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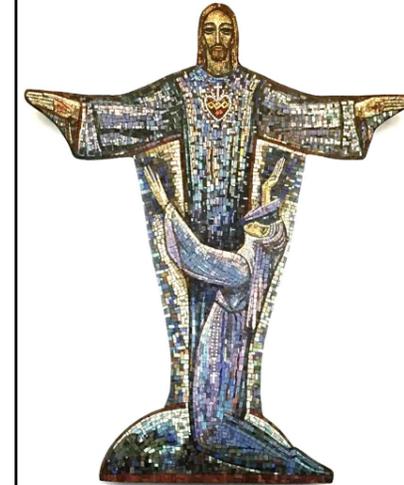
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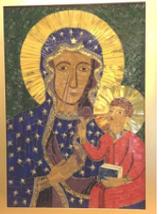
# ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH MERRYLANDS



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**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

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**The Second Sunday of Easter**  
 Sunday April 24, 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: APRIL

### For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local 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 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**  
 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 (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

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

- 1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)
3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. (R.)

### SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 20:19 - 31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

### MEDITATION:

Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God. Lord Jesus Christ, through your victory over sin and death you have overcome all the powers of sin and darkness. Help me to draw near to you and to trust in your life-giving word. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and strengthen my faith in your promises and my hope in the power of your resurrection.



Divine Mercy Sunday at St Margaret Mary's. ST MARGARET MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 1-5 CHETWYND ROAD MERRYLANDS NSW. 24 APRIL 2022 12:00pm-4pm

A Special Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. REV. JANUSZ PAWLICHA Principal Celebrant. 12:00PM HOLY ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION, ADORATION & CONFESSION. 1:00PM PROCESSION, SOLEMN BLESSING, TALK, VENERATION & BENEDICTION. 3:00PM HOLY MASS - THE FEAST OF MERCY KNOWN AS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Tony Ostojic, Shelly Barnes, Teresa Saad, Christopher Oldham, Simon Khoury, Sonia & Pierre Abi-Rached, Therese Nicolas, Nikola Jerkovic, Susan Pace, Branko Soric, Gloria Lavitoria, Jocelyn Santos, Joanna Essey, Giovanna Prestipino, Ireneo Vicencio, Alice Said, Diab Baysari, Mario & Tereza Cutajar, Mary Essey, Katrina & Maria Smith, Carolina Morante, Raymond Laoulach, Ramona Sassine, John Bartolo, Bob Sinclair, Barbara Hanna, Anthony Hanna, Carlos Rivanar, Josephine Hanna, Leonardo Pedavoli, Smiljana Milina, Roneth Jaro, Jayden Jong, Reuben Dias



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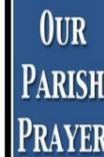
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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION THURSDAYS 9:30am to 2:30pm

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

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 01 MAY 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19



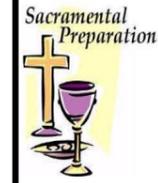
Father, pour out Your Spirit upon the people of this parish so that inspired by Your word, nourished at Your table and graced by Your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building up of Your Kingdom. May our parish community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ Your Son, through whom we make this prayer. Amen

### Divine Mercy Sunday - 24 April 2022 Programme

- 12:00 Rosary, 1:00 Entrance & Procession of Divine Mercy Image with the Relic of St. Faustina, 1:30 20-mins Talk on Divine Mercy by Fr Janusz, 1:55 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2:00 Prayers, Chaplet of Divine Mercy & 3 o'clock Prayer, 2:45 Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 3:00 Holy Mass, 4:00 Solemn Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image and Veneration (You may bring your Divine Mercy Image for a special blessing and a rose for our Lord Jesus), 4:30 Fellowship



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022



Sacrament of Reconciliation Enrolments commence from Tuesday, 26 April until Friday, 20 May 2022.

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

Parents Night: Monday, 23 May or Wednesday, 25 May at 6pm. Venue: Inside the Church

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

### RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

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

- Session 1: 30 MAY 2022 or 01 JUNE 2022, Session 2: 06 JUNE 2022 or 08 JUNE 2022, Session 3: 13 JUNE 2022 or 15 JUNE 2022, Session 4: 20 JUNE 2022 or 22 JUNE 2022, Venue: Inside the Church

Details of Sacrament of First Reconciliation to follow soon.



### 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. Small candle \$5 each (burns upto 70 hours), Large candle \$10 each (burns upto 7days), Easter candle \$12 each (burns up to 7days). Kindly contact the Parish Office during working hours for purchase of candles or further details. Thank you.

### YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Pauline Junior: 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. Next Meeting: 29 April. Pauline Teen: Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month after 7pm evening Mass. Next Meeting: 29 April.



### ANZAC DAY MASS 25 April 2022 - 9:15am



Dedicated to honour the brave members of the ANZACS who fought for our country and peace in our region. You are invited to bring a photo or medals of your loved one who have served and died for our nation. These can be placed in front of the altar before Mass.

### ANZAC DAY PRAYER

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us, through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave His life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

