



St Matthew's Catholic Parish



(Established 1831)

12 Tebbutt Street, Windsor, NSW 2756

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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

Third Sunday of Advent Year B

13th December, 2020

ADVENT WREATH RESPONSE: *Come Lord Jesus.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61 : 1-2, 10-11

RESPONSE: My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING: I Thessalonians 5 : 16-24

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 1 : 6-8, 19-28

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE HOLY SOULS:

Please pray for the recently deceased Marciano Manahan and Rita Attard as well as Daniel Micallef and George Segona.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION - Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Thank you for sharing the miracle of Christmas with families in need Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and CatholicCare thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support over the last few weeks. Our Bishop's Christmas Appeal raised over \$2,520- which will enable CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth pregnancy support service to help vulnerable families in their efforts to give their children a positive start in life. Thank you for your gifts and prayers For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal We ask you to continue to pray for the Diocesan ministries supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, including the CatholicCare, and all vulnerable families in need.



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 19TH/20TH DECEMBER, 2020

Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.

Sacristy: L. Maguire.

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

JRS REFUGEE FOODBANK SERVICE THANK YOU

Dear St Matthew's Parish,

Thank you for the incredible support you have shown to people seeking asylum, refugees, and migrants in vulnerable situations.

These families and individuals have lost jobs, have no access to Federal Government support, and cannot return home because Australia is still processing their claims for protection, often more than five years after they first arrived.

As a result of the support from St Matthew's and elsewhere, JRS Australia is:

- ⇒ Distributing food to 904 women, children, and men per week.
- ⇒ Meeting a 254% increase in demand for financial relief for rent, medications, and other essentials since 1 April 2020.
- ⇒ Speaking to an average of 35 women on temporary visas at risk of or experiencing domestic or family violence, and supporting them in some way.

Thank you again for your wonderful support. Please be assured that the refugees, people seeking asylum, and migrants in vulnerable situations with whom we work will be immensely grateful for your support, which signals your care and friendship. This makes a great difference to their lives.

With gratitude,

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia
Parramatta Diocese

Well done St Matthew's a really wonderful response!

Special thanks to Nina and Brian Duff who loaded their van with bag after bag bound for Parramatta.

If you would like to read the full thank you letter, it is on the board at the back of the Church.



MONDAY CLUB THANK YOU

The Monday Club would like to thank it's members for their support over the year. Because of that support, they were able to donate \$1000- to the Jesuit Refugee Services and a further \$1000- to the Guide Dogs NSW/ACT. We look forward to starting up the lunches again next year. Until then, Happy Christmas.

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 a limited amount, so get in early.

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,



CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

Catholic Outlook Summer edition is out now and free to all parishioners. Read about some amazing HSC students, the new bells of St Patrick's Cathedral and how the new Vatican Ambassador who originates from Castle Hill is settling in. Plus what the symbols of Advent really mean. Pick up your free copy from the back of the Church.



DECEMBER 19/20		4TH SUNDAY	OF ADVENT	YEAR B	
	5PM	6.15PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	T. Ripa	M. Said	C. Attard	C. Conolly	S. Naylor
Reader	M/. Williams		J. Wein	T. Victorino	F. Watkins
Acolyte/Adult Server			J. Coco	T. McMahon	M. Maguire
Altar Servers		N. Lupi		C. Hair	C. Naylor
		N. Lupi		J. Biviano	E. Sevilla

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2020 CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION

First Rite

Saturday, 19th December: 9.30am
Monday, 21st December: 7.00pm
Tuesday, 22nd December: 9.30am
Wednesday, 23rd December: 9.30am
Thursday, 24th December: 9.30am



Please note: because of COVID, we will not be NO Second Rite Reconciliation.

CHRISTMAS MASSES VOLUNTEERS - WE NEED YOU

Since there are extra Masses over Christmas Eve and Day, we are in need of volunteers for all of the different ministries. Please consider helping during one (or more) of the Masses. All help given will be greatly appreciated. If you are willing to volunteer, please place your name on the relevant sheet at the back of the Church.



SOME THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THIS YEARS CHRISTMAS MASSES

- ◇ On the back of this bulletin are this years Christmas Mass times.
- ◇ So that we can keep in line with restrictions, we will be holding an extra Mass in the Good Samaritan Hall of Bede Polding College at 6.30pm on Christmas Eve.
- ◇ Bookings are required for **ALL** Masses and are to be made through our website www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au
- ◇ You need to complete a booking for each person attending.
- ◇ You will not receive confirmation regarding your booking. Once the limit has been reached, no more bookings will be possible so you will directed to choose another Mass to attend.
- ◇ On arrival at Mass, please register your attendance via the sheet or the QR code that will be supplied.
- ◇ If you are attending an outdoor Mass, please bring your own seating as there will be limited seats available.

ROUSE HILL PARISH CHRISTMAS NOVENA DAWN MASSES

This Christmas, Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill will be celebrating a Novena of Dawn Masses (also known as Simbang Gabi) leading up to Christmas. Commencing on Wednesday, 16th December, they will be celebrated at 5.00am. Bookings are required via <https://www.trybooking.com/BMWOD>. For details, please contact the parish on 8883 4063 or rouse-hill@parracatholic.org

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

Did you know that there are currently over 16,000 children in out of home care in NSW? There are also many children living in hotels as they do not have a foster family to care for them. Foster carers and families come in all shapes and sizes and provide the love, care, support, stability, structure and a sense of belonging that all children need. Wesley Dalmar are currently recruiting foster carers in the Hawkesbury region as there is a great need for carers in this area. Should you have any questions or enquiries please contact jess.haley@wesleymission.org.au or on 0407 507 261.



THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE 2021

The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. From 2nd – 9th January, pilgrims walk through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland and spend time in prayer and fellowship. Limited overnight registrations are available, and day walkers are welcome. For more information and to register, visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org. To follow the journey see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>



2020 CHRISTMAS MASSES

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THURSDAY, 24TH DECEMBER: (Christmas Vigil)

6.30pm Open Air Family Mass
(in St Matthew's School Grounds)

*6.30pm Mass in Good Samaritan Hall
(Bede Polding College)*

8.30pm Mass (St Matthew's)



FRIDAY, 25TH DECEMBER: (Christmas)

Midnight Mass (St Matthew's)

7.30am Open Air Mass
(in St Matthew's School Grounds)

9.00am Mass (St Matthew's)

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE **NO** EVENING MASS
ON CHRISTMAS DAY

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- ♦ *Because of restrictions, we will be holding an extra Mass in the Good Samaritan Hall of Bede Polding College, Rifle Range Road South Windsor NSW.*
 - ♦ As places are limited, bookings are required for Christmas Masses at both venues and these are to be made via our website www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au
 - ♦ One booking per person is required.
 - ♦ On arrival at Mass, please register your attendance on the sheet or via the QR code that will be made available.
 - ♦ If you are attending an open air Mass, please bring your own seat.