



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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
13th September, 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastics 27 : 30 - 28 : 7
RESPONSE: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion

SECOND READING: Romans 14 : 7-9
ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18 : 21--35
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE HOLY SOULS:

Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Mick Cornish, Mary Grech, Regina Mass as well as Paul Dimech, Anne and Paul Micallef, John Mifsud, Flor Henning, Maria and Wilhelm Henning.

Sick:

John van Vliet.



DRAFT NEW RELIGION CURRICULUM

Over the past few weeks you may have seen media coverage about how Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is looking to further strengthen the Catholic faith of our young people through a re-view of the Religious Education Curriculum. In recent days, there have been one or two elements of the new curriculum discussed in the media. Unfortunately, some media outlets are not presenting the new curriculum accurately, particularly its teaching content. The CEDP website contains podcasts and videos which discuss and demonstrate the rationale and the process they have followed. These can be found at <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> They also have a dedicated email address for your questions. Please send any questions you may have to feedback@parra.catholic.edu.au The Very Rev Chris de Souza VG (Episcopal Vicar for Education) has written a letter regarding this and copies are available at the back of the Church. Please take one with you after Mass.



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

ROSTER 19TH/20TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

Church Cleaning:
C. Melinz and C. Teuma.
Sacristy:
M. Roth and C. Vella.

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ENQUIRY EVENINGS FOR NON-CATHOLICS

Any interested non-Catholics are invited to learn more about the Catholic faith at an Enquiry Evening on Wednesday, 30th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please spread the word and inform any family or friends who may be interested. This will be the beginning of our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme. To book, please speak to Mary Said, or contact the Parish Office.



DAILY MASS BOOKS

This year, because of COVID it has been decided not to purchase the Daily Mass books for use in the Church during weekday Masses. However, if parishioners would like to purchase their own book, that they must take home after Mass, we are happy to place a bulk order through the Parish which will reduce the cost. Books are \$22- each and will start from Advent (29th November). If you would like a book, please contact the Parish Office 4577 3073. The order will be placed on Monday, 26th October and payment will not be required until you collect your book.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.



WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY?

As God's stewards, we're entrusted to use the gifts we are given wisely for the greater good of our family, our faith community and God's kingdom. A gift in your Will is an enduring way to give thanks to God and share your blessings beyond your lifetime. During Include A Charity Week, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider a gift in your Will to our Parish, Parramatta Catholic Foundation or a Catholic ministry. Even the most modest gift will significantly advance our Church's works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinWills



MARY MACKILLOP TODAY

In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to "Take fresh courage." This year is the ten year anniversary of Mary's canonisation. During the challenging times we all face, please pray and support Mary MacKillop Today, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vital works and carry on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross. For more information please call 02 8912 2777 or visit marymackilloptoday.org.au

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

WELCOME TO THE WELL

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – The Well. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', The Well is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA CELEBRATES THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Diocese of Parramatta is celebrating the Season of Creation (1st September – 4th October) by creating a video to be released on 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We invite all parishioners to be involved. Send your photograph, video, art or poetry of your favourite nature spot in the Diocese to comms@parracatholic.org by 25th September. Details can be found at <https://www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice/>



CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

CBC are looking for more, new members, in particular younger members. Membership offers a choice of graded walks, abseiling, canyoning and camping for a variety of fitness levels, as well as a variety of social activities. The benefits of bushwalking to our physical, emotional and mental wellbeing are well known. If you are interested, please visit www.cbcsnw.org.au or call 0478 919 427.



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