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Parish Priest
Fr Janusz Pawlicha

Assistant Priest
Fr Joseph Maria Buckley





Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae

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31st May 2020
Pentecost SUNDAY




PARISH GROUPS CO-ORDINATORS:
Secretary: Denise Fernandes
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Parish Council:
♦ Chair: Bella Reyes - 0419 228 160
Fr Janusz Pawlicha, OSPPE
♦ Secretary: Cheryl Fortini

WEEKEND MASSES:	WEEKDAY MASSES:
Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil	Monday: 9:15am
Sunday: 7:30am	Tuesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
9:00am	Wednesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
10:30am	Thursday: 9:00am
6:00pm	Friday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
	Saturday: 8:30am

Fundraising Committee:
♦ Mike Jacobson - 0438 590 136
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Music: Kerry van der Linden - 0406 973 350
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Acolytes / RCIA: Peter Carroll - 0414 070 082
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PRAYER: HOLY FATHER-POPE FRANCIS'
MONTHLY INTENTION : MAY
Prayer intention for evangelisation - For Deacons
We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



FIRST FRIDAY:
11am: Maltese Mass
7.00pm: 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 Succour
Tuesday: after morning Mass
Wednesday: 6:30pm before 7:00pm Mass
♦ 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 (or by appointment)
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

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

- Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
- You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
- May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING

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

1Cor 12:3-7,12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and

showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

MEDITATION:

Do you know and experience in your own life the gift and power of the Holy Spirit? After his death and resurrection Jesus promised to give his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said to them, *Receive the Holy Spirit!* (John 20:22) Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit was conditional upon the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father. That is why Jesus instructed the apostles to *wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high* (Luke 24:49). Why did they need *power from on high*? The Gospels tell us that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized at the Jordan River: The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good. Do you want power to live a faith-filled life as a disciple of Jesus? Ask the Father to fill you with the power of his Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

Reconciliation

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Reconciliation open until Friday, 19 June 2020.

Enrolments limited to 20 children (at the present time) divided into two groups of 10 to be taught by Fr. Joseph Maria Buckley.
The first meeting is on Monday (22 June) at 6pm.
The second meeting is on Wednesday (24 June) at 6pm.
Venue: Church Hall at St. Margaret Mary's School.

Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday 20 July and Wednesday 22 July.

Details for Holy Communion and Confirmation to follow soon.

Please contact the Parish Office during office hours for the enrolment forms.

ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH CHURCH OPENING TIMINGS ON WEEKDAYS

Our church has reopened on weekdays from 10:00am to 7:00pm for private prayer. Kindly ensure that no more than **10 people** are in the church at a given time and social distance must be observed. We look forward to your cooperation and understanding.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 07 JUNE 2020

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Tony Ostojic
- ◆ Shelly Barnes
- ◆ Teresa Saad
- ◆ Christopher Oldham
- ◆ Simon Khoury
- ◆ Sonia & Pierre Abi-Rached
- ◆ Therese Nicolas
- ◆ Luca Jerkovic
- ◆ Susan Pace
- ◆ Branko Soric
- ◆ Gloria Lavitoria
- ◆ Joanna Essey
- ◆ Rose Abdo
- ◆ Giovanna Prestipino
- ◆ Ireneo Vicencio
- ◆ Alice Said
- ◆ Diab Baysari
- ◆ Mario & Tereza Cutajar
- ◆ Mary Essey
- ◆ Katrina & Maria Smith
- ◆ Carolina Morante
- ◆ Alex Habis
- ◆ Ramona Sassine
- ◆ Laura Anisse
- ◆ Jocelyn Santos



St. Margaret Mary's Parish Revised Mass Timings



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Thursday: 9:00am
Friday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Saturday: 8:30am

Our Parish will still continue to live stream morning Masses daily.

RECONCILIATION:

Tues - Fri 8.30 - 8.55am (by appointment)

Sat - 9am - 9.30am and 4.30pm-5.30pm (or by appointment)

With the current restriction of only 10 people allowed to attend Mass, kindly contact the Parish Office during office hours for bookings for weekdays and weekend Masses.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. GOD BLESS YOU ALL



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.

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THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.



Everyday during the month of **June**, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after all Morning Masses and recitation of the Litany of Sacred Heart and Act of Consecration.



Pentecost Prayer

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit
that my thoughts may all be holy;
Act in me O Holy Spirit
that my works, too, may be holy;
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit
that I love but what is holy;
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit
to defend that is holy;
Guard me then O Holy Spirit
that I always may be holy.

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**



"Yes dear..I know all about the story of 'Mary and Martha'...but you still have to help your sister with the dishes!"