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ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH MERRYLANDS

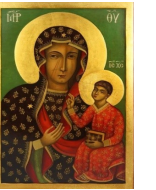
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Parish Priest
Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

Assistant Priest
Fr. Jeremy Santoso

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Year C
11th
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 9:00am	Tuesday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Wednesday	8:30am-8:55am
Vespers	10:30am 5:15-5:45pm 6:00pm	Wednesday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Thursday	8:30am-8:55am
		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
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

- Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. *(R.)*
- Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *(R.)*
- Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. *(R.)*

SECOND READING Revelation 7:9, 14-17
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.


GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!


GOSPEL John 10:27-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John


Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

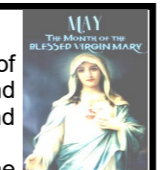
COMMUNION ANTIPHON
The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.


MEDITATION
 The Lord Jesus wants to draw each of us close to himself. He wants us to be united with him and the Father. That is why he teaches us to pray to our Father in heaven and to ask for his kingdom to reign in our lives (Matthew 6:9-10). The Lord Jesus knocks on the door of our hearts and homes (Revelation 2:20) and waits for our response. Will you answer his call and welcome his presence with you?
Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life. Open my ears to hear your voice and to follow your ways. Give me understanding that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and wisdom for my life.

SPEAK TO ME LORD
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
18 MAY 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Year C)
First Reading: Acts 14:21-27
Second Reading: Rev 21:1-5
Gospel: Jn 13:31-35

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.*

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER
 Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself tiny, needy and helpless into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. *We ask this in your holy name. 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. 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)


 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.**

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 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.

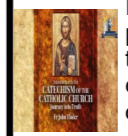

Pilgrimage to Penrose Park - Fatima Day (Tuesday 13 May 2025)
 The Parish Piety Shop is organising a Pilgrimage to Penrose Park to celebrate Fatima Day on **Tuesday, 13 May 2025.**
Cost \$35 (return trip inclusive of sandwich & bottled water). Limited seats available. Kindly contact Lydia or Santy to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


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 followed by Morning Tea in the Pastoral Centre.



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



CHANGES FROM 20 UNTIL 23 MAY 2025
Our Priests will be away at a clergy conference from 20 May to 23 May 2025, therefore please note the following changes:
* **No confessions from 20 to 23 May 2025.**
* **No 7pm evening Mass on Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday.**
* **No devotions from 20 to 23 May 2025.**
* **There will be 9am morning Mass from 20 to 23 May 2025.**


YOUTH GROUP @ STMM
Pauline Junior (Next Meeting: 23 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: 23 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



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.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

'Return & Earn' Parish Fundraising
 Our Return & Earn fundraising program is going from strength to strength! In 2024 year the program raised **\$1397** for the parish, and in the first three months of 2025 already **\$555** has been raised.
Thanks to the parishioners who have put their unwanted plastic, aluminum and cardboard drink containers labelled with the '10c' logo into the cage outside the Pastoral Centre. Glass bottles and 100+ quantities of containers from businesses, parties, etc. will be accepted by prior arrangement. Contact the Parish Office.
Special thanks to HRT2HRT Cafe in Merrylands and Patrick's Hot Bread in Guildford for their assistance.

ST MARGARET MARY'S LITTLE ANGELS PLAYGROUP
EVERY FRIDAY FORTNIGHT DURING SCHOOL TERM FROM 9:30AM TO 11:30AM IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE.
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For any enquiries please contact Nadin Clark (0416509499) or Marianne Pickering (0416116707).


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