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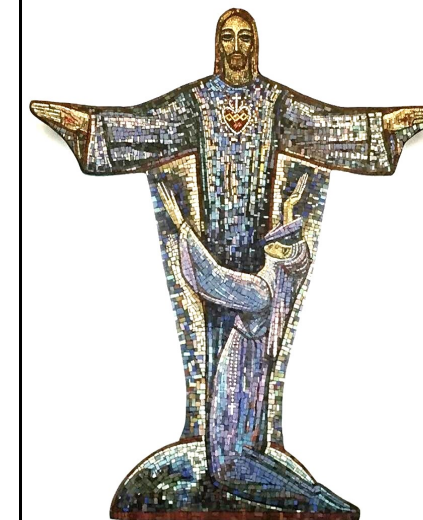
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32nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Year C
06th November 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: NOVEMBER

For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig’s flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, ‘What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.’ With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, ‘Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.’ After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, ‘It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.’ The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man’s courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, ‘Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men’s hands, yet relying on God’s promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

- Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. **(R.)**
- I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **(R.)**
- Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

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

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord’s message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, ‘Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man’s married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’ Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.’

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

MEDITATION:

Is your life earth-bound or heaven-bound? The Sadducees had one big problem - they could not conceive of heaven beyond what they could see with their naked eyes! Aren't we often like them? We don't recognize spiritual realities because we try to make heaven into an earthly image. The Sadducees came to Jesus with a test question to make the resurrection look ridiculous. The Sadducees, unlike the Pharisees, did not believe in immortality, nor in angels or evil spirits. Their religion was literally grounded in an earthly image of heaven. ***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.***

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

ON SALE



Don't miss out on our Christmas Raffle. Tickets on sale for **\$5 each** at all Weekend & morning Weekday Masses. They can also be purchased from the Parish office and Piety Corner Shop. With over \$2,500 worth of prizes consisting of attractive gifts, business & taxation, massage, dining, grocery & gift vouchers to be won in the lucky draw.

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after 10.30am Mass



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A Parish fundraising request letter signed by our Parish Priest has been prepared requesting local businesses for their benevolent support. Kindly contact the parish office during working hours for a copy of the fundraising letter.

PRAYER REQUESTS

◆ Reuben Dias

◆ Leonardo Pedavoli

◆ Shelly Barnes

◆ Robbie Barnes

◆ Therese Nicolas

◆ Hermie Alves

◆ Fr. Gabriel Taylor

◆ Nancy Surace

◆ Rita Figredo

◆ Roxane Recto-Cavanagh



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**

SUPPORT

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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**

First Friday

ADORATION

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 Mid-night.

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

13 NOVEMBER 2022

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(YEAR C)

Mal 3:19-20; 2Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19



STMM PIETY CORNER 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.**



Thank You



The Parish would like to thank Dominic Grech and Edgar D'souza for their valuable time fixing the microphones inside the Church.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022




Sacrament of Confirmation to be celebrated on **Saturday, 12 November 2022 at 6:00pm** with main celebrant Very Rev.Chris de Souza VG EV PP.

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM



Young Adults (Next Meeting: 06 November)
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: 11 November)
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: 11 November)
Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month after 7pm evening Mass.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

FOR ALL DEPARTED SOULS



During the month of November, we will be celebrating **one (1) daily Gregorian Mass** during **weekdays and weekends** for all the deceased. If there is another Mass on that day, then it will be available for parish or personal intentions.

We will continue with “**November Mass**” **yellow envelopes** for our daily Gregorian Masses in November. The envelopes will be kept inside the church.

Please write the name of your deceased loved ones for whom you wish to pray along with an offering inside the envelope. Kindly place the “**November Mass**” envelope in the basket at the altar or give it to the Priests or Parish Office.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



On **2ndSunday** 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, 13 November 2022.**

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

Altar Boy's Practice



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

Please see Fr. Joseph Maria for any further information.

WELCOME FR. CASIMIR ZIELINSKI



St. Margaret Mary's Parish welcomes Fr. Casimir Zielinski ordained as Priest two years ago in Rome to the order of St Paul the First Hermit.

Fr. Casimir will be celebrating his first Mass **this Sunday 06th November at 10:30am and at 6:00pm.**

AIR CONDITIONING (REVERSE CYCLE) SYSTEM INSTALLED IN OUR PARISH



The Church newly installed air conditioning split system is now ready to be utilised. We hope our Parishioners will enjoy the comfortable atmosphere during Mass especially in extreme weather conditions.

A total amount of \$44,980.20 has been paid towards the solar panels and air-conditioning installation.

St Margaret Mary’s Parish is truly grateful to their Parishioners for their generous contributions and financial support towards these projects.

FHC 2022 PHOTOGRAPHS



The families of the First Holy Communicants are requested to collect their respective photographs from the parish office during working hours.

For any further enquires please contact Maria @ 0407662535