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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



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in  
**ORDINARY TIME**

October 8, 2023

*'I tell you, then,  
that the kingdom  
of God will be  
taken from you  
and given to a  
people who will  
produce its fruit.'*

### 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

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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.  
*The Word of the Lord.*  
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

1.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)
2.

Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
3.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4.

And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.  
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, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord’s doing and it is wonderful to see? ‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

MEDITATION



Jesus foretold both his death on the cross and his ultimate triumph. He knew he would be rejected and put to death, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come glory - the glory of his resurrection from the grave and his ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven.

The Lord blesses his people today with the gift of his kingdom - a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. And he promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him (see John 15:1-11). He entrusts his gifts and grace (unmerited favor and blessing) to each of us and he gives us work to do in his vineyard - the body of Christ in our midst today. He promises that our labor for him will not be in vain if we persevere with faith to the end (see 1 Corinthians 15:58). We can expect trials and even persecution. But in the end we will see triumph. Do you follow and serve the Lord Jesus with joyful hope and confidence in the victory he has won for you and the gift of abundant new life in the Holy Spirit?  
*Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us - for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. O most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, for your own sake.*


**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**  
**15 OCTOBER 2023**  
**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**YEAR A**  
*Is 25:6 - 10; Phil 4:12 - 14, 19 - 20; Mt 22:1 - 14*

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OUR  
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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



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**  
This **Sunday,08 October 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.*

**YOUTH GROUP @ SMM**  
**Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 13 October)**  
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: 13 October)**  
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)




Children’s Liturgy  
of the Word

**AT ST. MARGARET MARY’S PARISH**  
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 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.  
**The 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**).

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!**

**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.



**GOD’S WORD 2024**  
We request our Parishioners to support our Parish with their generous purchase of **GOD’S WORD 2024** for a **special price of \$22 (limited stock available)**.  
Purchases may be done from the Piety Shop. **Thank you.**

*Thank you  
HAPPY GOD BLESS YOU*

**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 \$8197.60**  
Our Parish humbly requests our generous Parishioners for their financial support towards this project. **Donation envelopes are placed in the church pews and other payment options are:**  
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**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	◆ Cheryl Fortini



**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



**2 WEEKS TO GO**

**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.
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Tickets are available at the Piety Shop after all weekend Masses and some weekday Masses. Avoid the last-minute rush by buying yours early!

**Attractive Raffle hampers are on display in the Piety Shop.**

**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, 10 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.



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