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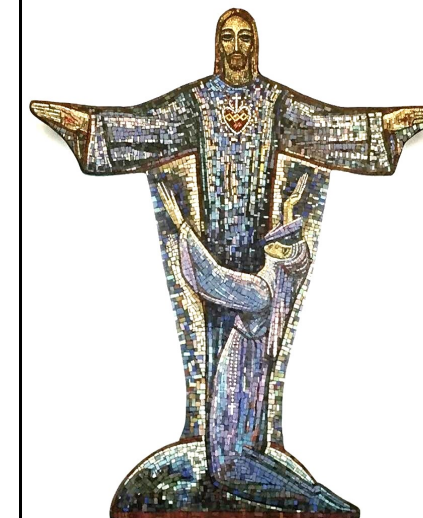
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**Parish Priest**  
Fr Janusz Pawlicha

**Assistant Priest**  
Fr Jeremy Santoso



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## PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH OFFICE:**  
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Phone: 9637 2526 9637 2014  
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Email: parish@stmm.org.au  
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:** Merwyn D'Souza - 0404 863 564

**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: APRIL

### For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

### 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)

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

Acts 2:14. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

1 Pt 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## MEDITATION:



Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) writes: "He has accomplished what he taught us: He has shown us what He commanded us to do. He laid down his own life for his sheep, that within our mystery he might change his body and blood into food, and nourish the sheep he had redeemed with the food of his own flesh. He has shown us the way we must follow, despite fear of death. He has laid down the pattern to which we must conform ourselves. The first duty laid on us is to use our material goods in mercy for the needs of his sheep, and then, if necessary, give even our lives for them. He that will not give of his substance for his sheep, how shall he lay down his life for them?" (Tr. 46 in John). Do you look to Jesus the Good Shepherd, to receive the strength and courage you need to live and serve as his disciple?

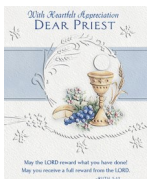
**Lord Jesus, you always lead me in the way of true peace and safety. May I never doubt your care nor stray from your ways. Keep me safe in the shelter of your presence.**



### WELCOME FR. WOJTEK TO OUR PARISH

A cordial welcome to **Fr. Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE**, our new **Parish Priest** at St. Margaret Mary's Parish Merrylands. Father Wojtek comes from our neighbouring suburb, St. Gertrude Parish in Smithfield. May our Lord, the Good Shepherd, guide him with His grace and peace. We look forward to his understanding, wisdom and

spiritual guidance. May God bless Fr. Wojtek with a joyful heart as we welcome him into our church and look forward to his ministry with our Parish!



### Dziękuję, Do Zobaczenia Fr. Janusz!

Dear God, We pray for Fr. Janusz who is leaving our parish this weekend. He has been here long enough that we really have gotten to know him and he has been such an integral part of our lives. We ask that you fill his heart and mind with good memories from his ministry here. May we all, together, give you praise and thanks for the many blessings you have given to him, and us, during his caring ministry amongst us. We pray these things in the loving name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

◆ Reuben Dias	◆ Fr. Gabriel Taylor	◆ Charles Zammit
◆ Leonardo Pedavoli	◆ Mary Callagja	◆ David O'Connor
◆ Shelly Barnes	◆ Rita Figredo	◆ Marcelina Domingo
◆ Robbie Barnes	◆ Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria	◆ Jacqueline Parr
◆ Therese Nicolas	◆ Salam Awkar	
◆ Hermie Alves	◆ Leila Rouhana	



## 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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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**



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 07 MAY 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

Acts 6:1 - 7; 1Pet 2:4 - 9; Jn 14:1 - 12



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## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023



Sacrament of Reconciliation program is divided into two groups taught by Monique Kairouz & assisted by Fr. Jeremy Santos.

### RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

All preparation sessions will be held on **WEDNESDAYS** with two time slots to choose from: **5:30 - 6:30pm or 7:00 - 8:00pm**

**Session 1: 03 MAY**

**Session 2: 10 MAY**

**Session 3: 17 MAY**

**Session 4: 24 MAY**

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre



**Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Monday, 29 May 2023 at 6:00pm inside the Church.**

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The Piety Shop is organising a Pilgrimage to Penrose Park to celebrate Fatima Day on Saturday 13 May.

The bus will depart St. Margaret Mary's Parish at 8:00am and will return approximately at 4:00pm.

Please bring your own lunch and drinks.

**Cost: \$25 (return trip).** To book your seat, please see Lydia or Santy in the Piety Shop by **8th May** to add your name to the list. Space is limited.



### YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

**Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 12 May)**

Our youth group for Primary School Students. It meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month starting at 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

**Pauline Teen (Next Meeting: 12 May)**

Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month starting at 8:00pm to 9:00pm.



An enormous **THANK YOU** to our organising committee, Parishioners and volunteers who helped with the organising and preparation for Fr. Janusz farewell on Sunday, 23 April 2023.

The farewell was celebrated in a truly glorious manner.

The Team have worked tirelessly in the preparations, from helping set-up before and clean up afterwards and in many other ways.

We sincerely thank our great congregation of Parishioners who contributed towards a plate and gift for the farewell of our Parish Priest. **May God bless you all abundantly.**

### REGINA CAELI

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.  
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia.

V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia.  
R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.  
R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray, O God, who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**