



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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Office hours next week - 9.30am - 4.30pm
Monday, Tuesday 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

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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 16th October 2022



In telling this parable, Jesus describes an adult in about the weakest position in his society. This widow had no voice, no public persona, no forum in which she could present her case. The judge is described as unscrupulous and resistant to influence from God or men. In other words, the widow's situation could not have been more desperate. Her need drove her to levels of behaviour that were probably unthinkable in ordinary times. Indeed, Jesus has her threatening violence! Obviously, in offering her as a model for prayer, Jesus is not recommending violence, nor is he offering the unjust judge as a model of God's behaviour. So just what is he teaching us in this curious parable?

The key is given in the words with which Jesus introduces it. Jesus speaks of the need to pray continually and never give up. We often struggle with prayer...we get bored, we lose attention, we want to be elsewhere...and with those experiences the whole idea of praying continually seems an impossibility. But maybe the problem lies in what we envisage prayer to be. We know it is an engagement of our hearts and our beings with God. We imagine it as time resting with God, sharing our hearts and hearing what God has to say to us...and sometimes this is what happens...but also sometimes, and if we are honest even oftentimes, it doesn't. And we think we have failed or that God has failed us. Perhaps the problem is that in the times we are 'bored' we are bringing the wrong part of ourselves to God. The widow cried out from her deep-seated need...and we all have that. Deep down, we know that our hearts are cracked and broken, we know we are fragile. If we can trust enough to encounter God from that need, we will pray constantly. When our need meets God's grace, we will crave prayer. It will not be a work we have to do, but a fountain of life welling up within us. At the conclusion of this Gospel, Jesus asks if the Son of Man will find faith when he comes. The faith he wants is us bringing our broken sinfulness to his deep mercy. All we have to do is hold out our weak hands and suffering hearts.

Sr Kym Harris osb 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

OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING

Is offering a range of opportunities to complete your Safeguarding training this spring. To find out when and where the sessions will be held, please see the flyer at the back of the Church. The flyer also has how to book your attendance.





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17 : 8-13
As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

RESPONSE: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3 : 14 - 4 : 2
This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 18 : 1-8
God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Sandra Bezzina, Josephine Scully, 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.



SAFEGUARDING (COMPLIANCE) TRAINING
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.

THANK YOU
The original light at the front of the Church has finally been repaired and returned. It was restored with the Church in the 1990's but Keith Brown who was a long standing parishioner of St Matthew's. Like most things, over time, the light was starting to fall apart again so Keith's son Garry Brown of Browns Fans took the light to restore again to it's original glory. It took many hours of his own time to make it look so amazing again and ready for another 100 years. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Garry for the wonderful work he has done. We would also like to thank JT Mifsud Electrical Contractors who agreed to remount the light so we can start using it again. A bit of history has now been returned to this beautiful Church. Thank you to everyone who was involved in this endeavour.



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.

| ROSTERS 22ND/23RD OCTOBER, 2022 | | | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C | |
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| Church Cleaning: J. Dimech. | | | Sacristy: B. and N. Duff. | |
| MASSES | 6PM | 7.30AM | 9AM | 5PM |
| Commentator | T. Ripa | C. Teuma | I. Willingham | C. Chalker |
| Reader | J. Rapa | C. Attard | Sr Anita | M. Claravall |
| | | | | S. Tylere |
| Acolyte/Adult Server | T. Jordan | J. Coco | T. McMahon | G. Claravall |
| Altar Servers | O. Thompson | S. Tierney | A. Bradford | E. Sevilla |
| | | | M. Portelli | |