



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*
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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

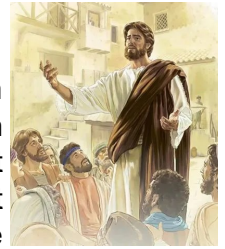
Baptisms:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays monthly

Marriages:

By appointment

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 30th January, 2022



In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

As you reflect back over your life, recall the events in which God challenged you out of narrow minded thinking and selfishness. Gently and prayerfully go over what happened. What were your attitudes initially? Who or what challenged you? How did you react? What led you to accept the challenge? Do you find yourself slipping back into old ways?

As you reflect on the pattern of what happened, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into being ready for the surprise of grace in your life.

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

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1: 4 – 5, 17 - 19
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

RESPONSE: I will sing of your salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 31 – 13: 13
There are these things that last; faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 1 : 21 - 30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love, O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Loel Fernandez, Antonio Ramos, Marie O'Hare, Menoti Bernardini, Pedro Lopez, Hazel Leslie 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.

UPCOMING FUNERALS HERE AT ST MATTHEW'S

Menoti Bernardini's funeral will be held this Monday, 31st January at 10.30am and Marie O'Hare's funeral will be held also on Monday at 2.30pm.

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 or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>



CARITAS AUSTRALIA - PRAY FOR TONGA AND THE PACIFIC

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your prayer and support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response. Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.

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/covidsupportnsw>



ROSTERS 5TH/6TH FEBRUARY 2022		5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C		
Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and Therese.		Sacristy: L. Maguire.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Said	J. O'Neill	I. Willingham	S. Naylor
Reader	K. Apap	G. O'Neill	Sr Anita	T. Victorino
Acolyte/Adult Server		J. Coco	T. McMahon	F. Watkins
Altar Servers	I. Spiteri		M. Portelli	C. Naylor
	D. Spiteri		A. Bradford	

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