



# 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 and Thursday.*

### **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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C* *25th September 2022*

Julian Burnside began an article with the following: 'I had a conversation with Tim Costello some years ago which significantly changed my way of seeing things.



He told me of a time when he was running the Collins Street Baptist Church. A guy who had been sleeping rough for quite a while had turned up at the Church wanting a feed. Tim was talking to him. The guy said that that conversation was the first time in two weeks he had had eye contact with any other human being.

I can scarcely imagine what that must be like. That man had, at least in his own mind, completely disappeared.'

Further on in the article, he tells of his experience working as a human rights lawyer defending refugees. He frequently received and receives abusive, even vitriolic, letters attacking him and the innocent people he is seeking to defend. If possible, he responds to each letter politely but firmly. If the initial attacks had surprised him, what happened next did so even more. Virtually every one responded politely, entering into a dialogue over the issue and, in many cases, changing their views regarding the rights and needs of asylum seekers. Just like the refugees, they longed to be seen and heard.

Julian Burnside's reflection moved into a reflection on what happens to people when they do not feel that they are being seen or heard...an experience that often comes to those suffering long term stress or from mental illness. As they are ignored, their behaviour becomes more extreme and they are marginalised even more.

We all know people like this. They don't have to beg on our streets to feel alienated within our society. They can be the family members with chronic illness, the long-term unemployed suffering from depression, youth, who cover their failure at school with noisy bravado or destructive anger. Fixing their problems is often beyond us but we can listen to them. We can try to 'listen with both eyes' and in doing so affirm their value. This is a challenge. We rarely know what to say and our own inadequacy can overwhelm us. But that is alright. It only confirms that we are all beggars at the gate, one in our humanity.

Sr Kym Harris osb [www.prayasyoucan.com.au](http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au)

### **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

**THE NEXT MINISTRY ROSTER IS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY HOME WITH YOU AFTER MASS. THANK YOU.**



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**FIRST READING:** Amos 6 : 1, 4-7  
*You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.*

**RESPONSE:** Praise the Lord, my soul.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Timothy 6 : 11-16  
*Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.*

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

**GOSPEL:** Luke 16 : 19-31  
*During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Thomas Whelan as well as Publius Tabone, Maryanne Attard, 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.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK**

The next talk will be held this Thursday, 29th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month (except for January which will be the last three Sundays). Baptism bookings are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office.



**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2022**

Pope Francis invites us all to join in "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees". Today we come together for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. We remember the difficult journeys that people have to make, and how hard it can be to start again in a new country. We also remember the gifts of all the different cultures and how they have enriched our lives in Australia. Pope Francis calls this "beautiful diversity". In his letter for the World Day, he asks us to build the future together with migrants and refugees, a place of inclusion and harmony, so it ends up looking just like the Kingdom of God.



**WESTERN DEANERAY YOUNG ADULTS MEETING**

All young adults from 18 to 35 years are invited for this event on Friday 30th September at 7pm at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood (12 Richmond Road, Kingswood NSW). For more information and to RSVP, please see the flyer at the back of the Church.

ROSTERS 1ST/2ND OCTOBER, 2022		27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C		
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Said	C. Attard	Sr Anita	S. Naylor
Reader	M. Grosvenor	S. Mackenzie	T. Victorino	A. Pennings
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	I. Spiteri		M. Portelli	C. Naylor
	D. Spiteri		A. Bradford	