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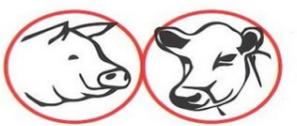

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YOUTH GROUP:
 Pauline Teen: Fr Joseph / Rita Jacobson

Legion of Mary: Merwyn D'Souza - 0478 109 569

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Solemnity of OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA
Pray For Us
28th August 2022



WEEKEND MASSES:		WEEKDAY MASSES:	
Saturday:	6:00pm Vigil	Monday:	9:15am
Sunday:	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	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: AUGUST

For small businesses
 We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their 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
 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 (commencing from 31 August 2022)
 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



Please remember to switch off your mobile phone

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

On the holy mountain is his city cherished by the Lord. The Lord prefers the gates of Sion to all Jacob's dwellings.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Is 2:2-5

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.) You are the highest honour of our race

- 1. The Lord is great and worthy to be praised In the city of our God. His holy mountain rises in beauty The joy of all the earth. (R)
2. As we have heard, so we have seen In the city of our God, In the city of the Lord of hosts Which God upholds for ever. (R)
3. O God, we ponder your love Within your Temple. Your praise, O God, like your name Reaches to the ends of the earth With justice your right hand is filled. (R)
4. Walk through Sion, walk all round it; count the number of its towers. That you may tell the next generation that such is our God, our God for ever and always. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Galatians

Gal 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son onto our hearts: the Spirit that cries: 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more, and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, Blessed are you among women. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine'. Jesus

said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet'. His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you'. There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward'. They did this, the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now'. This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Of you are told glorious things, O city of God! The Lord prefers the gates of Sion to all Jacob's dwellings.

MEDITATION:

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE THE HOLY EUCHARIST This miracle signifies the new rich wine of the Gospel and it points to the 'wine of the new covenant' and the 'bread of life' which Jesus provides for his disciples in the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. It also points to the Messianic banquet which Jesus will provide at the end of time. The miracles of Jesus demonstrate the power of God's love and mercy for his people. God's kindness knows no limits. And the ultimate expression of his love is revealed in the person of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He became flesh for our sake, and he died for our redemption, and he rose for our glorification. Do you thirst for God and for the life of holiness he offers? 'Father, you have revealed your glory in our Lord Jesus Christ. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may bring you glory in all that I do and say.'

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

Holy Mother of Czestochowa, thou art full of grace, goodness and mercy. I consecrate to thee all my thoughts, words and actions-my soul and body. I beseech thy blessings and especially prayers for my salvation. Today, I consecrate myself to thee, Good Mother, totally-with body and soul amid joy and sufferings to obtain for myself and others Thy blessings on this earth and eternal life in Heaven. Amen.



GROUP 1 CELEBRATION SUNDAY 28 AUGUST 2022 10:30AM MASS

GROUP 2 CELEBRATION SUNDAY 04 SEPTEMBER 2022 10:30AM MASS

Congratulations to all the children who are receiving their Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

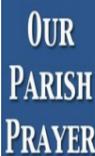
May you always be nourished by the Eucharist.

SOLAR PANELS & AIR CONDITIONING (REVERSE CYCLE) SYSTEM IN OUR PARISH

The Parish is in the process of installing solar panels to curtail the rising cost of energy bills. The Parish Priest has finalised the agreement and installation will commence in the next 6 weeks. 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, Leonardo Pedavoli, Shelly Barnes, Robbie Barnes, Therese Nicolas, Ivy Aza, Hermie Alves, Joseph Fucile, 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: QUEST Tap to Donate (3 devices inside the Church) Cash (Parish Office during office hours) Credit Card (Parish Office during office hours) Cheques payable to: St Margaret Mary's Parish -Merrylands PO Box 757, Merrylands NSW 2160 Direct Debit: BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00438 Account Name: Merrylands Catholic Church (Please specify details of your contribution i.e. Envelope Number or First Collection or Second Collection).

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

04 SEPTEMBER 2022 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) Wis 9:13-18; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

GOD'S WORD 2023

We request our Parishioners to support our Parish with their generous purchase of GOD'S WORD 2023 for a special price of \$20. Purchases may be done from the Parish Office as well during working hours. Thank you.

28 AUGUST 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION 2022



Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolments commence from Tuesday, 23 August 2022 until Friday, 07 October 2022. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child)

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or are available at our Parish Office during working hours. 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. Parents Night & Session 1: 10 October or 12 October 2022 Session 2: 17 October or 19 October 2022 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

CONFIRMATION Saturday, 12 November 2022 at 6:00pm

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT PRAYER

On the weekend (08 - 09 October) Saturday Vigil and Sundays Masses, all the children enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation are requested along with their parents to attend any one of the weekend Mass. At the end of the Mass, they will be invited forward to say the Enrolment Prayer as a spiritual beginning to the child's formation in the Sacrament. All children enrolled in the program are expected to attend.



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FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2022 NEXT WEEKEND - 03/04 SEPTEMBER

Dear Parishioners, Next weekend, our parish is proud to support the Clergy Support Foundation's Bishop's Father's Day Appeal. Your gifts will support our 21 retired clergy and those who are in ill-health.

Your donations will enable our Clergy Health and Wellbeing team to provide our ageing clergy with the personal, professional, and practical care and guidance needed to transition to a dignified and well-deserved retirement. Ongoing assistance includes independent retirement living, aged care, or nursing home accommodation for frail priests; meals, transport and medical care as needed.

Please care for those who have cared for you and give generously via the giving envelopes or paracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR Code.

Please keep our retired priests in your prayers, as they keep you, their faith family, in their prayers. Thank you.



YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Young Adults (Next Meeting: 04 September) 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 September) 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 September) Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month after 7pm evening Mass.



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

Table Tennis social nights

Every Tuesday evening, in the Pastoral Centre from approx 7:30 pm after the evening Mass. All are welcome.

