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Assistant Priest
Fr. Jeremy Santoso



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♦ Secretary:

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Music : Kerry van der Linden

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Acolytes / RCIA : Peter Carroll - 0414 070 082

Readers: Gwen D'Silva

YOUTH GROUP:
Pauline Junior / Teen: Fr. Jeremy Santoso

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CORPUS CHRISTI
Year A
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
11 June 2023

<u>WEEKEND MASSES:</u>	<u>WEEKDAY MASSES:</u>
Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil	Monday: 9:15am
Sunday: 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	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: JUNE

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

FIRST FRIDAY:

11:00am: Maltese Mass
06:30pm: Confession
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 - any time



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

- O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**
- He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**
- He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

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

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you

do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON


Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

MEDITATION:



What is the bread of life which Jesus offers to all who believe in him? It is first of all the life of God himself - life which sustains us not only now in this age but also in the age to come. Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The bread which Jesus offers his disciples sustains us not only on our journey to the heavenly paradise, it gives us the abundant supernatural life of God which sustains us for all eternity. Jesus offers us the abundant supernatural life of heaven itself - but we can miss it or even refuse it. To refuse Jesus is to refuse eternal life, unending life with the Heavenly Father. To accept Jesus as the bread of heaven is not only life and spiritual nourishment for this world but glory in the world to come. When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood and partakers of his divine life. When you approach the Table of the Lord, what do you expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for your soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist or Lord's Supper is an intimate union with Christ. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ. Do you hunger for the "bread of life"? **Lord Jesus, you nourish and sustain us with your very own presence and life-giving word. You are the bread of life - the heavenly food that sustains us now and that produces everlasting life within us. May I always hunger for you and be satisfied in you alone.**

 **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**
18 JUNE 2023
11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
Ex 19:2 - 6; Rom 5:6 - 11; Mt 9:36 - 10:8

 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

 **SACRED HEART OF JESUS**
Everyday during the month of **June**, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Morning Mass and recitation of the Litany of Sacred Heart and Act of Consecration.

REVISED RECONCILIATION TIMINGS
FIRST FRIDAY: 6:30pm
SATURDAY: 8:30am - 9:30am and 4:30pm - 5:30pm
TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 8:30am - 8:55am

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



This **Sunday, 11 June 2023** couples celebrating their wedding anniversary are invited for a special blessing at the 10:30am Mass.

We wish all these couples God's blessings and graces.

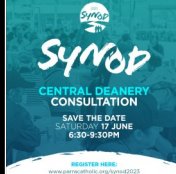
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

9:00am (Morning Mass)
After 9am Mass there will be Litany & Act of Consecration
7:00pm (Evening Mass)
After 7pm Mass there will be Friday Devotions



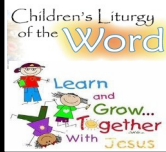
CENTRAL DEANERY CONSULATIONS

17 JUNE 2023 (6:30 - 9:30PM)
St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Primary School Marayong



Our Parishioners are invited to attend the Deanery Listening Consultation with Bishop Vincent, who will listen to the voices of our local community. There will be free food, listening and dialogue.

Please register at www.parracatholic.org/synod2023



AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, (**18 June 2023**) there will be a Children's Liturgy during the 10:30am Mass.

All children are welcome to attend.

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**



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

STMM PIETY 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.**



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 Coordinator Peter Carroll on 0414 070 082** or the Parish Office.



For safety and safeguarding reasons, we kindly request all parents / carers to ensure to accompany their children to the toilets and the play area in the school premises at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Table Tennis social nights

Every Tuesday evening, in the Pastoral Centre after 7:00 pm evening Mass. **All are welcome.**



PRAYER REQUESTS

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| ◆ Reuben Dias | ◆ Fr. Gabriel Taylor | ◆ Charles Zammit |
| ◆ Leonardo Pedavoli | ◆ Mary Callagja | ◆ David O'Connor |
| ◆ Shelly Barnes | ◆ Rita Figredo | ◆ Marcelina Domingo |
| ◆ Robbie Barnes | ◆ Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria | ◆ Jacqueline Parr |
| ◆ Therese Nicolas | ◆ Salam Awkar | |
| ◆ Hermie Alves | ◆ Lella Rouhana | |



HOME VISITS



Do you know someone living in the Parish who is **permanently housebound and cannot get to Mass?** If you know someone in that situation and the person wishes to receive Holy Communion, Anointing of the Sick or Confession; home visits are conducted by our Priests. Please call our Parish office during opening hours with details and a visit will be arranged. **Thank you**

DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023

A Synod is both an event and a process where clergy, consecrated, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life. The Diocesan Synod will be held from 12-15 October 2023. Further information is available on Diocesan Synod website: www.parracatholic.org/synod2023

JOIN OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING

We request our generous Parishioners to financially support our Parish by enrolling in the Planned Giving Program. Sign up by simply filling the Planned Giving Form.

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- ◆ WEEKLY CASH ENVELOPES
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Thank you and God Bless You.

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 23 June)

Our youth group for Primary School Students. It meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month starting at 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Pauline Teen (Next Meeting: 23 June)

Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month starting at 8:00pm to 9:00pm.

For further information please contact Fr. Jeremy at Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023



Sacrament of First Holy Communion Enrolments commence from **Tuesday, 06 June 2023** until **Friday, 21 July 2023**.

(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 - 17 July at 7pm.

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM:

All preparation sessions held on **MONDAY** or **TUESDAY** at **5:30-7:00pm**

Session 1: 24 JULY or 25 JULY 2023

Session 2: 31 JULY or 01 AUGUST 2023

Session 3: 07 AUGUST or 08 AUGUST 2023

Session 4: 14 AUGUST or 15 AUGUST 2023

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

Rehearsal Group 1: Thursday- 24 August at 6:00pm

Rehearsal Group 2: Thursday- 31 August at 6:00pm



Group 1: Sunday- 27 August at 10:30am

Group 2: Sunday- 03 September at 10:30am