



# 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 Communion Services next week:

Tuesday and Thursday 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C*

*4th September 2022*

*Fathers Day*



The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

Dianne Bergant CSA [www.liturgyhelp.com](http://www.liturgyhelp.com)

### 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





**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**FIRST READING:** Wisdom 9 : 13-18  
*Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?*

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

**SECOND READING:** Philemon 9 -10, 12-17  
*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 14 : 25-33  
*All who do not renounce their possessions, cannot be my disciples.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God, my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Patrick Ferris, (Anniversary of Maryanne Attard) as well as John Mifsud, Charlie, Stella and Frances Bonanno, Presentacion Perez, Mary Grech, Paul Gauci, Domenica Ciardi, Emanuel Attard, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

**BISHOPS FATHERS DAY APPEAL**

Please support our priests' dignified retirement and our clergy who are in ill-health. This Father's Day, please spare a thought for our humble priests who have cared for our faith community's spiritual nourishment and wellbeing all their lives, asking little for themselves. When their time comes to retire, many are without family to support them and assist with the everyday essentials for a comfortable retirement. With your generosity, the Clergy Support Foundation can help them with the personal, professional, and practical care and guidance needed to transition to a dignified and well-deserved retirement. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or via the envelopes provided. Thank you.



**MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL**

The next luncheon will be held this Monday, 5th September in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$15 per person which covers morning tea and lunch. For catering purposes, please see Val is you would like to attend.

**LEGION OF MARY - SENATUS OF SYDNEY CELEBRATES WORLDWIDE CENTENARY**

All members, past and present, active and auxiliaries, along with families and friends are invited to attend the Anniversary Mass at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney on Saturday, 10th September 2022. The program will start at 10am with Opening Prayers; 10.30am Holy Mass ; 11.30am Full Legion Prayers in St Mary's Cathedral Hall followed by lunch at 1pm.



**SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT**

Copies of the new Social Justice Statement for 2022-23: *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse* is available at the back of the Church. Please take your free copy home with you after Mass. The Australian Bishops call for all people to take part in the individual and social transformation needed so all people can live in safety.

**CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**

Begins across the country this week. During this week we are reminded that: - Children benefit when we bring people together to create connected communities. - Children and young people thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community and culture. - They have a right to grow up in environments that support them now and into their future.



| ROSTERS 10TH/11TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 |            | 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C |              |              |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.       |            | Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.           |              |              |
| MASSES                            | 6PM        | 7.30AM                              | 9AM          | 5PM          |
| Commentator                       | K. Apap    | C. Attard                           | M. Grosvenor | M. Claravall |
| Reader/s                          | J. Rapa    | S. Mackenzie                        | L. Buchanan  | C. Chalker   |
| Acolyte/Adult Server              | T. Jordan  | J. Coco                             | T. McMahon   | G. Claravall |
| Altar Servers                     | D. Spiteri | S. Tierney                          | A. Bradford  | C. Adams     |
|                                   | I. Spiteri |                                     | M. Portelli  |              |