



# 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](mailto:stmcc@tpg.com.au)  
[www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au](http://www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au)  
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

#### Pilgrim Rosary (in hall):

Every Tuesday 7pm

#### Divine Mercy Prayer Group (in hall):

2nd and 4th Saturday monthly 10am

#### Baptisms:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays monthly

#### Marriages:

By appointment

## *Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 2nd October 2022*

How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another?

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? These fishermen and nobodies chosen as disciples by Jesus must surely have had moments of realisation that they were not the sorts of young men normally chosen by Rabbis to be disciples. They must have looked around at the disciples of other teachers and seen that, by comparison, they weren't really in the same league. So they ask Jesus to increase their faith. What they're saying is: make us more like the sorts of people we think we should be. Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

### **FAITH**

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.

Greg Sunter [www.liturgyhelp.com](http://www.liturgyhelp.com)



### **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH IF YOU:**

- ARE EXPERIENCING COLD OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS OR TEMPERATURE
- HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE THAT IS EITHER A SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19
- FACE MASKS ARE STILL RECOMMENDED

### **MORNING TEA**

On Sunday, 9th October there will be morning tea following the 9am Mass. All parishioners are most welcome.





**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**FIRST READING:** Habakkuk 1 : 2-3 ; 2 : 2-4  
*The just will live by faithfulness.*

**RESPONSE:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**SECOND READING:** 2 Timothy 1 : 6-8, 13-14  
*Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever: it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 17 : 5-10  
*If you had faith!*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased John Cotter, Arleene Hilder, Thomas Whelan as well as Publius Tabone, Maryanne Attard, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - RECONCILIATION**

If you have a child in Year 3 or above who has been baptised Catholic, they are eligible to join the Reconciliation Program. To enrol your child, a parent is required to attend an information session in the Church at 7pm on Tuesday, 11th October or Wednesday, 12th October. *Prior to the meeting, a parent and the child who is to be enrolled, are required to attend either a 6pm Saturday evening or 9am Sunday morning Mass to obtain an enrolment form from Cita.* Please complete that form and bring it to the Parent Information Session. Bookings for the session are required and can be made by contacting Cita or the Parish Office.

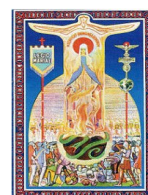


**MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL**

Because of the long weekend, the next Monday Club lunch will be held this Tuesday, 4th October in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$15- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. If you would like to attend, please talk to Celine or Val.

**HOLY HOUR FOR CHILDREN**

Will be held next Friday, 7th October. It will commence at 6pm with special rosary prayers for the children, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Holy Mass at 7pm. Fellowship will be held after the Mass in the Parish Hall (please bring food to share). All parishioners are invited, especially children who can be involved with praying the rosary, readers for the Mass, altar servers etc. If your children are interested in taking part, please contact: Fely 0481 373 579 or Tony 0488 110 111.



**MONTH OF ROSARY**

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The rosary will be prayed (led by the Legion of Mary) before all the weekend Masses. They will pray on Saturday at 5:30pm and Sunday at 7am, 8:30am and 4:30pm. All parishioners, especially children, are welcome to come and join in praying the rosary..

ROSTERS 8TH/9TH OCTOBER, 2022		28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C		
Church Cleaning: K. Moffitt and C. Conolly.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	J. Newland	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	M. Claravall
Reader	M. Williams	J. Wein	C. Conolly	C. Chalker
			J. Micallef	R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	E. Rijke	S. Tierney	C. Adam	E. Sevilla
			J. Biviano	