



# 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*  
*Mon, Tues, Wed 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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C* *9th October 2022*



Let's look at this story from the viewpoint of the nine lepers. They had faith. After calling Jesus 'Master' and making their request, they trusted utterly in his word. Immediately they were on their way to fulfil all the rites concerning cleansing. And you can imagine what happened next. Having been so savagely ostracised, they would have run home to the spouses and children, to the friends and community from whom they had been separated for so long. They were grateful to Jesus..., surely. But what would have happened next? They would have been swallowed back into the life from which they had been so long excluded. In years to come, there would have been no 'leper' stories for their grandkids. They would have passed over this humiliating experience in much the same way as people today often remain silent about painful or difficult events. They had had the experience, but missed the meaning.

But that Samaritan, for whom family and community probably had meant just as much, he broke his journey. Some new level of existence had erupted into his life and he turned and returned. Throwing himself on the ground he gave thanks to God. In using the term 'eucharisto' Luke well knew the resonances this word would have had for his readers. The Samaritan's life had become a hymn of praise for the mercies shown to him by God in Jesus. He had had the experience and had understood the meaning. In the future, one can well imagine the grandkids, and anyone else for that matter, hearing this story. His pain and humiliation had been transformed by an act of God. He need have no shame over what he had been through. His life was suffused by the grace of God.

### **REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.**

Reflect on your experience of giving and receiving acts or gifts of kindness and love. How do you feel when you give? When you receive? Recall a recent awkward experience? Can you reimagine the experience if the person on the receiving end had been grateful? How can you act more gratefully in your daily life?.

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

### **HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (HSC)**

From this Wednesday, 12th October, until 7th November, the students in Year 12 will be doing their HSC exams. Please remember them and their families in your prayers at this time.





**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**FIRST READING:** 2 Kings 5 : 14-17  
*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledges the Lord.*

**RESPONSE:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**SECOND READING:** 2 Timothy 2 : 8-13  
*If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 17 : 11-19  
*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Josephine Scully (Sr Carol's sister), John Cotter, Arleene Hilder as well as Bill Azzopardi, Paul Dimech, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - RECONCILIATION**

Just a reminder that the Reconciliation Program will be starting next week and if you wish 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 you need 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.



**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.



**MASS OF DEPOSITING OF THE RELICS OF ST FAUSTINA & ST JOHN PAUL II**

Our Lady of the Angels Church, Rouse Hill will receive first-degree relics of St Faustina and St John Paul II. These relics will be enshrined and kept on permanent display for veneration. Very Rev. Peter G. Williams AM VG will be celebrating Mass and the Depositing of the Relics on Saturday, 22nd October at the 5:30pm Mass. The celebration will begin with prayers at 4.30pm. All parishioners are most welcome.

**FAITH AND DIGITAL MEDIA WORKSHOP**

St Monica's Parish in conjunction with The Diocesan Pastoral Formation team will be holding tech training for parish teams and volunteers of all parishes. It will be at St Monica's Richmond at 10am on Wednesday, 26th October. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Donnie at donnie.velasco@parracatholic.org or 0432 042 140.



<b>ROSTERS 15TH/16TH OCTOBER, 2022</b>		<b>29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> C. Teuma and T. May.		<b>Sacristy:</b> I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.		
<b>MASSES</b>	<b>6PM</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9AM</b>	<b>5PM</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	K. Apap	J. Wein	M. Grosvenor	A. Pennings
<b>Reader</b>	A. Dimech	C. Teuma	L. Buchanan	S. Naylor
<b>Acolyte/Adult Server</b>	J. Dimech	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall
<b>Altar Servers</b>	N. Xerri		A. El Hindy	C. Adam
			E. El Hindy	