



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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 7th February, 2021

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is told that everyone is looking for him. Why? Because he had healed their sick and cast out demons from their midst. He was the extraordinary wonder-worker and the people wanted more. They wanted Jesus because of what he could do for them. As we do. But is that all?



Catherine of Siena said that we have only truly received a gift from God when we have given it away. The proper response to the gift of Jesus was shown by Peter's mother-in-law. Having been served by Jesus in her healing, she served him and his disciples. She didn't take a rest after her fever, or go out and tell the neighbours, or make a fuss about what had happened, or even about Jesus' extraordinary powers. No, she took up the ordinary tasks that needed to be done. She had guests – she served them. How must Jesus have loved her! This was a woman who really understood his message, who had gotten the heart of his Gospel. It is so easy to expect faith to be revealed in exceptional circumstances, when it can be shown in simple actions, even as simple as serving a meal.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

As his ministry began and was successful, Jesus withdrew into a silent and solitary place to pray with his Father over the shape that his ministry should take. As you rest in God's love consider the aspects of your life that appear to be successful, the things you believe you are doing right. Hold these out to God, consider what works within them. What are their strengths? After you have looked at them fully, ask God how you could improve them even more.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au

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

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

We will again be holding Lenten Reflection Groups. There will be two groups, one on Tuesday mornings at 10am in the Good Samaritan Convent starting Tuesday, 16th February. The second group will be on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Parish House also starting on Tuesday, 16th February. If you would like to join either group, please put your name on the relevant sheet at the back of the Church.



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Job 7: 1 – 4, 6 - 7
I am filled with sorrow all day long.

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

SECOND READING: I Corinthians 9: 16 – 19, 22 - 23
Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1 : 29-39
He cured many who suffered from disease of one kind or another.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased William Attard, Giovanni (John) Pellizzer, Peter Roth, Laura Ramos, Kylie Johnson as well as Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Joe Grech, Carmen and Joseph Teuma, Carmen and Loreto Xerri.

Sick:

Eileen Allen, Jessica Moloney and Laurie Mitchell.

SCAM ALERT

A number of parishes within the Diocese have been caught up in a widespread scam. Someone claiming to be a priest is messaging people on WhatsApp and via email, asking them to message back and requesting they send funds and gift vouchers.

Based on the information reported to the Diocese, they now believe that the recipients of the messages could be mainly volunteers or names of individuals who have had their names and contact details published on parish bulletins, websites or social media pages, as they are involved in the different ministries or agencies they serve. The fraudsters made the link that these individuals would be likely to respond to the Parish Priests call for assistance. They then create a fraudulent email/phone number and use this information and send text messages to these individuals. They sign off using the Parish Priest name (which they can easily obtain from the Parish websites).

Unfortunately the fraudsters will continue to find ways to scam communities so please be mindful that the priest or parish will never contact you in such a manner to request assistance and if things look and feel suspicious, they are worth verifying with the Parish priest/office though the usual phone numbers and not through phone numbers or email addresses that you do not recognise. One of the numbers used for the false WhatsApp account is 0488 875 092. **THIS IS A FALSE ACCOUNT.**

As a precaution, please **DO NOT** respond to text messages or emails you receive from this number but call or contact the Parish Office or Priest instead to verify the sender of the messages as well as report the incident.

The matter has been raised with the Parramatta Police on behalf of the affected parishes.

PLEASE NOTE, *That St Matthew's was not one of the Parishes and because of scams, we try not to publish full names or contact details on our website or in the newsletter.*

ROSTERS		13TH/14TH FEBRUARY 2021		SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B	
Church Cleaning	T. Ripa and S. Mitchell		Sacristy	L. Maguire	
MASSES	5PM	6.15PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	T. Ripa	M. Said	J. Wein	L. Buchanan	S. Naylor
Reader	M. Williams	J. Rapa	C. Attard	F. Watkins	J. Newland
Acolyte/Adult Server			J. Coco	J. Sciberras	T. Victorino
Altar Servers	N. Xerri	E. Rijke	S. Tierney	A. Portelli	P. Sultana
	O. Thompson	J. Bond		M. Portelli	E. Sultana

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