



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 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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
11th September 2022

OUR LADY OF SORROWS FEAST DAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

Origins and Significance

This title directs our minds and hearts to the spiritual martyrdom of Our Lady in the life, passion and death of her Divine Son and her singular participation in the work of our salvation. By the fourteenth century Mary's 'dolors' or sorrows have been enumerated as seven: Our Lord's circumcision, the flight into Egypt. His being lost in Jerusalem, her meeting with Him on the road to Calvary (the '*via dolorosa*'), His being taken down from the Cross and His burial.



A moving and beautiful harmony emerges in the Church's liturgical tradition which so enlivens the worship of God. This feast follows that of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (now the 'Triumph of the Cross') on September 14th. The exalted cross, the sign of our reconciliation pre-figured in Moses' raising the serpent-staff in the desert, is glorified as the instrument of Christ's victory over death. We move naturally to consider His Mother's contribution to that victory. Having exercised her maternal influence at the Wedding-feast at Cana, she adopted only a supportive role in her Son's ministry until she stands at the foot of the cross. What solace she offers us in our own grief and sufferings, temporal, futile and un-looked for though they may appear. Members of Christ's Mystical Body, with her we share in His sufferings as we anticipate the glory to come already enjoyed by this Mother of Sorrows. Pope Paul VI has described the feast as a fitting occasion for re-living "a decisive moment in the history of salvation and for venerating, together with her Son lifted up on the Cross. His suffering Mother". Christian devotion has inspired touching depictions of the Mother holding her Son's body, the most famous being Michelangelo's '*Pieta*'.

J. B. Midgley Companion to the Feasts of Mary.

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

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK SPRING/SEASON OF CREATION EDITION OUT NOW!

Get your free copy of the Spring edition of Catholic Outlook now. This month, we talk about pilgrimages, the Season of Creation, and focus in on how our parishes are working towards sustainability. There's great kids activities too. Please take your copy home with you after Mass.





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING: Exodus 32 : 7-11, 13-14
The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

RESPONSE: I will rise and go to my Father.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1 : 12-17
Christ came to save sinners.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 15 : 1-32
There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for Maryanne Attard, John Mifsud, Charlie, Stella and Frances Bonanno, Presentacion Perez, Mary Grech, Paul Gauci, Emanuel Attard, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

Sick: Please pray for the sick in our Parish.

BISHOPS FATHERS DAY APPEAL - Thank you for caring for our retired clergy

Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised just over \$2,180- to care for our retired priests and clergy in ill-health. Because of your kindness, we can support our ageing priests' daily living, health care and medical expenses; and provide home comforts and essentials for living well. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal Thank you.



ENQUIRY EVENINGS FOR NON-CATHOLICS

Any interested non-Catholics are invited to learn more about the Catholic faith at an Enquiry Evening on Monday, 26th September at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please spread the word and inform any family or friends who may be interested. This will be the beginning of our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme. To book, please speak to Mary Said, or contact the Parish Office during office hours.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY (FORMERLY CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY)

This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday and is a reminder to us to make a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.



GLENMORE PARK ST PADRE PIO PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

Everyone is invited to join Glenmore Park Parish for their parochial feast of St. Padre Pio. The parish will be holding a Triduum Novena and Mass to St Padre Pio from 22 – 24 September. On 25th September at 10am, there will be a Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Solemn Feast Mass, Blessing by the Relic of St Padre Pio and other festivities. For enquiries, please call their parish office on (02) 4789 2232.

INCLUDE A CHARITY WEEK

During Include A Charity Week, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in our Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinWills



ROSTERS 17TH/18TH SEPTEMBER, 2022		25TH 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	A. Pennings
Reader/s	A. Dimech	J. Wein	I. Willingham	S. Naylor
				R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	E. Rijke		A. El Hindy	C. Naylor
	N. Xerri		E. El Hindy	