



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 next week:

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

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
21st August 2022*

THE KINGDOM- WHO'S IN, WHO'S OUT

Membership to Clubs and Associations is an essential requirement. However, there are groups or organizations that will welcome anyone and everyone. In the gospel of Luke 13:22-30, where the question as to how many will be saved is asked. It may have occurred to us at some time or the other because there is no sure way of knowing who's in or who's out. It reflects our own anxiety about getting to heaven and our own chance of crossing the finishing line. Heaven is at the end of the road; salvation is offered to all but not freely given.



When Jesus is questioned as to how many, he leaves it to his eternal Father. He rather answers the important question: How does one attain eternal salvation? In urging to enter through the narrow door, Jesus seems to be warning us against having an over-confident approach. We cannot sit back and take our salvation for granted, expecting God to do everything for us. We have to be pro-active and exert ourselves to measure up. The words 'depart from me' are a stark reminder that the danger of missing eternal life is a terrible reality facing everyone. The stakes are high- eternal salvation and nothing less.

We cannot pin our hopes that we are paid up, church-going people. Sunday Mass-goers who confine religion to the church and whose worship is mere lip-service, empty ritual and mere pretense with no bearing on their week-day lives are guaranteed absolutely nothing. The test of Sunday worship is how we live at home, behave at work and treat our neighbour during the week. The gospel is a call to deepen our Christian living and to respond wholeheartedly to the invitation of Jesus. Salvation depends somehow on our co-operation, our personal decision and the intensity of our efforts. If we make a sincere response, God will not fail us, because his generosity is not measured sparingly. He wants everyone to be saved and his love is unlimited.

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 STILL RECOMMENDED

FUNERAL DETAILS

For those who wish to attend, the funeral for Patrick (Pat) Ferris will be held here at St Matthew's at 11.30am this Tuesday, 23rd August.





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66 : 18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

RESPONSE: Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12 : 5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 13 : 22-30

From east to west they will come to take their place in God's kingdom.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Patrick Ferris, Dawn Rynne, Mary Sultana as well as Domenica Ciardi, Jean Spice, John Karam, James Spiteri, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

NOTE TO PARISHIONERS

Dear Parishioners,

Like all who have been affected by the virus and lockdown, it has been over 2 years that I haven't been able to visit my family and brother priests of my Order in India. Hence, I will be on leave from Sunday, 28th August until Saturday, 29th October. These plans were already arranged before I was made Administrator at St Matthew's. In my absence, there will be visiting priests to celebrate all the weekend Masses so please make them feel welcome. During this period however, there will be no weekday Masses. Instead, there will be Communion Services on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Thank you for your understanding. Fr Clifford.

Weekday Masses are held in St Monica's Richmond at 9am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Also St John's in Riverstone have 8.30am Mass from Tuesday through to Saturday inclusive.

CONFIRMATION THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the Confirmation liturgies, over the last two weeks, such wonderful celebrations for the children and their families. A special thanks to Cita for organising the program. We had around 170 children making the sacrament this year and without her amazing helpers this would not have been possible. Thank to everyone involved.



WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS GROUP.

All young adults from 18 to 35 years are invited for this next event on Friday 26th August at 7:00pm at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood (12 Richmond Road, Kingswood NSW 2747). To RSVP, please scan the QR code on the poster at the back of the Church.

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 obtain more information and register at www.parrawyd.org



ROSTERS 27TH/28TH AUGUST, 2022		22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C		
Church Cleaning: K. Moffitt and C. Conolly.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Grosvenor	S. Mackenzie	I Willingham	C. Chalker
Reader/s	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	C. Conolly	M. Claravall and R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	N. Xerri	S. Tierney	E. El Hindy	
			A. El Hindy	