



# 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  
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 Masses:

Tuesday to Friday 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

*Second Sunday of Advent Year A  
4th December 2022*



### ADVENT- A CALL TO REPENTANCE

For all the world John the Baptist looked the part of the first century hippie with his long hair, weird wardrobe and open sandals. The crowd flocked to hear him speak in stern uncompromising language as he fearlessly denounced evil wherever he found it. His words were clear cut in their simplicity. He came with a definite mission- to announce to the people that God's kingdom is at their doorstep and if they wanted to enter it their present lifestyle needed to be changed.

John challenged people to reform their lives, to repent of their sins and undergo a baptism of purification in the Jordan. As a preacher, teacher and prophet John pointed beyond himself and was a signpost to the coming of Christ into the world. The call to repentance is an urgent invitation for us to prepare the way for the Lord.

Preparing for Christmas means renewing our lives by acknowledging our need for Christ who is constantly calling us to higher things. John warns us that the greatest obstacle to the coming of Christ in our midst is sin. To make Christ present in our lives, we need to make a constant effort to root out evil which keeps recurring.

Advent is an opportunity for us to come closer to Christ through prayer and repentance. His power is at work in our lives when we make peace with a family member we have rejected, the relatives we don't speak to, the neighbours we have fallen out with, the poor we have no time for. Breaking down these barriers will open the way for Christ to come to us.

Peace in God's mission. Fr. Clifford msfs

### MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

The next lunch will be a Christmas lunch held on Monday, 5th December in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$15- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. If you wish to take part in the Kris Kringle giving, please bring a gift to the value of \$10-. For catering purposes, please contact Celine if you would like to attend.



### **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

**ADVENT WREATH RESPONSE:** Come, Lord Jesus

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.



**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 11 : 1-10  
*He judges the poor with justice.*

**RESPONSE:** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 15 : 4-9  
*Christ, the hope of all people.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 3 : 1-12  
*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:**

Please pray for the deceased David Dark, Vince Surace, Diana Pereira, Antonio Surace, Paul and Anna Micallef, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Bianca Cam, Desmond Donoghue, Maynardo Eugenio, Keith Schembri, Alfred Terzo, Nicola Ripa, George Arce, Micha and Ben Gough, Rudolf Zuber, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

**Sick:** Please pray for Valencia Warrell, Carmello Vella and Melissa Randal.

**BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing Service**

No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes or at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). Thank you for your prayers, heart-felt compassion, and help to end homelessness.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Each Christmas season, the St Vincent de Paul conduct a Christmas Appeal to assist those in need to celebrate Christmas. Your financial donation will assist us in reaching out to the needy in the Hawkesbury. Thank you for your generosity. The collection will take place at all Masses next weekend (10th/11th December)

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLES**

We are selling raffle tickets for some Christmas hampers. Ticket are \$2- each or 3 for \$5-. There are a number of various prizes to win and all proceeds will go to the Missions and The Street Children Home in Mumbai India. Winners will be drawn on Sunday, 18th December.



**LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2023**

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

ROSTERS 10TH/11TH DECEMBER, 2022		THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Said	J. Wein	M. Grosvenor	A. Pennings
Reader	J. Rapa	C. Teuma	T. Victorino	S. Naylor
				R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	N. Xerri	S. Tierney	J. Biviano	C. Naylor
			C. Adam	