



# 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.*

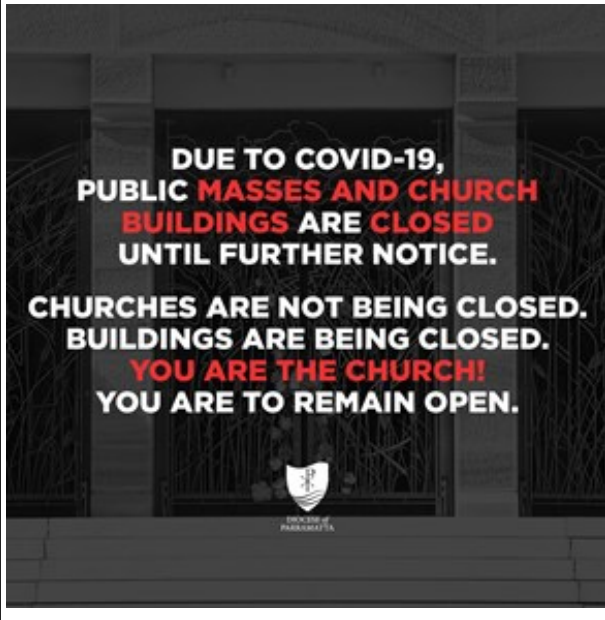
### Parish Team:

Parish Priest: *Fr Robert William*  
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9.30am to 1pm

### Schools:

*St Matthew's Primary Phone: 4560 2300*  
Principal: Mr Tim Vane-Tempest  
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Principal: Mr Michael Mifsud  
*Bede Polding College Phone: 4560 2900*  
Principal: Mr Mark Compton

### Masses:



*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

*Father's Day*

*5th September, 2021*



Such courtesy and sensitivity! The deaf man when brought to Jesus by his friends probably didn't know what was going on. Being the centre of attention in the midst of a group of strangers would have only added to his confusion and embarrassment. So Jesus takes him aside and there, one on one, mimics what he intends to do – unstop his ears, heal his tongue. Jesus doesn't just foist healing upon the man. Touching a person's ears, anointing the tongue are acts of familiarity and one can imagine the tenderness with which Jesus would have done them. No wonder he groaned. He probably saw in the man's face the depths of loneliness he had suffered. Those watching at a distance may have misinterpreted his actions as magic but Jesus' look to heaven showed the true source of his power. All it took was a single word of command to overturn the years of loneliness and isolation.

Scriptural commentators interpret the initial verses of this reading to mean that Jesus spent some time in Gentile territory and that this miracle was typical of the healings that Jesus did during his wanderings over the Decapolis region. Though he performed many miracles, each was a unique encounter for the individual. One on one, heart reached out to heart. This gives us the courage to ponder: 'If Jesus came to me, how would he take me aside and what would he heal?'

### REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

Ask Jesus to come close to you and show you where you are deaf in your life. Imagine him touching your ears, anointing your tongue. Ask him what he wants you to understand. Ponder what he reveals for some time.

When you have received this teaching and healing, ask him how you are to proclaim it in your life.

Sr Kym Harris osb [www.prayasyoucan.com.au](http://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 MANDATORY

**THE LEGION OF MARY RECITE THE ROSARY EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 7PM VIA ZOOM.**

**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART,**

**PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE .**



**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 35 : 4-7

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

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**RESPONSE:**

Praise the Lord, my soul!

**SECOND READING:**

James 2 : 1-5

*Has God not chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?***ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**

Mark 7 : 31-37

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.***PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE HOLY SOULS:****Recently Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased William Groten, Katrina Cuda, Barbara Lendrum, Calla Reith, Alfred Sultana and Ralph Howarth as well as Maisie as well as Tania Felice, Frank Felice, Anthony Vella, Carmen and Julian Felice, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana family.

**Sick:**

Please pray for Roger Milosh and Jessica Moloney

**FATHERS DAY APPEAL**

This Father's Day, please spare a thought for our humble priests who have cared for our faith community's spiritual nourishment and wellbeing for all their lives, asking little for themselves. When their time comes to retire, many are without family to support them and assist with the everyday essentials for a comfortable retirement. With your generosity, the Clergy Support Foundation can help them with the personal, professional, and practical care and guidance needed to transition to a dignified and well-deserved retirement. Please give generously via the Father's Day Appeal at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or call (02) 8838 3482.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION & SEASON OF CREATION**

Pope Francis has designated 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Join Pope Francis and Christians around the globe in praying for and taking action for our common home on 1 Sept and during Season of Creation (1 Sept – 4 Oct). For more information, resources, and activities in the Diocese of Parramatta visit: [parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation](http://parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation)

**NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**

National Child Protection Week goes from the 5th-11th September and is themed "Every child in every community needs a fair go". It is aimed at raising awareness of the 'big picture' community supports that are needed for children to thrive. There are free community seminars that parishioners are welcome to attend. Find topics and how to register at [www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-webinars-2021/](http://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-webinars-2021/)

**'THE WELL' OFFERS SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT DURING LOCKDOWN**

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Our latest offerings include The FaithFeed's most recent livestream session and a special international version of Worship Wednesday. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

**CATHOLIC OUTLOOK BOOK GIVEAWAY**

To celebrate Father's Day 2021, and with thanks to Coventry Press, Catholic Outlook is giving away three copies of "Matters of Life and Faith" by Paul Mitchell – a beautiful book about faith and fatherhood. Entries are now open until Thursday 9 September. Enter today via [catholicoutlook.org](http://catholicoutlook.org) and fill out the form under 'Book Giveaway'.