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**PARISH INFORMATION**

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Phone: 9637 2526 9637 2014  
Fax: 9637 2442  
Email: parish@stmm.org.au  
Website: stmm.org.au

**PARISH GROUPS CO-ORDINATORS:**

**Secretary:** Denise Fernandes  
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**Parish Council:**  
♦ **Chair:** Fr Janusz Pawlicha, OSPPE  
♦ **Secretary:** TBA

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♦ Mike Jacobson - 0438 590 136

**Catechists:** Sonia Abi-Rached

**Music :** Kerry van der Linden

**Sacraments:** Fr Joseph Maria Buckley

**Acolytes / RCIA :** Peter Carroll - 0414 070 082

**Readers:** Gwen D'Silva

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**Pauline Teen:** Fr Joseph / Rita Jacobson

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**17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022**  
HE IS NOT HERE FOR HE HAS RISEN!  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
HE IS RISEN

**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 health care workers**  
We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local 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  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm - Divine Mercy Devotions  
1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: 1.00pm - 3.00pm, 3.00pm - Holy Mass

**BAPTISMS:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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.*

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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.**



*Divine Mercy Sunday*  
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12:00PM HOLY ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION, ADORATION & CONFESSION  
1:00PM PROCESSION, SOLEMN BLESSING, TALK, VENERATION & BENEDICTION  
3:00PM HOLY MASS – THE FEAST OF MERCY KNOWN AS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Please share this information. You may bring your Divine Mercy Image for a special blessing and a red rose for our Lord Jesus. St Faustina 1<sup>st</sup> Class Relic is available for veneration. Confessions are available from 1:00pm – 2:30pm only. We recommend that you go to Confession before Divine Mercy Sunday. Please bring a plate to share for our 4:30pm Fellowship. Music – David Redoblado. Come let's celebrate!

ENQUIRIES: ANNIE 0414652479 Email: divinemercyteam3@gmail.com

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

24 APRIL 2022

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(DIVINE MERCY) - YEAR C**

Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31



## 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**

## Divine Mercy Sunday - 24 April 2022 Programme

Sacrament of Reconciliation (from 1:00 -2:30pm)

- 12:00 Rosary
- 1:00 Entrance & Procession of Divine Mercy Image with the Relic of St. Faustina
- 1:30 20-mins Talk on Divine Mercy by Fr Janusz
- 1:55 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 2:00 Prayers, Chaplet of Divine Mercy & 3 o'clock Prayer
- 2:45 Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 3:00 Holy Mass
- 4:00 Solemn Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image and Veneration (You may bring your Divine Mercy Image for a special blessing and a rose for our Lord Jesus)
- 4:30 Fellowship



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!

## Easter Monday 18 April 2022 at 2:45pm

The Association of the Holy Shroud invites you to the **31st Annual Holy Shroud Fiesta Celebration**

Easter Monday,  
18th April 2022 at 2:45 pm  
St Margaret Mary's Catholic Church  
Merrylands Road, cnr Chetwynd Road, MERRYLANDS NSW  
Con-celebrated Mass,  
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## NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY (15 -23 April)

in preparation for  
**Divine Mercy Sunday on 24 April 2022**

- 15 April - Good Friday - 2:30pm
- 16 April - Easter Vigil - 6:30 pm
- 17 April - Easter Sunday - 10:00am
- 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 April - after 09:00am Morning Mass
- 23 April - Saturday - 9:00am after 8.30am Mass

