



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:

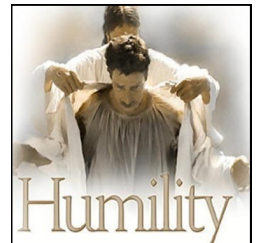
By appointment

Divine Mercy Prayer Group:

2nd and 4th Saturday monthly 10am

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C *28th August 2022*

We all have at sometime in our lives played musical chairs. It's fun to see the participants scrambling for a vacant seat with the intention of winning a prize. All good with fun and games but how about in a real life situation, if accidentally or deliberately we occupy a seat that is meant for someone else and to the embarrassment we will have to settle for another place which we are not happy about. In the gospel of Luke: 14:7-14, Jesus is not at all impressed by the sight of the guests scrambling for the good seats to see themselves in the places of honour. He comments about good manners at table and draws conclusions concerning an even greater banquet to which we are all called – the eternal banquet in the heavenly kingdom.



In a world of power and privilege where the fittest survive and those who push forward succeed, humility does not get a good publicity. In fact it is associated with weakness, spinelessness and poor self-image. Humility is an attempt to try to see ourselves as God sees us. It takes an honest measure of ourselves without being pompous, boastful or proud realizing that we are what we are before God and nothing else.

The gospel warns us against all forms of pride and self-glorification and challenges us to take a hard look at ourselves for what we are. Pride can make us self-centred and so full of ourselves that there is very little place for God in our lives. In God's eyes, the proud take a very lowly place because God raises up the humble.

Peace, Fr. Clifford msfs

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

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

Are holding a 30 Year Reunion function and an Alumnae Day on 17th and 18th September. For more details, please visit their website.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 3 : 17-20, 28-29
Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

RESPONSE: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12 : 18-19, 22-24
You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 14 : 1, 7-14
All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Patrick Ferris, (Anniversaries of Presentacion Perez, Paul Gauci and Mary Grech) as well as Domenica Ciardi, Jean Spice, John Karam, Emanuel Attard, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

REMINDER

Fr Clifford will be on leave from Sunday, 28th August until Saturday, 29th October. While he is away, there will be visiting priests to celebrate all the weekend Masses. Please make them feel welcome. During this time however, there will be NO weekday Masses. Instead, there will be Communion Services on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Thank you for your understanding. Weekday Masses are held in St Monica's Richmond at 9am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Also St John's in Riverstone have 8.30am Mass from Tuesday through to Saturday inclusive.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The Australian Catholic Church celebrates Social Justice Sunday this weekend. It is a special day to engage with the Australian Bishops' new Social Justice Statement for 2022-23: Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse. The statement invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality: domestic and family violence and abuse. The Australian Bishops call for all people to take part in the individual and social transformation needed so all people can live in safety. Download the statement at bit.ly/SJS22-23



BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

At all Masses next weekend, we will be holding the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal. Our priests devote their lives in service to God and our faith community. This Father's Day, will you care for them in their retirement, as they have cared for us? Your kind-hearted donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation's health and wellbeing team to care for the 21 retired clergy in our Diocese and provide our priests with the practical and emotional support needed for a comfortable retirement. Attached is an envelope that you can take home and return next weekend. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal via the envelope or at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal



MENTION MY NAME

Parishioners are invited to join a remembrance service for family and friends grieving the death of someone close, to suicide or misadventure at 7pm on Wednesday, 7th September in St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. For more details see the flyer at the back of the Church.

ROSTERS 3RD/4TH SEPTEMBER, 2022		23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C		
Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.		Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Said	J. Wein	Sr Anita	S. Naylor
Reader/s	M. Williams	C. Attard	T. Victorino	A. Pennings
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	O. Thompson		J. Biviano	E. Sevilla
			C. Adam	