



# 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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*St Matthew's Primary Phone: 4560 2300*  
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Principal: Mr Michael Mifsud  
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Principal: Mr Mark Compton

### Masses:



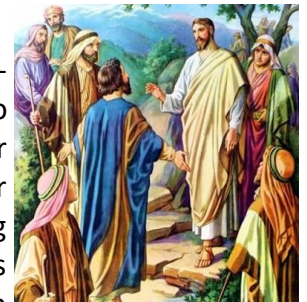
THE LEGION OF MARY RECITE THE ROSARY EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 7PM VIA ZOOM. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART, PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE .



### 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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 26th September, 2021



'Holiness is Wholeness!' Right? Not necessarily. In the poem *And* he says to her Noel Rowe tells of the encounter between an old alcoholic and Mother Teresa out at Bourke. He knew nothing about her but had been told a saint was coming to visit. His heartfelt response on meeting her was, 'You must be dog tired, love.' His observation reveals a truth that we would like to ignore: holiness costs. The fullness of life doesn't come easy and, at first, it may not look pretty.

Think about the images that Jesus uses in this Sunday's Gospel. If you amputate a hand, a foot, an eye, you are disfigured. You wear the scars. True, you are saved a far worse disfigurement in the long run but, in the short term, facing our personal sins is not easy and can be difficult and distressing. Many who have faced their addictions through the 12-step programmes will endorse the terror and distress that must be gone through in facing their weakness...and the weakness that must be lived with throughout their lives.

Saints are not people who have risen above their sins, looking good and graceful in all situations. No, they are people who have faced their liabilities and who freely admit, it is only God who saves.

### REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

When you are at rest, ask Jesus to help you consider the sin in your life that he would like you to face at this point in time. If you have trouble discerning this, take the image of losing a hand, foot or eye, and ask yourself if there is any way you use these in a way that is destructive.

Keeping with those images of hand, foot and eye, ask Jesus how you could use each of these in a way that is full of grace.

**FIRST READING:**

Numbers 11 : 25-29

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?***RESPONSE:**

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**SECOND READING:**

James 5 : 1-6

*Your wealth is rotting.***ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**

Mark 9 : 38-43, 45, 47-48

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.***PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE HOLY SOULS:****Recently Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Valente Lorenzo Tan, Sam Attard and Karen Vella as well as Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana family.

**Sick:**

Please pray for Roger Milosh and Jessica Moloney.

**MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY**

This Sunday, the Catholic Church around the world celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (also known as Migrant and Refugee Sunday). Pope Francis invites us to work Towards an ever wider "we" and embrace the resilience and contribution of Migrants and Refugees to the church and society. The "Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees" team invites you to a Virtual Diocesan Conversation with Refugees on 26th September from 3pm - 4.15pm. RSVP via [www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee](http://www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee). Find more information at [migrants-refugees.va](http://migrants-refugees.va) and [acmro.catholic.org.au](http://acmro.catholic.org.au)

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIRST COLLECTION while in lockdown**

With the continued lockdown of our Church, you may wish to make an EFT contribution to support your Clergy, i.e. what you would normally place on the first collection.

To do, please use the following details:

BSB 067950 Account No 00004265 Account Name Diocesan Clergy Reference 6040

(followed by) your name. This will enable them to credit your donation to our parish.

Thank you for your contributions – they are much appreciated.

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**OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING OFFERING ONLINE TRAINING TO KEEP OUR PARISHES SAFE**

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout September and October. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

**VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN NEED**

St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in Blacktown on (02) 8861 9777, Harris Park on (02) 8861 9757 and Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>