



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

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 6th November 2022

THE GOD OF THE LIVING

With reference to Luke 20:27-38, the Sadducees who believe there is no resurrection, present Jesus with a problem of the one bride and seven brothers to try and force him into a denial of the resurrection. Jesus evades their mockery by stating that life in the resurrection has a completely different quality and an altogether new experience. Life after death remains clouded in a great mystery and we would all like to know more about it. We wonder what it will be like, when will it begin, where will we be going? Our dreams are about being united with our loved ones who have gone before us and who are with God our Father.



The readings help us to reflect on the meaning of life and the purpose of death we meet in its many forms- slow, sudden, young and old. Death crushes and destroys our earthly ties and it's a time for grieving and bitter tears. The church through the proclamation of Jesus' coming into the world has given new meaning to death. Life does not finish with the grave; it's open-ended but finds its completion somewhere hereafter. It is our leap into eternity with God calling us to the fullness of life.

At Mass in our profession of faith we say, 'we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.' Perhaps these words slip meaninglessly from our lips. We truly believe in a God of the living. Our belief gives us hope to share in the glorious resurrection and the life of Christ. 'Lord when your glory appears, my joy will be full' (Our response to Ps. 16)

The month of November is a suitable time to remember our dead, not with fear and despair, but in the hope of joining them in eternal life. The spirit of the dead lives on in the memory of the living.

Peace in God's mission. Fr. Clifford msfs

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

DAILY REFLECTIONS

Joy Of The Gospel is a book of daily reflections for 2023 compiled by The Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS), also known as the Fransalian priests, and is available to buy for only \$18-. If you are interested in buying a copy, please see Fr Clifford.





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let my prayer come into your presence, incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: 2 Maccabees 7 : 1-2, 9-14
The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

RESPONSE: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2 : 16 - 3 : 5
May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his forever and ever. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 20 : 27-38
He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Maynardo Eugenio and Bianca Cam as well as anniversary of Desmond Donoghue.

Sick: Please pray for Valencia Warrell and the sick in our Parish.

NOVEMBER MASSES
November is the month of Holy Souls and the 'Book of Life' as well as envelopes, are available in the foyer of the Church. During November, Masses will be offered for deceased family and friends.

THANK YOU
We would like to thank everyone who assisted, in one way or another, with the liturgies while Fr Clifford was away. Your help was invaluable as were the priests who came to celebrate the Masses for us. Also, we would like to thank the members of the Legion of Mary who supplied the wonderful morning tea for the safeguarding training last Saturday and for the supper after the Bereavement Mass. They were delicious.

MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL
The next lunch will be held this Monday, 7th November in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$15- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. If you would like to attend, please speak to Celine.



35TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER
Bede Polding College will be holding an anniversary dinner on the 18th November 2022, at 7pm-11pm in the Good Samaritan Hall, located on the school grounds. All former students and staff members are warmly invited to attend the dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$55 and includes a 2 course meal, wine and soft drinks. Tickets can be purchased online through try-booking. <https://www.trybooking.com/CCMRH>

OPEN INVITATION TO THE PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST
Parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast on Saturday 12th November at 12pm to commemorate the World Day of the Poor. Come and share a meal and company with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held at Prince Alfred Square in Parramatta from 12pm to 2pm. All are welcome. For more details contact met@parracatholic.org



ROSTERS 12TH/13TH NOVEMBER, 2022			33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C	
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.			Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.	
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	J. Newland	J. Wein	M. Grosvenor	A. Pennings
Reader	A. Dimech	C. Teuma	T. Victorino	S. Naylor
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	N. Xerri	S. Tierney	M. Portelli	C. Naylor
			A. Bradford	