



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
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and 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 in Ordinary Time Year B 24th January, 2021

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector – one of the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person.



Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith – the scribes and Pharisees – it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people – those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law.

The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed – much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.

This week's gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in the Gospel of Mark. The gospel writer has Jesus clearly announcing his message in plain, simple language: 'The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' That message is as true for us today as it was when those words were first spoken. The kingdom is still close at hand if we would only recognise it in our midst rather than pinning our hopes on some future reward. The call to repent and believe the Good News is as relevant for us as it was for the first believers.

Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com

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
- ⇒ FACE MASKS ARE NOW COMPULSORY
- ⇒ NO MASK - NO ENTRY

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and
honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3 : 1-5, 10
The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

RESPONSE: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

SECOND READING: I Corinthians 7 : 29-31
The world as we know it is passing away.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1 : 14-20
Repent and Believe the Good News.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Giovanni (John) Pellizzer, Peter Roth, Laura Ramos, Kylie Johnson, Una Galvin as well as John Mifsud, Charles Bonanno, Mary Bonanno, Frank Bonanno, Frank Debone, Michael and Josephine Dimech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech and Joe Grech.

Sick:

Eileen Allen, Jessica Moloney and Laurie Mitchell.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next talk will be held this Thursday, 28th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month at 11am and bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office 4577 3073.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP 2021 LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE

The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again in 2021 in early February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar at your parish. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org or contact the Parish office 4577 3073.



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DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE SOMERSBY

Will be holding a One Day Pilgrimage on Sunday, 31st January from 9am to 4pm. For more details, please see the notice at the back of the Church. Bookings are required as numbers are limited. Contact 02 4372 1598 or email drcretreatrego@gmail.com



ROSTERS		30TH/31ST JANUARY 2021		FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B	
Church Cleaning	J. Dimech		Sacristy	C. Melinz	
MASSSES	5PM	6.15PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	T. Ripa	M. Said	J. Wein	I. Willingham	S. Naylor
Reader	M. Williams	J. Rapa	C. Attard	Sr Therese	F. Watkins
Acolyte/Adult Server			J. Coco	T. McMahan	T. Victorino
Altar Servers	I. Spiteri	P. Sultana		E. El Hindy	C. Naylor
	D. Spiteri	E. Sultana		C. Adam	

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