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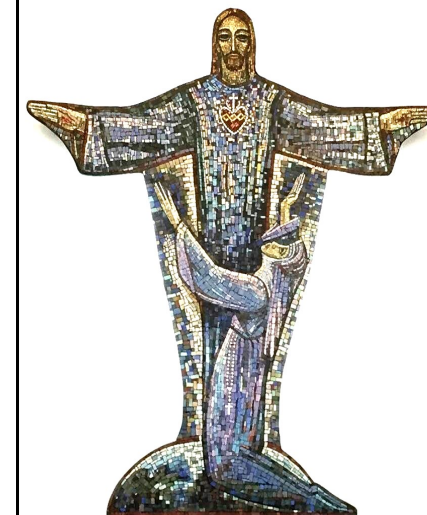
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Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

Assistant Priest
Fr. Jeremy Santoso



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♦ Mike Jacobson - 0438 590 136

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Music : Kerry van der Linden

Sacraments: Monique Kairouz
sacraments@stmm.org.au

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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



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - 01st October 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: OCTOBER

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

- 1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
- 2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
- 3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the under-world, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON


Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

MEDITATION



God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect his will and do it. God offers each one of us the greatest treasure possible - indestructable peace, joy, and friendship with him in his everlasting kingdom. We can lose that treasure if we refuse the grace - the free gift of God's blessing and strength - which the Lord Jesus has won for us through his victory on the cross. The Lord Jesus fills us with the gift of the Holy Spirit who works in and through us for the glory of God. Do you seek to please God and respect his will and loving plan for your life? Allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with the peace, joy, and righteousness of God's kingdom (Romans 14:17). *Lord Jesus, change my heart that I may only desire that which is pleasing to you. Help me to respect your will and give me the strength, joy and perseverance to carry it out wholeheartedly.*

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS
08 OCTOBER 2023
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
Is 5:1 - 7; Phil 4:6 - 9; Mt 21:33 - 43

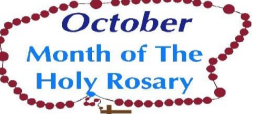


OUR PARISH PRAYER


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

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S BULLETINS


All children are encouraged to take a copy of The Kid’s Bulletin. **(on the table outside the Church).** A great resource to educate our Catholic kids to learn about their faith every week.

**October Month of The Holy Rosary**

THE ROSARY is a prayerful exercise comprised of both meditation and vocal prayer. While praying the prayers of the Rosary, meditation focuses on the lives of Jesus and Mary.
There are four mysteries of the Rosary: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious. During the month of October, there will be recitation of The Holy Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of every Morning Mass **(weekdays only).**


**ON 06 OCTOBER 2023 AT 7:00PM (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'. Followed by Adoration, Scriptural Rosaries & Nine Office of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, until Midnight.
"IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE (SATURDAY - 07 OCTOBER 2023)
St Margaret Mary's parish has joined the Men's Rosary Crusade! For several years, Catholic men from around the world have been gathering outside churches, including St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, on the first Saturday of each month to pray the five Joyful Mysteries of The Holy Rosary.
On Saturday, 07 October, at approx. 9.15am (after the 8.30am Mass), our men are invited to participate in this powerful prayer in our church forecourt – rain, hail or shine! - in a public demonstration of devotion to Our Blessed Mother. No experience necessary! ☺
More information about the First Saturdays Devotion can be found inside The Holy Rosary booklets at the back of the church.
Afterwards there'll be fellowship and morning tea in the Pastoral Centre, so please bring a plate to share.





**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, 08 October 2023**. Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, **(15 October 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



October
Month of the Holy Rosary


The Legion of Mary would like to encourage families to pray the rosary. With this in mind, we invite families to call **Merwyn D'Souza on 0404863564** to book a date and time.
The legionaries will bring the Pilgrim Mother to your home and pray the rosary with the family and leave the statue in your home for a week before returning to conclude.
May Our Blessed Mother protect us all!

CHURCH PROJECTORS
The Parish is planning to install new projectors inside the Church. The quoted cost for the projectors is **\$13,498.**
We have currently collected \$7713.45
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◆ Salam Awkar
◆ Leila Rouhana


◆ Charles Zammit
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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS


First Collection (Priests)
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BSB: 062 202 Account Number: 10869892
Second Collection (Parish)
Account: Merrylands Catholic Church
BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00438

Last weekend First Collection was **\$2315.25**
Last weekend Second Collection was **\$3362.00**
Thank you for you continued support and generosity. God bless.

**INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL**
Saturday, October 21 at 7pm in the Parish Hall
Adults \$20* Children 3-12 years \$10* Infants (under 3 years) Free
**includes one bottled water*
All proceeds go towards St. Margaret Mary's Parish.
* **All-you-can-eat buffet of delicious international cuisines.**
* **Captivating cultural performances.**
* **10+ raffle draws for hampers valued at approx. \$500 each. Also bonus draws for major prizes.**
* **Lucky door prizes (all admission ticketholders are eligible).**
* **Gold coin-tosses for adults & children.**
* **Soft drinks on sale, free tea & coffee.**
Tickets (cash only, and the correct amount if possible) are available at the Piety Shop after all weekend Masses and some weekday Masses. Avoid the last-minute rush by buying yours early!

FOOD PROVIDERS – Any food providers should contact Belinda Tippetts (0401 587 677) ASAP.
CULTURAL PERFORMANCES – Any performers who haven't already contacted Peter Carroll (0414 070 082) should do so ASAP.
PRIZE DONATIONS – Prizes for the raffle and lucky door draws, coin-tosses, etc. have been arriving steadily. There's still time to bring new items (eg. homewares, electronics, toys, sporting equipment), business vouchers and gift cards to the Piety Shop or Parish Office. Enquiries please contact Mike Jacobson (0438 590 136).

The next IFF volunteers' meeting will be held in the Pastoral Centre on **Wednesday, 04 October at 7.30pm.** All welcome!



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023**
Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolments commence from **Tuesday, 12 September 2023** until **Friday, 13 October 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 - 09 October at 7pm.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.
Sacrament of Confirmation program is divided into two groups taught by Monique Kairouz & assisted by Fr. Jeremy Santoso.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:
All preparation sessions held on **WEDNESDAYS at 5:30 - 6:30pm OR 7:00 - 8:00pm (parents to choose one session time)**
Session 1: 18 OCTOBER 2023
Session 2: 25 OCTOBER 2023
Session 3: 01 NOVEMBER 2023
Session 4: 08 NOVEMBER 2023
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

**CONFIRMATION** **Saturday, 11 November 2023 at 6:00pm**