



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*
Assistant Priest: *Fr Ever Bernaldez MSP*
Sacramental Coordinator: *Ms Cita Adams*
Parish Secretary: *Ms Judy Rigg*
Parish email: stmcc@tpg.com.au
www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au
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. Vigil 5.00pm and 6.15pm
Sun. 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.00pm

Weekday:

Tuesday to Saturday 9am

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am

Exposition and Benediction

Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am

Special Monthly Masses:

First Wednesday 10.45am Hospital Chapel
Second Thursday 7.30am Convent Chapel
First Friday Mass 6.30pm Exposition & 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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
9th August, 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.
FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19 : 9, 11-13
RESPONSE: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
SECOND READING: Romans 9 : 1-5
ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!
GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 22-33
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE HOLY SOULS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Allen Eyles, George Vassallo, Carmel Curran and John Karam as well as George Seguna and Matilda Sie.

Sick:

Des Donoghue and John van Vliet.

UPDATE ON PARISH ACTIVITIES

As you all know, we had a number of different Parish activities that we were in the process of organising for this year. They were the Multi-Cultural Dinner in September, the celebration of the Parish's 180th Year Anniversary Mass and Dinner in October and the Family Christmas Carols in December. Unfortunately, because of the COVID crisis, current restrictions and uncertainty of what the rest of the year holds, it has been decided to postpone all of these events. Once new dates have been arranged for next year, we will let you know so you can mark your diary. With the Parish Pastoral Council AGM, instead of holding a special meeting in the hall, the reports will be presented at one of the Masses in September. Sorry if this causes any inconvenience, but we are thinking of the safety of all.

ROSTER 15TH/16TH AUGUST 2020

Church Cleaning: J. Dimech

Sacristy: C. Melinz.

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UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

As you will have seen, NSW Health, supported by the Premier of NSW is highly recommending everyone in NSW to wear masks in any situation with the potential for COVID-19 transmission. Places of worship have been mentioned specifically.



We are therefore officially recommending all worshippers in the Diocese of Parramatta wear a mask to Mass. This would be as people arrive on parish grounds, during Mass or the service and afterwards as they leave. During Communion, the mask may be removed, but it should be in place at all other times. Priests and readers who cannot wear a mask to conduct their duties at Mass, must observe appropriate social distancing at all times.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern. We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

COVID-19 UPDATE

We would like to let parishioners know that we have a COVID Safety Plan in place for the Parish and have now been registered as a COVID Safe business.

We would also like to ask that if you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, have a temperature or have been in contact with anyone that is either a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, please do not come to the Church even if you have made a Mass booking.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES CONFIRMATION

If you have a child in Year 5 or above who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Communion, they are eligible to receive their Confirmation. The programme is about to start so if you have not already enrolled your child, please contact the Parish Office 4577 3073.



RECONCILIATION

This programme is for children in Year 3 and above who have been Baptised. As yet, we do not have commencement dates but it will definitely be run this year following Confirmation Programme.

FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTIONS

Like many businesses and families, the Parish has ongoing expenses such as electricity, water, etc. which need to be paid. Since the number of parishioners who are attending Mass has drastically reduced, and as we are unable to physically take up collections during Masses, any donation that you are able to make to the Parish, would be greatly appreciated. To assist, we have two boxes at the back of the Church where you can make these donations after Mass. The first collection is sent to the Diocese, and the second collection is kept here in the Parish. Alternatively, donations can also be made online via our website. Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the parish in these difficult times.

CALLING ALL SACRISTY CLEANERS

We would like to start getting the Sacristy cleaned again commencing next weekend 15th/16th August. As the old roster is out of date, a new roster has been sent. If you can spare an hour, once a month and would be interested in being a part of the Sacristy Cleaning Roster, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED PRIESTS - FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2020

Owing to COVID19 pandemic and its social and financial impact on families, communities and Churches, the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta will not be holding its Annual Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests, i.e. the Father's Day Appeal, this September. Like many other organisations, the CSF will use its own resources to support the retired priests in this financial year. Donations will always be accepted, however, via our BPOINT portal at www.parracatholic.org/csf or electronic funds transfer to BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Account Name CSF No 1 with Reference your name. If you would like a tax deductible receipt for your donation, please email csf@parracatholic.org with your name and address details.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - National Emergency Appeal for Lebanon

In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut on the 4th of August, the Australian office of the international Catholic Charity, Aid to the Church in Need, has launched a national emergency appeal to raise funds to support the people of Lebanon. To read more about the appeal, and to make a donation, please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon or call 1800 101 201 during business hours: 8am-5pm.



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