



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*
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:

Saturday 9.30am

Adoration

Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am

Baptisms:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays monthly

Marriages:

By appointment

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

6th February, 2022



When Jesus told Simon Peter to launch out in to the deep, he wasn't telling him to do anything he didn't know how to do. All he asked was for him to do it at a time Peter deemed inappropriate. What did Peter risk? Losing a few hours' sleep and making a fool of himself. I don't think the lack of rest would have particularly bothered Peter – looking like a fool probably did. Most of us dread that. And yet that fear is one of the greatest dampeners on coming to the fullness of life Jesus promises. How often do we hold back from something that stretches us just a little – because we might look like a fool? Simple things like greeting a stranger at church, becoming a catechist, writing a letter to a politician, asking forgiveness, offering forgiveness, approaching someone who is difficult, even starting a new skill. We tell ourselves we can't do it – not because we can't but because we can't be sure of what might happen if we tried. We can't be in control. But we will never know the surprise 'catch of fish' if we do not risk when we hear the call to launch out into the deep. You will never die of making a fool of yourself but if you never risk doing so you will never live.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

Recall some time when you have been profoundly moved by the presence or God, or a work of God. Sit with that experience for some time. Focus on yourself in the situation, then focus on the awesomeness of God.

Can you notice a contrast between the two: perhaps how too much fixation on one's smallness leads to paralysis, while wonder before God leads to a sense of peace and buoyancy? As you rest in this love, ask God what he wants you to do with your life in the best few days.

Sr K. Harris OSB 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

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Saint Josephine Bakhita is the Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan and of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. This Tuesday is her Feast day and to commemorate, the Diocese has produced a special prayer card. These cards are available and free at the back of the Church, please take one home with you after Mass.

**PLEASE TAKE WITH YOU OR THROW OUT.
DO NOT LEAVE ON THE SEATS OR RETURN TO THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6: 1 – 8

Here I am! Send me.

RESPONSE: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 5 : 1-11

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Catherine and Gabriele Di Domizio, Marie O'Hare, Loel Fernandez, Antonio Ramos, Menoti Bernardini, as well as Julita Sanoy, William Attard, John Mifsud, Frank Debono, Charles Bonanno, Marystella and Francis Bonanno.

Sick: Please pray for Jessica Moloney and Sid Kelly.



DEAR PARISHIONERS: DUE TO VARIOUS REASONS, WE WOULD LIKE TO PREPARE YOU THAT THE WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES AND ADORATION FROM TUESDAY, 15TH TO FRIDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY MAY BE CANCELLED. WE WILL KNOW DEFINITELY BY NEXT WEEKEND AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

The next lunch will be held this Monday, 7th February in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$10- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. If you would like to attend, please contact Celine.

SYNOD 2023: SHARING RESPONSIBILITY

Our Church is all about participation and shared responsibility. How well do we balance authority with teamwork and responsibility? How do we encourage lay participation, involvement and leadership? Have a prayerful conversation with your family, friends or colleagues, and tell Bishop Vincent and Pope Francis what you find! Online submissions close February 26. Find out more at bit.ly/synod2023 Call Wendy 0427863149 or email MET@parracatholic.org if you need assistance.



WORD DAY OF GOD

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6th in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

SEMINAR FOR ACOLYTES AND ADULT SERVERS

The Office for Worship is conducting a seminar for Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar on Saturday 26th February, from 9:30 am -3:00 pm, at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. The workshop will be an opportunity to refine one's skills in their ministry with a special focus on Holy Week celebrations. Spots are limited and bookings are required by 22nd February. If you would like to attend, please contact anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or phone 8838 3456.



ROSTERS 12TH/13TH FEBRUARY 2022		6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C		
Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	H. Sobiesiak	C. Attard	C. Conolly	M. Claravall
Reader	M. Williams	S. Mackenzie	T. Victorino	S. Naylor
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan		F. Watkins	G. Claravall
Altar Servers		S. Tierney	E. El Hindy	E. Sevilla
			A. El Hindy	

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