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 ♦ **Chair:** Gwen D'Silva
 Fr Janusz Pawlicha, OSPPE
 ♦ **Secretary:** Monique Kairouz

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 ♦ Mike Jacobson - 0438 590 136

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Music : Kerry van der Linden

Sacraments: Fr Joseph Maria Buckley

Acolytes / RCIA : Peter Carroll - 0414 070 082

Readers: Gwen D'Silva

YOUTH GROUP:
Pauline Teen: Fr Joseph / Rita Jacobson

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

Playgroup: Nicole Gadd - 0402 350 170

St Vincent de Paul: 88619757



26th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Year C
25th September 2022

WEEKEND MASSES:		WEEKDAY MASSES:	
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: SEPTEMBER
For the abolition of the death penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

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

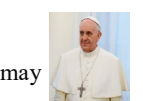
- DEVOTIONS:**
- ♦ **Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Succour)**
Wednesday: after morning Mass
Wednesday: 6:00pm before 7:00pm Mass (Marian Movement Cenacle)
 - ♦ **Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus:**
Tuesday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
 - ♦ **Divine Mercy Devotions**
4th Sunday of the month: 1.00pm - 3.00pm, 3.00pm - Holy Mass

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

RECONCILIATION:
Tues - Fri 8.30 - 8.55am
Sat - 9am - 9.30am and 4.30pm-5.30pm

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

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Amos

Am 6:1. 4-7

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

- It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
- It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
- He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

1 Tm 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In his torment in Hades he looked up

and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." "The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,

by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

MEDITATION:

The name Lazarus means God is my help. Despite a life of misfortune and suffering, Lazarus did not lose hope in God. His eyes were set on a treasure stored up for him in heaven. The rich man, however, could not see beyond his material wealth and possessions. He not only had everything he needed, he selfishly spent all he had on himself. He was too absorbed in what he possessed to notice the needs of those around him. He lost sight of God and the treasure of heaven because he was preoccupied with seeking happiness in material things. He served wealth rather than God. In the end the rich man became a beggar! Do you know the joy and freedom of possessing God as your true and lasting treasure? Those who put their hope and security in the kingdom of heaven will not be disappointed

Lord Jesus, you are my joy and my treasure. Make me rich in the things of your heavenly kingdom and give me a generous heart that I may freely share with others the spiritual and material treasures you have given to me.



October

Month of the Holy Rosary



THE ROSARY

is a prayerful exercise comprised of both meditation and vocal prayer.

While praying the prayers of the Rosary, meditation focuses on the lives of Jesus and Mary.

There are four mysteries of the Rosary: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious.

During the month of October, there will be recitation of The Holy Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of every Morning Mass.

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

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



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



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.

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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

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

02 OCTOBER 2022

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2Tim 1:6-8,13-14; Lk 17:5-9

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.**



25 SEPTEMBER 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.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION 2022



Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolments commence from Tuesday, 23 August 2022 until Friday, 07 October 2022. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child)

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or are available at our Parish Office during working hours.

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:

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

Parents Night & Session 1: 10 October or 12 October 2022

Session 2: 17 October or 19 October 2022

Session 3: 24 October or 26 October 2022

Session 4: 31 October or 02 November 2022

Rehearsal: 07 November or 09 November 2022

Venue: Pastoral Centre



CONFIRMATION Saturday, 12 November 2022 at 6:00pm



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT PRAYER

On the weekend (08 - 09 October) Saturday Vigil and Sundays Masses, all the children enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation are requested along with their parents to attend any one of the weekend Mass.

At the end of the Mass, they will be invited forward to say the Enrolment Prayer as a spiritual beginning to the child's formation in the Sacrament. All children enrolled in the program are expected to attend.

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Young Adults (Next Meeting: 16 October)

Our youth group for young adults aged 18-30. It meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after 6pm evening Mass.

Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 14 October)

Our youth group for Primary School Students. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month starting at 5:15pm ending just before the evening mass.

Pauline Teen (Next Meeting: 14 October)

Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month after 7pm evening Mass.



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 Co-ordinator Peter Carroll on 0414 070 082** or the Parish Office.

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)

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September 29 is the feast of The Archangels
St. MICHAEL, St. GABRIEL and St. RAPHAEL

