



# 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*  
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[www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au](http://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

*First Sunday of Advent Year B*  
*29th November, 2020*

**ADVENT WREATH RESPONSE:** *Come Lord Jesus.*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 63 : 16-17; 64 : 1, 3-8  
**RESPONSE:** Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 1 : 3-9  
**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Mark 13 : 3-37  
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION  
BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL**



This weekend and next weekend, we will be holding the Parramatta Catholic Foundation Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Funds raised through this Appeal enable CatholicCare to support families in their efforts to give their children a positive start in life and be the best people they can be. 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 available at the door of the Church. If you prefer, you can take one with you after Mass and return it next weekend. Envelopes can be placed in the bucket at the back of the Church when you leave. Alternatively you can donate online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

**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 5TH/6TH DECEMBER, 2020**

**Church Cleaning:** K. Moffitt and C. Conolly  
**Sacristy:** C. Melinz

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE HOLY SOULS:**

Please pray for the recently deceased June Porazinski, Marie Scanlan and Michael Jurd.

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

## ADVENT REFLECTION PROGRAMME

As mentioned in last weekend bulletin, in preparation for Christmas we will be holding an Advent Reflection Programme. This year we will again be using the Bunbury Diocese Programme "Come Lord and Heal Us - An Advent Journey for Uncertain Times." The day sessions will be every Tuesday at 10am in the Good Samaritan Sister's convent (3 Mileham St). The evening sessions will be every Tuesday at 7pm in the presbytery. Both sessions will start on Tuesday, 1st December. If you would like to take part, please put your details on the relevant sheet at the back of the Church.

## 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. Your support has never been more important. In the last 6 months, our COVID-19 safe JRS Refugee Foodbank has delivered over 6,773 grocery parcels and every week our food bank currently feeds over 900 people. The following Foodbank stocks are urgently needed: Basmati rice, cooking oil, long life milk, tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chick peas, canned tomatoes, oats and cereal, and toiletry items such as soap and toothpaste. To assist, St Matthews Parish will be holding a food and toiletry appeal for JRS on the weekend of 5th/6th December. Please bring what you can to Masses next weekend.



## ADVENT 2020 WITH BRUCE DOWNES THE CATHOLIC GUY

Join Bruce and people all around the world and Expect the Unexpected! Sign up for a free daily email devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent. Starting November 29th you'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Bruce. Register now or for more information: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent> or email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)



## COVID-19 DIOCESAN UPDATE

### Religious Services

Effective from Monday, 23rd November the maximum number of people at an outdoor religious service must not exceed 500 subject to the one person per 2 square metre rule for assigned seating or 4 square metre rule for informal seating. Outdoor services (up to 500 people) can be held at the same time as indoor services (up to 300 people). People attending will be required to still provide their name and contact details for tracing purposes if needed. It is strongly recommended that people attending services in the places of worship, wear a mask.

### Choir

Up to 30 singers permitted outdoors and 5 for indoor singing. The choir should be facing forward, be 1.5metres apart and at least 5 metres from the congregation.

### Singing

Congregations may sing, but everyone 12 years or older must wear a mask.

### Funerals and Weddings

Because of the 4 square metre rule, this has not changed for our Church.

## CARITAS AUSTRALIA - GLOBAL GIFTS

You can bring hope and joy to the most vulnerable when you give a Global Gift this Christmas. Share a message of love - simply select one of our beautiful Global Gift cards: education, food or protection. No matter what Global Gift you choose, you will be walking with the most vulnerable people in the world, helping them to transform their lives. Order your card online at: [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au) or call 1800 024 413



## FREE E-BOOK Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1

The new Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. This e-book may be downloaded free of charge to any computer/ tablet/ phone. It offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year B-1 (Sundays Year B, weekdays Year 1), followed by a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. The e-book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1 may be accessed at the following URL address: [www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

DECEMBER 5/6		2ND SUNDAY	OF ADVENT	YEAR B	
	5PM	6.15PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	T Ripa	M Said	J. O'Neill	L. Buchanan	J. Newland
Reader	M. Williams	J. Rapa	G. O'Neill	Sr Anita	F. Watkins
Acolyte/Adult Server			J. Coco	T. McMahon	M. Maguire
Altar Servers	E. Rijke	P. Sultana		E. El Hindy	C. Adam
	J. Bond	E. Sultana		J Biviano	

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