



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*
Parish email: stmcc@tpg.com.au
www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au
Office hours next week - 9.30am - 4.30pm
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

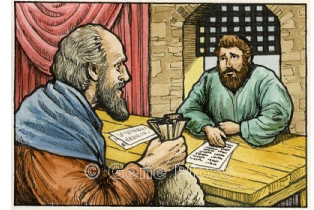
Marriages:

By appointment

Divine Mercy Prayer Group:

2nd and 4th Saturday monthly 10am

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C *18th September 2022*



We return again to the theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

GOSPEL FOCUS - USING MONEY

Jesus tells his audience to use money to win friends so that when your money fails you your friends will welcome you. This sounds a bit like buying friendship. But what Jesus was saying was to share your riches with those in need and not be boastful and greedy of your wealth. He is calling his audience back to the commands of God to take care of the needy and to make sure that no one is left without enough to live. So the friendship Jesus is encouraging the people to make through their money is a friendship with the poor and the needy.

Greg Sunter 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: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING: Amos 8 : 4-7
The Lord spoke against those buy the poor for money.

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2 : 1-8
Let prayers be offered to God for everyone, he wants all people to be saved.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16 : 1-13
You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Thomas Whelan as well as Publius Tabone, Maryanne Attard, John Mifsud, Charlie, Stella and Frances Bonanno, Paul Gauci, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

Sick: Please pray for the sick in our Parish.

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.

SAFEGUARDING (COMPLIANCE) TRAINING

A new date has been set and we will be holding Safeguarding (Compliance) training here in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 29th October 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, If you wish to attend on the 29th October, please contact the Parish Office via email or phone by Monday, 24th October. The Office for Safeguarding is also offering a range of opportunities to complete your Safeguarding training this spring. Full-day training session on Monday 17th October from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Weekly training sessions on Monday 24th and 31st October and Monday 7th November from 10am to 11.30am at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. To register for one of these options, please email safeguardingtraining@parramattacatholic.org Alternatively, you can complete it in your own time online if you prefer at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>



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.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY?

As God's stewards, we're entrusted to use the gifts we are given wisely for the greater good of our family, our faith community and God's kingdom. A gift in your Will is an enduring way to give thanks to God and share your blessings beyond your lifetime. During Include A Charity Week, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider a gift in your Will to our Parish, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, the Clergy Support Foundation or one of our Diocesan Catholic ministries. Even the most modest gift will significantly advance our Church's works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinWills



ST MONICA'S BOOK FAIR

St Monica's will be holding a Book Fair from 9am to 3pm from Friday, 23rd to Sunday, 25th September in the Old Church, Bourke Street Richmond. All parishioners are invited to go, browse and hopefully purchase some books.



PROM PRAISE SYDNEY

After a sell-out in 2019, Prom Praise is finally returning to Sydney's iconic Town Hall. Famous worldwide for a unique voice in music, Prom Praise is an annual event which fuses popular classical and contemporary styles and musicians for an evening of world-class worship and praise. It will be held at 7.30pm Saturday, 24th September. Tickets are \$40. For details go to their website www.prompraise.com

OLQP GREYSTANES FESTA

The Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Greystanes Festa is back on after a COVID hiatus on Sunday 25th September on the parish grounds. Mass will be celebrated at 1pm, with festivities from 2.30pm and a fireworks display at 8.30pm. For more information, please contact the Festa Committee on festa@olqp.org.au



WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

"The Diocesan Journey ... Walking with Refugees" group of the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to an afternoon of fun, food and friendship. Join them in celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday, 25th September. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM in St Patrick's, 51-19 Allawah Street, Blacktown at 2pm followed by afternoon events from 3.30pm to 5pm at All Saints of Africa Centre 63 Allawah Street. (Parking available at the Church). Please RSVP to shorturl.at/ahxyZ

FIRSTCPR

The Diocese is participating in a program called FirstCPR that involves education and training in responding to cardiac arrest in the community. This program will allow us to provide CPR accredited training to parish volunteers and is free of charge. Participation involves completing a short 5-minute survey and you will receive access to free CPR training materials. You must be 18 years or older to participate. By completing the survey, you are giving consent to participate. Completing the survey is voluntary. Information you provide will be confidential and not shared with anyone other than the research team. For any questions about this research contact the team on 0412 369 519 or warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au Completed surveys will go into a draw to win one of ten Coles/Woolworths vouchers valued at \$30 each. You will be able to complete this survey up until mid to late October when we plan to launch with a CPR Awareness Webinar, followed by a number of accredited CPR training sessions (2.5 hour duration). We will aim to hold multiple sessions at varying times (business hours, after hours and weekends) to accommodate as many people as possible. To complete the survey and access the training materials, please scan the qr code..



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.

ROSTERS 24TH/25TH SEPTEMBER, 2022		26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C		
Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.		Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	L. Buchanan	C. Chalker
Reader/s	J. Newland	C. Attard	M. Grosvenor	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	O. Thompson	S. Tierney	C. Adam	
			J. Biviano	

SEASON OF CREATION CAMPING TRIP

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the Christian community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with creation and our Creator. From Friday, 30th September to Sunday, 2nd October, 2022 at Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale. Cost: Individual campers \$20; Camping couples \$40; Family camping groups \$50. For more information and to register visit: www.seasonofcreationcamping.org



ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC SERVICES NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION

Catholic Care's Aboriginal Catholic Services is hosting a community celebration to commemorate NAIDOC Week on Tuesday 27th September from 10am to 2pm at the Holy Family site in Emerton. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations with a variety of entertainment, music, rides, stalls and more. Show your solidarity and have some family fun with members of our local Aboriginal community.

EMBRACE THE CALL TO GLOBAL MISSION - PALMS AUSTRALIA

A number of overseas parishes in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are seeking Australian Catholics for Global Mission. Embrace one of the Mission opportunities abroad and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 and Register for a Webinar on Saturday, 24th September at 11:30am where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from 16th to 28th October.



LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close 31st October, 2022. Send us an inquiry to www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaba@salesians.org.au

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