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**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

**Assistant Priest**  
Fr. Jeremy Santoso



**Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae**

## PARISH INFORMATION

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**PARISH GROUPS CO-ORDINATORS:**  
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Finance Committee: TBA  
**Parish Council:**  
♦ Chair:  
♦ Secretary:

**Fundraising Committee:**  
♦ Mike Jacobson - 0438 590 136

**Catechists:** Sonia Abi-Rached

**Music :** Kerry van der Linden

**Sacraments:** Monique Kairouz

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

**Readers:** Gwen D'Silva

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

**Legion of Mary:** Merwyn D'Souza - 0404 863 564

**Playgroup:** Kathy-lynn Azzi - 0416 225 815

**St Vincent de Paul:** 88619757



**Year A**  
**Eleventh**  
**Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**  
**18 June 2023**



### 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: 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  
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

#### VEPERS- 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**  
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

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment only (6 months required)

**SICK CALLS:** 9637 2526- option 3 - any time



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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.  
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

*The Word of the Lord.*  
Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

*The Word of the Lord.*  
Thanks be to God

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so

ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

## MEDITATION:

Jesus commissioned his disciples to carry on the works which he did - to speak God's word and to bring his healing power to the weary and oppressed. In the choice of the twelve apostles we see a characteristic feature of God's work - Jesus chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, had no wealth or privileged position. They were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no special education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these men, not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power. When the Lord calls us to serve, we must not think we have nothing or very little to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom. Do you believe that God wants to work in and through you for his glory? **Lord Jesus, you have chosen me to be your disciple. Take and use what I can offer, however meager it may seem, for the greater glory of your name.**



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 25 JUNE 2023 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Jer 20:10 - 13; Rom 5:12 - 15; Mt 10:26 - 33



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

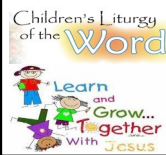


### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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

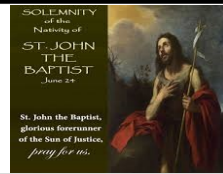
FIRST FRIDAY: 6:30pm  
SATURDAY: 8:30am - 9:30am and 4:30pm - 5:30pm  
TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 8:30am - 8:55am



### 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.**

### THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2023



### 25 JUNE 2023

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.**

### Solemnity of STS. PETER and PAUL THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023



### 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.**

### 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](http://www.parracatholic.org/synod2023)



### Table Tennis social nights

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- |                     |                             |                     |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| ◆ 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**

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your respective planned giving envelopes box for the new financial year **01 July 2023 from the church foyer.**



St Margaret Mary's Parish truly appreciates your utmost generosity and continuous support which will help go Above and Beyond. **Thank you and God Bless You.**

We further request our New Parishioners to enrol and support our Parish Planned Giving Program. Sign up with filling the form and choose a payment option of:

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### YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

**Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 23 June)**

Our youth group for Primary School Students. It meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month starting at 8:00pm to 9:00pm. For further information please contact Fr. Jeremy at [Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org](mailto: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**