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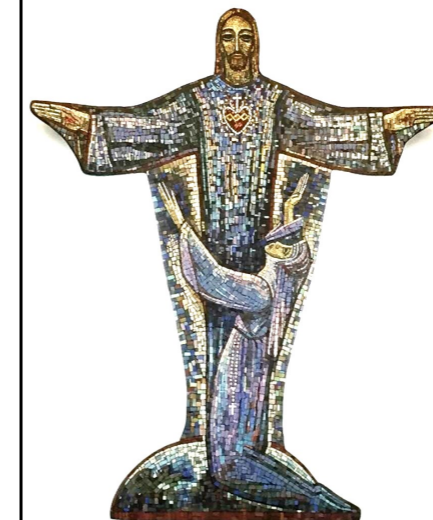
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♦ Secretary:

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

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YEAR A

25TH 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
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 - any time





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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

FIRST READING

Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said: ‘I hear so many disparaging me, “Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, “Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!” But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

- It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. *(R.)*
- This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. *(R.)*
- The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

Rom 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. ‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. ‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

MEDITATION

What does fear have to do with the kingdom of God? When Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God he met opposition and hostility from those who refused to believe in him. He tells his disciples that they must expect the same treatment if they are to live and to proclaim the reign of God. There is both a warning and a privilege in his statement. Just as Jesus had to carry his cross, so the disciples must carry their cross and not try to evade it. To suffer for the faith is to share in the work of Christ. As one hymn states: Lift high the Cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod. The Holy Spirit gives us power and grace to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Do you trust in God's grace to carry your cross for Jesus' sake?

Lord Jesus, it is my joy and privilege to be your disciple. Give me strength and courage to bear any hardship and suffering which may come my way in your service. May I witness to others the new life, joy and victory you have won for us through your cross and resurrection.






SPEAK TO ME
LORD


NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
02 JULY 2023
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

2 Kgs 4:8 - 11, 14 - 16; Rom 6:3 - 4, 8 - 11; Mt 10:37 - 42



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




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

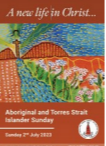


25 JUNE 2023
1:00 – 1:30pm Silent Adoration
1:30 – 3:00pm Devotions
3:00 pm *Special Holy Mass*
All are welcome to come and pray with us.

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




Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday
(02 July 2023)



This year's theme "A New Life in Christ" reflects the hope and promise of a brighter future, rooted in unity and shared commitment to positive change. Catholics from all corners of Australia gather on this Sunday to celebrate the unique gifts and contributions of Australia's First People.


ON 07 JULY 2023 AT 7:00PM
(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'. Followed by Adoration, Scriptural Rosaries & Nine Office of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, until Midnight.
"IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"

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



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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.**



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.



Child SAFETY

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





Table Tennis social nights

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Reuben Dias
- ◆ Leonardo Pedavoli
- ◆ Shelly Barnes
- ◆ Robbie Barnes
- ◆ Therese Nicolas
- ◆ Hermie Alves

- ◆ Fr. Gabriel Taylor
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- ◆ Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria
- ◆ Salam Awkar
- ◆ Lella Rouhana

- ◆ Charles Zammit
- ◆ David O'Connor
- ◆ Marcelina Domingo
- ◆ Jacqueline Parr



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

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

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SET-UP TIME - 8:00am
START TIME - 9:00am
PACK- UP TIME - 2:00pm



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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 Santos.

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