



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 Evergisto Bernaldez MSP*
Sacramental Coordinator: *Ms Cita Adams*
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www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au
Office hours - 9.30am - 4.30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday :

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

13th June, 2021



The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

Dianne Bergant CSA liturgyhelp.com

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

Consider the situations in your life when you have had to be patient – to wait for what was happening to run its course. Perhaps it was waiting for a birth, for a death, for an event to take place. Choose one of those events and slowly recall what happened over the period of time. Can you recall the emotions you had? What did you learn about yourself in the process of waiting? Did it contribute to your ability to live through the event when it happened?

Now consider situations in your present life about which you must be patient. Can you bring your knowledge from the past to these situations? Open yourself to the ways God could be bringing about growth now.

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 RECOMMENDED

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God my Saviour!

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17 : 22-24

I have made the small tree great.

RESPONSE: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5 : 6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 4 : 26-34

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Garry Ryan, George Seguna, Fr Maurice McNamara, Michael Said, John Sultana, Sam Vassallo, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana family.

Sick:

Roger Milosh, Jessica Moloney, John Flint, Carmela Bombardier, Donna Dela Cuadra, Neill Perrett, Jacob Kildour and Joshua Bray.

HAWKESBURY HOSPITAL

MASSES

Just a reminder that Masses will recommence in Hawkesbury Hospital Chapel at 10.15am on Thursday, 1st July and will then be held on the first Thursday of each month.

VISITS

If you have a family member or friend in Hawkesbury Hospital and they would like to receive communion or anointing of the sick while they are there, please let the Pastoral Care team at the hospital know, and they will organise a visit from the priest during the week.

HOME VISITS

If you know of someone who would like to have a visit from a priest at their home, please let the parish office know and we can organise a visit. Maybe you know of someone who is ill and would like communion, or possibly they would just like to have a chat. Please check with them first before organising the visit.



BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Thank You for Supporting Our Seminarians to Answer God's Call

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and our Holy Spirit Seminary thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support over the last few weeks. Our Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal raised over \$1,400- which will provide for the education, formation and accommodation of our seminarians, successfully transforming them into compassionate, loyal priests who will help ensure the future of our Church. Thank you for your kind-hearted generosity. For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal We ask you to continue to pray for the Diocesan ministries supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, including our Holy Spirit Seminary and the young men who have answered God's call.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The next set of planned giving envelopes are available for collection at the back of the Church. To save on postage, please take your set of envelopes home with you after Mass. If you would like to join the planned giving programme, please contact the parish office.



COLLECTIONS

It has been decided that we will trial taking up collections again during Masses instead of parishioners placing donations in the boxes at the entrance to the Church. We will be using long handled collection bags so that only the collectors will be handling them. Thank you for your patience as we trial this new system.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN PREACH

Is a new podcast featuring Christian women preaching on the Sunday Gospel each week, breaking open the Word of God in ways that are meaningful to people today. Every Monday a new episode is released with preaching on the coming Sunday's Gospel reading. The Podcast features diverse Australian women from across different Christian denominations. The women bring unique perspectives to the Gospel that are both theologically rich and grounded in their own life experiences. Listen here: <https://anchor.fm/awp> The Podcast is an initiative of WATAC (Women and the Australian Church) and the Grail in Australia. Find out more: australianwomenpreach.com.au



OTHER DIOCESAN NEWS

⇒ Save our Graves

You are encouraged to sign a petition from the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to reverse the NSW government's decision to exclude faith and charitable groups from cemetery management. The petition can be signed at saveourgraves.com.au



⇒ Support Mass for You at Home

Many people who are isolated, in prison, in hospital or don't have internet rely on Mass for You at Home. The Catholic Mass is broadcast free-to-air each Sunday morning on Channel 10 and WIN at 6am. Find some familiar faces from the Diocese of Parramatta celebrating Mass starting from this Sunday 13 June and over the coming weeks. Find out more at www.massforyou.com.au

⇒ Rouse Hill Parish Mandarin Mass

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, will commence celebrating Masses in Mandarin on the third Sunday of each month, beginning on 20th June at 3pm. Mass will be followed by afternoon tea. For more information, please contact the parish office on 8883 4063 or email parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

⇒ Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB Public Lecture: 28 June

Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth and President of the Plenary Council, will be speaking on the coming Plenary Council at a public lecture in the Diocese of Parramatta at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on Monday 28 June at 7pm. Bookings are essential, as limited spaces are available. Please RSVP by 25 June to mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

⇒ Catholic Outlook

The Winter edition of the Diocesan magazine Outlook has arrived and there are still some copies left. It has some interesting articles, well worth reading. Please take your free copy home with you after Mass.

GOSPEL FOCUS

The Kingdom of God

The references to the kingdom of God in the gospels always carry a paradox. It exists in the present, yet is something to be achieved in the future. It is here, but not yet. If we live 'as if' we are living in the kingdom here and now then we hasten its coming. The kingdom of God is not a place but a way in which the world operates. It is a kingdom that is ruled by justice and gives precedence to those who are regarded as nothing in the world. It is a kingdom of promise and hope that inspires and calls all people to more than they currently are.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

St Matthews Catholic Church Windsor

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Matthews-Catholic-Church-Windsor-103097277962571/>

St Matthew's Facebook Page is intended to help us grow our faith community while also providing our current parishioners a space to socialise and learn outside of Mass.



Share Photos, Ask Questions, Comment
Make Suggestions!

Please find us on Facebook and Like our page!



ROSTERS			19TH/20TH JUNE, 2021		12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B	
Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.			Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.			
MASSSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM		
Commentator	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	S. Naylor		
Reader	M. Grosvenor	J. Wein	A. Sciberras	F. Watkins		
Acolyte/Adult Server		S. Kelly	T. McMahon	T. Victorino		
Altar Servers	I. Spiteri		E. El Hindy	E. Sevilla		
	D. Spiteri		A. El Hindy			

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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.
- ◆ Congregational singing is now permitted under the 2 square metre rule.
- ◆ 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 Parables of Jesus

M	U	S	T	A	R	D	B	G	V	W	L	E	O	X
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TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

GROUND	SEED
JESUS	SMALLEST
KINGDOM	BIRDS
GARDEN	SHADE
PLANTS	LARGEST
NEST	
STORY	
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BRANCHES	

