



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

Baptisms:

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

Marriages:

By appointment

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
23rd August, 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
FIRST READING: Isaiah 22 : 19-23
RESPONSE: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.
SECOND READING: Romans 11 : 33-36
ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!
GOSPEL: Matthew 16 : 13-20
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE HOLY SOULS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Sarah Berg, Enrico Valentini, George Vassallo as well as (Anniversary of Jean Spice), John and Julie Karam.

Sick:

John van Vliet.

COVID SAFE PRACTICES FOR MASSES REMINDER

To stop the spread of the virus and for the safety of other parishioners and the wider community, the following practices have been implemented:

- ◆ There is no holy water at the doors of the Church,
- ◆ There will be no sign of the peace during Mass,
- ◆ Holy Communion will only be distributed by the priest and only on the hand,
- ◆ Communal response cards, mass books and hymn books are not to be used - you are welcome to bring your own and then take it home with you,
- ◆ Because of the social distancing restrictions, singing is prohibited,
- ◆ The wearing of masks is highly recommended to, from and during Masses.

We would like to thank everyone for following advices given so far. It's everyone's responsibility.

**STOP THE SPREAD - PLEASE MAINTAIN
SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES
WHILE IN AND OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.**

ROSTER 29TH/30TH AUGUST 2020

Church Cleaning:

S. Mitchell and T. Ripa.

Sacristy:

L. Maguire.

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A MESSAGE OF THANKS TO PARISHIONERS

It has been six months since all of us have made changes to how we worship. We thank you for the willingness and speed with which we have seen you embrace these changes, some of them difficult and possibly confusing. The positive response by the Catholic Community of Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains was recently reinforced by NSW Health who are working with us through our Diocese to make sure what we do at church keeps us safe.



Your efforts are noticed and appreciated.

Thank you for following the advice issued so far. We are sure you will have heard this pandemic referred to as a marathon rather than a sprint. The bottom line is our concern for everyone's safety, and your compliance means you are all playing an important role in keeping our community safe

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next Baptismal Talk is this Thursday, 27th August at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month and bookings for the Baptisms are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office 45773073 during office hours.



CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW WAYS

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by donating food and toiletries. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or



PASTORAL PLANNING OFFICE - SATURDAY SESSIONS

Please join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith before Saturday 11am and then join an online group discussion via Zoom between 11am - 12pm. Register in advance for this meeting to receive the links for the presentation and meeting: <https://dioceseofparramatta.zoom.us/join/register/tJwudeCvpjsiGtP7mLN2akpCygpGy-IHSPuU> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about the presentation for this week and a link to join the meeting. For more details, contact lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

CELEBRATING AND SHARING OUR GIFTS

The Pastoral Planning Office are offering an opportunity for Gifts Discernment to affirm and explore the gifts God has given us to bring to life God's mission. Join us for prayerful discernment about our spiritual gifts over 3 evenings beginning on Wednesday 9th September from 7.30pm - 9pm. You can register at www.tinyurl.com/celebrate-and-discern. For more information, please see the poster at the back of the Church.



54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA FOR THE CORONAVIRUS

The National Rosary Crusade 54-Day Novena invites you to join them in prayer for a nation-wide 54-day rosary novena to Mary Help of Christians, the national patroness. The novenas will be run between 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption through to 7 October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page.

PRE-MARRIAGE WEEKEND

The Life, Marriage and Family Office will host another pre-marriage education course on the weekend of the 18th and 20th September 2020. Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place, with other arrangements to be made if government requirements change. To view course dates for the remainder of 2020 and to book and pay for your preferred pre-marriage course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.



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