



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*
Sacramental Coordinator: *Ms Cita Adams*
Parish Secretary: *Ms Judy Rigg*
Parish email: stmcc@tpg.com.au
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

Weekday:

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am

Reconciliation: next weekend only

Saturday 5.00pm

Adoration

Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am

Baptisms:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays monthly

Marriages:

By appointment

First Sunday of Advent Year C *28th November, 2021*



The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment.

Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope.

The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest.

What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God. Dianne Bergant CSA liturgyhelp.com

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

We haven't got a clue when the world will cease to exist, but on this, the first day of the Church's Year, I know that the Lord returns to us every time we love, forgive, share, are compassionate, are generous and sacrificial toward one another. It may not be as grand as dancing suns and tidal waves, but the heroic love of a parent for a child, a spouse for their sick partner and the first world sharing with the third world are spectacular enough for me to believe that Jesus' kingdom comes every day, in every hour, at every moment.

Richard Leonard SJ liturgyhelp.com

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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ADVENT RESPONSE: Come, Lord Jesus

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33 : 14-16
I will cause a good seed to spring from David.

RESPONSE: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 3 : 12 - 4 : 2
When Christ comes, may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 21 : 25-28, 34-36
Your redemption is near at hand.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Herbert Schuster, Lorry Vella, Des Donoghue, Alisia Malimban, Eddie Malimban, Christine Conway as well as Bryan Mullins, Joan Mullins, Jason Vella, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana family.

Sick:

Please pray for Jessica Moloney and Sid Kelly.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Reconciliation

During special services this coming week, the children from the Parish will be making their First Reconciliation. Parishioners are asked to please remember them in your prayers as they take this next step in their faith journey.

A MESSAGE FROM CARITAS AUSTRALIA

As part of our commitment to connecting the local Catholic community to the mission of Caritas Australia, we are seeking a Caritas Ambassador within each parish. This volunteer will be part of a network of contacts across the country and be supported to promote the work of Caritas Australia, particularly during Project Compassion in Lent. It is our hope that a Caritas Ambassador will make it easier to organise and run Project Compassion within your parish each year. This role will be a great opportunity for anyone who is keen to be involved in the life of the parish and is flexible; how much time or energy the Ambassador is able to give is very much up to them. To nominate as an Ambassador for your community, please email your details to NSWACTAmbassadors@caritas.org.au



NOMINATIONS FOR ST MATTHEW'S PASTORAL COUNCIL 2021-23

Our Pastoral Council meet with the Parish Priest (and Assistant Priest if we have one), one night a month, approximately 11 times a year, to assist them in the Pastoral activities of the Parish. The Pastoral Council is renewed every 2 years and members of the Parish who would like to assist in the Pastoral direction of our Parish are encouraged to nominate for the 2021-23 Pastoral Council (2 year term). **NOMINATIONS CLOSE THIS WEEKEND.** If you wish to nominate, please fill in this slip and place it in the box at the back of the Church.

Name: _____

Contact number: _____



RECONCILIATION

Next Saturday 4th December, due to various reasons, the reconciliation usually at 9.30am will be held at 5pm for that Saturday only. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend we will be holding the Annual Bishops Christmas Appeal. No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas. CatholicCare's Houses to Homes provides hope for vulnerable women and children facing abuse and hardship. Your kind donation today will help change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child. Please give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal An envelope is attached to the bulletin for you to use and place in the box at the back of the Church. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.



