



# St Matthew's Catholic Parish



(Established 1831)

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## Our Parish Mission Statement:

*We believe and live out the mission of Jesus Christ as a community of worship and faith shared in service.*

### **Parish Team:**

Parish Priest: *Fr Robert William*  
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*Office hours*  
*Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday : 9.30am - 4.30pm*

### **Schools:**

*St Matthew's Primary Phone: 4560 2300*

Principal: Mr Tim Vane-Tempest

*Chisholm Catholic Primary Phone: 4573 3200*

Principal: Mr Michael Mifsud

*Bede Polding College Phone: 4560 2900*

Principal: Mr Mark Compton

### **Masses:**

#### Weekend:

Sat. 6.00pm Vigil

Sun. 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.00pm

#### Weekday:

Monday (Communion Service) 9.00am

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am

#### Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am

#### Exposition and Benediction

Tuesday and Thursday 8.30 am

#### Special Monthly Masses:

First Wednesday 10.45am Hospital Chapel

Second Thursday 7.30am Convent Chapel

First Friday Mass 7.00pm Stations & Mass

First Saturday 9.00am Anointing of the Sick

#### Children's Liturgy:

Sunday during 9am Mass

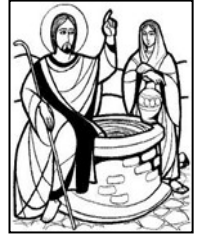
#### Baptisms:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays monthly 11am

#### Marriages:

By appointment

## *Third Sunday of Lent Year A* *15th March, 2020*




What a woman – so much life, so much vivacity. She has a personal magnetism and vivacity I'll never have. Her setbacks hadn't set her back. When Jesus spoke to her, she didn't retire, shy and confused that a man had broken such a social barrier. No, she stepped right up in the conversation and was prepared to engage this man in dialogue...and didn't Jesus like it! Here was a person ready to engage with what he had to say and courageous enough to face her personal failure. This is the person to whom he first openly reveals who he is...and what a response he gets. Having been led through self-knowledge to knowledge of him, she goes immediately to preach this Good News to the people of her city. Those people must have been so astounded at the transformation in her that they left the city to come to Jesus.

Too often and too easily, we have made religion a dull and insipid thing as though our faith should make us tone down life. With the transformation of this woman we see Jesus doing exactly the opposite. Previously this woman had used her personality to attract a few men – now it is a whole city. This is a challenge to us: each of us have attractive aspects to our personality. These Jesus wants to use to preach Good News. Imagine how you could do this! Jesus offers us the fullness of life. May his Spirit fill our minds, hearts and lives so that we might radiate his glory.

### **REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD**

Rest knowing that you have been created and re-created in God's love.

When you are tranquil in that love, consider one event in your life over which you feel shame. Do not try to sort it out, argue about it, justify it or run away from it, simply sit there offering it to Jesus. Allow Jesus to take it into his loving hands. See what he does with it.

<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:</b>	My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.	
<b>FIRST READING:</b>	Exodus 17 : 3-7 <i>Give us water to drink.</i>	
<b>RESPONSE:</b>	If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.	
<b>SECOND READING:</b>	Romans 5 : 1-2, 5-8 <i>The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.</i>	
<b>ACCLAMATION:</b>	Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; giving me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!	
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	John 4 : 5-42 <i>The water that I shall give will turn unto a spring of eternal life.</i>	
<b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON:</b>	For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.	



### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE HOLY SOULS:

#### Recently Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Barry McDonald as well as Francis Camilleri, Jeanine Dimech, Hayley Gangemi, Marie C D Ducros, Tania Felice, Frank Felice, Anthony Vella, Carmen and Julian Felice and Gerda Raeder.

#### Sick:

Please pray for Sue Moses, Michael Bailey, Judy Dallas, Sandra Vaughan, Jeff Maloney, Rita Taylor, Joe Farrugia, Dane and Maria Banovic, Diane Moussa, Letitia Esquerra, Fely Watkins, Willie Cutajar, Marie Bruce, Cecelia Moussa, Alana Swanson, Catherine Di Domizio, Bianca Barrera, Harry Penfold, Rocco and Letizia Romeo, Paul Thompson, Ester Maribeo, Allen Eyles, Mary-Anne Packett, Roy Millar, Catherine Cauchi, Marie Brown, Valente Tan, Mary Grech, Raymond Malkoun, Brianna Everingham, Maria Slokar, Bryan and Joan Mullins, Annette Vedmore, Teresa Smith, Jerome Tuguinay, Phillis Apap, Paul Gannon, John Karam, Jane Pettman, Socorro and Zenaida Morales, Preciosa Muldoon, Thomas Perrett, Di Wilson, Donna Vella, Josephine Dimech and Bill Watkins.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

#### First Eucharist

If you have a child enrolled in the First Eucharist Programme, they are required to attend one of the following Commitment Masses: 9am Sunday, 22nd March, 6pm Saturday, 28th March or 9am Sunday, 29th March. If you have any questions, please contact Cita.



