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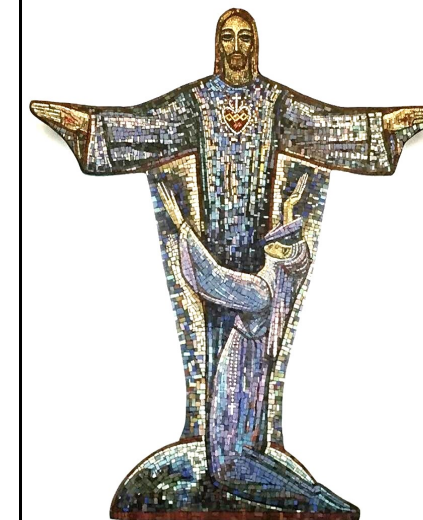
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Assistant Priest
Fr Joseph Maria Buckley



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Fr Janusz Pawlicha, OSPPE
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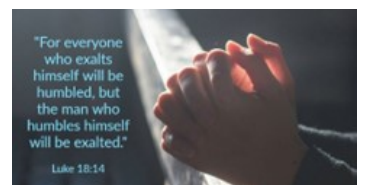
Playgroup: Nicole Gadd - 0402 350 170

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30th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Year C
23rd October 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: OCTOBER

For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



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

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
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)

SICK CALLS: 9637 2526- option 3 or 0412 625 187 - any time



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

- I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*
- The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. *(R.)*
- The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise

his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

MEDITATION:


This parable presents both an opportunity and a warning. Pride leads to self-deception and spiritual blindness. True humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are in God's eyes and it inclines us to seek God's help and mercy. God dwells with the humble of heart who recognize their own sinfulness and who acknowledge God's mercy and saving grace. I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit (Isaiah 57:15). God cannot hear us if we boast in ourselves and despise others. Do you humbly seek God's mercy and do you show mercy to others, especially those you find difficult to love and to forgive? ***Lord Jesus, may your love and truth transform my life - my inner thoughts, intentions, and attitudes, and my outward behavior, speech, and actions. Where I lack charity, kindness, and forbearance, help me to embrace your merciful love and to seek the good of my neighbor, even those who cause me ill-favor or offense. May I always love as you have loved and forgive others as you have forgiven.***




A WARM WELCOME TO ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH

This weekend we welcome **Fr. General Arnold Chrapkowski** and his secretary **Fr. Bartlomiej Maziarkr** from the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit to our Parish. The Order of St. Paul the First Hermit (Ordo Sancti Pauli Primae Eremitae OSPPE), the spiritual sons of St. Paul of Thebes and known as the Pauline Fathers, is dedicated to spreading devotion to Our Lady, particularly under the form of devotion to Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Black Madonna of which they have been custodians for centuries. The Pauline Fathers, who arrived in Australia in 1982, have two shrines devoted to her: The Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy and the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians.





The Parish is organising a Christmas Raffle draw on Sunday, 11 December 2022. We request our generous Parishioners support in obtaining gift vouchers, dining vouchers and gift cards from different retail outlets or even a kind personal donation will be greatly appreciated. A Parish fundraising request letter signed by our Parish Priest has been prepared requesting local businesses for their benevolent support. Kindly contact the parish office during working hours for a copy of the fundraising letter.



AIR CONDITIONING (REVERSE CYCLE) SYSTEM IN OUR PARISH


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	◆ Robbie Barnes	◆ Hermie Alves
◆ Leonardo Pedavoli	◆ Therese Nicolas	◆ Fr. Gabriel Taylor
◆ Shelly Barnes	◆ Ivy Aza	◆ 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. Payment options are:
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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



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 30 OCTOBER 2022 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Wis 11:22 - 12:2; 2Thess 1:11 - 2:2; Lk 19:1-10





23 OCTOBER 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.

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





SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION 2022

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.
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

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Young Adults (Next Meeting: 06 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: 28 October)
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: 28 October)
Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month after 7pm evening Mass.





Legion of Mary Public Holy Rosary Procession

The LEGION OF MARY WELCOMES ALL to attend on **Saturday 29th October after 8:30am** Holy Mass, a special Public Holy Rosary Procession around the public streets, surrounding St. Margaret Mary's Church and School. To honour our Blessed Mother on this special Month of the Holy Rosary Ave Maria Totus Tuus

The Legion of Mary, will be visiting homes, during October 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 during October, a member of The Legion Of Mary will be in the foyer after Mass to take bookings for the home visit.
The need to pray the Rosary is highly recommended by His Holiness Pope Francis, to pray the Holy Rosary as a family.





THE ROSARY

is a prayerful exercise comprised of both meditation and vocal prayer. While praying the Rosary, meditation focuses on the lives of Jesus and Mary.
There are four mysteries of the Rosary: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious.
During the month of October, there will be recitation of The Holy Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of every Morning Mass.



NIGHT OF LIGHT

On the 31st October from 6 - 8pm St. Margaret Mary's Parish will be celebrating a Night of Light event.
The Night of Light is an initiative for reclaim All Saints Eve (Halloween) for the Church, that it might be a celebration of the holy Saints, not an evening full of images of darkness. Children of all ages are invited to come to the Pastoral Centre dressed up as a saint. There will be games with prizes and plenty of food.

STMM PIETY CORNER 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.**

