



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

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

3rd April, 2022



This entire scene is a conspiratorial 'set-up' to trap Jesus. Jewish law dictated that adultery was to be punished by death for both parties. However, the Roman occupation had forbidden the Jewish authorities to carry out the death penalty. By bringing the woman to Jesus they sought to place him in a no-win situation. If he upheld the Jewish law and ordered the death penalty, then he was flaunting Roman law. If he did not uphold the law then he could be branded as a false teacher. They thought it was a perfect trap!

But where is the man with whom the woman was committing adultery? When he is not also brought forward for judgment as any legitimate accusation would demand, Jesus senses the trap being set for him. He realises that those accusing the woman must have somehow been involved in setting her up so that she could be 'caught committing adultery'. In Jewish law, accessories to a crime were equally guilty and subject to the same penalty. When Jesus says to the gathering, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned ...,' he's letting them know that he's aware of their part in this crime and what judgment is due them also! If they persist with their accusation, they'll also be tried as accessories! So they quietly walk away.

Jesus' words to the woman sum up his message throughout the gospel: 'Neither do I condemn you, go away, and don't sin any more.' As with others in the gospels, Jesus recognises that the woman has indeed sinned, but he does not condemn her for it. By telling her not to sin any more he is calling her to conversion. He is saying, yes, you've made mistakes, but you can do better and I'm challenging you to try.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – FORGIVEN, NOT FORGOTTEN

The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we've done the wrong thing – something we don't deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you've done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus' promise not to give up on us – not to forget about us – that we can draw strength from as we try to respond to his challenge to change.

Greg Sunter liturgyhelp.com

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: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 43 : 16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

RESPONSE:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING:

Philippians 3 : 8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL:

John 8 : 1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Has no one condemned you, woman? No One, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

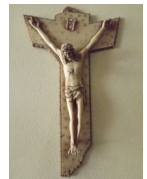
Please pray for the recently deceased John Della Libera as well as Antonio De Silva, Sam, Jane and Simon Vassallo, John Mifsud, Chris, John, Maryanne Sultana and family.

Sick: Please pray for Jessica Moloney and Sid Kelly.

If you know of someone who would like to have their name included in the sick of the Parish, please contact the Parish Office. Please note that if you are placing someone else's name on the list, you do need to obtain their permission first.

FRIDAY NIGHT IN THE CHURCH

The Rosary will be said this Friday night commencing at 6.30pm. Followed by the Stations of the Cross which will be at 7pm and then after that, Exposition will start at approximately 7.45pm for around half an hour. All parishioners are most welcome to attend. No bookings are required, you can just turn up for all or part of the evening.



BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S COMMUNITY DROP-IN CENTRES

Last weekend we held the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal. If you were unable to donate, there are still envelopes available at the back of the Church. Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal via the envelopes, at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code on the poster at the back of the Church. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes or by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

The next Monday Club lunch will be held this Monday, 4th April in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$10- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. If you would like to attend, please contact Celine.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The date and time for the next Parish Council meeting has changed. It will be held at 7pm this Tuesday, 5th April. All new Parish Council members are asked to please attend this first meeting of the year.

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Holy week is fast approaching as we are again looking for volunteers to help with the various ministries at all services and Masses. If you would like to help, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church next to the when you are able to help.



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

As we approach the Holy Season of Easter consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones. These Mass stipends support priests in the poorest parts of the world who have no other means of support and are offered for the intentions of the benefactor. You can also send your loved ones a Mass card. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/masses

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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LATEST ON FR ROBERT

We would like to let parishioners know that Fr Robert has returned from overseas, but has injured his back. He has had all intentions of saying Masses, but the pain is spasmodic and so on occasions he has had to change to a communion service during the week or arrange a replacement for weekends. The Diocese is aware of the situation but at this stage they have no priest available who can come in as an assistant. So, please be patient and we will keep you informed if there are any changes.

CYP GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral on Friday, 15th April. For more information and to register visit <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

ROSTERS 9TH/10TH APRIL 2022			PALM SUNDAY YEAR C	
Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.			Sacristy: L. Maguire.	
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Grosvenor	C. Attard	L. Buchanan	M. Claravall
Reader	M. Williams	S. Mackenzie	Sr Anita	T. Victorino
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan		T. McMahon	F. Watkins
Altar Servers	N. Xerri	S. Tierney	M. Portelli	E. Sevilla
			A. Bradford	

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASSES AND SERVICES 2022

Sunday, 10th April – Palm Sunday

Normal weekend Masses

Tuesday, 12th April

9.00am Mass

9.30am Individual Reconciliation

6.30pm Individual Reconciliation

Wednesday, 13th April

9.00am Mass

9.30am Individual Reconciliation

7.30pm Chrism Mass (St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta)

Thursday, 14th April

No Morning Mass

5.30pm Individual Reconciliation

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (in the Church) followed by "Reflecting with Jesus in the Garden" - until 10.00pm [Altar of Repose will take place in the Parish Hall]

Good Friday, 15th April

No Morning Mass

10.00am Family Stations of the Cross (School grounds)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death

Holy Saturday, 16th April

No Morning Mass

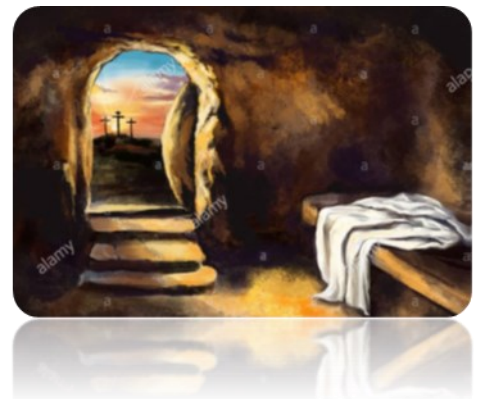
6.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 17th April

7.30am Mass

9.00am Family Mass

NO 5PM EVENING MASS



Pointing Fingers and Throwing Stones



TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

JESUS	TAUGHT
STONE	MORNING
ADULTERY	CONDEMN
ACCUSE	FIRST
TEACHERS	THROW
SIN	CROWD
WOMAN	TEMPLE
LAW	

