



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 Gayan Thamel*
Sacramental Coordinator: *Ms Cita Adams*
Parish Secretary: *Mrs Judy Rigg*
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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 6.00pm
Sun. 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.00pm

Weekday:

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am

Adoration

Friday 9.30am-12noon

Baptisms:

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

Marriages:

By appointment

The Ascension of the Lord Year B *16th May, 2021*



Where did Jesus go? The way we answer that question can close down our minds and imaginations or it can open us up to the greater mystery of God's dealing with this created world. In the world view of his time, Jesus' ascent into the clouds aligned with the current worldview of reality – above the heavens there was a super, divine realm to which he went. If we take it that way we would imagine Jesus tucked away in some corner of the Universe waiting for the Final Judgement when our bodies will be made like his. But as the resurrection accounts show, Jesus was physical, just not in the way we know it. I imagine that if Jesus' ascension was filmed today he would withdraw, transfigure into an encompassing radiant energy field. Here - just not as we know it.

As Christians we believe that the Word of God became flesh in the person of Jesus, and that after his Resurrection, he remained who he was, human and divine but with a transformed humanity. This challenges us not just because we have limited experience of Jesus' resurrected life but also because of our limited notions of what 'physical' is. One of the few constants in the history of physics is that when scientists think they have pretty well solved all the questions, something new is discovered which challenges their basic understanding.

So where did Jesus go? Certainly not away from us. Indeed, we believe he is with us in his Word and Eucharist, when we gather in prayer, indeed always to the end of time.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

When you are at rest, ponder on how you experience the presence of Jesus in your life. What aspects of your life, for example your relationships or creation, speak to you of his presence?

Jesus has promised to be with us at all times. In what part of your life do you feel he is absent? Can you bring that part to him and rest with him? Ask him how he would like to come there.

Sr K. Harris OSB 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 MANDATORY

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 1 : 1-11
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

RESPONSE: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1 : 17-23
He made Jesus to sit at His right hand in heaven.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 16 : 15-20
The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Maria Galea and Rory O’Kane as well as (Anniversaries of David Moss, William van Vliet), Wendy Williams, Mary Grech, Saydee Youssef, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana family.

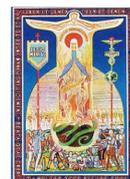
Sick:

Jessica Moloney, John Flint, Carmela Bombardier, Donna Dela Cuadra and Neill Perrett.

LEGION OF MARY

WINDSOR PRAESIDIUM-OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In honour of the Blessed Virgin, the rosary (led by members of the Legion) will be prayed half an hour before every weekend Mass. That is Saturday, 5.30pm; Sunday, 7am, 8.30am and 4.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to take part.



The Holy Fathers Intention for the month of May 2021 is for the world of finance. Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

ADORATION - ALONE WITH THE ALMIGHTY

We are holding adoration following the 9am Mass every Friday. It goes from 9.30am until 12noon, however, if there is a another Parish commitment (like a funeral) it will be cancelled for that Friday. We will try to give you prior notice of a cancellation if possible. This will be your opportunity to quietly come and pray. It is the nearness with us that Jesus craves. It is in those precious moments in adoration that we come face to face, with Him, so close that He lavishes His love on us, so close that He can breathe on us and into us. All parishioners are most welcome to come and pray ‘Alone with the Almighty’.



DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA SAFEGUARDING LEARNING PLATFORM

In response to the Royal Commission, the Diocese of Parramatta will be launching their Safeguarding Learning Platform for all staff and volunteers. At this stage, the only volunteers who will be required to complete this training are Acolytes and Adult Servers. You must also have a current Working With Children Check lodged with the Parish to be able to continue volunteering and undertake the training. {Scripture Teachers will have previously complete this training through the CCD.) There are three compulsory courses to be completed by all staff and volunteers working with children and adults at risk. They are: Introduction to Safeguarding; Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct and Safeguarding Adults at Risk. This is just the beginning of many focused resources aimed at providing staff and volunteers with effective tools and training to protect the most vulnerable in our communities. All Parishes throughout the Diocese will each manage the training and work closely with the Office for Safeguarding’s Community Engagement and Education Officer. We do have the option of face to face training instead of online if that is preferred. We do ask that ALL Acolytes and Adult Servers email or phone the Parish Office to confirm that they are prepared to undertake the training and verify the Parish has their Working With Children Check details and email address.

WE ARE STILL DESPERATELY IN NEED OF YOUR HELP!

Our parish ministry of SRE is still short of helpers.

We are in urgent need of more people who are willing to give thirty minutes to help children learn about God's love. Please seriously consider volunteering to help with Scripture classes during the week at our local state schools.



The table outlines the schools and classes and times where we have a need.

BLIGH PARK	TUESDAY 2:00pm 2:30pm	NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
EBENEZER	THURSDAY 9:30am	NEED A VOLUNTEER TO HELP
GLOSSODIA	WEDNESDAY	NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
MARAYLYA	WEDNESDAY 11:15am 11:50am	NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP (all Classes)
MAROOTA	THURSDAY 9:10am	NEED A VOLUNTEER TO HELP
OAKVILLE	WEDNESDAY 2:15pm 2:45pm	NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP (infant and primary)
PITT TOWN	TUESDAY 11:15am 11:45am	NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
SOUTH WINDSOR	FRIDAY 1:45am	NEED A VOLUNTEER TO TEACH-3/4 ; 5/6
WILBERFORCE	WEDNESDAY 2:30pm 3:00pm	NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
WINDSOR PARK	TUESDAY	NEED A VOLUNTEER (primary classes)
WINDSOR	WEDNESDAY 11:40am	NEED VOLUNTEERS (all classes)

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT DOLORES 45796160/0409998198

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING SATURDAY SESSIONS

Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, each week with Saturday Sessions. This week is themed: Where do the Children Go? Connecting Parishes and Schools led by Colin McLeod It will be held on Saturday 15th May, 9.15am – Register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/SS15052021> and Monday 17th May, 7.15pm – Register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/SS17052021>. You need to register in advance to receive the video link. Watch the video and then join in the conversation by joining in one of the conversation sessions. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting and the links to the presentation.



ROSTERS		22ND/23RD MAY, 2021		PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B	
Church Cleaning: K. Moffitt and C. Conolly.			Sacristy: L. Maguire.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM	
Commentator	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	L. Buchanan	M. Claravall	
Reader	A. Dimech	J. Wein	Sr Anita	T. Victorino	
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	S. Kelly	J. Sciberras	F. Watkins	
Altar Servers		S. Tierney	J. Biviano	C. Adam	
			C. Naylor		

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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 mandatory for this weekend.**
- ◆ **Singing is not permitted for this weekend.**
- ◆ 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 of \$1,000– and the Parish will also be fined \$55,000-.
- ◆ We would like to thank everyone for their patience and help in trying to keep our Parish and community safe.



The Parish Team.

The Ascension of The Lord

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TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

RISE	SUFFER
HEAVEN	WORSHIPED
REPENT	PSALMS
SCRIPTURE	BLESSING
PROPHETS	OPENED
FULFILLED	UNDERSTAND
TAKEN	
FORGIVE	
MOSES	
MINDS	

