



# 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:

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Principal: Mr Michael Mifsud  
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Principal: Mr Mark Compton

### Masses:



THE LEGION OF MARY RECITE THE ROSARY EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 7PM VIA ZOOM. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART, PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE.



### 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**

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 12th September, 2021

I find the best wisdom from the saints comes at the end of their lives. Love of Christ combined with life's experience gives them sure insight. At the end of his life, when revising his Rule, St Benedict stated, 'For it is by patience that we share in the Cross of Christ.' The call of Jesus to take up our cross may inspire us to great actions. The reality, for most of us, is much more mundane – living and working for years with the same group of people, be they family, community, workmates. They don't seem to change much, nor, we fear, do we. St Benedict lived in such a stable situation but saw that the call to follow Christ is no less real than if we went to be martyred at the ends of the earth.



Patience for him is not a 'putting up with' each other. The word is based on the word for 'passion'. Patience is both a passionate love for the other and also a sharing in the Passion of Christ. How can we do this? St Benedict offers another nugget of wisdom. 'To always do what benefits the other, not oneself'. Now think carefully on that because he is not recommending that we just patiently take whatever another dishes out, bad behaviour included. We are to actively work for 'the good' that others need and sometimes that is going to take wisdom and courage to enact: discipline to the adolescent, challenge to the gambling partner, whistleblowing in the workplace. Sometimes martyrdom looks easy compared to these. Even if our situation is not so traumatic, to love the other in this way makes us actively engage with them, to truly think about and ponder what their needs are and how they can best be fulfilled. When we do this, we have truly taken up our Cross and followed Christ. Even if and when we feel we may be dying in such service, we are entering into the fullness of life that Christ offers.

### REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

As you sit quietly imagine Jesus asking you, 'Who do you say I am?' then listen to your heart. What response rises from it? Offer this answer to Jesus and sit with it for a while. Ponder what this affirmation of Jesus means in your life. How does it align with the Gospel? How does it align the crosses you have in your life? Does it give you strength and courage? Ask Jesus what he would like to add to your answer.

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)

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 50 : 5-9  
*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

**RESPONSE:**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
 in the land of the living.

**SECOND READING:**

James 2 : 14-18  
*Faith without good works is dead.*

**ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**

Mark 8 : 27-35  
*You are the Christ ... The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

**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 - Thank you for caring for our retired clergy**

Thanks to your kind and compassionate support, the Clergy Support Foundation can continue to ensure our priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing is nurtured. And, where needed, support our ageing priests' daily living, health care and medical expenses; along with home comforts and essentials for living well. The Clergy Foundation Committee is very grateful for your generous donations over the last few weeks, both via online portal or by mail, which have raised just on \$60,000 as of Thursday 9 September, about a third of our way to our target. Hopefully we will soon be able to hold the appeal in our parishes. Thanks again and if you haven't yet made a donation and would like to, please visit [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or call (02) 8838 3482.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY – 12 SEPTEMBER**

Previously known as Child Protection Sunday, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference approved the change of name late last year to better reflect the Church's policies and protocols to protect and support children and adults at risk. The day seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, especially children and other people who are at risk. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

**A MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION ENHANCEMENT TEAM FOR ALL YOUTH**

As we enter week 12 of lockdown, Catholic Youth Parramatta is holding free online creativity workshops. Topics include blogging, photography and song writing – even Tik Tok dancing! The LIFTED Studio Sessions, every day from 13th to 18th September from 6.30 - 7.30pm and are a safe space for young people to connect and have fun with some of the best local creative talent. Register for free at <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-studio-session/>

**BOOK OF REFLECTIONS**

Seeing how distressed his parishioners were at being locked out of their church, Fr Joseph (Joe) Lam, parish priest of St Finbar's Parish in Glenbrook has written a book of reflections to help them cope and even find goodness that might come from the pandemic. He's also donating the proceeds of the book, *I Will Cause My Spirit To Enter You And You Shall Live: Biblical Theological Essays on the Pandemic* to the Diocese of Parramatta's Clergy Support Foundation. For over 15 years, Fr Joe has lectured theology in Germany, Italy, Belgium, Africa, the US and Australia. He has authored six monographs and over 60 peer-reviewed articles in German, English, Italian and Spanish. Costs \$AUD9.99 plus postage. It can be purchased directly from Fr Joe. To order a copy, email Fr Joe at [joseph.lam@parracatholic.org](mailto:joseph.lam@parracatholic.org).