



# 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 and Tamil Chaplain:

*Fr Robert William*

Sacramental Coordinator: *Ms Cita Adams*

Parish Secretary: *Ms Judy Rigg*

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[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

#### Weekday:

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am

#### Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am

#### Adoration

Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am

#### Baptisms:

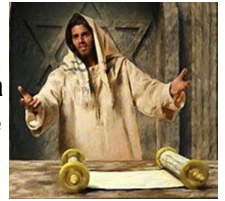
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays monthly

#### Marriages:

By appointment

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

23rd January, 2022



Manifestos and Mission Statements are a common feature of our society. We regularly see plaques at entrances and in offices proclaiming the fine values by which that group will operate.

They show a commitment to the finest service with the best quality products. We may even have our own personal statement. When people come to write such declarations they aim to express the finest ideals with the best dreams. But what happens when reality gets in the way.

When Jesus presents his manifesto, it is different. It comes after he had identified himself with sinners, experienced weakness and temptation in the desert. Furthermore it is given to the group with whom a person is usually the most vulnerable: family and local community. Not only is it given by one who has embraced weakness in its various forms, it is directed to those who experience a radical lack in their lives. This manifesto faces the crack of sin and failure that rends every human heart and there it offers salvation. Talk about reality based!

It is still early days into the New Year and those of us who embraced New Year's resolutions maybe facing the failure of our ideals caused by the reality of our weakness. Perhaps we can start afresh and write our own manifesto in response to the one that Jesus has offered. This Sunday's Gospel invites us to name and own our sin, weakness and failure, not to be debilitated by it, but rather as a place where we can meet the merciful salvation offered by Jesus. Then we might find that the shifting sands of our sins become the cement of God's grace.

### REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

Review the various parts of your life and name the areas where you feel oppressed, down-hearted and can see no way out of the situation. Focus on one area and ask the Spirit to come upon you. Gently think about all the different ways this undermines the fullness of life in you. When you have a sense of the extent of the problem, bring it to Jesus and ask him to guide your heart and your imagination. Try to see new ways by which you can face the area, even if there seems to be little that you can change other than your attitude.

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 INDOORS

**PLEASE TAKE WITH YOU OR THROW OUT.**

**DO NOT LEAVE ON THE SEATS OR RETURN TO THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.

**FIRST READING:** Nehemiah 8 :2-6, 8-10  
*They read from the book of the law and they understood what was read.*

**RESPONSE:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30  
*Together you are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 1 : 1-4: 4 : 14-21

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Marie O'Hare, Menoti Bernardini, Pedro Lopez, Hazel Leslie, Joe Melito, (Anniversary of William Attard) as well as Eucharistic Sultana, John Mifsud, Nicola Ripa, Antonia Ripa, Jesse Ripa, Bonnie Farrugia, members of the Mifsud and Vella families, John Mifsud, Frank Debono, Charles Bonanno, Marystella and Francis Bonanno.

**Sick:** Please pray for Jessica Moloney and Sid Kelly.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2022**

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will begin in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or [anne.stanton@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org) or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>



**ANNUAL LEGAL RED MASS**

The Annual Red Mass, which gives thanks for the work of those who serve the law, will be held on Thursday 3rd February at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm, followed by a light supper. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by emailing [mili@stpatrcathedral.com.au](mailto:mili@stpatrcathedral.com.au) or by phone to (02) 8839 8400.

**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/>



ROSTERS 29TH/30TH JANURY 2022		4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C		
Church Cleaning: K. Moffitt and C. Conolly		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	T. Ripa	J. Wein	M. Grosvenor	M. Claravall
Reader	A. Dimech	C. Attard	F. Watkins	S. Naylor
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech		T. Victorino	G. Claravall
Altar Servers			E. El Hindy	C. Adam
			A. El Hindy	

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