



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 next week - 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:

Next Weekend:

Sat. Vigil 6.00pm

Sun. 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.00pm

Next Week:

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

Ascension of the Lord Year C

29th May, 2022



The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

Dianne Bergant CSA liturgyhelp.com

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

Consider your sense of the presence and absence of Christ in your life. In what ways does the absence of the physical presence of Christ challenge you in the living of your faith? What qualities of Christ do you feel called to internalise and then reveal to the world in the way you live your life? Imagine ways you could do this in the coming week.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will
return as you saw him go, alleluia.



FIRST READING: Acts 1 : 1-11
*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus
has been taken into heaven.*

RESPONSE: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for
the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1 : 17-23
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you
always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 24 : 46-53
While blessing them he was taken to heaven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Sid Kelly, Jessie Moloney, (Anniversary of
Sam Vassallo) as well as Noel Smith, John and Joan Ryan, Chris, John, Maryanne
Sultana and family.

Sick: Please pray for the sick of our Parish. .

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

First Holy Communion

On Sunday, 22nd and 29th May, the children who have been preparing for their First
Holy Communion receive the Sacrament during special Masses. We ask that parishion-
ers keep these children and their families in your prayers at this special time.



BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

FOR OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS IN HARRIS PARK

Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is carrying out its mission to
prepare men who have been called by God to be good shepherds and bea-
cons of Christ's light. Will you be their extended formation community
and support seminarians on their important spiritual journey to be
formed as priests after the heart of Christ? We will be holding this appeal
at all Masses this weekend. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal
via the envelopes, at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you
for accompanying our seminarians on their journeys.



PENTECOST SCRIPTURE EVENING

You are invited for a night of prayer, scripture and reflection on the theme of
Pentecost! The evening will be held on Wednesday 1st June at 6.30pm in the
Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown The night will be led
by Dr Michele Connolly rsj. To RSVP, please email Tanya.met@parracatholic.org

MASS FOR NEOPHYTES

The annual Mass for Neophytes will be celebrated on Thursday, 2nd June
2022 in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 7.30pm. This Mass will be for
the RCIA teams and parishes, and the newly Baptised Catholics and those
who have been received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church
marking the celebration as an occasion of the Church universal. All are wel-
come. Please RSVP for this Mass for seating and catering purposes by Monday, 30th May
to anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.



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

MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

The next lunch will be held on Monday, 6th June in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are welcome to come and enjoy some good food and company. Bookings are needed for catering so if you want to attend, please contact Celine 0413 911 033.



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on 5th June 2022 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Greystanes. The theme is "We are one in the Spirit", with Prayer and Praise at 1.30pm followed by Mass celebrated by Fr. Brian Steele MGL and then Prayer Ministry concluding at 4.30pm. Enquiries email@ccrnsw.org.au or call 0411404090 or 0431778476.

WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Office for Worship is conducting a workshop for parish teams who are running or are interested in running Children's Liturgy of the Word on the 9th June, 2022 in the Bishop Bede Heather Centre. This workshop will include planning and leading, a look at diocesan guidelines and practicing safe ministry. If you are interested, please contact 8838 3456, or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org



LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLAN WORKSHOP

All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for an informative and practical workshop on how we can respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Catholic Earthcare Coordinator and member of the Diocesan Laudato Si' Action Plan Team, Sue Martin, will lead the session on Friday 17th June from 10am – 11am at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. All are welcome, but please register with Maree by phone (02) 8838 3486 or email maree.collis@parracatholic.org

VIEW THE DIOCESAN SYNTHESIS FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS

All are invited to VIEW the online version of the synthesis from the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee for the Synod of Bishops 2023. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/> and email met@parracatholic.org with your reflections. The Diocese of Parramatta is a 'listening Church' we invite continued dialogue through both the website and direct email address.



INTERFAITH DIALOGUE WORKSHOP

Join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine as Fr Patrick McInerney from the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations presents a workshop on Interfaith Dialogue on Friday 24th June from 10am to 12 midday. All are welcome, but please register by contacting Maree on (02) 8838 3486 or email maree.collis@parracatholic.org

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR IS SEEKING NEW SINGERS

If you are a good singer and you sing tenor or bass, St Patrick's Cathedral Choir is looking for you. The Cathedral Choir is seeking male voices, but recruitment is open to all, with paid and voluntary places available. Paid scholars are remunerated at between \$2500 and \$4000 per annum, depending on attendance. Hear more of the Cathedral choir at facebook.com/choirSPC. Interested applicants can submit their expression of interest at <https://bit.ly/3sLep7S>.



ROSTERS		4TH/5TH JUNE, 2022		PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR C	
Church Cleaning: K. Moffitt and C. Conolly.				Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.	
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM	
Commentator	M. Grosvenor	J. O'Neill	L. Buchanan	S. Naylor	
Reader	J. Rapa	G. O'Neill	Sr Anita	F. Watkins	
Acolyte/Adult Server			T. McMahon	T. Victorino	
Altar Servers	N. Xerri		E. El Hindy	E. Sevilla	
	O. Thompson		A. El Hindy		

FROM THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA



Free lecture - The Outsider Pope: Where is Francis leading our Church?

Vatican correspondent from the international The Tablet magazine, author and speaker Christopher Lamb will present a free lecture reflecting on Pope Francis' battle to renew the Church and Pope Francis as a human being. It will be held on Tuesday, 5th July starting at 7.30pm in the Novotel Parramatta. 350 Church Street Parramatta. RSVP is essential by 2nd July to mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

***SAVE THE DATE* Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening**

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers. Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22. The reflection evening will be held on Wednesday 20th July from 6pm to 9pm – more details will follow in June.

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 information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin 0403 305 431 or Marisa 0412 280 017.

Youth Ministry Leadership Pathway

A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training, build community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection. For more information and details to sign up visit parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/ or email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

Adult Confirmations

Adult Confirmation 2022 will be held on 1st September 2022 at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 20th August at 9:30am at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, but are yet to receive the Confirmation. If you would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.

The Ascension of Jesus

Find
Your
Way
To
Jesus.

Start Here

