will provide life-changing support to First Nations people and anyone experiencing hardship.

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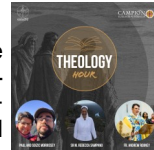
### CATECHIST/SRE SUNDAY Commissioning Mass Sunday 04 JUNE 2023 at 10.30am

Our Catechists/SREs are a dedicated team of volunteers who donate their time to bring the word of God to Children in the public schools of our local community. **They are seeking new members to help in this vital work.**

For any further information please call **Sonia** on 0451 191 700 or parish office during working hours.

### THEOLOGY HOUR

Theology Hour seeks to facilitate a space where young people can receive formation and build authentic relationships. We invite young people 18+ to an upcoming event run by Campion College and CYP.



**Panel Topic: Knowing my vocation.**

**Venue at Campion College on Wednesday, 07 June from 6:30pm - 9:30pm.**

Includes: food truck, bonfire, live music, Q&A with live panel and more.

Free of charge, register online: <https://parracatholic.org/theologyhour/>



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

On 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 11 June 2023.**

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

### 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

### REVISED RECONCILIATION TIMINGS

**FIRST FRIDAY:** 6:30pm

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

**TUESDAY - FRIDAY:** 8:30am - 8:55am

### 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.



### 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       | ◆ 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      | ◆ Lella Rouhana             |                     |



### HOME VISITS

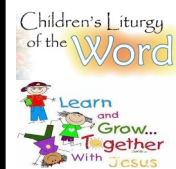
Do you know someone living in the Parish who is **permanently housebound and cannot get to Mass?** If you know someone in that situation and the person wishes to receive Holy Communion, Anointing of the Sick or Confession; home visits are conducted by our Priests. Please call our Parish office during opening hours with details and a visit will be arranged. **Thank you**

### DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023



A Synod is both an event and a process where clergy, consecrated, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life.

The Diocesan Synod will be held from **12-15 October 2023**. Further information is available on Diocesan Synod website: [www.parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://www.parracatholic.org/synod2023)



### AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, (**18 June 2023**) there will be a Children's Liturgy during the 10:30am Mass. **All children are welcome to attend.**

### YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

**Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 09 June)**

Our youth group for Primary School Students. It meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month starting at 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

**Pauline Teen (Next Meeting: 09 June)**

Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month starting at 8:00pm to 9:00pm. For further information please contact Fr. Jeremy at [Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org](mailto:Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org)

### 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 Santoso.

### 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**