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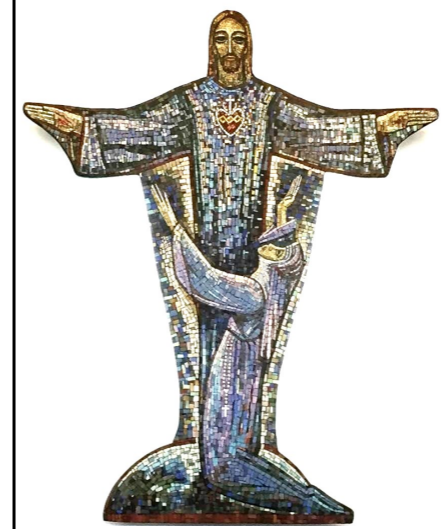
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ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH MERRYLANDS



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
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Assistant Priest
Fr. Jeremy Santoso



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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B
John 10, 11-18

21st April 2024

SUNDAY MASSES	WEEKDAY MASSES	RECONCILIATION
Saturday 6:00pm Vigil	Monday 9:15am	Tuesday 8:30am-8:55am 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 6:30pm-6:55pm
Vespers 5:15-5:45pm	Friday 9:00am & 7:00pm	Saturday 8:30am-8:55am 4:30pm-5:55pm
6:00pm	Saturday 9:00am	

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2024
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

- DEVOTIONS:**
- ♦ Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Succour)
Wednesday: after morning Mass
 - ♦ Marian Movement Cenacle
Saturday: 8:00am before 9:00am Mass
 - ♦ 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 (not during Advent, Lent, Divine Mercy Sunday & Corpus Christi Sunday)
Baptism Preparation: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month - 10:30am Mass followed by session.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Sunday morning: 9:00am Mass followed by session 10:00am - 11:00am

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

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. *(R.)*
- I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. *(R.)*
- Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. *(R.)*

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

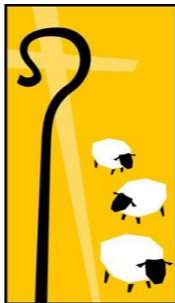
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

MEDITATION

Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands. *Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who keeps watch over our lives. May I be ever attentive to your voice and submit fully to your wise rule for my life. Draw me near to you that I may always find peace and joy in your presence.*



SPEAK TO ME LORD

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
28 APRIL 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Year B

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

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. May our parish community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ Your Son, through whom we make this prayer. *Amen.*

PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal
20 & 21 April 2024

This weekend, our Parish proudly supports the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal to support our future priests to be "fishers of people". **Our Parish quota is approx. \$8000 for this Appeal therefore we request our Parishioners for their generous contributions.**

Support our seminarians to "go out into the deep" to nourish our community's spiritual and pastoral needs and give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal via envelopes or @yourcatholicfoundation.org.au appeal **Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH
Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, (21 April 2024) there will be a Children's Liturgy during the 10:30am Mass.
All children are welcome to attend.

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.

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

ANZAC DAY MASS
25 April 2024 - 9:00am

Dedicated to honour the brave members of the ANZACS who fought for our country and peace in our region.

You are invited to bring a photo or medals of your loved one who have served and died for our nation. These can be placed in front of the altar before Mass.

SUNDAY - 28 APRIL 2024

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

All are welcome to come and pray with us.

DIVINE MERCY

MAY DEVOTIONS

During the month of May, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after all Morning Masses and recitation of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Act of Consecration.

Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ from His incarnation and birth until His ascension, the day of Pentecost and the expectation of Blessed hope and of the Lord's return. In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God** who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her, the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. (SC102, 103)

Pilgrimage to Penrose Park
Our Lady of Fatima Day
(Monday 13 May 2024)

The Parish Piety Shop is planning to organise a Pilgrimage to Penrose Park to celebrate Fatima Day on **Monday, 13 May 2024**. Kindly contact Lydia or Santy as soon as possible at the Piety Shop if you are interested in attending the Pilgrimage.

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**

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

You are invited to experience the joy of "The Bible and the Church Fathers" on **Thursdays at 7:00pm** at St. Margaret Mary's Pastoral Centre. For further queries, 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).**

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)
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 - \$2619.45
Last weekend Second Collection - \$3367.85

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

'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. **NO glass bottles please.**

All proceeds will go to the parish youth groups

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. **Thank you.**

DISABLED PARKING ONLY

We request our Parishioners to please be reminded that parking in disabled designated spots are only for people who have less mobility and difficulty walking. We truly appreciate your kind consideration by not parking in the disabled spaces.

Table Tennis social nights

Every Tuesday evening, in the Pastoral Centre after 7:00pm Mass. **All are welcome.**

For safety and safeguarding reasons, we kindly request all parents / carers to ensure to accompany their children to the toilets and the play area in the school premises at all times. **Thank you for your cooperation.**

Child SAFETY

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Reuben Dias
- ◆ Shelly Barnes
- ◆ Robbie Barnes
- ◆ Therese Nicolas
- ◆ Hermie Alves
- ◆ Mary Callagja
- ◆ Rita Figredo
- ◆ Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria
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