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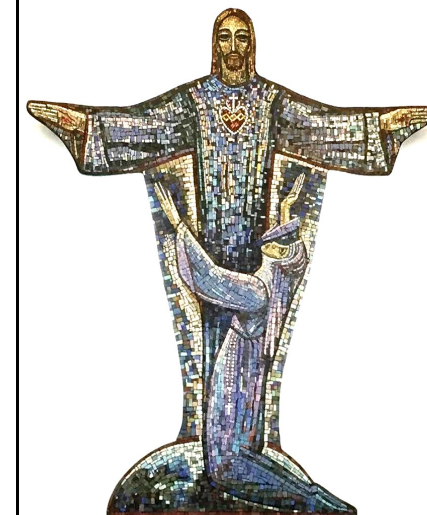
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Parish Priest
Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

Assistant Priest
Fr. Jeremy Santoso



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PARISH INFORMATION

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PARISH GROUPS CO-ORDINATORS:
Secretary: Denise Fernandes
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♦ **Chair:**
♦ **Secretary:**

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♦ Mike Jacobson - 0438 590 136

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Music : Kerry van der Linden

Sacraments: Monique Kairouz

Acolytes / RCIA : Peter Carroll - 0414 070 082

Readers: Gwen D'Silva

YOUTH GROUP:
Pauline Junior / Teen: Fr. Jeremy Santoso

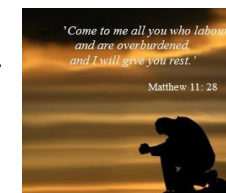
Legion of Mary: Merwyn D'Souza - 0404 863 564

Playgroup: Kathy-lynn Azzi - 0416 225 815

St Vincent de Paul: 88619757



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
09TH JULY 2023



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: JULY

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

FIRST FRIDAY:

11:00am: Maltese Mass
06:30pm: Confession
07:00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Thursdays-Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am - 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

5:15pm - 5:45pm

RCIA SESSIONS- SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00am Mass followed by session 10:00am - 11:00am

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 8:30am - 9:30am and 4:30pm - 5:30pm

MARRIAGES:

By appointment only (6 months required)

SICK CALLS:

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this: ‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.’

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Zec 9:9-10

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

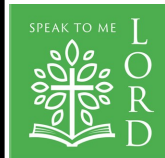
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

MEDITATION



The yoke of Christ's kingdom, his kingly rule and way of life, liberates us from the burden of guilt and from the oppression of sinful habits and hurtful desires. Only Jesus can lift the burden of sin and the weight of hopelessness from us - and give us a weight of love and glory in exchange. Jesus used the analogy of a yoke to explain how we can exchange the burden of sin and despair for a burden of glory and yoke of freedom from sin. The yoke which Jesus invites us to embrace is his way of grace and freedom from the power of sin. Do you trust in God's love and submit to his will and plan for your life? *Lord Jesus, give me the child-like simplicity and purity of faith to gaze upon your face with joy and confidence in your all-merciful love. Remove every doubt, fear, and proud thought which would hinder me from receiving your word with trust and humble submission.*



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 16 JULY 2023 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Is 55:10 - 11; Rom 8:18 - 23; Mt 13:1 - 23



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



DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023

A synod of the Parramatta Diocese comprising clergy, religious and laity, chaired by Bishop, will be held from 12-15 October 2023, to decide issues to form the basis of a pastoral plan.

Parishioners are invited to suggest ideas to help form issues considered by the synod.

Ideas should relate to “How can we improve community and devotional life and missionary activity in parishes and diocese?”

Example ideas are: establish groups of under-represented parishioners (e.g. men, youth), closer parish-school links, more processions, longer adoration times, etc.

Submissions can be made at <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/submissions/> or by mail to: Synod C/- Bethany Centre, 470 Church Street. Parramatta, NSW 2150.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



This **Sunday, 09 July 2023** couples celebrating their wedding anniversary are invited for a special blessing at the 10:30am Mass.
We wish all these couples God's blessings and graces.

SEA SUNDAY- 09 July 2023



Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously to:

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>



AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, **(16 July 2023)** there will be a Children's Liturgy during the 10:30am Mass.
All children are welcome to attend.

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 28 July)

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

Pauline Teen (Next Meeting: 28 July)

Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month starting at 8:00pm to 9:00pm.
For further information please contact Fr. Jeremy at Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org



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**

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



STMM PIETY 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.**



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.



For safety and safeguarding reasons, we kindly request all parents / carers to ensure to accompany their children to the toilets and the play area in the school premises at all times. **Thank you for your cooperation.**

Table Tennis social nights

Every Tuesday evening, in the Pastoral Centre after 7:00 pm evening Mass. **All are welcome.**



PRAYER REQUESTS



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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES



Please collect your respective planned giving envelopes box for the new financial year 01 July 2023 from the church foyer.

St Margaret Mary's Parish truly appreciates your utmost generosity and continuous support which will help go Above and Beyond. **Thank you and God Bless You.**



To adhere to our Parish compliance to safeguarding policy and ensure all documents are up to date, it is therefore mandatory for all our Parish Volunteers to come to the Parish Office to provide their details (role in the Parish, contact and email address) and the Keys they possess to access Church / Parish premises. **The deadline to provide these details is Friday, 14 July 2023. Thank you.**



On Saturday 22 July 2023

@ St. Margaret Mary's Parish School Grounds

Set - up: 8:00am

Start: approx.9:15am (after 8.30am Mass)

Pack - up: 2:00pm

Parking Space Bookings

(prepay at the Piety Shop or Parish Office)

- Sedan, station-wagon, people-mover, SUV or 1-tonne utility – **\$50**
- Medium commercial vehicle (eg. Hi Ace, RAM utility) or car + box trailer – **\$100**

Please note: No trucks or other large vehicles. Parking allocation is at the time of booking. Each booking includes 1 trestle table if required. No on-site electricity.

Public Admission: Gold coin donation.

Food on Sale: Sausage sizzle, bacon & egg rolls, soft drinks, bottled water, tea & coffee.

All proceeds to St. Margaret Mary's Parish

* If significant rain is forecast, then the event will be postponed and booking money refunded.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023



Sacrament of First Holy Communion Enrolments commence from **Tuesday, 06 June 2023** until **Friday, 21 July 2023.**

(Enrolment Fee \$50 per child)

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or are available at our Parish Office during working hours.

Parents Night: Monday - 17 July at 7pm.

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion program is divided into two groups taught by Monique Kairouz & assisted by Fr. Jeremy Santoso.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM:

All preparation sessions held on **MONDAY** or **TUESDAY** at **5:30-7:00pm**

Session 1: 24 JULY or 25 JULY 2023

Session 2: 31 JULY or 01 AUGUST 2023

Session 3: 07 AUGUST or 08 AUGUST 2023

Session 4: 14 AUGUST or 15 AUGUST 2023

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

Rehearsal Group 1: Thursday- 24 August at 6:00pm

Rehearsal Group 2: Thursday- 31 August at 6:00pm



Group 1: Sunday- 27 August at 10:30am

Group 2: Sunday- 03 September at 10:30am