



# 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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### Schools:

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### Masses:

*Weekend: Starting 23rd October*  
Sat. Vigil 6.00pm  
Sun. 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.00pm

*Weekday: Starting 26th October*  
Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am

*Reconciliation:*  
Saturday 9.30am

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

### *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B* *17th October, 2021*



It is amazing how, in a fearful situation, people can be blinded by alternate concerns. Immediately before this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus had been clearly predicting his coming passion, death and resurrection. Hot on the heels of that momentous teaching, James and John, taking advantage of a moment alone with Jesus, try to manipulate him into giving them positions of power in the coming Kingdom. Jesus sees through them yet leads them on. With his mention of 'cup' and 'baptism' they should have realised that the game was up and they should back out now. But blindly they plough on and Jesus, taking advantage of this, promises them the 'cup' and 'the baptism' but not the power and authority they desire. Is this unfair? Not really because he, in his authority, can see the true nature of their needs and knows that the 'cup' and 'baptism' are what they will need to make them fit for authority.

But, at this point in time, their blindness makes them unfit for authority. They, and the other disciples, see the prestigious position as the place where they can lord it over others, telling them what to do. Jesus, in contrast, regards authority as the position where a person, seeing the bigger picture, and having access to greater resources, can be at the service of those in his or her authority. This type of authority does not make life easy for the one wielding it. Rather it is an extraordinary challenge. Called upon to juggle the disparate needs of the group with the limited resources at hand, the person in authority actually needs to use every bit of wit, creativity and sensitivity to respond appropriately to changing situations. Ask any good parent with adolescent children, any decent parish priest, what are the questions that haunt them in the night. Invariably it will be how they can adapt themselves to serve better the people they love. Truly such people are giving their lives in ransom for the ones in their care.

**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 .**



### REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

As you go through this week, mull on the various ways in which you have to exercise authority in your life. Listen to how you speak, ponder on how you act. Can you see where you already serve like Jesus? Where could you improve?

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**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 53 : 10-11

*If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.***RESPONSE:**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**SECOND READING:**

Hebrews 4 : 14-16

*Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.***ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**

Mark 10 : 35-45

*The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.***PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE HOLY SOULS:****Recently Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Peter Wastie and John Edwards as well as Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana family.

**Sick:**

Please pray for Roger Milosh, Jessica Moloney and Des Donoghue.

**SYNOD 2021-2023**

On Oct. 10, 2021, Pope Francis formally opened a two-year process called "a synod on synodality," officially known as "Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church." In brief, the process involves an expansion of an established institution, called the "Synod of Bishops." This means that bishops around the world will consult with everyone from parishioners to monks, nuns and Catholic universities before coming together for a discussion in 2023. The topic? How the church can learn to rely more fully on this kind of consultation-and-discussion process – how it can become more "synodal" in its governance. Throughout the centuries, the Roman Catholic Church has held many gatherings called "synods" – but seldom one this sweeping in its potential consequences. In part, it is designed to make church governance more open and inclusive of all its members.

**COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE—MASSES TO RESUME**

Since the state has reached the 80% vaccination rate, Church buildings can now open. Masses here at St Matthew's will recommence with the 6pm Mass next Saturday. Then weekend and weekday Masses will be at the same times as before. We will however be limited with the 4square metre per person rule meaning that only 65 people will be able to be in the Church at one time. Because of this, bookings will be required and can be made via phone or email to the Parish Office. **Mass bookings will be required by Friday at 4pm.** If you are unable to make a booking, you are welcome to still come to Mass, but there is no guarantee that you will be able to attend if it has been booked out.

Bookings are not required for weekday Masses but please ensure you register your attendance.

**Points to remember when you enter the Church:****For Religious Services:**

- ◆ All religious services held at a place of worship (including weddings and funerals) will only be limited by the 4 square metre rule. Which is 65 people here at St Matthew's.
- ◆ Music is an important part of our liturgy. Although **congregational singing is not permitted**, a single cantor and musician are possible (as per previous Public Health Orders).
- ◆ COVID Safe practices for indoor venues including **wearing masks**, maintaining physical distancing and hygiene requirements and record keeping/**sign in using QR Codes** et cetera should continue to occur.
- ◆ Live streaming of the 9am Mass will continue, to allow for people who are especially vulnerable or who are vaccinated but remain anxious at this point, to continue to attend Mass online.
- ◆ *Please note:* the priests and staff of St Matthew's are fully vaccinated however, places of worship are not required to check peoples vaccination status so we do not guarantee that all those attending Masses are fully vaccinated.