



St Matthew's Catholic Parish



(Established 1831)

12 Tebbutt Street, Windsor, NSW 2756

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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

Ash Wednesday 9am and 7.30pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am

Adoration

Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am

Baptisms:

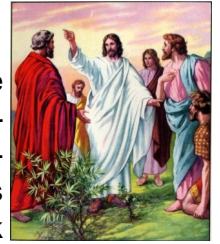
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays monthly

Marriages:

By appointment

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

27th February, 2022



If you are of certain age, you may recall the British slapstick film, *The Plank*, written, produced and acted by that master of comedy, Eric Sykes. It shows the mayhem that ensues when two tradesmen buy and transport a plank across a town. Most of the time they are oblivious to the mayhem they are causing.

Which is just the point Jesus is making in this Sunday's Gospel. This is one of the rare instances where Jesus is clearly being funny. We have heard the story so often, we fail to see the hilariousness of the image. So, stop and image just what it would be like to walk around with a plank in the eye. Not only would you be blind, you would also be clumsy, inflicting injury on yourself and others. Conducting a delicate operation like removing a speck from another's eye would be completely beyond your ability.

This reading follows straight on from last Sunday's, where Jesus gave the injunction: 'Do not judge'. Now he gives the very lively illustration of what happens when we do. Quite simply, instead of making ourselves superior, we make fools of ourselves. A constant, critical attitude does not make us sharper or more intelligent, rather it makes us stupid. The happiest people I know are those who delight in the goodness that they see around them. They are also the people who can give the wisest advice to those in need.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

When you come to a sense of quiet, ponder on your own sense of integrity. What are the situations in which you feel you put on a mask? That you say or do one thing, but feel like doing something else. Sometimes this can be for good, sometimes for bad. What are the causes on this behaviour?

Take one of two of these situations and talk them through with God. Can you find ways of acting and speaking that give you a greater sense of integrity?

Sr Kym Harris OSB 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 RECOMMENDED

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OR LEAVE ON THE SEAT. THANK YOU.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out of place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 27 : 4-7
Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

RESPONSE: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15 : 54-58
Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 6 : 39-45
A person speaks from what is in his heart.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased:
Please pray for the recently deceased Saviour (Sam) Vassallo, Alfred Casha, Maria Cipriano, Justin Gattoni, Charlie Calleja, as well as Emanuel Azzopardi, Anthony Xiberras, MaryAnn Xiberras, Bernard Axiak, Carmen and Joseph Teuma, Carmen and Loreto Xerri, John Mifsud, Charles Bonanno, Marystella Bonanno, Francis Bonanno, Frank Debono, Chris, John, Maryanne Sultana and Sultana family.

Sick: Please pray for Jessica Moloney and Sid Kelly.



LENTEN GROUP
A Lenten Group will be held on Wednesdays in the Convent (3 Mileham Street) from 10am - 12pm, beginning Wednesday, 9th March. The program this year is again from the Diocese of Bunbury WA and the theme is "Up From The Waters". If you are interested please ring Sr. Anita (0417 208 315) or email abrennan@goodsams.org.au

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES WILL BE HELD AT 9AM AND 7.30PM.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, ST MATTHEW'S PRIMARY WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE 9AM MASS.**

UPDATE FOR PARISHIONERS
Fr John Rizzo will still be assisting the parish for the weekend and weekday Masses., therefore there will be adoration on Tuesday and Thursday morning.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Since Fr Robert is still away, the Parish Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, 3rd March and the Commissioning Mass set down for Sunday, 6th March, will need to be cancelled. The first Parish Council meeting for the year will be held on Thursday, 7th April and a new date for the Mass will be discussed at that meeting.



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY
Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help communities build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting lent.caritas.org.au



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SOLO PARENTS SERVICES

Supportive Hearts Bereavement Group:

This group, formally known as the "Bereavement Support Group", meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from February to November at 10am to 12pm.

It's currently run online via Zoom and the group is open to men and women whose spouses/partners have died. If you've experienced the death of your spouse/partner and would like to be supported in your grief, while connecting with others in similar circumstances, please contact Rita at Catholic Care Solo Parent Services for more information or see the flyer at the back of the Church. Registration is essential by contacting Rita on 8843 2500 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

This year the World day Of Prayer will be focusing on England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It will be held on Friday, 4th March at 2pm in St Andrew's Uniting Church Auditorium, West Street Richmond. All parishioners are welcome to attend and supper will be provided after the service. For more information, contact Ann 0467 455 947.

MASTERCLASS FOR MENTOR MARRIED COUPLES

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 18th March at 7.30pm in the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email met@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa 0412 280 017.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: : <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22>
Call 1300 734 880 for more info

SYNOD OF BISHOPS LOCAL SUBMISSIONS EXTENDED!

The local consultation period for the global Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until Sunday, 13th March. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at bit.ly/synod2023



FLYERS FOR THE CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAMS 2022 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WEEKLONG AND WEEKEND RETREATS AVAILABLE. FEEL FREE TO TAKE A FLYER HOME WITH YOU AFTER MASS.

ROSTERS 5TH/6TH MARCH 2022			1ST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C	
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.			Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.	
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Grosvenor	J. O'Neill	C. Conolly	S. Naylor
Reader	M. Williams	G. O'Neill	T. Victorino	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server		J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	I. Spiteri		E. El Hindy	C. Naylor
	D. Spiteri		A. El Hindy	

RE: COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE 18/02/2022

The NSW Government has announced the following changes with regards to restrictions.

From Friday 18 February 2022, the following applied:



1. COVID-19 Safe Check-in and Record Keeping

Check-in using the NSW QR Code and record keeping for attendees is no longer required for places of worship.

2. Singing

Both the choir and congregation are able to sing at religious services at our churches. From Friday 25 February 2022:

3. Masks As of last Friday, 25 February 2022.

Masks will no longer be mandatory for places of worship. However, masks are still strongly encouraged where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others.

As previously communicated, density limits were no longer applicable for our churches since December 2021. There is no change to this directive from the NSW government.

Yours in Christ,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams AM

Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

We would like to thank parishioners for their patience and understanding with all of the changes that have been taking place over the last two years with restrictions and the Church. Hopefully this year will be less frustrating.

A Tree And Its Fruit

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SPEAKS	GOOD
STORED	HEART
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