

## SAINT MARGARET MARY'S

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 9:00am (English)  
Sunday 10:30am (Italian)  
Sunday 5:00pm (Vietnamese)

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday – Friday 9:00am  
(Wednesday - Italian)

### Reconciliation (1<sup>st</sup> Rite)

By appointment

### Baptisms

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

### Weddings

By appointment

### Holy Hour

(English/Italian)  
Every 1st Friday of month 8:00am – 9:00am  
(Vietnamese)  
Every Sunday 3:00pm - 4:00pm

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

### 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

#### Readings:

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8  
Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

#### Ministers:

(Sat/Sab) J Falzon  
(Sun/Dom 9:00am) N/A  
(Sun/Dom 10:00am) G Nicolini

#### Commentators:

(Sat/Sab) V Pilati  
(Sun/Dom 9:00am) N/A

#### Readers:

(Sat/Sab) V Pilati  
(Sun/Dom 9:00am) N/A  
(Sun/Dom 10:30am) M Volpe

#### Counter:

E Frassetto



## Welcome to St Margaret Mary's Parish

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## SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING – YEAR A



He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Matthew 25:31-46

### LIVING THE GOSPEL

We all know people who are in need - emotional, physical, financial or spiritual. This week make a point of doing what Jesus urges in this Gospel - tend to someone in need.

### PARISH DIARY / DIARIO PARROCCHIALE

25 / 26 NOVEMBER 2023

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - Year A

### NOVEMBER

25/26 THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

### DECEMBER

1 Holy Hour at 8:00am followed by Mass

2/3 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3 Fr Michael Ledda's Gratitude Mass at 10:30am followed by lunch in the hall

3 NO 9:00am Mass

9/10 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9/10 Refreshments after Mass

13 Healing & Anointing Mass at 11:00am

13 NO 9:00am Mass

15 End of School Year

17/18 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### FINANCE/FINANZE – 19/11/2023

#### THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

- Church \$267.35  
- Presbytery \$162.10

#### LOOSE CASH

- Church \$239.28  
- Presbytery \$239.27

#### DIRECT DEPOSITS TO CHURCH

- October \$305.00

#### SUPPORTING OUR PARISH ELECTRONICALLY

##### CASHLESS PAYMENTS:

CDFPay for Parish:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayBrunswickNorth>

##### OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

Church A/C: BSB: 083-347 ACC: 542820812

Presbytery A/C: BSB: 083-347 ACC: 543011742

*Thank you/Grazie*

### PENSIERO DOMENICALE

Il Vangelo di questa Domenica segue il tema delle parabole delle due settimane precedenti. Si tratta di nuovo di saggezza e follia. Le pecore rappresentano i saggi che sono stati fedeli a Cristo, e dei suoi comandamenti d'amore. Le capre rappresentano le stolte che lo hanno ignorato e non hanno vissuto i comandamenti dell'amore di Dio e del prossimo. La festa di Cristo Re segna la fine dell'anno liturgico della Chiesa, Domenica prossima inizia l'Avvento (Anno B) e le letture del Vangelo di Marco. Il tempo di Avvento non è un periodo penitenziale della Quaresima. E' più un periodo di attesa nella speranza gioiosa che richiamano alla mente la venuta di Cristo nel passato storico e alla fine dei tempi quando egli verrà a giudicare i vivi e i morti.

Please remember in your prayers / Gentilmente ricordate nelle vostre preghiere:



OUR SICK / NOSTRI MALATI

Our family members and friends and our parishioners.

WE REMEMBER / RICORDIAMO

All the deceased names in the memorial books.

Tutti i nomi ricordati nei Libri dei Defunti.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Parish Advent Reconciliation

**DATE CHANGED NOW** Wednesday 20th December - 7:00pm

*All parishioners are invited to gather on this occasion.*

**HEALING & ANOINTING MASS**

The Healing and Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly is on

**Wednesday 13th December at 11:00am**

**Please Note: There'll be NO 9:00am Mass on this day.**



**Holy Hour** All parishioners are invited to the Holy Hour the first Friday of the month at 8:00am before Mass. Everyone is most welcome to spend a little time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



**ROSTERS**

Please find the new roster now available for collection from the gathering space.

**Weekend Readers (English)** Please collect your YEAR "B"

"BREAK OPEN THE WORD" book from the church gathering space.

**Kindly return your envelope, YEAR "A" book and any others you have at home!**  
*Thank You!*



**Next Sunday December 3rd there will be ONE morning Mass at 10:30am. We will be celebrating Fr Michael's ministry at St Margaret Mary's followed by refreshments in the hall. Please bring a plate (salad/side dish or dessert) to share.**

**THE KINGDOM OF LOVE**

To deal adequately with this very important teaching from Jesus, we would need much more space than is available. We will need to summarize and deal with what is essential. Jesus uses a literary genre which was common among the Jews as well as with other nations in the Middle East. Just as a King or a rich man would gather his workers or subject with the purpose of checking on the success of the business and/or the quality of work from his subjects, so too *"The Son of man gathers all the nations...and he will separate men.. as a shepherd separated sheep from goats."* Just as it was normal to pasture sheep together with goats, and it was also normal to separate them at night, so too it is a reality that men and women are sometimes good and sometimes bad. This is the accepted reality at the time of our judgement.

The Son of Man sits on his throne of glory, which is not some special cloud among others. His throne is where he is mostly the perfect man, the one who has loved us until the end. This is, obviously *the cross*. It is from the cross that he invites one group to "take possession of the kingdom prepared for them..."- He then proceeds to reveal the reason for this 'reward.' because "when I was hungry you gave me bread, when I was thirsty you gave me to drink, when I was a stranger you made me welcome; naked and you clothe me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to visit me." This is not just some random list of good works, it was actually what was required of everyone, from the Old Testament, particularly in Isaiah, to surrounding nations. It was by attending to these works of love and mercy that one was considered worthy to enter the kingdom.

We can easily presume that the last requirement: visiting those in prison is also on everyone's list. It is not. By adding it to his list, Jesus make an important point. While in general most of our mistakes are made in a moment of weakness, those who go to prison have generally planned their actions. And because they are sent to prison, they may be despised by people in general. But they are not despised in the eyes of God, who will never stop loving his sons and daughters, no matter what! This is worth remembering as we examine the last, and what is a troublesome part of this teaching.

As the Son of Man turns to those on his left, we could be excused for thinking that he is dismissing them in a very harsh manner, which can easily disturb our feelings; how can God be so cruel? This is not what Jesus practiced and taught! What's happening? Firstly he tells them the reason for his sentence, which is the same we have heard three times already, only in the negative form, "because when I was hungry you did NOT give me food..." But does he send them to a *place like hell*, as we have been left to imply? Hardly! Scholars assure us that Jesus never mentioned Hell in his teaching. What he did mention is the Gehenna, a valley outside Jerusalem which acted as a tip and as a notorious place where robbers and even lepers would be found. It was also a natural place where cutting from trees and vines were also dumped on *the fires* which regularly burned there.

When Jesus uses this image, it is not his brothers and sisters whom he would condemn to this Gehenna/hell, it is, rather that which has been bad in then, like the dead branches of a vine, *the times when we failed to be loving and merciful* which is discarded, But while the 'bad' in us is discarded, as useless, there is no way that our identity with the Son of God, which we all share can ever be broken, discarded. Paul assures us in Corinthians that when Jesus trusts the Kingdom into the hands of his Father, *"not one of his children will be missing, or the feast will not begin."*