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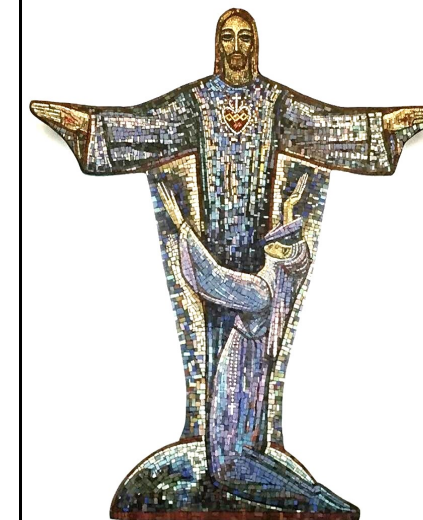
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# ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH MERRYLANDS



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**Parish Priest**  
Fr Janusz Pawlicha

**Assistant Priest**  
Fr Joseph Maria Buckley



**Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae**

## PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH OFFICE:**  
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Fax: 9637 2442  
Email: parish@stmm.org.au  
Website: stmm.org.au

**PARISH GROUPS CO-ORDINATORS:**  
**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

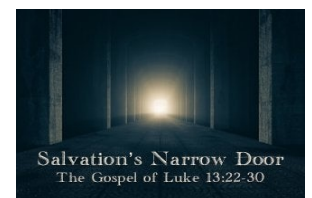
**Legion of Mary:** Merwyn D'Souza - 0478 109 569

**Playgroup:** Nicole Gadd - 0402 350 170

**St Vincent de Paul:** 88619757



**21st Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**  
**Year C**  
**21st August 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: AUGUST

#### For small businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their 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 Help (Succour)**  
**Wednesday:** after morning Mass (commencing from 31 August 2022)  
**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 or 0412 625 187 - any time







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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

- O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**
- Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and

south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.

### MEDITATION:

Jesus warns that we can be excluded if we do not strive to enter by the narrow door. What did Jesus mean by this expression? The door which Jesus had in mind was himself. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved (John 10:9). God sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to open the way for us to have full access to the throne of God's grace (favor and blessing) and mercy (pardon for our sins). Through Jesus' victory on the cross he has freed us from slavery to sin and hurtful desires and addictions, and he has made us sons and daughters of God and citizens of his heavenly kingdom. We are free now to choose which kingdom we will serve - the kingdom of truth and light ruled by God's wisdom or the kingdom of falsehood and darkness ruled by Satan and the world system or society of people who are opposed to God and his laws. If we want to enter God's kingdom and receive our full inheritance which is stored up for us in heaven, then we must follow the Lord Jesus in his way of the cross through a willing renunciation of our own will for his will - our own life for his life - our own way for his way. Why did Jesus say we must strive to enter his kingdom of righteousness and peace? The word strive can also be translated as agony. To enter the kingdom of God we must struggle against every force or power of opposition - even the temptation to remain indifferent, apathetic, or compromising in our faith and personal trust in Jesus, our hope in holding firm to the promises of Jesus, and our uncompromising love for God above all else. Paul the Apostle reminds us that our hope in God does not disappoint us because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

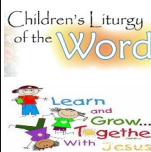


The projector system inside our Church are functional again. The helping hands that made this possible are Edgar, Edwin, Dominic, Freddy and Terry (arranging the cherry picker). We truly appreciate everything you do for the Parish. **God Bless You.**



#### CENACLE GROUP

A devotion to Our Lady will commence this month with the Marian Movement Cenacle founded by Fr Gobbi in 1972. Our Lady invites us to enter into the cenacle of her Immaculate Heart by means of our consecration and prayers of the rosary. Please join us every Wednesday evenings at 6pm before the 7pm mass.  
If you have any questions please call cenacle organisers Sarah 0415295146 Suzanne 0422197462



#### AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, there will be a Children's Liturgy during the 10:30am Mass commencing from 21 August 2022.

**All children are welcome to attend.**

#### 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.**



### PRAYER REQUESTS

◆ Reuben Dias  
◆ Leonardo Pedavoli  
◆ Shelly Barnes  
◆ Robbie Barnes

◆ Therese Nicolas  
◆ Ivy Aza  
◆ Hermie Alves  
◆ Joseph Fucile

◆ Nancy Surace



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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### 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



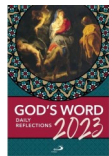
#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 28 AUGUST 2022 SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

Is 2:1 - 5; Gal 4: 4 - 7; Jn 2: 2 - 11



#### GOD'S WORD 2023

We request our Parishioners to support our Parish with their generous purchase of **GOD'S WORD 2023** for a **special price of \$20**. Purchases may be done from the Parish Office as well during working hours. **Thank you.**



#### 28 AUGUST 2022

1:00 – 1:30pm

1:30 – 3:00pm

3:00 pm

Silent Adoration

Devotions

**Special Holy Mass**

**All are welcome to come and pray with us.**

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022



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:

Rehearsal for the First Holy Communion Ceremony is **Monday, 22 August or Wednesday, 24 August at 6pm** inside the Church.



**Sunday- 28 August at 10:30am**

**Sunday- 04 September at 10:30am**



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION 2022

Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolments commence from **Tuesday, 23 August 2022** until **Friday, 07 October 2022. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child)**

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or are available at our Parish Office during working hours.

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.

**Parents Night & Session 1:** 10 October or 12 October 2022

**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



**Saturday, 12 November 2022 at 6:00pm**



### NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA 19 AUGUST - 27 AUGUST 2022

The Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa will be celebrated on **Sunday 28 August 2022**. The Pauline Fathers are the official custodians of this icon. Throughout history, the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa has been a source of inspiration and courage to many; including Polish leaders of the army and royalty. She has helped them to achieve miraculous victories & feats, against all odds.

#### NOVENA

O Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant Assumption into heaven where angels and saints acclaim you as Queen. Through your Holy Icon, O Our Lady of Mercy, flow healing and wholeness in abundance to all who draw near to it in faith and love.

Queen of Mercy, we turn to you for protection, listen to our prayers and help us in our needs. Do not cease to shine before the pilgrim people of God as a sign of sure hope and consolation. We entrust to you all troubled families, the innocent and unborn children, the elderly with no one to help them, and all who are alone and without hope. Guide and sustain us, O Virgin Mary, on our journey of faith so that we might always live as true sons and daughters of the Church and obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation.

Enable all to meet Christ, the light of the World and its only Saviour, The Way, the Truth and the Life, who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

**Hail Mary .... X 3**

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. **Amen**

### YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

**Young Adults (Next Meeting: 21 August)**

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: 26 August)**

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: 26 August)**

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