### MONDAY CLUB BUS TRIP

The next bus trip will be to on Monday, 23rd March and they will be travelling to Palm Beach. The bus will leave at 9.30am from in front of the Church. If you would like to go, please contact Neville 0477 930 350.



### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

As there are so many names on the above sick list, we are not sure how current the list really is. So that we can keep it up to date, from now on names on the sick list will remain there for a month and will then be removed. If you would like a name to be placed on the list, you will firstly need to ask their permission to be placed on the list and then you can contact the parish office by email or phone.



### COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

We have received a new set of directives from the Vicar General Rev Peter Williams, to help reduce the spread of this virus. These are listed below:

- ⇒ We will no longer shake hands for the sign of the peace,
- ⇒ There will be NO Holy Water at the entrances of the Church and
- ⇒ Holy Communion will ONLY be received in the hand.



### PROJECT COMPASSION

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia. Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



### BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal which will be held at all Masses next weekend (21st/22nd March) or you can donate online [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.

## 180TH YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Dates to remember and mark in your diary:

Friday, 23th October 7.30pm Mass with Bishop Vincent

Saturday, 24th October 6.30pm for 7pm Celebratory Anniversary Dinner.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the organisation of the dinner. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office 4577 3073 or speak to one of the priests.



### CATECHIST SUNDAY

This weekend in our parish we are celebrating Catechist Sunday. With over 5,000 volunteers reaching out over 100,000 Catholic students in public primary schools each week in NSW and ACT, catechists form the largest volunteer team within the Church. Catechists come from all walks of life, from mums to retired magistrates and from students to doctors, and are united by one goal – to ensure that all the children of our Parish hear of God's great love for them. There are still more children that we could be reaching! Can you give around an hour of your time a week to teach or help out in a classroom? Celebrate with us this weekend the gift of the Catechist ministry and please speak to our Parish Priest or one of the Catechists if you would like to get involved.



### WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP!

Our parish ministry of SRE is short of helpers. We are in urgent need of more people who are willing to give thirty minutes to help children learn about God's love. Please seriously consider volunteering to help with Scripture classes during the week at our local state schools. The table outlines the schools and classes and times where we have a need.



BLIGH PARK	TUESDAY 2.00pm 2.30pm	NEED VOLUNTEERS ALL YEARS
EBENEZER	THURSDAY 9.00am 10.00am	NEED A VOLUNTEER
MARAYLYA	WEDNESDAY 11.15am 11.50am	NEED VOLUNTEER FOR KINDY
MAROOTA	THURSDAY 9.10am	NEED A VOLUNTEER
PITT TOWN	TUESDAY 11.15am 11.45am	NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
SOUTH WINDSOR	FRIDAY 11.15am	NEED VOLUNTEER FOR YEARS 3/4 AND 5/6
WILBERFORCE	WEDNESDAY 2.30pm 3.00pm	NEED VOLUNTEERS
WINDSOR	WEDNESDAY 11.40am	NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR KINDY/1/2

### INTERESTING HISTORY FACT.....

#### Archbishop Bede Polding

Polding died on 16th March 1877 and his funeral was the largest ever held in Australia. More than 100,000 people joined the funeral procession through the streets of Sydney.

### HAWKESBURY HOSPITAL

The Hospital is trying to limit the number of visitors to the Hospital so the Ministers of Communion are requested until further notice, NOT to go on a Sunday to minister to the sick. The Hospital's Director of Mission will provide communion if required. The priests will still be called to anoint patients if requested.



IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT-  
DOLORES VELLA 45796160 / 0409998198

ROSTERS		21ST/22ND MARCH, 2020		4TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A	
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>		<b>Sacristy:</b>		<b>Rosary:</b>	
A. Tabone.		M. Roth and C. Vella.		T. Attard. (16th - 23rd March)	
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>		<b>15th March</b>		<b>22nd March</b>	
		Cathie and Amanda.		Kathleen and Danielle.	
<b>Masses:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	
<b>Commentator:</b>	H. Sobiesiak	J. Holland	L. Buchanan	J. Newland	
<b>Reader:</b>	M. Said	C. Attard	A. David	T. Victorino	
<b>Special Minister:</b>	J. Borg		T. Malinowski		
<b>Acolyte:</b>	T. Jordan	J. Coco	B. Watkins	M. Maguire	
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	E. Rijke	S. Tierney	C. Naylor	P. Sultana	
	J. Dimech	J. Bond	S. Beattie	E. Sultana	





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