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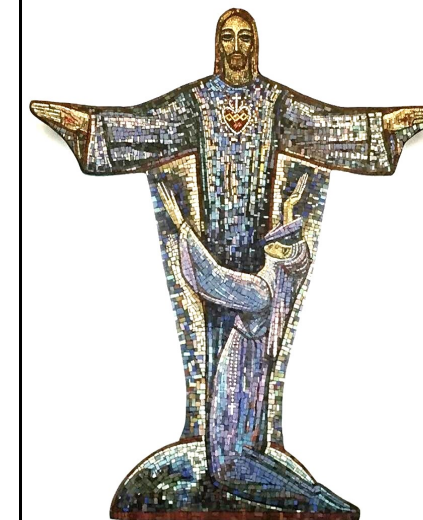
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**09TH APRIL
2023
YEAR A**

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: APRIL

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

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)

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’ **(R.)**
- The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Col 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 20:1–9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’ So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

MEDITATION:

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us “eyes of faith” to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Lord and to know him personally. Do you celebrate the feast of Easter with joy and thanksgiving for the victory which Jesus has won for you over sin and death? **Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won new life for us. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love and power.**



EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

EASTER is truly the 'Day of the Lord'.

This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad! Dear Parishioners, Brothers and Sisters!!!

EASTER is the day when Jesus rose from the dead, rolled away the stone, and **conquered death and sin**. It was a famous day in history because **sin** was defeated and **the power of Satan was forever broken**. This one event has certainly changed the course of history, and it continues to do so...and message is very clear that life, not death, is the last word of God
In this time of great uncertainties when we experience fear and insecurity, it is with faith we are looking towards our Resurrected LORD who is our hope and strength and comfort. He is telling all of us: **“I AM THE RESURRECTION AND LIFE” “DO NOT BE AFRAID”**. EASTER tells us about VICTORY and very strongly **reminds us** that after every Good Friday in our lives, we will have an Easter Sunday, where Jesus will let us share in the power of his Resurrection.

We are grateful to our Resurrected Saviour for sharing with us the fruits of His victory and and guide us. **May our hearts be open** to this Good News and may the light of the Risen Saviour enlighten our whole existence. **We all need HIM!!!** We need HIM because He is conqueror of all evil and in HIM, we can find the greatest aspirations towards a real and full life.
To every one of you a Happy Easter, an Easter happy in the **joys and graces and blessings of the Risen Redeemer.**

Fr. Janusz

PRAYER REQUESTS

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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

16 APRIL 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

Acts 2:42 - 47; 1Pet 1:3 - 9; Jn 20:19 - 31

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

07 April to 15 April 2023

in preparation for
Divine Mercy Sunday on 16 April 2023

07 April - Good Friday - 2:30pm
08 April - Easter Vigil - 6:00 pm
09 April - Easter Sunday - 10:00am
10, 11, 12, 13, 14 April - after 09:00am Morning Mass
15 April - Saturday - 9:00am after 8.30am Mass



ON 14 APRIL 2023

(ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS)
MASS AT 7:00PM

Please join us in responding to 'OUR BLESSED MOTHER'S APPEAL for PRAYER & REPARATION for WORLD PEACE & the SANCTITY of FAMILY LIFE'.

Followed by Adoration, Scriptural Rosaries & Nine Office of the SACRED HEART of JESUS, until Midnight.

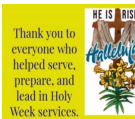
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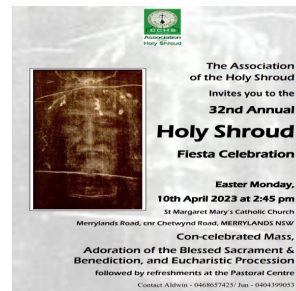
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THURSDAYS 9:30am to 2:30pm

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**



We truly appreciate everyone who helped clean, decorate and prepare our Church for Holy Week and Easter & helped adorn the Altar and Sanctuary for these important celebrations. The Church truly looks magnificent and is a monument to the Glory of the Risen Lord.
We truly appreciate our musicians and choir for leading us in song throughout our Easter Liturgies. To all of our Acolytes, Altar Boys and Readers for making our Liturgies reverent and meaningful. May Almighty God Bless you for all the wonderful work you do for our Parish community!



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

Sacrament of Reconciliation Enrolments commence from **Tuesday, 14 March** until **Friday, 28 April 2023**.



Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our **website** or available at our **Parish Office** during **working hours. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child).**

Parents Night: Wednesday, 26 April at 7pm.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre

Sacrament of Reconciliation program is divided into two groups taught by Monique Kairouz & assisted by Fr. Jeremy Santoso.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

All preparation sessions will be held on **WEDNESDAYS** with **two time slots** to choose from: **5:30 - 6:30pm or 7:00 - 8:00pm**

Session 1: 03 MAY

Session 2: 10 MAY

Session 3: 17 MAY

Session 4: 24 MAY

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre



Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Monday, 29 May 2023 at 6:00pm inside the Church.

“Come to the Feast of Mercy”

Divine Mercy Sunday 16 April 2023 (12pm - 4pm)
Programme

Sacrament of Reconciliation (from 12:00noon -2:30pm)

- 12:00 Rosary
- 12:30 Introduction to Divine Mercy
- 1:30 Talk on Divine Mercy
- 2:00 Blessed Sacrament Exposition
- 2:15 Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 2:45 Benediction and 3 o'clock Prayer
- 3:00 Holy Mass
- 4:00 Fellowship at Pastoral Centre



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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.**



FAREWELL MASS OF

FR. JANUSZ PAWLICHA
23 APRIL 2023 – 10:30AM



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