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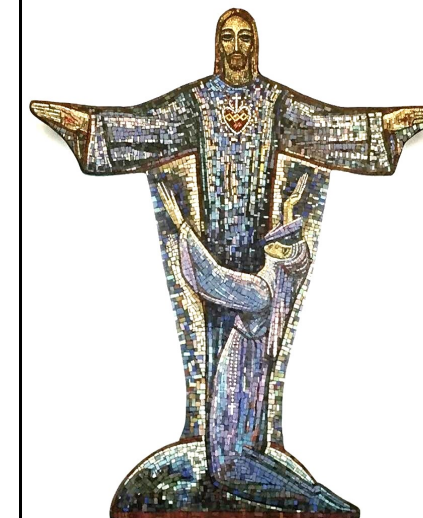
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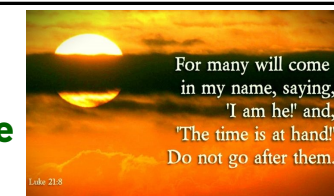
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33rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time



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13th 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)

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING

Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

- Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. *(R.)*
- Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. *(R.)*
- For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

2 Thes 3:7-12

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

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against

nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

MEDITATION:

How would you respond if someone prophesied that your home, land, or place of worship would be destroyed? Jesus foretold many signs that would shake peoples and nations. The signs which God uses are meant to point us to a higher spiritual truth and reality of his kingdom which does not perish or fade away, but endures for all eternity. God works through many events and signs to purify and renew us in hope and to help us set our hearts more firmly on him and him alone. What will attract others to the truth and power of the Gospel? When they see Christians loving their enemies, being joyful in suffering, patient in adversity, pardoning injuries, and showing comfort and compassion to the hopeless and the helpless. Jesus tells us that we do not need to fear our adversaries. God will give us sufficient grace, strength, and wisdom to face any trial and to answer any challenge to our faith. Are you ready to lay down your life for Christ and to bear witness to the joy and freedom of the Gospel? **Lord Jesus Christ, by your atoning death on the cross you have redeemed the world. Fill me with joyful hope, courage, and boldness to witness the truth of your love for sinners and your victory over the powers of sin, Satan, and death.**

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE



Don't miss out on our Christmas Raffle. Tickets on sale for **ONLY \$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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Christmas Raffle Draw on 11th December 2022
after 10.30am Mass



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PRAYER REQUESTS



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| ◆ Leonardo Pedavoli | ◆ Hermie Alves | ◆ Roxane Recto-Cavanagh |
| ◆ Shelly Barnes | ◆ Fr. Gabriel Taylor | |
| ◆ Robbie Barnes | ◆ Doreen Callagja | |



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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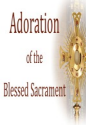
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ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS

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

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
20 NOVEMBER 2022
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR C)
2Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



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.**



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

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM



Young Adults (Next Meeting: 20 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: 25 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: 25 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.

Parish Movie Night Saturday - 19 November 2022

Please come join us in the Pastoral Center to watch a movie (**Courageous**) after the 6pm evening Mass. "A Christian movie about four police officers struggling with living their faith and being fathers." Film will be followed by a short talk/discussion.



AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, (**20 November 2022**) there will be a Children's Liturgy during the 10:30am Mass.

All children are welcome to attend.

VOICES NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS



We are seeking **CHILDREN & ADULTS** to join the Choir and be part of our festive celebration for the Christmas Vigil Mass at 6pm on 24 December 2022. Please contact Kerry at k.dainer1@gmail.com for further details.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

St. Margaret Mary's Parish along with the Parish Priest & Assistant Priest congratulate all the candidates upon receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 12 November 2022.**

We were honoured to have **Very Rev Chris de Souza** presiding the ceremony.

We would especially like to thank all those who prepared all the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Their dedication and efforts were commendable and ensured everything was well organised for the Mass.

Our gratitude to our volunteers for decorating our Church, Acolytes, Altar servers and all those who helped with the preparations.

Finally, we would like to sincerely thank all the **parents and families** for bringing their children to learn, prepare and receive the Sacraments, as well as all **sponsors and friends** who attended the Confirmation ceremony.

May Our Lord continue to Bless you and your families in your journey of Faith.

