



# 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*  
Parish Secretary: *Ms Judy Rigg*  
Parish email: [stmcc@tpg.com.au](mailto:stmcc@tpg.com.au)  
[www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au](http://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

*(Bookings required)*

#### Weekday: starting 26th October

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am

#### Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am

#### Baptisms:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays monthly

#### Marriages:

By appointment

## *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

*24th October, 2021*



My father has his first, and only, heart attack in St Vincent's Hospital as he was waiting for heart surgery. The doctors decided not to bring forward his quadruple by-pass surgery but leave it at the scheduled time. Dad said he spent the next 36 hours in intensive care, repeating a cry very like Bartimaeus', 'Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner'. Like Bartimaeus, he prayed from the depths of his need.

Desperation can be a great gift. It focuses us on reality as it truly is. In his need, Bartimaeus did not care what the crowd thought, whether they were telling him to be quiet or how to relate to Jesus. In his need, he knew who Jesus was at a level deeper than this crowd knew. In his need, he was able to state simply and starkly what he wanted from Jesus. In his need, he realised what truly mattered. Unlike James and John, in last week's Gospel, who, when asked by Jesus what they wanted, had sought power and prestige, this man's need was simple and basic. And when Jesus fulfilled his need, he responded in the true manner of a disciple, following Jesus along the way – the way leading to Jerusalem, to suffering, death and through to Resurrection.

Our desperate needs are to be treasured. When their time has passed and our lives have returned to what passes for normalcy, for equilibrium, we should often revisit them to recollect the wisdom they have to offer us: the clarity regarding what is truly important in life, the knowledge that we can truly open ourselves to God, the experience that God can be truly merciful and tender in our lives.

### **REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.**


Recall the situations where you have been truly desperate and have called out to God for help. Take one of those situations and slowly remember what led to it, how you felt, what it was that made it so difficult for you. Then recall slowly how God led you, what type of comfort and support you were given, if you felt God wasn't moving quickly enough or doing the 'right' thing. Remember how the situation finally evolved and hopefully, resolved. Looking back on that situation, what have you learnt from it. Express that to God in gratitude.

Sr K. Harris OSB [prayasyoucan.com.au](http://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

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<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:</b>	Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.	
<b>FIRST READING:</b>	Jeremiah 31 : 7-9 <i>I shall lead them back in mercy—both the blind and the lame.</i>	
<b>RESPONSE:</b>	The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.	
<b>SECOND READING:</b>	Hebrews 5 : 1-6 <i>You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.</i>	
<b>ACCLAMATION:</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!	
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	Mark 10 : 46-52 <i>Master grant that I may see.</i>	
<b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON:</b>	We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.	



#### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

##### Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased John Hampshire, Alisia and Eddie Malimban, Christine Conway, 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.

#### FAREWELL AND MORNING TEA FOR FR EVER

We would like to congratulate Fr Ever who has been appointed as the new Assistant Priest of St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church in Penrith commencing Monday, 1st November. Thank you Fr Ever for your support and ministry to the Parish and parishioners of St Matthew's. May God continue to share his blessings on you in your new role at Penrith Parish. As yet, we have no replacement. To say farewell, we will be holding a morning tea following the 9am Mass next Sunday, 31st October. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Also, if you would like to contribute to a farewell gift for Fr Ever, donations can be placed in the box at the back of the Church.

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

If you have a child in Year 3 or above who has been Baptised Catholic, they are now eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance. The program starts with a parent information meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, 10th November or Thursday, 11th November. Both meetings will be in the Church. Because of restrictions, bookings are required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office during office hours. Since there has been no school due to COVID, we are asking parishioners to please spread the word so we can reach as many families as possible. Thank you.



#### MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club will be holding a morning tea on Monday, 1st November in the Parish Hall. Because it will be the first get together after such a long time, it has been decided to not have a full lunch, just morning tea. If you would like to attend, please contact Celine.

#### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next Baptismal Preparation Talk will be held this Thursday, 28th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month and bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office 4577 3073.



#### OTHER PARISH NEWS

##### Planned Giving Envelopes:

The next set of planned giving envelopes will be posted this week. If you don't receive your set by the first week in November, please contact the Parish Office.

##### Rosters:

A new Reader, Acolyte/Adult Server, Altar Server Roster and Sacristy Roster has been posted to parishioners. If you do not wish to be on the roster any longer, could you please let the Parish Office know.

##### Church Cleaners:

Now that we are holding Masses again, could the Church Cleaners please restart from the relevant weekend on your roster. If you require a new copy, please contact the Parish Office.

