



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*
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

Weekday Masses:

Monday Feast of the Assumption 9am and 7pm

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

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
14th August 2022*



THE ASSUMPTION - Origins and Significance

This glorious feast renews joy in the destiny of Mary and all who belong to the risen Christ, "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." (1 Cor 15:20). Proclaiming Our Lord's victory, the seer of the Apocalypse extols His Mother "adorned with the sun, the moon beneath her feet and a crown of twelve stars upon her head", a vision which embraces Sion, the faithful element of Jerusalem, the Bride, the Virgin Daughter. We hail Mary as the incomparable type of the Church and its most revered model. Though Queen of the Apostles and all Saints, as our Mother she remains on earth in the desert refuge prepared by God. (Apocalypse 11:15-16;12:1-17).

"The Immaculate Virgin, preserved from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord and conqueror of sin and death. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's resurrection and an anticipation of our resurrection." (Lumen Gentium, 59)

"The mother of Jesus, in the glory of body and soul she has attained already in heaven, is the image of the Church's attainment of glory in the age that is to come; she is the beginning of that attainment. Meanwhile, here on earth, until the day of the Lord comes, she is certainly the resplendent sign of sure hope and comfort to the pilgrim people of God.

All Christ's faithful must issue urgent pleas to the Mother of God and the Mother of men. She once assisted with her prayers at the beginnings of the Church. Now that she is placed high in heaven above all the blessed and the angels, they must plead with her to make intercession with her Son in the communion of all the saints, until the families of nations shall have the happiness of assembling in peace and harmony in a single People of God to the glory of the most Holy and Undivided Trinity." (Lumen Gentium, 69)

The Dogma of the Assumption

This was promulgated by Pope Pius XII on 1st November, 1950. The faith of the Church was declared that Mary, in the fullness of her historical personality, now lives in union with the Risen Christ, her Son. The document foreshadows subsequent papal observations concerning war, the growth of materialism, the destruction of life and moral decline which can obscure out God given identity. Mary has been given to us as the example of "the exalted destiny of both our body and soul" and the call to a growth in virtue and care of others.

Peace, Fr. Clifford msfs.

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: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 38 : 4-6, 8-10
You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

RESPONSE: Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12 : 1-4
Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 12 : 49-53
I have come not to give peace, but discord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased:
Please pray for the recently deceased Dawn Rynne, Mary Sultana, Fr Theo Arrivoli, Evelyn Turnbull (Anniversaries of Jesn Spice and John Karam) as well as James Spiteri, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.
Sick: Please pray for Ava Cornish and the sick in our Parish.



SAFEGUARDING (COMPLIANCE) TRAINING:

We will be holding Safeguarding (Compliance) training here in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, 20th August** from 10am to 3pm. This training is required 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, You can complete it in your own time online if you prefer at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> If you wish to attend on the 20th August, please contact the Parish Office via email or phone before **Tuesday, 16th August**.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 - LISBON

Pope Francis once again invites the young Church to join him at the 16th International World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal in 2023. They anticipate the pilgrimage will total 22 days between 21 July - 11 August, 2023. Potential pilgrims, including clergy, aspiring group leaders and those interested in this significant youth engagement strategy are invited to attend the launch event with the team and Bishop Vincent on Thursday 18th August from 7pm at St John XXIII Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens. More information and registration can be found at www.parrowyd.org

BILLINGS LIFE

Are presenting a free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps" on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST. Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps. See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page for details and registration. Website: <https://www.billings.life/en/>



KELLYVILLE PARISH 10TH ANNUAL ASSUMPTION WALK

Join Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville's 10th Annual Assumption Walk from the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Monday 15th August. There will be Holy Mass at the Shrine at 11.30am and the walk begins at 1pm sharp. You may join the walk at any point. Banners and statues are welcome. Register your interest at admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au or call 9629 2595 for catering purposes at the stops along the way.

OLIVIA IS SEEKING INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN AN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECT ABOUT ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON THE WWARRAGAMBA DAM PROPOSAL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP, PLEASE GET HER DETAILS FROM THE BOARD AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

ROSTERS 20TH/21ST AUGUST, 2022		21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C		
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	K. Apap	C. Attard	M. Grosvenor	A. Pennings
Reader	A. Dimech	S. Mackenzie	F. Watkins	S. Naylor
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. Victorino	
Altar Servers	E. Rijke		M. Portelli	C. Adam
			A. Bradford	C. Naylor