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 Fr Joseph Maria Buckley



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Music : Kerry van der Linden

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YOUTH GROUP:
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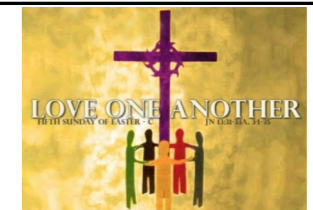
Legion of Mary: Merwyn D'Souza - 0478 109 569

Playgroup: Nicole Gadd - 0402 350 170

St Vincent de Paul: 88619757



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)
15th MAY 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: MAY
For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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 - 11 am

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



Please remember to switch off your mobile phone

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 14:21 - 27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

- 1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Rv 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 13:31 - 35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you

a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

MEDITATION:



We were made for glory - the glory which comes from God and which lasts forever. That glory can only be obtained in the cross of Jesus Christ. And the price for that glory is the total offering of our lives for the One who loved us first and who died on the cross to save us from everlasting death and destruction.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL 28 & 29 MAY 2022

Please support our seminarians to answer God's call to the priesthood.

On 29 & 30 May, our Parish is proud to be supporting Parramatta Catholic Foundation's Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal. Your caring gift and prayers are needed to support our seminarians to prepare for a life of service to our community.

22 MAY 2022

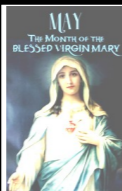
1:00 - 1:30pm Silent Adoration
1:30 - 3:00pm Devotions
3:00 pm Special Holy Mass
All are welcome to come and pray with us.



REGINA CAELI

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia.
V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray, O God, who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



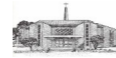
MAY DEVOTIONS

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Tony Ostojic, Shelly Barnes, Teresa Saad, Christopher Oldham, Simon Khoury, Sonia & Pierre Abi-Rached, Therese Nicolas, Nikola Jerkovic, Susan Pace, Branko Soric, Gloria Lavitoria, Jocelyn Santos, Joanna Essey, Giovanna Prestipino, Ireneo Vicencio, Alice Said, Diab Baysari, Mario & Tereza Cutajar, Mary Essey, Katrina & Maria Smith, Carolina Morante, Raymond Laoulach, Ramona Sassine, John Bartolo, Bob Sinclair, Barbara Hanna, Anthony Hanna, Carlos Rivanar, Josephine Hanna, Leonardo Pedavoli, Smiljana Milina, Roneth Jaro, Jayden Jong, Reuben Dias



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



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

22 MAY 2022 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

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.



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'

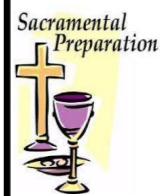
SCRIPTURE STUDY

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

Table Tennis social nights

Every Tuesday evening, in the Pastoral Centre from approx 7:30 pm after the evening Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022



Sacrament of Reconciliation Enrolments commence from Tuesday, 26 April until Friday, 20 May 2022. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child). Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or available at our Parish Office during working hours.

Parents Night: Monday, 23 May or Wednesday, 25 May at 6pm. Venue: Inside the Church

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

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

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

Session 1: 30 MAY 2022 or 01 JUNE 2022
Session 2: 06 JUNE 2022 or 08 JUNE 2022
Session 3: 13 JUNE 2022 or 15 JUNE 2022
Session 4: 20 JUNE 2022 or 22 JUNE 2022
Venue: Inside the Church

Details of Sacrament of First Reconciliation to follow soon.



DEVOTIONAL RELIGIOUS CANDLES

A variety of devotional 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.

Small candle \$5 each (burns upto 70 hours)
Large candle \$10 each (burns upto 7days)
Easter candle \$12 each (burns up to 7days)

Kindly contact the Parish Office during working hours for purchase of candles or further details. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Young Adults: Our youth group for young adults aged 18-30. It meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month after 7pm evening Mass. Next Meeting: 20 May



RCIA PROGRAM

RCIA is an ongoing Apostolate in this Parish. The RCIA Apostolate consists of a dedicated team of volunteers who have received instructions to guide anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church through weekly preparations classes and regular Mass attendance.

If you know of anyone who wishes to enter the Catholic Faith, who has been baptised in another Faith or unbaptised and wishes to complete the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church; Please see our Priests after Mass during the weekends or contact the RCIA Coordinator Peter Carroll on 0414 070 082 or the Parish Office.

Parish Movie Night Saturday - 21 May 2022

Please come join us in the Pastoral Center to watch a movie on Saturday, 21st May after the 6pm evening Mass. Film will be followed by a short talk/discussion.



Enrolments

For Kindergarten 2023 Will close Sunday 22nd May

If you have a child born between 1 August 2017 & 31 July 2018

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or on our School Website

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'Okay Meg, I admit it...I read the Bible by letting it flip open at random... but did you HAVE to bend the pages, so it would always stop at 'Ephesians 5:28''?