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Assistant Priest
 Fr Joseph Maria Buckley



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20th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year C
14th August 2022



<u>WEEKEND MASSES:</u>	<u>WEEKDAY MASSES:</u>
Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil	Monday: 9:15am
Sunday: 7:30am	Tuesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
9:00am	Wednesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
10:30am	Thursday: 9:00am
6:00pm	Friday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
	Saturday: 8:30am

PRAYER: HOLY FATHER-POPE FRANCIS'

MONTHLY INTENTION: AUGUST

For small businesses
 We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their 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
 4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm- Divine Mercy Devotions
 1st Friday of the month: approx. 8:30pm- midnight

VESPERS- SUNDAY EVENINGS
 5:15 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
 4th Sunday of the month: 1.00pm - 3.00pm, 3.00pm - Holy Mass

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd 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)

SICK CALLS: 9637 2526- option 3 or 0412 625 187 - any time



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

- 1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! (R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

MEDITATION:



Do you want to be on fire for God? Jesus shocked his disciples when he declared that he would cast fire and cause division rather than peace upon the earth. What kind of fire did Jesus have in mind here? Why did Jesus link fire from heaven with costly division on the earth? Did he expect his followers to take his statement of "father against son and son against father" and "mother against daughter and daughter against mother" literally? Or was he intentionally using a figure of speech to emphasize the choice and cost of following him above all else?

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Monday 15 August 2022



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday 15th August 2022 in our Parish. This is a Holy Day of Obligation which means that every Catholic is bound to attend Mass.

MASS TIMES:

9:15am Solemn Mass
12 Noon Solemn Mass
6:30pm Exposition, Holy Rosary & Litany
7:00pm Solemn Mass

THANK YOU Tony, Ray & Team for installing the red carpet tiles in the Sanctuary inside the Church. We truly appreciate everything you do for the Parish. God Bless You.

SOLAR PANELS & AIR CONDITIONING (REVERSE CYCLE) SYSTEM IN OUR PARISH

The Parish is in the process of installing solar panels to curtail the rising cost of energy bills. The Parish Priest has finalised the agreement and installation will commence in the next 6 weeks. The Parish is also looking into installing an air conditioning split system inside the Church before summer begins and we are currently looking at different price quotations. St Margaret Mary's Parish humbly requests our generous Parishioners for their financial support towards these projects. Donation envelopes are placed in the church pews and for other payment options kindly contact our Parish Office.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Reuben Dias, Leonardo Pedavoli, Shelly Barnes, Robbie Barnes, Therese Nicolas, Ivy Aza, Hermie Alves, Joseph Fucile, Nancy Surace



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



SUPPORT

We request our generous Parishioners, if possible to kindly continue to financially support our Parish by contributing towards their Planned giving, Sunday Collections or donations to the Church.

Payment options are: QUEST Tap to Donate (3 devices inside the Church) Cash (Parish Office during office hours) Credit Card (Parish Office during office hours) Cheques payable to: St Margaret Mary's Parish -Merrylands PO Box 757, Merrylands NSW 2160 Direct Debit: BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00438 Account Name: Merrylands Catholic Church (Please specify details of your contribution i.e. Envelope Number or First Collection or Second Collection).

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"



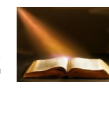
SCRIPTURE STUDY

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



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 21 AUGUST 2022 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30



CENACLE GROUP

A devotion to Our Lady will commence this month with the Marian Movement Cenacle founded by Fr Gobbi in 1972. Our Lady invites us to enter into the cenacle of her Immaculate Heart by means of our consecration and prayers of the rosary. Please join us every Wednesday evenings at 6pm before the 7pm mass. If you have any questions please call cenacle organisers Sarah 0415295146 Suzanne 0422197462

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022



Sacrament of First Holy Communion program is divided into two groups taught by Fr. Joseph Maria Buckley & assisted by Monique Kairouz.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM:

All preparation sessions held on MONDAYS or WEDNESDAYS at 6:00pm

Session 4: 15 AUGUST or 17 AUGUST 2022

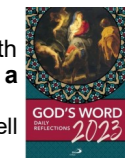
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

Rehearsal for the First Holy Communion Ceremony is Monday, 22 August or Wednesday, 24 August at 6pm inside the Church.



Sunday- 28 August at 10:30am Sunday- 04 September at 10:30am

GOD'S WORD 2023



We request our Parishioners to support our Parish with their generous purchase of GOD'S WORD 2023 for a special price of \$20.

Purchases may be done from the Parish Office as well during working hours. Thank you.



NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA 19 AUGUST - 27 AUGUST 2022

The Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa will be celebrated on Sunday 28 August 2022. The Pauline Fathers are the official custodians of this icon. Throughout history, the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa has been a source of inspiration and courage to many; including Polish leaders of the army and royalty She has helped them to achieve miraculous victories & feats, against all odds.

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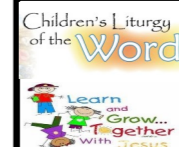
O Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant Assumption into heaven where angels and saints acclaim you as Queen. Through your Holy Icon, O Our Lady of Mercy, flow healing and wholeness in abundance to all who draw near to it in faith and love.

Queen of Mercy, we turn to you for protection, listen to our prayers and help us in our needs. Do not cease to shine before the pilgrim people of God as a sign of sure hope and consolation. We entrust to you all troubled families, the innocent and unborn children, the elderly with no one to help them, and all who are alone and without hope. Guide and sustain us, O Virgin Mary, on our journey of faith so that we might always live as true sons and daughters of the Church and obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation.

Enable all to meet Christ, the light of the World and its only Saviour, The Way, the Truth and the Life, who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Hail Mary X 3

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen



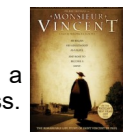
AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, there will be a Children's Liturgy during the 10:30am Mass commencing from 21 August 2022.

All children are welcome to attend.

Parish Movie Night Saturday - 20 August 2022

Please come join us in the Pastoral Center to watch a movie (Monsieur Vincent) after the 6pm evening Mass. Film will be followed by a short talk/discussion.



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.

This Sunday we remember in our prayers Mr & Mrs Vujevic (celebrating 55 years on 14 August) and Jun & Tess (celebrating 50 years on 20 August).

The next blessing will be on Sunday, 11 September 2022. Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office with their relevant details.