



# 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*  
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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

## *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 31st July 2022*

### **COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.....LIVE CREATIVELY**

There is an old saying that there are no pockets in a shroud. Every generation learns, often through bitter experience, that life is brief and entrance into heaven cannot be brought with riches. We leave the world that same way we came into it and so what is the point of hoarding, when someone else who may care nothing about us, will inherit and perhaps will waste all we have worked hard to achieve. The rich fool found this out to his cost because death exposed his real poverty. During his life he behaved as if he is going to live forever. He failed to realise that what counts when we die is not wealth but the person we become in the process of living. Greed cut him off from God and other people. It showed up the foolishness of thinking that happiness can be attained without taking God and death into consideration.



With reference to Luke 12:13-21, the parable of the rich fool, the story is told of the person who spends his life without any reference to God. Christ is really warning us against going it alone, and trying to hold our future entirely in our hands- of wasting our time, gloating over possessions and setting ourselves down securely in this life's comforts. Greed and meanness are not confined to the wealthy but to the most common of human failings and all of us can become victims of them in our struggle to earn our daily bread. The crazy pursuit of material possessions serves as a reminder that happiness does not come from having what we want but being content with what we have.

We can overcome the temptation to greed by helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. What we give to others is not lost but is transformed in a treasure of eternity. At the end of the day we will be measured by the good we have done. Rather than wrap money around our hearts we are encouraged to share with the poor. In the light of what Jesus says, each of us has some hard thinking to do towards our possessions. While we count our blessings and thank God, let us live creatively for others. Peace, Fr Clifford.

### **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

### **MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL**

The next lunch will be held on Monday, 1st August in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$15- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. For catering purposes, please contact Celine or Val to let them know you will be attending.





**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescue, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**FIRST READING:** Ecclesiastes 1 : 2; 2 : 21-23  
*What do people gain be all their work?*

**RESPONSE:** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 3 : 1-5, 9-11  
*Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 12 : 13-21  
*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** You have given us, O Lord, bread and heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Evelyn Turnbull, Josefina Sarmenta, Andrew Ellis 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. .

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**

This weekend we welcome to our parish, Kylie Cullen who will speak to us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need. Aid to the Church in Need exists to support suffering, oppressed and persecuted Christians. At the end of WWII, a Dutch priest, Fr Werenfried Van Staatan, appealed to the Catholics of Belgium and the Netherlands, to move past their hatred of the Germans, and to see in the suffering of these innocent German families, the suffering Christ. His pleas unleashed so much generosity. His initiative spread out to the entire world and we now reach thousands of persecuted Christians all around the world. Fr Werenfried led ACN until his death in 2003. In 2011, Pope Benedict XIV raised the charity to the level of a Pontifical Foundation. Kylie will speak during Mass and share more about their work and the testimonies of those have been helped.



**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL**

We would like to thank parishioners for their generosity at last weekends appeal. The parish raised just over \$1,300-. If you were unable to donate last weekend, there are still envelopes available at the doors of the Church that can be completed and placed in either collection.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Because of the high volume of water we have received here in the Hawkesbury over the past 6-12 months, 2 of the 3 lemon myrtle trees that were planted near the bell have died. We did try to save them but were unsuccessful. We were hoping for some financial assistance from parishioners so that we can buy another 2 trees of the same size to replace them. If you are able to help, please speak to Fr Clifford.



**ANNULMENT INFORMATION WEBINAR**

Each year the Tribunal of the Catholic Church, Diocese of Parramatta and CatholicCare WSBM Solo Parent Services present an Information Webinar to help people understand the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church. Questions are answered in detail on all aspects of the Annulment process. The event will be held online via Zoom on Wednesday, 3rd August from 7pm - 9pm. Registration is Essential: For further details and to register, please call 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org

ROSTERS 6TH/7TH AUGUST, 2022			19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C	
Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney.			Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.	
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	C. Conolly	M. Claravall
Reader	M. Williams	J. Wein	I. Willingham	C. Chalker
Acolyte/Adult Server		J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	N. Xerri		A. El Hindy	
	O. Thompson		E. El Hindy	