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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 Custodians of the Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Jasna Gora, Poland.

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Year B
07 April 2024

Divine Mercy & Second Sunday of Easter

WEEKEND MASSES	WEEKDAY MASSES	RECONCILIATION
Saturday 6:00pm Vigil	Monday 9:15am	Tuesday 8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Tuesday 9:00am & 7:00pm Wednesday 9:00am & 7:00pm Thursday 9:00am Friday 9:00am & 7:00pm Saturday 9:00am	Wednesday 8:30am-8:55am Thursday 8:30am-8:55am Friday 8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm Saturday 8:30am-8:55am 4:30pm-5:55pm

PRAYER: HOLY FATHER-POPE FRANCIS
MONTHLY INTENTION: APRIL
For The Role of Women
Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

FIRST FRIDAY:
11:00am: Maltese Mass
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

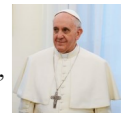
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) SESSIONS - SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:00am Mass followed by session 10:00am - 11:00am

- 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

MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

SICK CALLS: 9637 2526- option 3 - any time



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

- 1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John
Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

MEDITATION

Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 14 APRIL 2024 THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER - Year B Acts 3:13-15,17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

OUR PARISH PRAYER Father, through the intercession of St. Margaret Mary, 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.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St Margaret Mary's ST MARGARET MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 1-5 CHETWYND ROAD MERRYLANDS NSW 7 APRIL 2024 12:00pm-4pm

Solemnity of the ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Monday - 08 April 2024 at 9:15 am Mass

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 12 April) Pauline Teen (Next Meeting: 12 April)

Bishop Vincent celebrates Vigil Mass - 13 April The Vigil Mass on Saturday, 13 April 2024 at 6:00pm will be celebrated by our Bishop of Parramatta.

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 New Eve - Mary with Dr. Brant Pitre Wednesday after 7pm in the Pastoral Centre Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries?

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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY You are invited to experience the joy of "the Word of God" on Thursdays at 7:00pm at St. Margaret Mary's Pastoral Centre.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024 Sacrament of Reconciliation Enrolments commence from Tuesday, 27 February until Friday, 26 April 2024. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or available at our Parish Office during working hours.

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

'Return & Earn' Parish Fundraising The parish is trialling a fundraising initiative based on the 'Return & Earn' recycling cash-back scheme. Parishioners are invited to put their unwanted EMPTY drink containers labelled with the "10c" refund logo in the 'Return & Earn' cage outside the western entrance of the Pastoral Centre.

STMM PIETY SHOP We request our Parishioners to support our Parish Piety Corner Shop with their generous purchase. To commemorate Divine Mercy Sunday 07 April, our Piety Shop is selling beautifully wrapped boxes of Divine Mercy candles for \$7 each.

Thank you to everyone who helped serve, prepare, and lead in Holy Week services. We truly appreciate everyone who helped clean, decorate and prepare our Church for Holy Week and Easter & helped adorn the Altar and Sanctuary for these important celebrations.

PRAYER REQUESTS Rita Figredo, Marcelina Domingo, Shelly Barnes, Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria, Jacqueline Parr, Robbie Barnes, Salam Awkar, Cheryl Fortini, Therese Nicolas, Lella Rouhana, Margaret Falzon, Hermie Alves, Charles Zammit, Mary Callagja, David O'Connor