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Fr Janusz Pawlicha

Our Parish is under the Pastoral Care of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit

(known as the Pauline Fathers) who for more than 630 years are renowned



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PARISH INFORMATION

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PARISH GROUPS CO-ORDINATORS:

Secretary: Denise Fernandes Finance Committee: TBA

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♦ Chair: Gwen D'Silva

Fr Janusz Pawlicha, OSPPE

♦ Secretary: Monique Kairouz

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Mike Jacobson - 0438 590 136

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Sacraments: Fr Joseph Maria Buckley

Acolytes / RCIA: Peter Carroll - 0414 070 082 Readers: Gwen D'Silva

YOUTH GROUP:

Pauline Teen: Fr Joseph / Rita Jacobson

Legion of Mary: John Donaldson – 0422 656 991

Playgroup: Nicole Gadd – 0402 350 170

St Vincent de Paul: 88619757



PRAYER AND PERSISTENCE

29th Sunday in Ordinary Year C

Feast Day of St. Margaret Mary 16th October 2022

WEEKEND MASSES: WEEKDAY MASSES: Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil Monday: 9:15am

Sunday: 7:30am 9:00am

Wednesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm

10:30am Thursday: 9:00am Friday: 9:00am & 7:00pm 6:00pm

Saturday: 8:30am

Tuesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm

PRAYER: HOLY FATHER-POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION: OCTOBER

For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



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

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?' Joshua. 'Pick out men for vourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ. engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek.

The Son of Man has come But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people. **MEDITATION:**

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven unscrupulous judge until he gives her justice. Persistence and earth.

- 1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (R.)
- 2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your quard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. (R.)
- 3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. (R.)
- The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Tm 3:14 - 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saving. "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son

The Gospel of the Lord.

to give his life as a ransom for many.

What can a shameless and unjust judge pitted against a crusty and pestering woman teach us about justice and vindication (to restore what is right and just) in the kingdom of God? Jesus tells a story that is all too true - a defenseless widow is taken advantaged of and refused her rights. Through sheer persistence she wears down an



pays off, and that's especially true for those who trust in God. Jesus illustrates how God as our Judge and Vindicator is much quicker to come to our defense and to bring us his justice, blessing, and help when we need it. But we can easily lose heart and forget to ask our heavenly Father for his grace and help. Lord Jesus, increase my faith and make it strong that I may never doubt your word and promise to be with me always. In every situation I face - whether trials, setbacks, or loss - may I always find strength in your unfailing love and find joy and contentment in having you alone as the treasure of my heart.

PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION **PARISH QUOTA**

Each Parish in the Diocese of Parramatta is obligated to support Parramatta Catholic Foundation through a quota system. The quota is divided into three appeals each financial year. The quota for each appeal assigned to our Parish is \$7737.85 (depending on the size of the Parish).

Due to the unprecedented pandemic, our Parish was unable to meet the assigned quota therefore resulting in an accumulated amount of \$54,647.54 to be paid.

In September 2022 the entire amount of \$54,647.54 was paid to the Diocese of Parramatta from our Parish funds.

We acknowledge and appreciate all contributions made by our generous Parishioners to the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, especially given it has been a couple of tough years since COVID-19.

We have a strong need to continue to raise funds to support the charitable works of the Diocese. Without your generosity, we would not be able to continue to support the vulnerable in our community. Thank you and God bless you all.

AIR CONDITIONING (REVERSE CYCLE) SYSTEM IN OÙR PARISH

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 Parish ioners 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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Reuben Dias ♦ Robbie Barnes
- Leonardo Pedavoli
 - ♦ Therese Nicolas
 - ♦ Ivy Aza
- ♦ Hermie Alves
- ♦ Fr. Gabriel Taylor ♦ Nancy Surace





♦ Shelly Barnes

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 ARISH the service of our brothers and sisters and the building up of Your Kingdom. May our parish community truly be, for this PRAYER place and time, the Body of Christ Your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **Amen**



We request our generous Parishioners, if possible to kindly continue to financially support our Parish by contributing towards their Planned giving, Sunday Collections or donations to the Church.

Payment options are:

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EUCHARISTIC 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



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-

Every Friday (except 1st Friday of the month) the Adoration Service will commence after 7:00pm Mass until 10:00pm

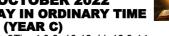
SCRIPTURE STUDY

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 23 OCTOBER 2022 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sir 35:12-14, 16-19; 2Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



1:00 - 1:30pm Silent Adoration 1:30 - 3:00pm Devotions

3:00 pm Special Holy Mass

All are welcome to come and pray with us.

23 OCTOBER 2022

PARISH MORNING TEA - 23 October 2022

To welcome Fr. General Arnold Chrapkowski and his secretary Fr. Bartlomiej Maziarkr from the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit, there will be morning tea in the Pastoral Centre after 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Please bring a plate to share



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION 2022

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:

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

Session 2: 17 October or 19 October 2022 Session 3: 24 October or 26 October 2022 Session 4: 31 October or 02 November 2022 Rehearsal: 07 November or 09 November 2022 **Venue:** Pastoral Centre



CONFIRMATION Saturday, 12 November 2022 at 6:00pm

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: 28 October)

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: 28 October)

Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month after 7pm evening Mass.



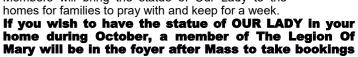
Adoration 3

Legion of Mary Public Holy Rosary Procession

The LEGION OF MARY WELCOMES ALL to attend on Saturday 29th October after 8:30am Holy Mass. a special Public Holy Rosary Procession around the public

streets, surrounding St. Margaret Mary's Church and School. To honour our Blessed Mother on this special Month of the Holv Rosary Ave Maria Totus Tuus

The Legion of Mary, will be visiting homes, during Cotober October 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.



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

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THE ROSARY is a prayerful exercise comprised of both meditation and vocal prayer. While praying the Rosary, meditation focuses on the lives of Jesus and Mary.

There are four mysteries of the Rosary: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious.

During the month of October, there will be recitation of The Holy Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of every Morning Mass.

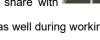


AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, (16 October 2022) there will be a Children's Lituray during the 10:30am Mass. All children are welcome to attend.

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.



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Purchases may be done from the Parish Office as well during working hours. **Thank you.**

