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### **Parish Priest**

Our Parish is under the Pastoral Care of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit

(known as the Pauline Fathers) who for more than 630 years are renowned



Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

### **Assistant Priest**

Fr. Jeremy Santoso



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### PARISH INFORMATION

### **PARISH OFFICE:**

1-5 Chetwynd Rd,

MERRYLANDS NSW 2160

Postal Address: PO Box 757, Merrylands. Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am - 3:30pm

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**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

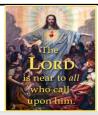
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## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - 24th September 2023

6:00pm



#### **WEEKEND MASSES: WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil Monday: 9:15am

> 7:30am Tuesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm

> 9:00am Wednesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm 10:30am Thursday: 9:00am

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

#### PRAYER: HOLY FATHER-POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTION: SEPTEMBER

Sunday:

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 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** 

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





#### Please remember to switch off your mobile phone

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to and the first, last.' our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

- 1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. (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.)
- 3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

#### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL **Matthew 20:1-16**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us"

they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first,

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

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

#### **MEDITATION**



The Lord Jesus wants to fill each one of us with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit so we can bear great fruit for God's kingdom (the fruit of peace, joy, righteousness, and love) and also bring the fruit of his kingdom to our neighbor as well. We labor for the Lord to bring him praise, honor, and glory. And we labor for our neighbor for their welfare with the same spirit of loving-kindness and compassion which the Lord has shown to us. Paul the Apostle reminds us, "Whatever

your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not others, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward you are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24). Do you perform your daily tasks and responsibilities with cheerfulness and diligence for the Lord's sake? And do you give generously to others, especially to those in need of your care and support? Philippians 1:20-24. 27 Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may serve you joyfully and serve my neighbor willingly with a generous heart, not looking for how much I can get, but rather looking for how much I can give.

#### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 01 OCTOBER 2023 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR A** Ezek 18:25 - 28: Phil 2:1 - 11: Mt 21:28 - 32



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 PARISH to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building up of Your Kingdom. May our parish community truly be, for PRAYER this place and time, the Body of Christ Your Son, through whom we make this prayer. Amen

All children are encouraged to take a copy CHILDREN'S BULLETINS 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.

#### **SUNDAY - 24 SEPTEMBER 2023**

1:00 - 1:30pm Silent Adoration 1:30 - 3:00pm Devotions

Special Holy Mass 3:00 pm All are welcome to come and pray with us.



#### **FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS - 29 SEPTEMBER** ST. MICHAEL - ST. GABRIEL - ST. RAPHAEL



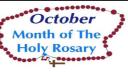




#### **ACOLYTES MEETING SATURDAY - 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

All Acolytes of our Parish are invited to attend a meeting with the Parish Priest on Saturday, 30 September 2023 at 10:00am in the Pastoral Centre.





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"

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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 **CELEBRATING OUR 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY 4 DAY SALE**

28 September - 01 October 2023 10% - 50% off selected items



Morning Tea after 9am Mass on Thursday, 28 September 2023. Please bring a plate to celebrate this special occasion.



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#### **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 \$5439.95.

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 other

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#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- ♦ Mary Callagia ♦ Rita Figredo ♦ Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria
- ♦ Charles Zammit ◆ David O'Connor
- ♦ Marcelina Domingo
- ♦ Jacqueline Parr

### ♦ Leila Rouhana

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

#### First Collection (Priests)

♦ Reuben Dias

♦ Shelly Barnes

♦ Robbie Barnes

♦ Therese Nicolas

♦ Hermie Alves

Account: Order of St. Paul The First Hermit Merrylands BSB: 062 202 Account Number: 10869892

♦ Salam Awkar

Second Collection (Parish)

Account: Merrylands Catholic Church

BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00438

Last weekend First Collection was \$2175.50 Last weekend Second Collection was \$3028.00

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 who didn't attend the information session in the Pastoral Centre this Saturday morning should contact Belinda Tippetts (0401 587 677) ASAP.

**CULTURAL PERFORMANCES** - Any performers who haven' already contacted Peter Carroll (0414 070 082) should do so ASAP as the program will be finalised very soon.

**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, 27 September at 7.30pm. All welcome!



#### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023**

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or

Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolments commence from from Tuesday, 12 September 2023 until Friday, 13 October 2023. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child)

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.



Saturday, 11 November 2023 at

