



# 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*  
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**Schools:**

St Matthew's Primary Phone: 4560 2300  
Principal: Mr Tim Vane-Tempest  
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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

*The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph Year B  
27th December, 2020*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.  
**FIRST READING:** Genesis 15 : 1-6 ; 21 : 1-3  
**RESPONSE:** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.  
**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!  
**GOSPEL:** Luke 2 : 22, 39-40  
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

*The Epiphany of the Lord Year B  
3rd January, 2021*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.  
**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 60 : 1-6  
**RESPONSE:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 3 : 2-3, 5-6  
**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!  
**GOSPEL:** Matthew 2 : 1-12  
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

**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

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Marciano Manahan, Rita Attard and Anniversary of Ignatius Pereira.

**Sick:**

Eileen Allen.

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

ROSTERS		2ND/3RD JANUARY, 2021		THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR B	
Church Cleaning:		T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.			
Sacristy:		C. Melinz.			
	5PM	6.15PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	T. Ripa	M. Said	J. O'Neill	L. Buchanan	S. Naylor
Reader	M. Williams	J. Rapa	G. O'Neill	Sr Therese	F. Watkins
Acolyte/Adult Server			J. Coco	T. McMahon	
Altar Servers	I. Spiteri	N. Xerri		A. Portelli	C. Naylor
	D. Spiteri	O. Thompson		M. Portelli	E. Sevilla

### Pastoral letter to the people of Parramatta during the coronavirus crisis and Christmas 2020

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Before the news about the COVID-19 cluster appearing in the Northern Beaches of Sydney came out, many of us were feeling a little more confident that we might have put the worst of the pandemic restrictions behind us.

Since our churches are now subject to the 4 metre square rule, the number of faithful that can attend church is, again, limited. For some of our parishes, this number remains relatively few compared to pre-pandemic numbers. Some of our large capacity churches can increase their numbers. It was on 20th March 2020 that I decreed that, in accordance with Canons 85 and 87, Catholics are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass (Canon 1247). This decree remains in force and will do so for the foreseeable future.

I shall await advice from the health authorities and the NSW Government before rescinding this decree. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (Each Sunday, the Feast of the Assumption and Christmas Day in Australia) is fully explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2180-2188).

At this time, the course of how the pandemic will affect us throughout Australia is still unclear. However, there are signs that we as a nation have successfully beaten the worst ravages of this new virus. We can be a bit more confident about social interaction. Therefore, I would encourage you to attend Masses at your local churches or wherever you normally worship as we enter the Christmas season.

We all know how much the celebration of the Eucharist means to nurturing our faith at the best of times. Even at these pandemic times, I suggest you think about returning to Mass each Sunday.

However, if you still feel in any way vulnerable or unsafe in returning to your parish church, then stay at home. You have probably accessed the many offerings online of the celebration of the Eucharist. These are still available.

Remember that the Eucharist is firstly about our community's expression of faith and love for God and in each other. To support this belief, we apply the obligation to attend whenever and wherever possible.

I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas in the company of the God who values us, his people, so much that he sent his only Son as our brother and Redeemer in the blessed and helpless baby Jesus of Bethlehem.

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv**

**Bishop of Parramatta**

**Given at Parramatta on 22 December 2020**



ROSTERS		9TH/10TH JANUARY, 2021		THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR B	
Church Cleaning:		A. Tabone.			
Sacristy:		M. Roth and C. Vella			
	5PM	6.15PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	K. Apap	M. Grosvenor	C. Attard	I. Willingham	M. Claravall
Reader	H. Sobiesiak	M. Williams	J. Wein	T. Victorino	J. Newland
Acolyte/Adult Server			S. Kelly	J. Sciberras	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	P. Sultana		S. Tierney	C. Hair	C. Adam
	E. Sultana		J. Bond	J. Biviano	

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