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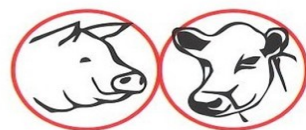
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Readers: Gwen D'Silva

YOUTH GROUP:

Pauline Junior / Teen: Fr. Jeremy Santoso

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

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YEAR A
06 August 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: AUGUST

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and
witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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: 9637 2526 - option 3 - any time



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

FIRST READING

Dan 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

- The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**
- The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**
- For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16 - 19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 17:1 - 9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his

clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

MEDITATION



The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory - follow me - obey my words. Take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessing of my Father's kingdom - your name, too, will be written in heaven. Jesus fulfilled his mission on Calvary where he died for our sins so that Paradise and everlasting life would be restored to us. He embraced the cross to win a crown of glory - a crown that awaits each one of us, if we, too, will follow in his footsteps. Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Jesus Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. *We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit* (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?

Lord Jesus, keep me always alert to you, to your word, your action, and your constant presence in my life. Let me see your glory.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
13 AUGUST 2023
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

1 Kgs 19:9,11 - 13; Rom 9:1 - 5; Mt 14:22 - 33



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



NOVENA TO THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Will commence from **Sunday, 06 August 2023** and conclude on **Monday, 14 August 2023** after Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Tuesday 15 August 2023

The Solemnity of the Assumption will be celebrated on **Tuesday 15th August** in our Parish. This is a **Holy Day of Obligation** which means that every Catholic is **bound to attend Mass**.

MASS TIMES

9:00am	School Mass
12 Noon	Solemn Mass
6:30pm	Exposition, Holy Rosary & Litany
7:00pm	Solemn Mass



SOLEMNITY of ST MARY (MACKILLOP) OF THE CROSS
Tuesday 08 August 2023

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 11 August)

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: 11 August)

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



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, 13 August 2023**. Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office.



Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, (20 August 2023) there will be a Children's Liturgy during the 10:30am Mass. **All children are welcome to attend.**

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. 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

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.



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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.**



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DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023

A Synod is both an event and a process where clergy, consecrated, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life. **The Diocesan Synod will be held from 12-15 October 2023.**

Further information is available on www.parracatholic.org/synod2023

PRAYER REQUESTS

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



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS



First Collection (Priests)

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Second Collection (Parish)

Account: Merrylands Catholic Church
BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00438

Last weekend First Collection was **\$2331.85**
Last weekend Second Collection was **\$3229.15**

Thank you for you continued support and generosity. God bless.



After four long years...St Margaret Mary's will be hosting it's International Food Festival on **Saturday, 21 October 2023**.

The Festival will be held in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm (after 6pm Vigil Mass) and feature a variety of delicious multicultural cuisines and entertainment provided by our wonderfully talented parishioners.

And of course there'll be a mega raffle draw, coin tosses and heaps more!

A meeting of volunteers to assist with planning, preparing and running this major social and fundraising event will be held soon, so keep an eye on the parish bulletin for details.



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. **Thank you.**



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.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023



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 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