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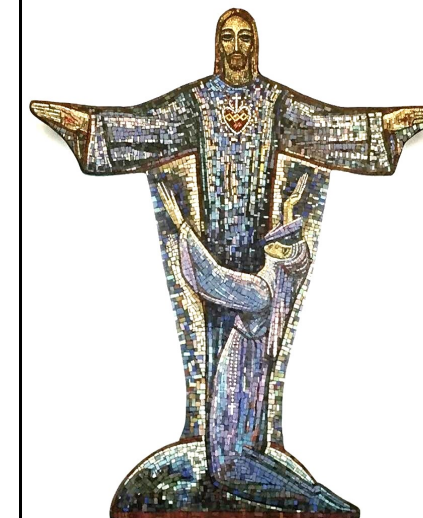
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Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
NOVEMBER 20, 2022

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

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**
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

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Samuel

2 Sm 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

- I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
- Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**
- For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Col 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals

hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

MEDITATION:



The Scriptures tell us that there are ultimately only two kingdoms in this world which are opposed to one another - the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. Each kingdom is ruled by one lord or master - the Lord Jesus Christ who is the true "Light of the World" - and the false messiah and deceiver who is called the "anti-Christ" and the "angel of light" who rules over men and women through the power of false promises, lies, and temptation to sin and disobedience. If we follow the Lord Jesus and entrust our lives to him he will open our eyes to the light of his truth and guide us by his Holy Spirit along the path that leads to our true homeland with God. If we follow the course which is set by the ruler of this present world - a world which is opposed to Christ and blinded by Satan - then we will discover that sin, pride, and deception will lead us down a path of destruction, death, and separation, rather than life, freedom, and friendship with God and the people he has redeemed with the precious blood of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Which kingdom will you serve - today, tomorrow, and for all eternity? This present world will pass away, but God's kingdom will endure forever. If we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and King and submit to his rule for our lives, we become citizens of heaven and inherit an everlasting kingdom which is ruled by righteousness, peace, and love. Is the Lord Jesus the true King and Master of your life? **Lord Jesus Christ, you are my King and there is no other. Be the Lord and Master of my heart, mind, body, and soul. May I always seek to do your will and to serve your kingdom above all else.**

PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022

This year's Bishop's Christmas Appeal 2022 is raising funds for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing service supporting homeless people in our community. No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. **Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes or at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal**

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



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**



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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-night.

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 27 NOVEMBER 2022 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



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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)

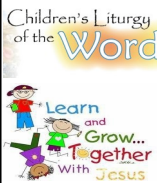
Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month after 7pm evening Mass.

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.



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.



Our Parish requests Volunteers to kindly come forward and help decorate the Church for Advent & Christmas on **Saturday, 26 November 2022 from 10:00am onwards.**

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

ADVENT AT OUR PARISH Everyday after Morning Mass



As we joyfully await the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, all are invited to join in spiritual Advent preparations following morning Masses every day .

This includes Exposition of the Blessed sacrament, Advent prayer, one decade of the Rosary for our Parish Community and five minutes of private adoration.



27 NOVEMBER 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.



Harry walked over to the Priest after Mass, "You know Father, I am really stuck in a quandary I would like to attend church next week but I just can't miss the big game next Sunday, it's just out of the question." "Oh Harry" said the Priest "don't you know? that's what recorders are for." Harry's face lit up "Father, you mean I could record your sermon?"