## CATHOLIC SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE)/SCRIPTURE IN LOCAL PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Did you know that Catholic Scripture is offered as part of the regular school timetable in the public schools of our parish? Catholic SRE/Scripture supports the family by providing lessons where students can comfortably ask questions and discover the relevance of their faith in today's society. The number of students attending Catholic Scripture in the state's high schools have declined greatly in the past 2 years and these faith lessons are in danger of being discontinued. (Even when parents enrol their children in scripture classes, schools do not always ensure that students attend the correct SRE classes or any at all). We are appealing to you the parents. Have a conversation with your children about which scripture class they attend, or perhaps take the step to enrol them into Catholic Scripture. Look through the SRE Flyer at the back of the Church to better understand the situation and contact details regarding SRE lessons in public schools.



## OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH

Churai experienced much heartbreak in childhood and rejection as an adult. She turned to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when she was abandoned by her partner and pregnant. Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most. Please give generously to help continue this life-giving program by going online at [catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand) or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church run mission programs around the world. Freecall: 1800257296 or visit [catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand)

## NOVEMBER MASSES

November is the month of Holy Souls and the 'Book of Life' will be available in the foyer of the Church so that parishioners can write down the names of any deceased family or friends that you would like remembered. Alternatively, there will also be envelopes available that can be completed and either placed in one of the collection boxes or handed to the priest. During the whole of November, Masses will be offered for your intentions.



## 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.

ROSTERS		30TH/31ST OCTOBER, 2021		31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B	
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.				Sacristy: No one rostered	
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM	
Commentator	J. Newland	C. Attard	I. Willingham	S. Naylor	
Reader	J. Rapa	S. Mackenzie	A. Sciberras	M. Claravall	
Acolyte/Adult Server			F. Watkins	G. Claravall	
Altar Servers	J. Dimech		E. El Hindy	E. Sevilla	
	E. Rijke		A. El Hindy		

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## **COVID SAFETY REMINDERS AND HOUSEKEEPING**

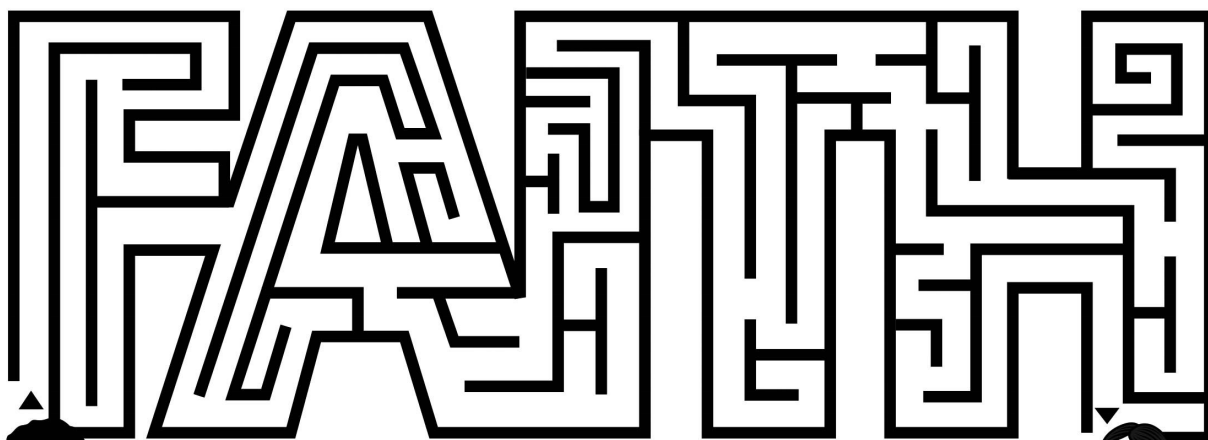
### **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ**

- ◆ Please maintain social distancing at all times in and around the Church.
- ◆ As restrictions are one person per 4 square metres, we are only allowed **65 people** in the Church at one time.
- ◆ Bookings are therefore required for weekend Masses, and you are requested to check in with the QR code for all Masses. If that is not possible, there is a sign in sheet available at the back of the Church.
- ◆ 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 AGAIN MANDATORY.**
- ◆ **CONGREGATIONAL SINGING IS NOT PERMITTED.**
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Please leave the Church immediately after Mass. You are welcome to chat outside the Church on the driveway or street but please still maintain social distancing.
- ◆ Live streaming of the 9am Mass will continue for parishioners who are especially vulnerable or who would still prefer 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.
- ◆ We would like to thank everyone for their patience and help in trying to keep our Parish and community safe.



The Parish Team.

### *The Lord Helps Those Who Have Faith*



**Bartimaeus was a blind man who begged Jesus to help him. He had faith that Jesus could make him see. Help Bartimaeus find his way to Jesus so that he can be healed.**

