



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

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:

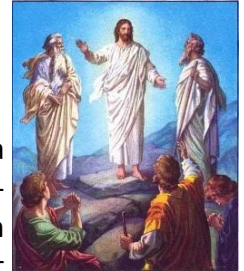
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays monthly

Marriages:

By appointment

Second Sunday of Lent Year C

13th March, 2022



The scene of the Transfiguration occurs at a turning point in the Gospel. The Galilean ministry is drawing to a close, the first prediction of the Passion has been given, Jesus is about to set his face for Jerusalem where he will suffer a dishonourable death, followed by his Resurrection glory. But here at this turning point, the reality of Jesus is revealed in the presence of his disciples. In this glory he is shown as the Son of the Father, the one in whom Jewish faith finds its pinnacle, the One to whom the disciples should listen, the One in whom they will find their glory.

This is true Christian hope: not a hope that things will turn out well...or not go too badly. But a hope that states that we are made for, destined for the glory of God and that our way to come to this is through listening to the person of Jesus, not only through his teaching but also in the deep relationship of prayer. This hope is not just to be revealed at the end of our lives. It is to burn within our hearts now, transfiguring how we look at reality: how we are to understand the difficulties, challenges, sorrows and joys of life. This experience on the mountain is not a passing booster experience given to Jesus and his disciples to buck them up in the face of the coming trauma. No, it is a tearing open of reality. This is the truth in which we can anchor our lives. This is the hope that underpins all that happens. This is the hope: we are made to share the Glory of God with Jesus.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

Ponder on how you actually experience God in your life. What are the times and situations that you find strengthen your faith? Consider one situation and slowly recall what happens- how you prepare for it, what you do through it, how you reflect on it afterwards.

Ponder on how your faith in God is challenged in your life. What are the times and situations that you find undermine your faith? Consider one situation and slowly recall what happens. Are you able to bring the strength from the times you experience God into this difficult time in your life.

Sr Kym Harris OSB www.prayasoucan.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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15 : 5-12, 17-18
God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

RESPONSE: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3 : 17 - 4 : 1
Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 9 : 28-36
As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Saviour (Sam) Vassallo, Alfred Casha as well as George Seguna, Antonia Ripa, Nicola Ripa, John Mifsud, Bonnie Farrugia, Jesse Ripa, Emanuel, Frank and Maryanne Attard, Anna and Paul Micallef, Paul Dimech, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Chris, John, Maryanne Sultana and family.

Sick: Please pray for Jessica Moloney and Sid Kelly.

UPDATE FOR PARISHIONERS

Fr Robert will definitely be returning on Monday, 21st March. He is trying to get an earlier flight back if he can but is unsure yet if that is possible. Because of this, the Diocese will not be appointing an Administrator. We will still have the usual weekday and weekend Masses conducted by visiting priests. Unfortunately due to the weather and flooding last week, we had a bit of an issue with having weekday Masses, but if all goes well, that will hopefully not be the case this coming week. Thank you for your patience with the last minute changes.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Has launched a national emergency appeal for Ukraine. ACN is committed to strengthening and supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine, as we have done for the past 70 years. The immediate emergency help will support the work of the Church in Ukraine by assisting priests, brothers, and religious sisters to continue their pastoral and outreach programs. We will continue to stand by our brothers and sisters in faith as they undergo trying times and seek to bring peace to a country that is surrounded by turmoil and unrest. Can you provide aid to the Catholic people in Ukraine? They need your help! Visit www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting lent.caritas.org.au Please note that donation envelopes can be placed in one of the collection boxes at the back of the Church.



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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: FIRST EUCHARIST

If you have a child in Year 4 who has made their First Reconciliation, they are now eligible to make their First Eucharist. The programme will start with a parent information meeting at **7pm** in the Church on **Tuesday, 15th March and Wednesday, 16th March**. Only one parent is required to attend one of the meetings. Bookings are not required, just turn up to enrol your child. If you are unable to attend, either meeting, please contact Cita or the Parish Office.



