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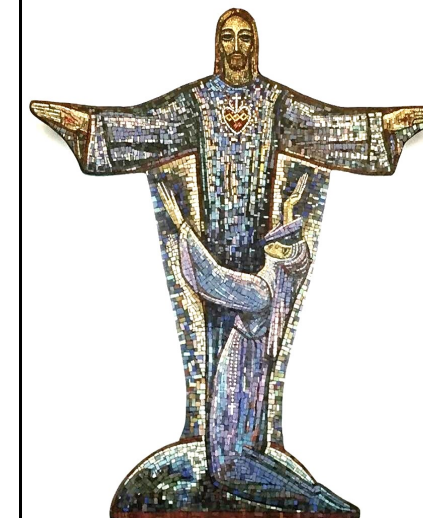
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Year A
27th
November
2022



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: NOVEMBER

For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



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

VEPERS- 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

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

- I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
- It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**
- For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' **(R.)**
- For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people

were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

MEDITATION:



The prophet Isaiah spoke of the Day when the Lord would judge between the nations and establish peace over the earth. In that day the righteous - all peoples who believed in him and who listened to his teaching and instruction - would come to his holy mountain and house to worship him and dwell with him in everlasting peace (Isaiah 2:3-5). The Advent season reminds us that we are living in the time between the first coming and second coming of the Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus calls us to be alert and watchful for his coming. He comes to us each and every day and he knocks on the door of our heart and home. Do you listen for his voice and welcome him into your life? Let his word in the Scriptures and the work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you draw you to a deeper faith, hope, and yearning for his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Those who wait upon the Lord today and listen to his word will not be disappointed. The Lord will come and bring you to his banquet table to feast with him. **Lord Jesus, you have captured my heart for you. Make me strong in faith, steadfast in hope, and generous in love that I may seek to please you in all things and bring you glory and praise. Keep me ever watchful for the coming of your kingdom today and every day of my life.**

PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022

This year's Bishop's Christmas Appeal 2022 is raising funds for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing service supporting homeless people in our community. No one should be homeless or without support. **Our Parish quota is approx.\$8000 for this Appeal so we request our Parishioners for their generous contributions.** Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. **Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes or at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal**

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS



Don't miss out on our Christmas Raffle. Tickets on sale for **ONLY \$5 EACH** at all Weekend & morning Weekday Masses. They can also be purchased from the Parish office and Piety Corner Shop. With over \$2,500 worth of prizes consisting of attractive gifts, business & taxation, massage, dining, grocery & gift vouchers to be won in the lucky draw.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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| ◆ Leonardo Pedavoli | ◆ Hermie Alves | ◆ Roxane Recto-Cavanagh |
| ◆ Shelly Barnes | ◆ Fr. Gabriel Taylor | |
| ◆ Robbie Barnes | ◆ Doreen Callagja | |



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**



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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 04 DECEMBER 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



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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.**



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

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Young Adults (Next Meeting: 04 December)

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: 09 December)

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: 09 December)

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



NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS FOR ALL DEPARTED SOULS

During the month of November, we will be celebrating **one (1) daily Gregorian Mass** during **weekdays and weekends** for all the deceased. If there is another Mass on that day, then it will be available for parish or personal intentions.

We will continue with **"November Mass" yellow envelopes** for our daily Gregorian Masses in November. The envelopes will be kept inside the church.

Please write the name of your deceased loved ones for whom you wish to pray along with an offering inside the envelope. Kindly place the **"November Mass"** envelope in the basket at the altar or give it to the Priests or Parish Office.



27 NOVEMBER 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.

VOICES NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS



We are seeking **CHILDREN & ADULTS** to join the Choir and be part of our festive celebration for the Christmas Vigil Mass at 6pm on 24 December 2022.

Please contact Kerry at k.dainer1@gmail.com for further details.



ADVENT AT OUR PARISH Everyday after Morning Mass

As we joyfully await the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, all are invited to join in spiritual Advent preparations following morning Masses every day.

This includes Exposition of the Blessed sacrament, Advent prayer, one decade of the Rosary for our Parish Community and five minutes of private adoration.

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION Tuesday 06 DECEMBER 2022 After 7:00pm Mass



The 2nd rite of Reconciliation will be held at St Margaret Mary's parish on Tuesday, 06 December following the 7pm Mass. There will be community prayers to prepare for reconciliation, followed by the opportunity for individual confessions. We are encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for Christmas and avoid the Christmas week Confession rush.



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY THURSDAY - 8 DECEMBER 2022

Mass Timings:

9:00am (Morning Mass)

6:00pm (School Graduation Mass)

'Hour of Grace' will be held from 12:00pm - 01:00 pm.

The Blessed Virgin promised that whatever a person asked her for during this Hour of Grace would be granted to them, if it was in accordance with the Will of the Eternal Father.

ALL ARE WELCOME