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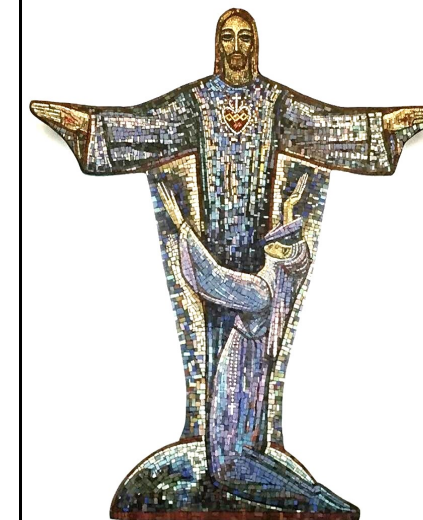
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Playgroup: Nicole Gadd - 0402 350 170

St Vincent de Paul: 88619757



Second Sunday of



(Year A) 05th March 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: MARCH

For victim of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



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

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your family and your father’s house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. ‘I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.’ So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

- The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. *(R.)*
- The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*
- Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.’ When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one

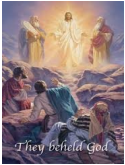
but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

MEDITATION:



Are you prepared to see the glory of the Lord and to share in his glory as well? God made a promise to Abraham that he would make him a channel of great blessing not only to his own family and future descendants but to all the families of the earth as well (Genesis 12:3)! The condition for the fulfillment of this promise was simple and straightforward - "Go from your family and country to the land that I will show you" (Genesis 12:1). Abraham not only believed in God's promise, he promptly obeyed and did as the Lord commanded him. God chose Abraham as his instrument of blessing - that through him and his descendants would come the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ who would reveal the glory and blessing of God's kingdom and bring salvation for all who would call upon his name. **Lord Jesus, keep me always alert to you, to your word, your action, and your constant presence in my life. Let me see your glory.**

FAREWELL MASS

FATHER JANUSZ PAWLICHA

23 APRIL 2023 – 10:30AM



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

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 Father Janusz will be held on Sunday 23 April 2023 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 Father Janusz, please contact Priscilla Newman, Gwen D'Silva or the Parish Office during office hours.



A TRULY
GREAT PRIEST
IS HARD TO FIND...
AND IMPOSSIBLE TO
FORGET

7 WAYS TO HAVE A GOOD LENT

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. This Lent do your best. Strive to root our sin and cultivate holiness. Let it be a lesson in humility that drives you back to the grace of God flowing from the pierced heart of Jesus - for that is the true heart of Lent.

1. Have a plan
3. Give alms
5. Examine yourself
7. Read a good spiritual book


2. Pray
4. Fast
6. Confess your sins


PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Reuben Dias
- ◆ Leonardo Pedavoli
- ◆ Shelly Barnes
- ◆ Robbie Barnes
- ◆ Therese Nicolas
- ◆ Hermie Alves

- ◆ Fr. Gabriel Taylor
- ◆ Doreen Callagja
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- ◆ Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria
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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**



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

12 MARCH 2023


Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)
Ex 17:3 - 7; Rom 5:1 - 2, 5 - 8; Jn 4:5 - 42


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





Praying
with
Scripture
During
Lent


SCRIPTURE STUDY

You are invited to experience the joy of **"the Word of God"** in a weekly Lenten discussion on Thursdays at **7:00pm** at St. Margaret Mary's Pastoral Centre.
For further queries, contact Gwen on 9632 9097

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 10 March)
Our youth group for Primary School Students. It meets on the 2nd Friday of the month starting at 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Pauline Teen (Next Meeting: 10 March)
Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd Friday of the month starting at 8:00pm to 9:00pm.





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

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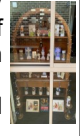
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TUESDAY - following 9:00am Mass
FRIDAY - following 7:00pm Mass


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**.




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Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's main fundraising campaign. It mobilises Australians to raise much-needed funds to help alleviate poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity in the most marginalised communities in the world.

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Legion of Mary

The ACIES function of the Legion of Mary, under the Prospect Curia will be held on **Saturday March 25th** at St Margaret Mary's Catholic Church at the 8.30am Mass.

This is the main and most important function of the Legion of Mary during which ALL legionaries, active and auxiliary, along with their spiritual directors, renew their fealty to their Queen and Mother, with the words **"I AM ALL YOURS MY QUEEN, MY MOTHER AND ALL THAT I HAVE IS YOURS!"**

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