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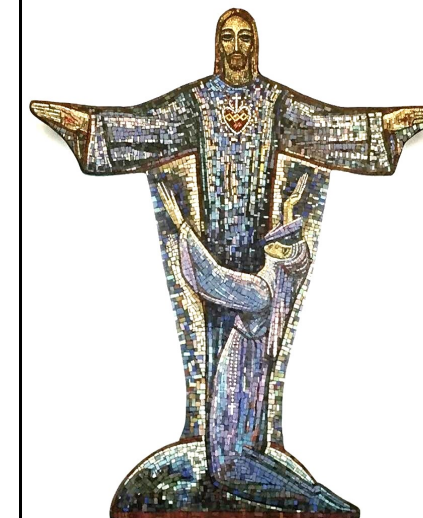
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Fr Janusz Pawlicha

Assistant Priest
Fr Joseph Maria Buckley



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Secretary: Denise Fernandes
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♦ **Chair:** Gwen D'Silva
Fr Janusz Pawlicha, OSPPE
♦ **Secretary:** Monique Kairouz

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Catechists: Sonia Abi-Rached

Music : Kerry van der Linden

Sacraments: Fr Joseph Maria Buckley

Acolytes / RCIA : Peter Carroll - 0414 070 082

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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



19th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Year C
07th August 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: AUGUST

For small businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

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

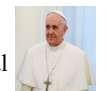
RECONCILIATION:

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

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

- Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **(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 letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.

MEDITATION:

What is the greatest joy and treasure we could possibly possess? The Lord Jesus promises that those who seek God and his kingdom will not be disappointed (Luke 12:32, Matthew 6:33). The Lord Jesus offers us the greatest treasure possible - but we must first seek it and make it our true joy and possession above all else. We naturally want to have and keep whatever we think will bring us happiness, peace, and security. Jesus offers a priceless treasure and source of abundant joy and security that is worth selling all else for. **Lord Jesus, you alone are my treasure and the joy of my heart. May there be nothing in this world that holds me back from giving you my all - you are my all, my life and joy now and forever.**

Lk 12:35-40

Wis 18:6-9

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

SOLEMNITY ST MARY (MACKILLOP) OF THE CROSS

MONDAY
8th August 2022



SOLAR PANELS & AIR CONDITIONING (REVERSE CYCLE) SYSTEM IN OUR PARISH

The Parish is in the process of installing solar panels to curtail the rising cost of energy bills. The Parish Priest has finalised the agreement and installation will commence in the next 6 weeks. 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.

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are making adjustments to the Parish prayer request list of our parishioners. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to include a name of the Parishioner in our Parish weekly bulletin.

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**



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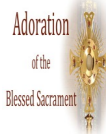
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ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS

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"



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

14 AUGUST 2022

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR C)

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53



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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022



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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM:

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

Session 3: 08 AUGUST or 10 AUGUST 2022

Session 4: 15 AUGUST or 17 AUGUST 2022

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

Rehearsal for the First Holy Communion Ceremony is **Monday, 22 August or Wednesday, 24 August 2022** in the Church.



Sunday- 28 August at 10:30am

Sunday- 04 September at 10:30am

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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.

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Easter candle \$10 each (burns up to 7days)

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

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.

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: 12 August



Altar Boy's Practice

Saturday 13 August at 12noon. All welcome from ages 8 and up.

Please see Fr. Joseph Maria for any further information.



The Legion of Mary will be visiting homes during the year to pray the Rosary together with families. Members will bring the statue of Our Lady to the homes for families to pray with and keep for a week.

If you wish to have the statue of OUR LADY in your home, a member of The Legion Of Mary will be in the foyer after 9:00am & 10:30am Sunday Mass to take bookings for the home visit. Further contacts are Peter Carroll @ 0414 070 082 & Chris Mahony @ 0421 742 789

The need to pray the Rosary is highly recommended by His Holiness Pope Francis, to pray the Holy Rosary as a family.



Table Tennis social nights

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

NOVENA TO THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Will commence from **Saturday, 06 August 2022** after the Morning Mass.

The Solemnity of the Assumption will be celebrated on **Monday 15th August 2022** in our Parish. This is a **Holy Day of Obligation** which means that every Catholic is **bound to attend Mass.**

