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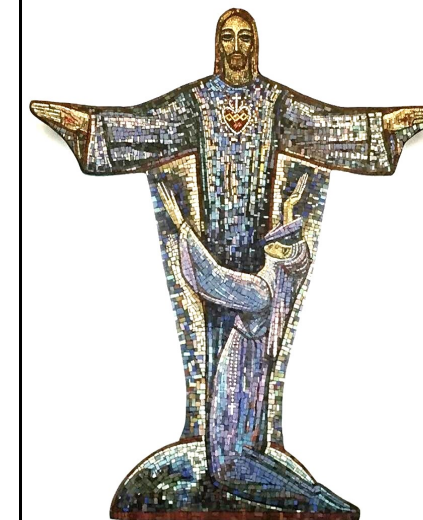
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♦ Secretary: Monique Kairouz

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Pauline Teen: Fr Joseph / Rita Jacobson

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St Vincent de Paul: 88619757



31st Sunday
in Ordinary Time

LUKE 19:10

The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Year C
30th October 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: OCTOBER

For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

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

VESPER-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)

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING

Wis 11:22 – 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

- I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**
- The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
- All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
- The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of

the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

MEDITATION:

What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your home today"? Would you be excited or embarrassed? Jesus often "dropped-in" at unexpected times and he often visited the "uninvited" - the poor, the lame, and even public sinners like Zacchaeus, the tax collector! Tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts, no doubt because they over-charged people and accumulated great wealth at the expense of others. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Why would Jesus single him out for the honor of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and forgiveness. In his encounter with Jesus he found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony included more than words. His change of heart resulted in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine. The Lord Jesus is always ready to make his home with each one of us. Do you make room for him in your heart and in every area of your life? **Lord Jesus, come and stay with me. Fill my life with your peace, my home with your presence, and my heart with your praise. Help me to show kindness, mercy, and goodness to all, even to those who cause me ill-will or harm.**



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Another project completed and commitment fulfilled by our Parish Priest Fr. Janusz Pawlicha. The Church is now equipped with an air conditioning split system to ensure our Parishioners are comfortable during Mass in extreme weather conditions. **A total amount of \$44,980.20 has been paid towards the solar panels and air-conditioning project.** St Margaret Mary's Parish is truly grateful to their Parishioners for their generous contributions and financial support. We would like to thank the ActronAir team for their professional and prompt action in getting the job the done and Edgar D"souza for his immense support and valuable time towards this project. For any further enquires please contact Fr. Janusz.

God Bless You All for everything you do for our Parish.



The Parish is organising a Christmas Raffle draw on Sunday, 11 December 2022. We request our generous Parishioners support in obtaining gift vouchers, dining vouchers and gift cards from different retail outlets or even a kind personal donation will be greatly appreciated. A Parish fundraising request letter signed by our Parish Priest has been prepared requesting local businesses for their benevolent support. Kindly contact the parish office during working hours for a copy of the fundraising letter.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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



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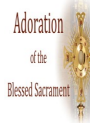
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The Lord invites us to take some time out of our busy lives to spend some time with Him in quiet adoration, prayer and reflection. If you can spare 1/2 hour or more, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed after morning Mass every Thursday until 2.30pm. **ALL 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 Mid-night.

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

06 NOVEMBER 2022

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

2Macc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2Thess 2:16 - 3:5; Lk 20:27-38



STMM PIETY CORNER SHOP

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.**



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2022

Solemn Mass at 9:00am, 12:00 noon & 7:00pm



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION 2022

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.

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

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM



Young Adults (Next Meeting: 06 November)

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: 11 November)

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: 11 November)

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



NIGHT OF LIGHT

On the 31st October from 6 - 8pm St. Margaret Mary's Parish will be celebrating a Night of Light event.

The Night of Light is an initiative for reclaim All Saints Eve (Halloween) for the Church, that it might be a celebration of the holy Saints, not an evening full of images of darkness. Children of all ages are invited to come to the Pastoral Centre dressed up as a saint. There will be games with prizes and plenty of food.

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.

ALL SOULS DAY - 2ND NOVEMBER 2022 WEDNESDAY MASS (9:00am & 7:00pm)

This year The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 02 November 2022.

The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered for all the faithful departed with special remembrance of those whose funeral took place at St. Margaret Mary's during the past year.

Also invited to participate in the liturgy are parishioners who have lost a close relative during the past year and whose funeral was conducted outside the parish.

A candle ceremony will be held as part of the **9:00am & 7:00pm Mass** celebration. **During the candle ceremony, a member of the family will be invited to place a candle on the sanctuary** in memory of their loved one.

You are also invited to bring a small framed photo of your loved one and place on the sanctuary **before the commencement of Mass.**



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