



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:

Administrator: *Fr Clifford D'Souza MSFS*
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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

Weekday Masses:

Tues, Wed, Thurs and Friday 9.00am

Adoration:

Tuesday 8.30am

Reconciliation:

Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm

Baptisms:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays monthly

Marriages:

By appointment

Divine Mercy Prayer Group:

2nd and 4th Saturday monthly 10am

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 7th August 2022

STAY ALERT, STAND FIRM IN YOUR FAITH (1 COR. 16-13)

The recent floods in and around our local community, saw many residents stay alert and on the watch for the rising waters. Many were fearful and anxious. In this weekend's gospel (Luke 12:32-48), we have Jesus assuring his listeners not to be afraid and to stand ready and alert to welcome whatever life's challenges come our way. The only beacon of light we have on our passageway is faith. In our attempt to solve life's deepest questions such as the meaning of life and where is it leading us, we need to see with the eyes of faith the divine providence at work within us. Somehow the hand of God is in action weaving a pattern in and out of our lives, shaping our destiny. Faith is the ability to look through with the eyes of God even in trying and challenging situations, enabling us to take God at his word when he makes promises about the future and calls us to be his people.



The story of Abraham is a powerful witness of faith. He left family, friends and country and set out as a pilgrim on life's journey. He was called to trust in the promise of God. His faith was so unshakeable that he was willing to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Sarah too was rewarded for her faith to have a son. Like Abraham, we too are called to leave behind the old ways of sin and selfishness and to put our trust in God who calls us to walk the way he has planned for us.

Each day we have opportunities of showing our faith. To have faith in Christ, we must live his life and share his blessings of caring for others. If we embrace those situations, we will be prepared for the arrival of the master of the house at whatever hour he chooses to come.

Peace in God's mission. Fr. Clifford msfs

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

As this Holy Day of Obligation falls on Monday, 15th August, we will be holding special Masses on that day. The Masses will be at 9am and 7pm. Please note that the children from St Matthew's Primary School will be attending the 9am Mass.



THANK YOU

We would like to thank the parishioners who so generously offered to purchase the trees for near the bell tower. It is greatly appreciated.

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: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 18 : 6-9
Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

RESPONSE: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11 : 1-2, 8-19
We will look for the city designed and built by God.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 12 : 12-48
See that you are prepared.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Dawn Rynne, Mary Sultana, Fr Theo Arrivoli, Evelyn Turnbull (Anniversary of James Spiteri) as well as Simon Vassallo, Dianne Knight, Emanuel Azzopardi, Anna and Paul Micallef, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

DAWN RYNNE'S FUNERAL WILL BE HELD HERE AT ST MATTHEW'S THIS TUESDAY, 9TH AUGUST AT 11AM.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION

During special ceremonies over the next two weeks, 170 children who have been preparing for their Confirmation, will finally be receiving this Sacrament. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.

BUILDING SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER IN 2022:

AN UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING

The Royal Commission has shown that volunteers who will be working with children and/or the vulnerable are required to do Safeguarding (Compliance) training. The Diocese has arranged mandatory modules that are relevant for all SRE teachers, Acolytes, active Legion of Mary members and anyone who may be interested in taking on the Parish Children's Liturgy at a later date. We have been able to organise a special training day on Saturday, 20th August from 10am to 3pm for anyone who would be interested in completing the training as a group. Alternatively, you can complete it in your own time online at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> So that we know how many people to expect on that Saturday, please contact the Parish Office via email or phone if you would like to attend.



LOCAL NEWS

On Thursday 18th August the ABC TV's Q & A will be broadcasting live from Penrith (Joan Sutherland Theatre), with a strong focus on local issues such as the impact of the recent floods on locals, the rising costs of living, as well as the issues making news that week. They are looking for locals to join the studio audience and will be running a free bus service to take Windsor residents to and from the Joan Sutherland Theatre in Penrith. The bus will depart from a central location in Windsor at approx. 7pm, returning to Windsor at about 10.15pm. To book for the audience,, go to <https://www.abc.net.au/qanda/studio-audience/> and in the last question, Q.15 "How did you hear about us" please write: St Matthews Catholic Windsor. They will then be in touch with more details if you are successful in securing a seat in the audience - Hurry limited seats.

ROSTERS 13TH/14TH AUGUST, 2022		20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C		
Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.		Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	J. Newland	J. Wein	L. Buchanan	M. Claravall
Reader	J. Rapa	C. Attard	Sr Anita	C. Chalker
Acolyte/Adult Server			F. Watkins	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	I. Spiteri	S. Tierney	C. Adam	
	D. Spiteri		J. Biviano	