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Secretary: Denise Fernandes
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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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LUKE 5: 1 - 11
06TH FEBRUARY 2022

WEEKEND MASSES:	WEEKDAY MASSES:
Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil	Monday: 9:15am
Sunday: 7:30am	Tuesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
9:00am	Wednesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
10:30am	Thursday: 9:00am
6:00pm	Friday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
	Saturday: 8:30am

PRAYER: HOLY FATHER-POPE FRANCIS'
MONTHLY INTENTION: FEBRUARY
For religious sisters and consecrated women
We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

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 Succour
Tuesday: after morning Mass
Wednesday: 6:30pm before 7:00pm Mass
- 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 (or by appointment)

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

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

- I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. *(R.)*
- I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. *(R.)*
- All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' *(R.)*
- You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

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

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall have their fill.

MEDITATION:

God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the Gospel. Paul the Apostle says, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" (2 Corinthians 2:15). Do you witness to those around you the joy of the Gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love and truth? **Lord Jesus, fill my heart with love and compassion for those who do not know you or follow you. May I be a good witness of your truth and salvation to my family, friends, and co-workers.**



Face Masks: The NSW Government has reimposed mask mandate indoors, including places of worship. A polite reminder that face masks are obligatory during Mass at this time. Unless you have a medical exemption, you are legally obliged to wear a face mask.

Check-In & Record Keeping: Check-in using the NSW QR Code or sign-in sheets of all attendees are still required for places of worship and remain important for NSW Health contact tracing.

Other Measures: In an effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the NSW government is also asking people to consider moving events outdoors where possible and discouraging mingling and singing.
Thank you for your co-operation and personal responsibility. Let's continue working to keep one another safe.



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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

"IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

13 FEBRUARY 2022

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Jer 17:5-8; 1Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26



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**

Table Tennis social nights return!

From Tuesday, 25 January at the Pastoral Centre, starting time will be 7:00pm due to no evening masses during January, from 01 February onwards starting time will be approx 7:30pm after the evening Mass.

- * Players of all abilities welcome
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- * Light refreshments provided



Renew and Rejoice

Welcome Back to Sunday Mass

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION RESUMES

On 20 March 2020 Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta were dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181) by virtue of a Decree issued by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv. From **15 December 2021** this Decree is now revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed once again given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in our church buildings.



SCRIPTURE STUDY RESUMES

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

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Pauline Junior

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.

Next Meeting: 11 February

Pauline Teen

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

Next Meeting: 11 February



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION 2022

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held twice in 2022. The program in Term 1 is intended for those that missed out in 2021 because the program was cancelled due to the Lockdowns.

Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolments commence from Tuesday, 25 January 2022 until Friday, 11 February 2022. (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: 07 February at 6:00pm

Wednesday: 09 February at 6:00pm

Venue: Inside the Church

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.

Session 1: 14 FEBRUARY or 16 FEBRUARY 2022

Session 2: 21 FEBRUARY or 23 FEBRUARY 2022

Session 3: 28 FEBRUARY or 02 MARCH 2022

Session 4: 07 MARCH or 09 MARCH 2022

Rehearsal: 14 MARCH or 16 MARCH 2022

Venue: Inside the Church.



CONFIRMATION Saturday, 19 March 2022 at 6:00pm celebrated by Very Rev Peter G. Williams VG EV

CHURCH CLEANING MAINTENANCE



Volunteers needed for cleaning duties inside the church one day a week (Friday or Saturday) once a month as per Roster. Kindly contact Nada Tomas - 0420 766 771 for further details or the Parish Office.

Volunteers needed for general maintenance in the church premises once a week. Kindly contact Anthony - 0449 794 147 for further details or the Parish Office.

Altar Boy's Practice

Saturday 12th February at 12noon. All welcome from ages 8 and up.

Please see Fr. Joseph Maria for any further information.

