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**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

**Assistant Priest**  
Fr. Jeremy Santoso



**Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae**

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH OFFICE:

1-5 Chetwynd Rd,  
MERRYLANDS NSW 2160

Postal Address: PO Box 757, Merrylands.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Phone: 9637 2526 9637 2014

Fax: 9637 2442

Email: parish@stmm.org.au

Website: stmm.org.au

### PARISH GROUPS CO-ORDINATORS:

Secretary: Denise Fernandes

Finance Committee: TBA

**Parish Council:**

♦ Chair:

♦ Secretary:

**Fundraising Committee:**

♦ Mike Jacobson - 0438 590 136

**Catechists:** Sonia Abi-Rached

**Music :** Kerry van der Linden

**Sacraments:** Monique Kairouz  
sacraments@stmm.org.au

**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

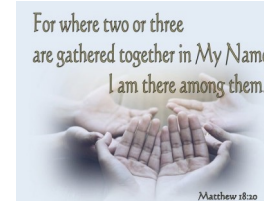
**Playgroup:** Kathy-lynn Azzi - 0416 225 815

**St Vincent de Paul:** 88619757



**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**Year A  
10<sup>th</sup> September 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: SEPTEMBER

### For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

### 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

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:** 1:00pm - 1:30pm - Divine Mercy Devotions

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month:** approx. 8:30pm - midnight

**VESPER-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

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:** 1:00pm - 3:00pm, 3:00pm - Holy Mass

**BAPTISMS:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

*The Word of the Lord.*  
Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

- Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. *(R.)*
- Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. *(R.)*
- O that today you would listen to his voice!  
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ *(R.)*

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

*The Word of the Lord.*  
Thanks be to God

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three

**Ezekiel 33:7-9**

witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. ‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. ‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

### MEDITATION

When you are offended, are you willing to put aside your own grievance and injury in order to help your brother's wound? The Lord Jesus wants to set us free from resentment, ill-will, and an unwillingness to forgive. The love of Christ both purifies and sets us free to do good to all - even those who cause us grief. The call to accountability for what we have done and have failed to do is inevitable and we can't escape it, both in this life and at the day of judgment when the Lord Jesus will return. But while we have the opportunity today, we must not give up on praying for those who cause us offense. With God's help we must seek to make every effort to win them with the grace and power of God's healing love and wisdom. Do you tolerate broken relationships or do you seek to repair them as God gives you the opportunity to mend and restore what is broken? *Lord Jesus, make me an instrument of your healing love and peace. Give me wisdom and courage to bring your healing love and saving truth to those in need of healing and restoration.*



**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
**17 SEPTEMBER 2023**  
**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**YEAR A**  
Sir 27:30 - 28:7; Rom 14:7 - 9; Mt 18:21 - 35

SPEAK TO ME

LORD

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

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**Supporting Safe Communities**

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023  
10 SEPTEMBER

**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.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

This **Sunday, 10 September 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.*

**14 SEPTEMBER - FEAST**  
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. John 3:17

Children's Liturgy  
of the Word

**AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH**

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, (17 September 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: 22 September)**

Our youth group for Primary School Students. It meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month starting at 5:30pm to 6:30pm.  
**Pauline Teen (Next Meeting: 22 September)**  
Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month starting at 8:00pm to 9:00pm.  
For further information please contact Fr. Jeremy at [Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org](mailto:Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org)

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament

**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.

**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.

**CHURCH PROJECTORS**

The Parish is planning to install new projectors inside the Church. The quoted cost for the projectors is **\$13,498**. St Margaret Mary's Parish humbly requests our generous Parishioners for their financial support towards this project.  
**Donation envelopes are placed in the church pews and for the next few weeks.**

*Thank you*  
MAY GOD BLESS YOU

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

**First Collection (Priests)**  
Account: Order of St. Paul The First Hermit Merrylands  
BSB: 062 202 Account Number: 10869892

**Second Collection (Parish)**  
Account: Merrylands Catholic Church  
BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00438

Last weekend First Collection was **\$2681.95**  
Last weekend Second Collection was **\$3158.10**  
*Thank you for you continued support and generosity. God bless.*

**INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, 21 October at 7pm in the Parish Hall**  
**TICKETS GO ON SALE THIS WEEKEND**  
**Adults \$20\* Children 3-12 years \$10\***  
**Infants (under 3 years) Free**  
*\*includes one bottled water*

Tickets will be available from the Piety Shop after all weekend Masses and selected weekday Masses, and from the Parish Office during working hours. There's always a last-minute rush, so buy yours early!

**FOOD PROVIDERS** - Please note that the information session will be held in the Pastoral Centre on **Saturday, 23 September at 9:15am (after the 8:30am Mass)**. It is essential for food providers either to attend this meeting, or if unable to attend to contact **Belinda Tippetts** beforehand **(0401 587 677)**.

**CULTURAL PERFORMANCES** - Any performer representatives who haven't contacted **Peter Carroll (0414 070 082)** should do so ASAP, as the program will be finalised soon.

**PRIZE DONATIONS** - Although the initial response for prize donations for the raffle, door prize, coin tosses, etc. has been short of expectations, there's still time to bring new items (e.g. homewares, electronics, toys, sporting equipment, business vouchers/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 Monday, 18 September 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