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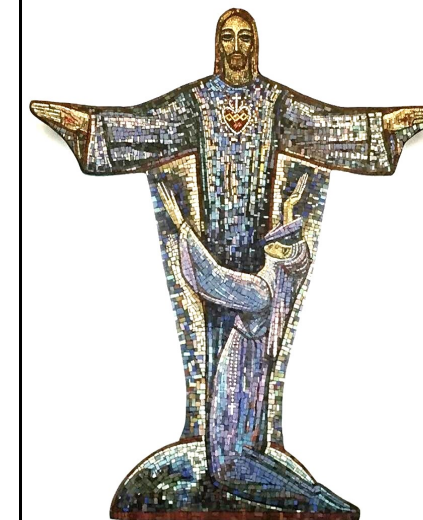
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Email: parish@stmm.org.au
Website: stmm.org.au

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Secretary: Denise Fernandes
Finance Committee: TBA

Parish Council:
♦ **Chair:** Gwen D'Silva
Fr Janusz Pawlicha, OSPPE
♦ **Secretary:** Monique Kairouz

Fundraising Committee:
♦ 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

YOUTH GROUP:
Pauline Teen: Fr Joseph / Rita Jacobson

Legion of Mary: Merwyn D'Souza - 0478 109 569

Playgroup: Nicole Gadd - 0402 350 170

St Vincent de Paul: 88619757



SUNDAY
in Ordinary
TIME

YEAR C
17TH
JULY
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: JULY

For the elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

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

VESPER- 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**
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 (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

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

- Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**
- He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
- He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart
and yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

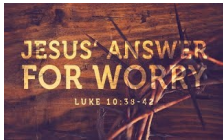
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

MEDITATION:

The Lord Jesus desires that we make a place for him, not only in our hearts, but in our homes and in the daily circumstances of our lives as well. We honor the Lord when we offer to him everything we have and everything we do. After all, everything we have is an outright gift from God (1 Chronicles 29:14). Paul the Apostle urges us to give God glory in everything: "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17). When you sit, eat, sleep and when you entertain your friends and guests, remember that the Lord Jesus is also the guest of your home. Scripture tells us that when Abraham opened his home and welcomed three unknown travelers, he welcomed the Lord who blessed him favorably for his gracious hospitality (Genesis 18:1-10; Hebrews 13:2). The Lord wants us to bring him glory in the way we treat others and use the gifts he has graciously given to us. God, in turn, blesses us with his gracious presence and fills us with joy. ***Lord Jesus, to be in your presence is life and joy for me. Free me from needless concerns and preoccupations that I may give you my undivided love and attention.***



SOLAR PANELS & AIR CONDITIONING (REVERSE CYCLE) SYSTEM IN OUR PARISH

The Parish is in the process of installing solar panels to curtail the rising cost of energy bills. The Parish Priest has finalised the agreement and installation will commence in the next 6 weeks. 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 Parishioners 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.



SUPPORT OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

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. Choose a PAYMENT option of:

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PRAYER REQUESTS

We are making adjustments to the Parish prayer request list of our parishioners.
Please call the Parish Office if you would like to include a name of the Parishioner in our Parish weekly bulletin.

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**



SUPPORT

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.

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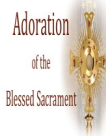
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION THURSDAYS 9:30am to 2:30pm

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**



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

"IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"



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 24 JULY 2022 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13



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 Co-ordinator Peter Carroll on 0414 070 082** or the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022



Sacrament of First Holy Communion Enrolments commence from **Tuesday, 21 June 2022** until **Friday, 15 July 2022.**

(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, 18 July or Wednesday, 20 July at 6pm.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM:

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

Session 1: 25 JULY or 27 JULY 2022

Session 2: 01 AUGUST or 03 AUGUST 2022

Session 3: 08 AUGUST or 10 AUGUST 2022

Session 4: 15 AUGUST or 17 AUGUST 2022

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

Rehearsal for the First Holy Communion Ceremony is **Monday, 22 August or Wednesday, 24 August 2022** in the Church.



Sunday- 28 August at 10:30am
Sunday- 04 September at 10:30am

DEVOTIONAL RELIGIOUS CANDLES



A variety of devotional candles are being sold at the Parish. We request our Parishioners to support our Parish with their generous purchase.

These candles are perfect for your own personal devotion or as a treasured gift to share with others.

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Easter candle \$10 each (burns up to 7days)

Kindly contact the Parish Office during working hours for purchase of candles or further details. **Thank you.**

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 of the Parish.

Please call our Parish office during opening hours with details and a visit will be arranged. **Thank you**



The Legion of Mary will be visiting homes during the year 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.

If you wish to have the statue of **OUR LADY** in your home, a member of The Legion Of Mary will be in the foyer after 9:00am & 10:30am Sunday Mass to take bookings for the home visit. Further contacts are Peter Carroll @ 0414 070 082 & Chris Mahony @ 0421 742 789

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

24 JULY 2022

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.



Table Tennis social nights



Every Tuesday evening, in the Pastoral Centre from approx 7:30 pm after the evening Mass. All are welcome.