



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
www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au
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

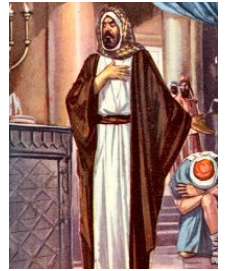
Marriages:

By appointment

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

23rd October 2022

This week's gospel passage flows on directly from last week's gospel and continues the teaching of Jesus about prayer. Whereas the preceding passage emphasised the need for persistence in prayer, this passage is about the way in which we come before God in prayer. It is the tax collector, whose simple prayer is 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,' who goes home at rights with God. In this simple prayer, the tax collector recognises that he is not in right relationship with God and asks for God's mercy. This is a hallmark of the lowly and outcast in the gospel of Luke: they recognise their need and seek God's forgiveness and mercy. The model of faith that is depicted over and over again in this gospel is the one who recognises their need for God's loving mercy and asks for it. We are repeatedly reminded that God's mercy, forgiveness and abundant love are constantly out-flowing towards us and all we have to do is humbly desire and welcome them



Humility is at the heart of this parable. The Pharisee is representative of those who are assured of their own rightness but who rely on comparison with others to make themselves feel righteous and justified. The actions of this man were not limited to Pharisees alone, nor are they limited to a particular time and place. This man's attitude of asserting his own faithfulness and religious observance by comparison with others can be easily seen in the world today. All faiths seem to be afflicted with these characters who assure themselves of their own 'goodness' by railing against those who are different. But, as the parable assures us, it is the humble who are exalted by God.

Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

Consider the places in your heart where you feel weak and vulnerable. Spend some time feeling about and exploring how this brokenness affects you. How does it influence your behaviour, your speech, your thoughts, your emotions? Then from each broken place in your life, pray the prayer of the tax collector, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasoucan.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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The next set of planned giving envelopes are available for collection at the back of the Church. To save on postage, please take your envelopes home with you after Mass.





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 15 : 12-14, 16-19
The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

RESPONSE: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4 : 6-8, 16-18
All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 18 : 9-14
The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Diana Pereira, Sandra Bezzina, Josephine Scully as well as Bill Azzopardi, Paul Dimech, Paul and Anna Micallef, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, 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 please contact the Parish Office via email or phone by Monday, 24th October.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next Baptismal talk will be held at 7.30pm this Thursday, 27th October in the Parish hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month (except January which will be the last three Sundays). Bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish office.

MET WORSHIP THANKSGIVING MASS

The Worship - Mission Enhancement Team are inviting all Sacramental Teams, RCIA Teams, facilitators and volunteers to a Thanksgiving and Appreciation Mass on Friday, 28th October at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, at 7.30pm. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with one another and to be acknowledged for your work. For catering purposes RSVP to the Worship team on 8838 3456 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 30th October at 11 am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org by 24th October. Family and friends are welcome.



| ROSTERS 29TH/30TH OCTOBER, 2022 | | 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C | | |
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| Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney. | | Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella. | | |
| MASSES | 6PM | 7.30AM | 9AM | 5PM |
| Commentator | M. Grosvenor | C. Attard | C. Conolly | S. Naylor |
| Reader | H. Sobiesiak | S. Mackenzie | F. Watkins | A. Pennings |
| | | | | R. Xerri |
| Acolyte/Adult Server | T. Dimech | J. Coco | T. Victorino | G. Claravall |
| Altar Servers | D. Spiteri | | J. Biviano | C. Naylor |
| | I. Spiteri | | C. Adam | |