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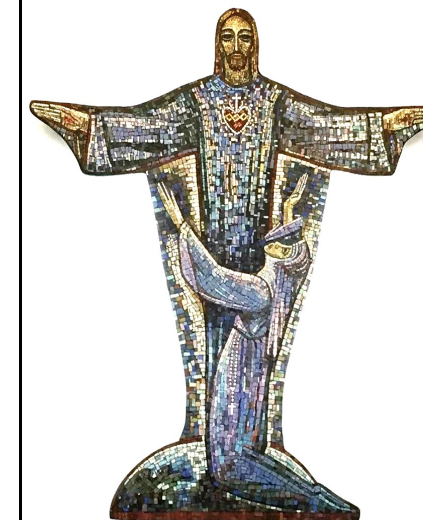
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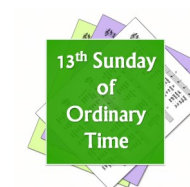
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Playgroup: Nicole Gadd - 0402 350 170

St Vincent de Paul: 88619757



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 families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

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 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
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 (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

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of the Kings

1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. **(R.)**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

Gal 5:1. 13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community. Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 9:51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,
that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.

MEDITATION:



The Gospel does not record the response from these three would-be disciples. We are only left with the question which Jesus intends for us as well. Are you ready to take the path which the Lord Jesus offers? His grace is sufficient and his love is strong. There is nothing greater we can do with our lives than to place them at the service of the Lord and Master of the universe. We cannot outmatch God in his generosity. Jesus promises that those who are willing to part with what is most dear to them for his sake "will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life" (Matthew 19:29). The Lord Jesus offers us a kingdom of lasting peace, unending joy, surpassing love, enduring friendship, and abundant life. Is there anything holding you back from pursuing the Lord and his will for you life? **Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess you have given me. I surrender it all to you to be disposed of according to your will. Give me only your love and your grace - with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

All members of the Parish Council are invited to attend a meeting in the Parish Office meeting room on **Tuesday, 05 July 2022 at 7:30pm.**
The newly nominated Parish Council members will be contacted prior to the meeting by the Parish office.

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.

26 JUNE 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.



HOME VISITS

Do you know someone living in the Parish who is **permanently housebound and cannot get to Mass?**



If you know someone in that situation and the person wishes to receive Holy Communion, Anointing of the Sick or Confession; home visits are conducted by our Priests of the Parish.
Please call our Parish office during opening hours with details and a visit will be arranged. **Thank you**

PRAYER REQUESTS



We are making adjustments to the Parish prayer request list of our parishioners.
Please call the Parish Office if you would like to include a name of the Parishioner in our Parish weekly bulletin.

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**



SUPPORT

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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 03 JULY 2022 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

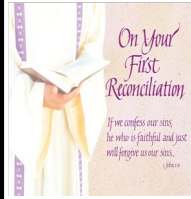
Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20



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 Co-ordinator Peter Carroll on 0414 070 082** or the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022 FIRST RECONCILIATION



Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held inside the Church on:

MONDAY– 27 JUNE 2022 at 6:00pm
WEDNESDAY– 29 JUNE 2022 at 6:00pm

Parents are welcome to get their Reconciliation done by the priests on the day as well.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022



Sacrament of First Holy Communion Enrolments commence from **Tuesday, 21 June 2022 until Friday, 15 July 2022.**
(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, 18 July or Wednesday, 20 July at 6pm.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

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:

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

Session 1: 25 JULY or 27 JULY 2022
Session 2: 01 AUGUST or 03 AUGUST 2022
Session 3: 08 AUGUST or 10 AUGUST 2022
Session 4: 15 AUGUST or 17 AUGUST 2022
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

Rehearsal for the First Holy Communion Ceremony is **Monday, 22 August or Wednesday, 24 August 2022** in the Church.



Sunday- 28 August at 10:30am
Sunday- 04 September at 10:30am

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Young Adults

Our youth group for young adults aged 18-30. It meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month after 7pm evening Mass.
Next Meeting: 01 July



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 \$10 each (burns up to 7days)
Kindly contact the Parish Office during working hours for purchase of candles or further details. **Thank you.**



The Legion of Mary will be visiting homes during the year 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, a member of The Legion Of Mary will be in the foyer after 9:00am & 10:30am Sunday Mass to take bookings for the home visit. Further contacts are Peter Carroll @ 0414 070 082 & Chris Mahony @ 0421 742 789
The need to pray the Rosary is highly recommended by His Holiness Pope Francis, to pray the Holy Rosary as a family.