LEGION OF MARY

All Active and Auxiliary Members are invited to the Annual ACIES Ceremony in St John Vianney's Parish, 17 Cameron Street Doonside, on Saturday 26th March 2022. It will start at 2pm with opening Prayers and Holy Rosary, followed by the ACIES Ceremony and then closing Benediction. Light refreshments will be offered afterwards so please bring some food and drinks to share.



What is ACIES?

The best way to describe the ACIES is that it is the most important Legion function of the year. During this ceremony we will consecrate ourselves to Mary by renewing our Legionary Promise, so that we may better work in union with her as we do our Legionary work. In this consecration we open our hearts to Mary, so that she may guide us and bless us through the year. It is said that one cannot be truly devoted to our Lady's legion if one does not attend this ceremony, as you will not have within you her spirit. For enquiries please call: Fely 0481 373 579 or Tony 0488 110 111.

MASTERCLASS FOR MENTOR MARRIED COUPLES

Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? The Diocese is looking for couples to help mentor local engaged couples. You may only need to mentor once a year. No training is necessary and all paperwork is provided. To find out if this is something you may be interested in doing, join them for a Masterclass on Friday 18th March at 7.30pm in the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. If you attend the meeting, you are not committing yourself to the programme. To book your attendance or to ask questions, please phone Marisa 0412 280 017.

A LAUDATO SI' RETREAT FOR ADULTS—QUANTUM SPIRIT IN CREATION

We need to listen, now, more than ever, to the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit to know and accept the changes we need to make, in the way we regard Creation. This caring for the earth retreat will be held from Friday, 1st April to Sunday, 3rd April in Oakdale. For applications or more information, contact antiphon1@outlook.com There are also flyers at the back of the Church.



SCAM ALERT REMINDER

Unfortunately, incidences of phishing, hacking and other scams (i.e. text messages, calls from someone pretending to be from authorities etc.) have increased since the start of the pandemic, especially where there is an expectation of communicating electronically rather than through face-to-face interactions.

This is a reminder for you to be more vigilant. If you receive an email or any type of electronic communication from your colleagues or your Parish Priest that looks suspicious, please call them to confirm that the email, text message or electronic communication you received is from them. Also, if you are going to make a donation for flood victims, please ensure it is to a reputable and known source.

THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL WILL SOON BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO BE VOTED ON. THE RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION ARE CURRENTLY TRYING TO OBTAIN AS MANY SIGNATURES AS POSSIBLE TO ABOLOSH THE BILL. IF YOU WISH TO SIGN THEIR E-PETITION TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, PLEASE USE THE QR CODE ON THE POSTER AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

ROSTERS 19TH/20TH MARCH 2022			3RD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C	
Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and Therese.			Sacristy: L. Maguire.	
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	H. Sobiesiak	S. Mackenzie	L. Buchanan	S. Naylor
Reader	J. Newland	J. Wein	M. Grosvenor	F. Watkins
Acolyte/Adult Server		J. Coco	T. McMahon	T. Victorino
Altar Servers	N. Xerri		A. Bradford	
	O. Thompson		M. Portelli	

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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READY TO GO—BE PREPARED FOR NATURAL DISASTERS



Bligh Park Community Services are currently offering a free service, called "Ready to Go", to all residents in the Hawkesbury, Blue Mountains & Lithgow local government areas. The 'Ready to Go' project assists with preparedness and aids resilience in the community by providing assistance to residents in protecting their important personal information, so they can be ready to go when necessary. All vital documents eg (license, passport, birth certificates, contracts, mortgage agreements, insurance paperwork etc) are encouraged to be brought along to the appointment with one of our project team members. Our project team members will scan the documents onto a free USB, which will be password protected for added security. Appointments can be arranged at Bligh Park Community Services. We can also arrange to meet with clients at a location suitable for them. For more information go to <https://readytogo.org.au> call 0458 723 141 or email melissa@blighpark.org.au

The Transfiguration

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TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

FLASH	CLOUD	JAMES
TALKING	LIGHTNING	PETER
PRAY	FACE	MOSES
CHANGED	CHOSEN	BRIGHT
JOHN	VOICE	CLOTHES
APPEARED		
MOUNTAIN		
JESUS		
ELIJAH		
DISCIPLES		

