



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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
8th November, 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let my prayer come into your presence, incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.
FIRST READING: Wisdom 6 : 12-16
RESPONSE: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4 : 13-18
ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!
GOSPEL: Matthew 25 : 1-13
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Throughout the month of November, we remember all our deceased family and friends and pray for the repose of their souls. The Book of Life and November Mass envelopes are available at the door of the Church for you to submit the names of those whom you would like remembered at Masses throughout the month.



Please pray for the recently deceased

John Ebbs and Dorrit Nicholson.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME - RECONCILIATION

If you have a child in Year 3 (8 years old) or older who has been baptised Catholic, they are eligible to take part in the Reconciliation Programme. Parents are invited to attend one of the following information sessions at 7.30pm in the Church on either

Tuesday, 17th November,
Wednesday, 18th November or
Thursday, 19th November.



Only one parent is required to attend and no children. Because of COVID restrictions, bookings are essential and can be made by contacting the Parish Office during office hours. If you know of anyone who is eligible, please let them know about these meetings.

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH IF YOU:

- ARE EXPERIENCING COLD OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS
- HAVE A TEMPERATURE
- HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE THAT IS EITHER A SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19

ROSTER 14TH/15TH NOVEMBER, 2020

Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney

Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella

PLEASE TAKE WITH YOU OR THROW OUT. DO NOT RETURN TO THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

We would like to let parishioners know that the next set of planned giving envelopes were posted last Monday, 2nd November. Sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused but not having them available for last weekend's Masses. If you have not received your set, please let the Parish office know and we will organise a new set.



VOLUNTEERS

Starting from the First Sunday of Advent (the weekend of the 28th/29th November), we will be using our volunteers again at Masses. If you are a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Adult Server, Acolyte or Altar Server, your services will be needed. Rosters will be drawn up for all Masses and will be distributed shortly. If you are still happy to assist at Masses, you don't need to do anything. We do ask that volunteers who are not ready to assist (for whatever reason) could you please contact the Parish Office during office hours and let the secretary know so that you will not be placed on the roster yet. Alternatively if you were previously removed from the roster and would like to be included again, please let the secretary know. Also, we would like to remind all volunteers (except the Altar Servers) that you are required to have a current Working With Children Check before you can take up your Ministry. *As yet, we do not need our countering or Children's Liturgy teams.*

MARY MACKILLOP TODAY

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop, you are invited to order your **free** copy of Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer. The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often. These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world. To order your exclusive copy please go to: www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book or call 8912 2777



PASTORAL COUNCIL FORMATION AND TRAINING

The Pastoral Planning Office is leading a series of formation and training sessions for new and continuing members of pastoral councils via Zoom on 11, 18 and 25 November from 7.30pm. Our pastoral councils offer a wonderful way to explore how communities can "go and make disciples" and be the community Christ calls us to be. To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/pastoralcouncilformation> and for enquiries, contact Lisa 0448 652 720.

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION (IFM) - BRINGING THE ADVENT GOSPELS ALIVE

The Institute for Mission invites you online to enjoy letting scripture presenter Dr Michele Connolly rsj energise your Advent on 10th November at 7pm. Register via www.ifm.org.au/scripturenight. Please feel free to speak to any of the IFM Team on (02) 9296 6369 if you require any further information or send us an email to connect@ifm.org.au



PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION

Couples considering a call to the Permanent Diaconate are invited to attend an information session on Saturday 12 December from 10am to 12noon at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. Couples who decide to proceed with the discernment process will be asked to meet with the Vocations Committee in 2021. To RSVP, please contact Deacon Willy Limjap 0428 332 619 or wlimjap@gmail.com or Deacon George Bryan 0408 440 769 or George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY OFFICE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

The final weekend marriage preparation course run by the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office will be held on Friday, 27th and Sunday, 29th November with limited places available. Dates for the 2021 in-person weekend courses are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

