



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

Stations of the Cross

Friday 7pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am

Baptisms:

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

Marriages:

By appointment

First Sunday of Lent Year B 21st February, 2021



How can we tell bad from good? Too often we judge good and bad based on what is pleasant and congenial. Jesus' time in the wilderness must make us pause. After he had received loving confirmation from the Father, the Spirit 'drives', 'casts out' Jesus into the wilderness to be tested. Are the 'beasts' there good or bad? We don't know. They could be a reminder of the idyllic time before the Fall when Adam lived in harmony with all of nature. If so, Mark is portraying Jesus as the new Adam bringing salvation. Mark could also be alluding to the image from Isaiah when all nature would be in such harmony that the lion would lie down with the lamb. But the 'beasts' could also be understood as friends of the demonic powers, set on terrifying Jesus. Most likely both meanings are intended.

In our lives there are many negative things we could call 'beasts' - chronic illness, addiction, unemployment, disability, etc. Are they good or bad? Given how they can undermine us and turn us in on ourselves, we would call them bad. Given the way grace can work through them, opening us to the love of God and others, we would call them good. Lent is a good time to let the Spirit drive us into our wilderness to meet our beasts. Only one thing we can be certain on, Jesus is with us. How will he tame our beasts? We can only wait and be ready for the time of grace.

REST GENTLY IN THE LOVE OF GOD

We have begun Lent and received the invitation to journey with Jesus into the dark places of the human heart. As you rest in God's love, ponder on the darkness that can exist in people's lives and ask yourself if you can be compassionate to that darkness as Jesus was. Ask him for the wisdom to know how to approach your own darkness and how to be with others in their darkness

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 RECOMMENDED

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING: Genesis 9 : 8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

RESPONSE: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3 : 18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL: Mark 1: 12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Victor Teuma, Janet Drady, William Attard, (Anniversaries of Jean Peare and Angela Fletcher) 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

It is still possible to join either of the Lenten Groups. They are both held on Tuesdays, One at the Good Samaritan Convent at 10am led by Sr Therese and the other in the Presbytery at 7pm led by Fr Ever. If you would like to attend one of the groups, please see the respective leader so that a programme can be made available for when you arrive.



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.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church and will start from this Friday, 26th February. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

CHURCH AND SACRISTY CLEANERS NEEDED

We are in need of more Church and Sacristy cleaners. If you can spare one hour every 4 or 6 weeks to help clean the Sacristy or Church, it would be greatly appreciated. Maybe you can bring a friend or a family member and you can do it together. Cleaning can be done on a day and at a time that suits you but it is preferred they are cleaned before the Sunday Masses. At the moment groups come on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Please consider helping. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office during office hours.



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MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

The next Monday Club lunch will be held on Monday, 1st March. Cost is \$10- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. The theme will be St Patrick so make sure you wear a splash of green. Bookings are required for catering and because of COVID, spots are limited. If you would like to attend, please contact Celine.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next Baptismal Talk will be held this Thursday, 25th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month and Baptisms are booked at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office during office hours. Please Note that because of other commitments, the talk in March will be on Wednesday, 24th March.



DO YOU NEED A TABLE?

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan have a table which expands to seat 8. If you would like it and can collect it, please ring 0427 208 315.

LEGION OF MARY INVITATION

In celebration of 100 years of the Legion of Mary (founded 7 September 1921) the Sydney Senatus commissioned a statue of Our Lady to visit all parishes. The statue will be arriving here in our Parish on Saturday, 6th March. We would like to invite all parishioners and Legion of Mary members to come and welcome the statue at 4.30pm inside the church. After the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass, we will pray the rosary followed by the Legion of Mary prayer.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Be More". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

PROJECT COMPASSION – VIRTUAL IMMERSIONS

Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishioners and groups via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff. Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to lent.caritas.org.au.

PALMS AUSTRALIA REACH BEYOND - The Need Is Acute!

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now. Visit palms.org.au, call Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au



ROSTERS		27TH/28TH FEBRUARY 2021		SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B	
Church Cleaning	K. Moffitt and C. Conolly.		Sacristy	C. Melinz.	
MASSSES	5PM	6.15PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	T. Ripa	M. Said	C. Attard	C. Conolly	J. Newland
Reader	M. Williams	J. Rapa	J. Wein	Sr Therese	S. Naylor
Acolyte/Adult Server			J. Coco	F. Watkins	T. Victorino
Altar Servers	N. Lupi	J. Dimech	S. Tierney	E. El Hindy	C. Naylor
	N. Lupi	S. Beattie		A. Bradford	

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COVID SAFETY REMINDERS AND HOUSEKEEPING

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ

- ◆ Please maintain social distancing at all times in and around the Church.
- ◆ You can now register your attendance at Mass either via the paper form or via the QR code. Both are available at the back of the Church. If you are registering on paper, please record one person per line. That way it is easier to ensure numbers allowed are not exceeded.
- ◆ While sitting in the pews, please ensure you are 1.5 metres from the person in front, behind and next to you. (You are only exempt if you are from the same household)
- ◆ Face masks are no longer mandatory but they are still recommended.
- ◆ There is to be NO congregational singing at all during the Mass.
- ◆ Please form one line when receiving Holy Communion and keep 1.5 metres from the person in front and behind you.
- ◆ Parishioners sitting at the right of the Church are to receive communion on the right and those sitting on the left are to receive on the left. That way social distancing is easier to maintain.
- ◆ Please take your bulletin with you and dispose of the seat wipes in the bin available at the back of the Church. If you don't do this then someone else has to clean up after you.
- ◆ Please leave the Church immediately after Mass and do not congregate inside or outside the doors of the Church. If you wish to chat, please move to the driveway or street but please still maintain social distancing.
- ◆ If we are inspected and found not to be complying with regulations for Places of Worship, the Parish, as well as any individual found not to be complying, can be issued an on the spot fine.
- ◆ We would like to thank everyone for their patience and help in trying to keep our Parish and community safe.



The Parish Team.

The Rainbow of Promise

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TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

REMEMBER	APPEARS
SIGN	COVENANT
CREATURES	CLOUDS
WATERS	EARTH
LIFE	BIRDS
FLOOD	RAINBOW
DESTROY	
ANIMALS	
LIVESTOCK	



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