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Fr. Jeremy Santoso

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06th
April
2025

SUNDAY MASSES		WEEKDAY MASSES		RECONCILIATION	
Saturday	6:00pm Vigil	Monday	9:15am	Tuesday	8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
Sunday	7:30am 9:00am	Tuesday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Wednesday	8:30am-8:55am
	10:30am	Wednesday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Thursday	8:30am-8:55am
Vespers	5:15-5:45pm 6:00pm	Thursday	9:00am	Friday	8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
		Friday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Saturday	8:30am-8:55am 4:30pm-5:55pm
		Saturday	9:00am		

FIRST FRIDAY:

11:00am: Maltese Mass
07:00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Thursday-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
Every Saturday Adoration: 4:30pm-5:45pm

DEVOTIONS:

Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus - Tuesday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Succour) - Wednesday after 9:00am Mass
Novena to The Holy Family - Wednesday after 7:00pm Mass
Novena to St. Margaret Mary every Friday morning mass
Marian Movement Cenacle - Friday: 5:00pm (Children's Rosary)
Saturday: 8:00am before 9:00am Mass
Men's Rosary Crusade - 1st Saturday of the month after 9:00am Mass
Divine Mercy - 4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 3:00pm (3:00pm - Holy Mass)

BAPTISMS:

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
(not during Advent, Month of January, 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



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. *(R.)*
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. *(R.)*
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. *(R.)*
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

MEDITATION

Are you ready to be changed and transformed in Christ-like holiness? God never withholds his grace from us. His steadfast love and mercy is new every day (Lamentations 3:22-23). Through the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit we can be changed and made new in Christ. He can set us free from our unruly desires and passions. When the adulterous woman is left alone with Jesus, he both expresses mercy and he strongly exhorts her to not sin again. The scribes wished to condemn, Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health. His challenge involved a choice - either to go back to her former way of sin and death or to reach out to God's offer of forgiveness, restoration, and new life in his kingdom of peace and righteousness. Jesus gave her pardon and a new start on life. God's grace enables us to confront our sin for what it is - unfaithfulness to God, and to turn back to God with a repentant heart and a thankful spirit for God's mercy and forgiveness. Do you know the joy of repentance and a clean conscience?
Lord, help us embrace new beginnings, strive toward our goals in Christ, and show mercy to others. Guide us to trust in Your promises and grow in our faith. Amen.



SPEAK TO ME LORD

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
13 APRIL 2025 (Year C)
PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
First Reading: *Is 50:4-7*
Second Reading: *Phil 2:6-11*
Gospel: *Lk 22:14-23:56*

PRAYER INTENTION - APRIL 2025
Universal Intention
For the use of the new technologies
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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.*

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025
FIRST RECONCILIATION
Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held inside the Church on:
MONDAY - 07 APRIL 2025 at 6:00pm
Parents are welcome to get their Reconciliation done by the priests on the day as well.

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION
TUESDAY - 08 April 2025 after 7:00pm Mass
The 2nd rite of Reconciliation will be held on **08 April after 7:00pm Mass** in preparation for Easter.

ACOLYTES MEETING
THURSDAY - 10 APRIL 2025
All Acolytes of our Parish are invited to attend a meeting with the Parish Priest on **Thursday, 10 April at 07:30pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

YOUTH GROUP @ STMM
Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 11 April)
Our youth group for Primary School Students. It meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month starting at 5:30pm to 6:30pm.
Pauline Teen (Next Meeting: 11 April)
Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month starting at 8:00pm to 9:00pm. For further information please contact Fr. Jeremy at Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org

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.
The next blessing will be on **Sunday, 13 April 2025**. Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office.

Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY {Passion of the Lord}
Saturday (12 April) - 6:00pm - Vigil
Sunday (13 April) - 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm
(Blessings of palms and olive branches at all Masses)
Monday (14 April) - 9:15am
Tuesday (15 April) - 9:00am & 7:00pm
Wednesday (16 April) - 9:00am {NO 7:00pm Mass}
Thursday (17 April) - No Morning Mass
Thursday of the LORD'S SUPPER - 7:00pm
Friday of the PASSION of the LORD {Good Friday} (18 April)
Stations of the Cross - 10:00am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm
Holy Saturday (19 April) - No Morning Mass
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Saturday 19 April) - 6:30pm
SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION {EASTER} (20 April)
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
18 April to 26 April 2025
Divine Mercy Sunday on 27 April 2025
18 April - Good Friday - 2:30pm
19 April - Easter Vigil - 6:00 pm
20 April - Easter Sunday - 10:00am
21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 April - after Morning Mass

Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church - Parousia Academy
Wednesday after 7pm Mass in the Pastoral Centre
Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, presented by popular educator Fr John Flader, explains the principal teachings of the Church in a way anyone can understand and shows how they can be lived out in ordinary life.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WEDNESDAY - after 9:00am Mass
FRIDAY - after 7:00pm Mass

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE
You are invited to experience *Metanoia*—meaning *transformation* which reflects the deep change of heart that God invites us into during Lent.
Every Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

During HOLY WEEK, there will be NO

- * Religious Talk (resume Wednesday, 23 April)
- * Eucharistic Adoration (resume Thursday, 24 April)
- * Scripture Study (resume Thursday, 24 April)

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

First Collection (Priests) Pauline Fathers
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Second Collection (Parish)
Account: Merrylands Catholic Church
BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00438

Last weekend First Collection - \$2967.10
Last weekend Second Collection - \$3491.45
Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

CYP GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK
18 - 19 APRIL 2025 (9:00PM - 7:00AM)
Hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta's youth ministry office, the Good Friday Night Walk is an annual pilgrimage attended by hundreds of young people across the Diocese. Pilgrims travels from St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, throughout the night of Good Friday and into Holy Saturday.
For all those interested in participating please register at <https://parracatholic.org/events/gfnw>

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP @ STMM
The Parish is in the process of starting a Young Adults Group (ages 18 to 35 years), which will hold social and faith-based events, such as dinners, movies, charity fundraising etc.
Please indicate your interest and preferred meeting day/times along with your details (phone no and email) to Fr. Jeremy Santoso via email Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org

Pilgrimage to Penrose Park - Fatima Day (Tuesday 13 May 2025)
The Parish Piety Shop is organising a Pilgrimage to Penrose Park to celebrate Fatima Day on **Tuesday, 13 May 2025**.
Cost \$35 (return trip inclusive of sandwich & bottled water). Limited seats available. Kindly contact Lydia or Santy to pay and guarantee your spot by 30 April 2025 and for further details.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE TICKETS
We request our Parishioners to purchase as many raffle tickets for \$5 only. Raffle draw will be held on **Mother's Day, Sunday 11 May 2025 after 10:30am Mass**. Raffle tickets are available in the Piety Shop.

For safety & 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.

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