



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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
20th September, 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.
FIRST READING: Isaiah 55 : 6-9
RESPONSE: The Lord is near to all who call him.
SECOND READING: Philippians 1 : 20-24,27
ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!
GOSPEL: Matthew 20 : 1-6
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE HOLY SOULS:

Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased June Heinrich and Mick Cornish as well as (Anniversaries of Laurie Culbert and Louise Thomas), John Mifsud, Flor Henning, Maria and Wilhelm Henning.

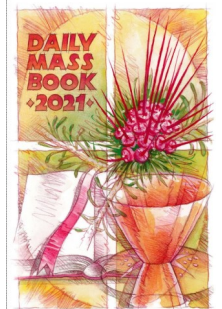
Sick:

John van Vliet.



DAILY MASS BOOKS

This year, because of COVID and the possibility of contamination, 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.



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

ROSTER 26TH/27TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

Church Cleaning:

J. Dimech.

Sacristy:

L. Maguire.

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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.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Since we are unable to have the Annual General Meeting because of the current restrictions, it has been decided to present the reports during all Masses this weekend. They will be presented in brief however if you would like to have more details, there is a book at the back of the Church which has each report in full. Please feel free to take a copy home with you.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next talk will be held this Thursday, 24th September at 7.30pm. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month and booking for the Baptisms are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office 4577 3073.



REIGNITING THE FLAME OF PLENARY

Be informed and prepared for the next steps of Plenary. Parishioners are vital to the Plenary Council. Every person's story and experience of faith, and the Church, is important and it is essential that every effort is made to reach out and include as many people as possible as they endeavour to respond to what the Spirit is saying. This historic event in the life of the Church in Australia is reaching its climax and the Bishops of Australia are calling upon all parishioners to engage in the next steps. Hear the good news from across our Diocese, and experience the most recent offerings from the Plenary Council writing groups. If you are interested, please register for one of the following ZOOM meetings:

Monday 21st September, 7.00pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary21september> or
Thursday 24th September, 7.00pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary24september>

THE GOOD OIL

In the September Edition of "The Good Oil" an online news outlet for the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, there is an interesting, informative story called "Commemorating 145 years of prayer and presence in Windsor" which is about the Good Samaritan Sisters and their involvement in the Hawkesbury. If you are interested in having a read, go to <https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/2020/09/>



RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive and non-judgmental environment. The next healing retreat will be held 4 to 6 December 2020. Rachel's Vineyard has created a confidential free online individually guided reflection at a time to suit you. To enquire about these programs, call their confidential number (voice mail): 0400 092 555 or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

ST MARY'S TOWERS RETREAT CENTRE STAGED REOPENING

St Mary's Retreat Centre in Douglas Park, NSW, is commencing a staged re-opening of its facilities from 3 August, as a lead up to their advertised retreat program commencing on 2 October. As places will be limited for the time being, all appointments and visits will need to be booked through the Administrator: contact@towersretreat.org.au or phone (02) 4630 0233.



ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

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