



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
ASH WEDNESDAY 9AM AND 7.30PM

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am

Baptisms:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays monthly 11am

Marriages:

By appointment

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 14th February, 2021

It is hard to imagine a person in 1st Century Palestine who would be more of an outcast from society than the leper. Unfortunately, any form of skin disease was categorised as leprosy (known as Hansen's disease today). It was regarded as one of the greatest forms of uncleanness and seen as a physical manifestation of God's punishment on the person.



For a person like this to even approach Jesus is a huge risk and an enormous act of faith. He trusts that Jesus will not reject him like everybody else in his life has done. His request to Jesus is almost a demand; it is certainly filled with an utter conviction of Jesus' ability and good will: 'if you want to, you can cure me'. Jesus' reaction is one of equally strong emotion – he is so moved by this man's plight that he reaches out his hand and touches the man. To touch a person with leprosy was to break every rule of the clean/unclean social structure that dominated Jewish society. In this one action, Jesus challenges the entire basis on which Jewish society is constructed – the purity code. For Jesus to touch this man, according to the purity code, is to become unclean himself. But Jesus ignores these social rules and responds out of love and heals the man with word and action. However, Jesus knows that if the man is to be accepted back into society he needs to conform to the rules that dominate his world. He must present himself to the local priest who is the only one with the authority to declare someone cured of their disease and thus able to become ritually clean and welcome back into worship and back into everyday life.

LIVING THE GOSPEL - WHO IS YOUR LEPER?

There is a story of Francis of Assisi in which he encountered a horribly disfigured leper. Initially, Francis was repulsed by the man but remembered that this man too was a child of God and made in the image and likeness of God. Overcoming his fears, Francis ran forward and embraced the man. Rather than seeing the disease, Francis saw the person. We can ask the question, Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion!

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 RECOMMENDED

Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me,
for the sake of your name.



FIRST READING: Leviticus 13 : 1 – 2, 44 - 46
As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

RESPONSE: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING: I Corinthians 10 : 31- 11 : 1
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us, God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 40 - 45
The leprosy left him and he was cured.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Janet Drady, William Attard as well as Carmen and Joseph Teuma, Carmen and Loreto Xerri, Bernard Axiak, Rita and Christino Teuma.

Sick:

Eileen Allen, Jessica Moloney and Laurie Mitchell.

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 next Tuesday, 16th February. The second group will be on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Parish House also starting next Tuesday. If you would like to join either group, please put your name on the relevant sheet at the back of the Church.



FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAMME

If your child participated in the Penance/Reconciliation Programme last year, or has received their First Reconciliation, they are eligible to join the First Eucharist Programme. This Programme will start with two Parent Information Meetings. The first meeting is on Monday, 22nd February and the second on Tuesday, 23rd February. Both meetings will be at 7pm in the Church and only one parent needs to attend one meeting. For further information or to book for a meeting, please contact Cita 0415 682 183 or the Parish Office.



**THE NEXT SET OF ENVELOPES IS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.
TO SAVE ON POSTAGE, PARISHIONERS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE COLLECT THEIR ENVELOPES AFTER MASS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.**

THE MARRIAGE KIT - ONLINE SEMINAR

There will be a six-week workshop series for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship. This initiative is in partnership with the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton. It will start on Monday evening, 15th February and will cost \$25. For more information visit www.smartloving.org/rockhampton



ROSTERS		20TH/21ST FEBRUARY 2021		FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B	
Church Cleaning	A. Tabone		Sacristy	B. and N. Duff	
MASSES	5PM	6.15PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	H. Sobiesiak	M. Grosvenor	J. Wein	I. Willingham	J. Newland
Reader	K. Apap	M. Williams	C. Attard	Sr Anita	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server			S. Kelly	T. Victorino	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	P. Sultana	I. Spiteri	J. Bond	J. Biviano	E. Sevilla
	E. Sultana	D. Spiteri			

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