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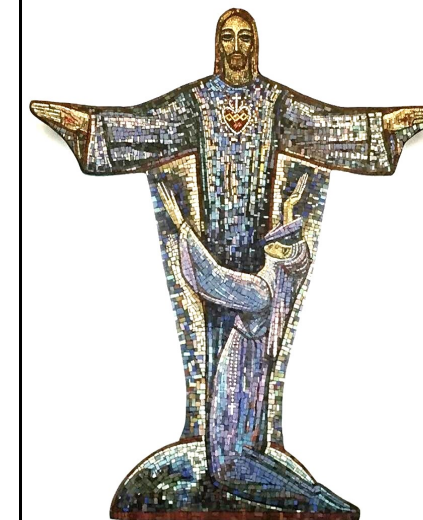
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**Parish Priest**  
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**Assistant Priest**  
Fr Jeremy Santoso



**Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae**

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Website: stmm.org.au

**PARISH GROUPS CO-ORDINATORS:**  
Secretary: Denise Fernandes  
Finance Committee: TBA  
**Parish Council:**  
♦ Chair: Gwen D'Silva  
Fr Janusz Pawlicha, OSPPE  
♦ Secretary: Monique Kairouz

**Fundraising Committee:**  
♦ Mike Jacobson - 0438 590 136

**Catechists:** Sonia Abi-Rached

**Music :** Kerry van der Linden

**Sacraments:** TBA

**Acolytes / RCIA :** Peter Carroll - 0414 070 082

**Readers:** Gwen D'Silva

**YOUTH GROUP:**  
Pauline Junior / Teen: TBA

**Legion of Mary:** John Donaldson - 0422 656 991

**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: JANUARY

#### For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

#### 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 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  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: 1.00pm - 3.00pm, 3.00pm - Holy Mass

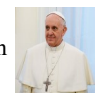
**BAPTISMS:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month

#### RECONCILIATION:

Tues - Fri 8.30 - 8.55am  
Sat - 9am - 9.30am and 4.30pm-5.30pm

**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

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

**Zep 2:3; 3:12-13**

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

*The Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

**1 Cor 1:26-31**

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

*The Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
Your reward will be great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their herit-

age. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

## MEDITATION:

What is the good life which God intends for us? And how is it related with the ultimate end or purpose of life? Is it not our desire and longing for true happiness, which is none other than the complete good, the sum of all goods, leaving nothing more to be desired? Jesus addresses this question in his sermon on the mount. The heart of Jesus' message is that we can live a very happy life. The call to holiness, to be saints who joyfully pursue God's will for their lives, can be found in these eight beatitudes. Jesus' beatitudes sum up our calling or vocation - to live a life of the beatitudes. The word beatitude literally means "happiness" or "blessedness".



**Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you and show me the way that leads to everlasting peace and happiness. May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will.**

## WELCOME FR. JEREMY SANTOSO TO OUR PARISH



We welcome **Father Jeremy Santoso OSPPE** as our new **Assistant Priest** at St. Margaret Mary's Parish Merrylands.

Father Jeremy comes to us from Marian Valley Monastery – Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians Queensland. He was ordained to priesthood on the 25 May 2019.

We pray that the Lord will bless him abundantly as he begins a new chapter in his ministerial life at Merrylands and that the Holy Spirit will guide him in his pastoral duties.

## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Thursday - 02 February 2023 9:00am Mass (Blessing of Candles)



The Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus.

As is the tradition, **candles will be blessed** during Mass on **Thursday (2nd February 2023).**

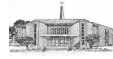
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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

◆ Fr. Gabriel Taylor  
◆ Doreen Callagja  
◆ Rita Figredo  
◆ Roxane Recto-Cavanagh  
◆ Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria  
◆ Salam Awkar

◆ Leila Rouhana



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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**



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 05 FEBRUARY 2023

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

*Is 58:7 - 10; 1Cor 2:1 - 5; Mt 5:13 - 16*

## 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

## PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in our day of battle; protect us against the deceit and wickedness of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And you, O prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, banish into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls. O glorious Archangel St. Michael, watch over us during life, defend us against the assaults of the demon, assist us especially at the hour of death; obtain for us a favorable judgement, and the happiness of beholding God face to face for endless ages. **Amen**



## DEVOTIONAL RELIGIOUS CANDLES

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Seeking expressions of interest for a kids choir at **6:00pm Mass on the Fourth Sunday of each month.**

Kids must be able to attend 1-2 practices a month (likely Saturday mornings but we'll confirm once we have an idea of numbers and schedules).

Contact **Rebecca on 0414972462** for more information.

## 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.



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

On **2nd Sunday** of each month, couples celebrating their wedding anniversary during that month are invited for a special blessing at the 10:30am Mass.

The next blessing will be on **Sunday, 12 February 2023.**

Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office with their relevant details.



## SCRIPTURE STUDY

You are invited to experience the joy of **"the Word of God"** in a weekly discussion meeting on Thursdays commencing from **02 February 2023 at 7:00pm** at St. Margaret Mary's Pastoral Centre.

For further queries, contact Gwen on 9632 9097

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

All members of the Parish Council are invited to attend a meeting in the Parish Office meeting room on **Tuesday, 07 February 2023 at 7:30pm.**



(See Exodus 14)

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**I THINK THAT YOU HAVE SOME SERIOUS FAITH ISSUES**