



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

Second Sunday of Advent Year B

6th December, 2020

ADVENT WREATH RESPONSE: *Come Lord Jesus.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40 :1-5, 9-11
RESPONSE: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3 : 8-14
ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1 : 1-8

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE HOLY SOULS:

Please pray for the recently deceased Marie Scanlan, Michael Jurd, anniversaries of Daniel Micallef and George Segona as well as Jason Vella.

RCIA CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Karen Brand who was received into the Church at the 6.15pm Mass last weekend. Congratulations Karen. We would also like to thank Mary Said who spent so much time in preparing Karen for this step in her faith journey.



OFFICE OF WORSHIP - Liturgical Ministry Formation

If you are interested in being a Minister of the Word, Minister of Communion or Minister at the Altar, you need to complete this course and registration forms are now available. The course is held in Blacktown on Monday nights at 7pm or in Penrith on Thursday nights at 7pm. The full course goes from February to May. For more details, please see the form on the board at the back of the Church. Please see Fr Robert if you would like to register,

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 12TH/13TH DECEMBER, 2020

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

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MONDAY CLUB CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The next lunch (which will be the last for the year), will be held this Monday, 7th December in the Parish hall. If you would like to a part of the Kris Kringle, please bring a gift to the value of \$10. Cost for the lunch is \$10 per person, which covers morning tea and lunch. Bookings are required for catering purposes. Please see or contact Celine on 0413 911 033. All parishioners are invited.



JRS REFUGEE FOODBANK SERVICE

The Jesuit Refugee Service's foodbank in Parramatta Diocese provides much needed fresh food, non-perishable items, and toiletries to refugees. This weekend we are having a Food Drive to help fill their stocks. We would like to thank everyone who has donated over the week and this weekend to the Appeal.



CATHOLIC FOUNDATION - Bishop's Christmas Appeal

This Christmas, let us unite in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships. You can help give people the emotional and practical support they need to live their lives in love and joy. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal, Envelopes are also available at the door of the Church and can be placed in the bucket at the back of the Church when you leave. Alternatively you can take an envelope home with you or donate online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

COVID-19 DIOCESAN UPDATE

NSW Health has revised the COVID-19 guidelines for places of worship effective from 7 December 2020.

1) Places of Worship and Religious Services

The maximum number of people at places of worship and religious services will only be limited by the 2 square metre rule.

2) Weddings and Funerals

There will be no upper cap on the number of people who can attend weddings and funerals, provided the new 2 square metre rule is adhered to.

3) Choir and Congregational Singing

Up to 50 singers/performers will be permitted to sing indoors. There will be no maximum cap for outdoor singing. Congregations may sing, but NSW Health continues to ask that anyone 12 years or older to wear a mask.

With these new guidelines, St Matthew's Church can now accommodate 140 people.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The 2021 Columban Calendar is now for sale at the back of the Church. For only \$10- each, they are a wonderful Christmas present for that special someone or as a back up for unexpected guests. We have limited numbers, so get in early.

ADVENT RECOLLECTION: REFLECTING ON THE JOYS AND STRUGGLES OF 2020

You are invited to participate in this upcoming webinar on Tuesday, 8th December. It will be a time of reflection on the year that was. Falling on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the webinar will focus on Mary's story to Our story and will be a great opportunity to reflect on the joys and struggles of 2020 in Australia, New Zealand and countries in our Oceanic region. This event will be hosted by the Pastoral Ministry Network (formerly known as NAPPA) and supported by the Mission Planners Network Oceania. Register at tinyurl.com/adventrecollectiondec8

WANTED: LOVING MARRIED COUPLES - BECOME A SPONSOR COUPLE

SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage ministry and is calling for enthusiastic married couples to journey with an engaged couple as they prepare to be married in the Catholic Church.

Find out more at this free information session: Wednesday, 9th December - 8pm AEDT |

www.smartloving.org/webinar



DECEMBER 12/13		3RD SUNDAY	OF ADVENT	YEAR B	
	5PM	6.15PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	K. Apap	M. Grosvenor	J. Wein	I. Willingham	M. Claravall
Reader	H. Sobiesiak	M. Williams	C. Attard	Sr Therese	T. Victorino
Acolyte/Adult Server			S. Kelly	J. Sciberras	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	N. Xerri	I. Spiteri	S. Tierney	A. Portelli	P. Sultana
	O. Thompson	D. Spiteri	J. Bond	M. Portelli	E. Sultana

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