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ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH MERRYLANDS



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.

Parish Priest

Fr. Wojciech Sliwa



Fr. Jeremy Santoso



6:30pm-6:55pm

4:30pm-5:55pm

Saturday 8:30am-8:55am

Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae

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• Secretary: Rita Jacobson parishcouncil@stmm.org.au

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• Kathy-lynn Azzi – 0416 225 815



Year B

07 April 2024



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

Friday 9:00am & 7:00pm

Saturday 9:00am

PRAYER: HOLY FATHER-POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTION: APRIL

For The Role of Women

6:00pm

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





Please remember to switch off your mobile phone

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 apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

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.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
- 2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R.)
- 3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John

not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

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

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 disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

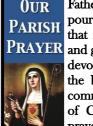


Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful

of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God. Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each 1 John 5:1-6 of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy? and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom Lord Jesus Christ, through your victory over sin and death you he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love have overcome all the powers of sin and darkness. Help me to God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving draw near to you and to trust in your life-giving word. Fill me with God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are your Holy Spirit and strengthen my faith in your promises and my hope in the power of your resurrection.

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



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 PRAYER 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 orayer. Amen.



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)

ENQUIRIES: ANNIE 0414652479 Email: divinemercyteam3@gmail.co

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Our youth group for Primary School Students. It meets on the 2nd& 4th Friday of the month starting at 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Pauline Teen (Next Meeting: 12 April)

Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd& 4th Friday of the month starting at 7:30pm to

For further information please contact Fr. Jeremy at Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org

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. We encourage our Parishioners to attend and give him a warm welcome to our Parish.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

On 2ndSunday 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, 14 April 2024. Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office.

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?

In this 8-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.



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" on Thursdays at 7:00pm at St. Margaret Mary's Pastoral Centre. For further gueries, contact Gwen on 9632 9097



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. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child).

Parents Night: Monday, 08 April at 7pm. **Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre**

Sacrament of Reconciliation program is divided into two groups taught by Monique Kairouz & assisted by Fr. Jeremy Santoso.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

All preparation sessions will be held on WEDNESDAYS with two time slots to choose from: 5:30 - 6:30pm or 7:00 - 8:00pm

Session 1: 01 MAY Session 2: 08 MAY Session 3: 15 MAY Session 4: 22 MAY



Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Monday,

27 May 2024 at 6:00pm inside the Church.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS



First Collection (Priests)

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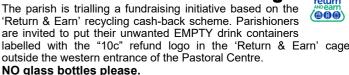
Second Collection (Parish)

Account: Merrylands Catholic Church BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00438

> Last weekend First Collection - \$4701.50 Last weekend Second Collection - \$5375.60 Holy Land Collection - \$4078.95 Project Compassion Collection - \$1970.60

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

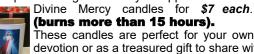
'Return & Earn' Parish Fundraising



All proceeds will go to the parish youth groups

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Thank you to everyone who helped serve. prepare, and lead in Holy Week services.

Reuben Dias

♦ Shelly Barnes

♦ Robbie Barnes

♦ Therese Nicolas

♦ Hermie Alves

♦ Mary Callagia



HE IS RISEN We truly appreciate everyone who helped clean, decorate and prepare our Church for Holy Week and Easter 8 helped adorn the Altar and Sanctuary for these important celebrations. The Church truly looks magnificent and is a monument to the Glory of the Risen I ord We truly appreciate our musicians and

choir for leading us in song throughout our Easter Liturgies. To all of our Acolytes, Altar Boys and Readers for making our Liturgies reverent and meaningful. May Almighty God Bless you for all the wonderful work you do for our Parish community!

PRAYER REQUESTS

♦ Rita Figredo

♦ Leila Rouhana

♦ Charles Zammit

♦ David O'Connor

♦ Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria

♦ Jacqueline Parr ♦ Salam Awkar

♦ Cheryl Fortini

♦ Margaret Falzon

♦ Marcelina Domingo



A reading from the holy Gospel according to John