SUMMER PROGRAM

Registration for the Campion College Summer Program is now open! If you know a 16-20 year old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website: www.campion.edu.au/summer-program

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARRAMATTA

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta welcomes applications for its Scholarship Program for students entering Year 7, 2023 who have accepted a place at the College. Scholarships include Academic Excellence, Music Excellence and Alumnae. For further information please go to www.olmc.nsw.edu.au Applications close on Friday, 11th February 2022



THE GRAIL ADVENT PROGRAM

You are invited with your family and friends to join the Advent Program, Season of Hope, at The Grail Centre 22 McHatton Street North Sydney. It will be held on Wednesday, 1st December and 8th December. Arrive at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. RSVP is essential for space and seating purposes. Please email admin@grailaustralia.org.au or call 9955 3053 by Monday, 29th November.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

ACN is running an advent appeal to help Christian refugees who are suffering due to persecution, conflict and violence. This year share the hope of Christmas with Christian refugees and help ease their burdens. To read stories and watch videos of how ACN is helping our suffering brothers and sisters and to make a donation please visit www.aidtochurch.org/adventappeal.



GLENBROOK PARISH ADVENT REFLECTION DAY

You are invited to join the parish of St Finbar's, Glenbrook, for their Advent Retreat on Saturday 4th December from 10.30am to 4pm, followed by Vigil Mass at 5.30pm. The Retreat will reflect on the birth of Jesus, but also on being in touch with God through reflection on creation. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. The retreat will be \$5 per person. For catering purposes, please RSVP by 29th November to secretary@stfinbars.org.au.

ROSTERS 4TH/5TH DECEMBER, 2021		SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C		
Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.		Sacristy: L. Maguire.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	S. Naylor
Reader	J. Rapa	J. Wein	Sr Anita	F. Watkins
Acolyte/Adult Server		J. Coco	T. McMahon	T. Victorino
Altar Servers	N. Lupi		J. Biviano	C. Adam
	N. Lupi		A. Bradford	

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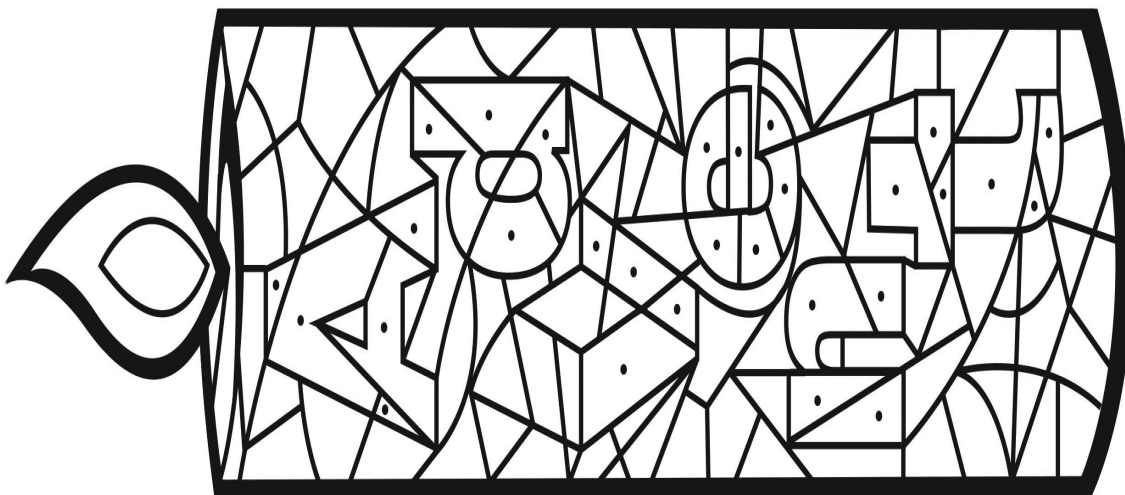
COVID SAFETY REMINDERS AND HOUSEKEEPING
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ

- ◆ Please maintain social distancing at all times in and around the Church.
- ◆ As restrictions are one person per 2 square metres, we are only allowed **140 people** in the Church at one time.
- ◆ Bookings are no longer required for weekend Masses.
- ◆ **Please check in with the QR code for all Masses.**
- ◆ *Only use the sign in sheet if you are unable to use the QR code for check in.*
- ◆ 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 STILL 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.
- ◆ We would like to thank everyone for their patience and help in trying to keep our Parish and community safe.



The Parish Team.

Advent



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