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## PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH OFFICE:**  
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Email: parish@stmm.org.au  
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**PARISH GROUPS CO-ORDINATORS:**  
**Secretary:** Denise Fernandes  
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♦ **Chair:** Fr Janusz Pawlicha, OSPPE  
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♦ Mike Jacobson - 0438 590 136

**Catechists:** Sonia Abi-Rached

**Music :** Kerry van der Linden

**Sacraments:** Fr Joseph Maria Buckley

**Acolytes / RCIA :** Peter Carroll - 0414 070 082

**Readers:** Gwen D'Silva

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**Pauline Teen:** Fr Joseph / Rita Jacobson

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
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**10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**



### 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: APRIL

#### For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

#### 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: 9:30 am - 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

5:15 pm - 5:45pm

#### RCIA SESSIONS- SUNDAY MORNINGS

9am Mass followed by Session 10 am - 11am

#### DEVOTIONS:

- ♦ **Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**  
Tuesday: after morning Mass  
Wednesday: 6:30pm before 7:00pm Mass
- ♦ **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 - 9am - 9.30am and 4.30pm-5.30pm (or by appointment)

#### MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

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## THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:  
 \* Hosanna in the highest!  
 Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!  
 O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.  
 Let him enter, the king of glory!  
 Who is this king of glory?  
 He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.  
 \* Hosanna in the highest!  
 Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Is 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
- Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
- They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
- I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Phil 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
 Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.  
 Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.  
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### GOSPEL

Lk 22:14 - 23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

### MEDITATION:

Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9): Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of

his glory?  
 Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honoured as the King of glory!



### NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

15 April to 23 April 2022  
 in preparation for  
 Divine Mercy Sunday on 24 April 2022

15 April - Good Friday - 2:30pm  
 16 April - Easter Vigil - 6:30pm  
 17 April - Easter Sunday - 10:00am  
 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 April - after 09:00am Morning Mass  
 23 April - Saturday - 9:00am after 8.30am Mass

### JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR TO SING AT THE EASTER VIGIL MASS ON 16 APRIL

Please come forward and join the Parish Choir and be part of our Easter Vigil Family Mass at 7pm.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAY - following 9:00am Mass  
 FRIDAY - following 7:00pm Mass  
 FRIDAYS IN LENT: ROSARY - 6:30pm & HOLY MASS - 7:00pm  
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:30pm following 7pm Mass

### LENTEN MORNING DEVOTIONS

FOLLOWING ALL MORNING MASS (excluding Wednesday)

During the period of Lent, all are invited to join in our special Lenten devotions after the morning Mass. We will be reciting the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Christ.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- |                             |                          |                     |
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| ♦ Teresa Saad               | ♦ Alice Said             | ♦ Josephine Hanna   |
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| ♦ Susan Pace                | ♦ Raymond Laoulach       |                     |
| ♦ Branko Soric              | ♦ Ramona Sassine         |                     |
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| ♦ Jocelyn Santos            | ♦ Bob Sinclair           |                     |
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### 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. If you can spare 1/2 hour or more, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed after morning Mass every Thursday until 2.30pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME**



### 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'.  
 Every First Friday of the month after 7pm Mass, Scriptural Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, & Nine Office of the Sacred Heart of Jesus until Midnight.  
 Every Friday (except 1st Friday of the month) the Adoration Service will commence after 7:00pm Mass until 10:00pm  
**"IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

17 APRIL 2022

### EASTER SUNDAY

of the RESURRECTION of the LORD - YEAR C  
 Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

### OUR PARISH 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

### Table Tennis social nights

Every Tuesday evening, in the Pastoral Centre from approx 7:30 pm after the evening Mass.  
 \* Players of all abilities welcome & refreshments provided



**PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD**  
 SATURDAY (09 April) - 6:00pm - Vigil  
 SUNDAY (10 April) - 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm  
 (Blessings of palms and olive branches at all Masses)  
 MONDAY (11 April) - 9:15am  
 TUESDAY (12 April) - 9:00am & 7:00pm  
 WEDNESDAY (13 April) - 9:00am {NO 7:00pm Mass}  
 Thursday of Holy Week (14 April) - No Morning Mass  
 Thursday of the LORD'S SUPPER - 7:00pm  
 Friday of the PASSION of the LORD  
 Good Friday (15 April)  
 Stations of the Cross - 10:00am  
 Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm  
 Holy Saturday (16 April) - No Morning Mass  
 The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (16 April) - 7:00pm  
 EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD (17 April) - 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm

### EASTER CANDLES

Easter glass candles are being sold at the Parish. We request our Parishioners to support our Parish with their generous purchase. These candles are perfect for your own personal devotion or as a treasured gift to share with others.  
**Easter candle \$12 each (burns up to 7days)**  
 We have limited stock so hurry and get yours.  
 Contact the Parish Office during working hours for purchase of candles or further details. Thank you.

### GOOD FRIDAY- 15 April 2022

Please remember that fasting and abstinence (especially from meat- incl chicken) is to be observed on **Good Friday**.  
**All adults between the age of 18 & 60** are expected to observe the laws of fasting - 1 main meal and simple snacks (no sweet).  
 Those **14 years and over** to observe the law of abstinence- (3 simple meals -no meat or treats).

### Good Friday Collection For The Holy Land

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birth-place of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.  
 Your donations will support the missionary work in the Holy Land.  
 Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

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### Easter Monday 18 April 2022 at 2:45pm

The Association of the Holy Shroud invites you to the 31st Annual Holy Shroud Fiesta Celebration  
 Easter Monday, 18th April 2022 at 2:45 pm  
 St Margaret Mary's Catholic Church Merrylands Road, cnr Chetwynd Road, MERRYLANDS NSW  
 Co-celebrated Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction, and Eucharistic Procession followed by refreshments at the Pastoral Centre  
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