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Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

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Fr. Jeremy Santoso



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Year C
13th
April
2025



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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



Please remember to switch off your mobile phone

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 19:28-40

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

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

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

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 honored as the King of glory!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
20 APRIL 2025
EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD (Year C)
First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43
Second Reading: Col 3:1-4
Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

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.*

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
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

"Come to the Feast of Mercy" (12pm - 4pm)
Divine Mercy Sunday on 27 April 2025
Holy Mass at 3:00pm will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent.

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

Please remember that fasting and abstinence 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 birthplace 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.

The Association of the Holy Shroud
Invites you to the
34th Annual
Holy Shroud
Fiesta Celebration
Easter Monday
21st April 2025
@2:45 PM
Con-celebrated Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction, and Eucharistic Procession
followed by refreshments at the Pastoral Centre
ST Margaret Mary's Catholic Church

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
Account: Order of St. Paul The First Hermit Merrylands
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Second Collection (Parish)
Account: Merrylands Catholic Church
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Last weekend First Collection - **\$2985.10**
Last weekend Second Collection - **\$3788.45**
Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

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

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>

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.

STMM PIETY SHOP

We request our Parishioners to support our Parish Piety Corner Shop with their generous purchase of a variety of available products.
Kindly support the Parish by purchasing a copy of the **Catholic Weekly** for **only \$2** available at our Piety Shop.

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