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Parish Priest
 Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

Assistant Priest
 Fr. Jeremy Santoso



Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae

The Third Sunday of Easter

Year C
 04th
 May
 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	Tuesday 9:00am & 7:00pm	Wednesday 8:30am-8:55am
9:00am	Wednesday 9:00am & 7:00pm	Thursday 8:30am-8:55am
Vespers 10:30am 5:15-5:45pm	Thursday 9:00am	Friday 8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
6:00pm	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

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

- I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. *(R.)*
- Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. *(R.)*
- The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

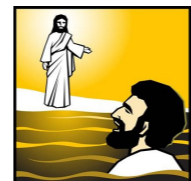
Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.



MEDITATION

The Lord Jesus wants to personally draw near to each one of us and he knocks every day on the door of our hearts and he waits for our response (Revelation 3:20). Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you and do you listen for his voice as he speaks to you in your heart and through the word of God in the Sacred Scriptures? The Lord is ever ready to help us grow in the knowledge of his great love for us and in the exceeding richness of his mercies and goodness towards us. Ask the Lord Jesus to rekindle your love for him and to transform your life through the power and action of the Holy Spirit who dwells within you.

Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your merciful love and remove everything that is unkind, ungrateful, unloving and unholly, and that is not in accord with your will. May I always seek to love you above all else and follow you wherever you wish to lead me.

SPEAK TO ME LORD


NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
11 MAY 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Year C)
First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52
Second Reading: Rev 7:9, 14-17
Gospel: Jn 10:27-30

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. In her, the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. *(SC102,103)*



YOUTH GROUP @ STMM


Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 09 May)
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: 09 May)
Our youth group for High School Students. It meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month starting at 7:30pm 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, 11 May 2025**. Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office.



MOTHER'S DAY

As we honour the special role of motherhood; St Margaret Mary's Parish invites all mothers, grand-mothers and carers to receive a **special Mother's Day blessing** during all Sunday Masses on **10 & 11 May 2025**.




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.



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.



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP @ STMM


Young Adults (First Meeting: 18 May)

Our young adult group (**ages 18 to 35 years**) will meet on Sunday from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. For further information please contact Fr. Jeremy at Jeremy.Santoso@parracatholic.org




AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month, (**18 May 2025**) there will be a Children's Mass at 10:30am. **All children are welcome to attend.**



OUR PARISH PRAYER

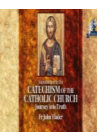
Father, through the intercession of St. Margaret Mary, pour out Your Spirit upon the people of this parish so that inspired by Your word, nourished at Your table and graced by Your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building up of Your Kingdom. May our parish community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ Your Son, through whom we make this prayer. *Amen.*



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.




JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

You are invited to experience the joy of "**The Bible and the Virgin Mary**" on Thursdays at **7:00pm** in the Pastoral Centre.



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.




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PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Our Parish office will be closed from **Tuesday, 29 April 2025 upto Tuesday, 06 May 2025. Reopens on Wednesday, 07 May 2025.** For any urgent matters kindly contact via email: parish@stmm.org.au

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