



# 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

*First Sunday of Advent Year A*  
*27th November 2022*



### **ADVENT- A SEASON OF HOPE**

Can you believe it is that time of year already? There is one month to go until Christmas. With all the celebrations and preparations ahead, how will you prepare your heart in this special and holy season? Advent starts this Sunday and let us invite and encourage each other as we journey together. The new church year is ushered in with the season of Advent. This is a special time blessed by God who calls us to stay awake and to prepare in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

If the real meaning of Christmas is to be kept in the forefront of our minds, a conscious decision must be made to enter into the proper spirit of Advent. At the beginning of this season a call to conversion is addressed to all of us because God wants us to grow closer to him and to experience the warmth of his love more deeply. We do this by opening our hearts more widely to receive Jesus. His presence can be seen in the people we meet and our life's situation. He is around to be welcomed in the poor and the needy.

To allow God to do his work in us, let us remove all obstacles which prevent his birth in our lives such as any behaviour which is unworthy of our Christian calling. Thus, we give access to God in our lives. Let us set aside the things of the world which bring unhappiness and make our hearts grow tired. Jesus seeks entry into innermost being so that he can share his life with us. He stands at the door and knocks. This is our opportunity to welcome him and walk in the light of the Lord.

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

### **"QUO VADIS?" PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND ROME**

At the request of many of his previous pilgrims, Fr Wim Hoekstra is leading a pilgrimage to Israel and Rome next year. Our pilgrimage will be following in the footsteps of St Peter. Details can be found at [www.olivetreetravel.com.au](http://www.olivetreetravel.com.au) under Upcoming Tours or contact Fr Wim 0409908361 or email [wim.hoekstra@parracatholic.org](mailto:wim.hoekstra@parracatholic.org)



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



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 2 : 1-5

*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

**RESPONSE:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 13 : 11-14

*The time has come, our salvation is now.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 24 : 37-44

*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord will bestow his bounty and our earth shall yield its increase.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Deceased:**

Please pray for recently deceased David Dark as well as our family and friends.

**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. Thank you for your prayers, heart-felt compassion, and help to end homelessness.



**LEGION OF MARY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

All of our Active, Auxiliary and Future junior members are invited to come and join us in celebrating this year as soldiers of Mother Mary. It will be held in the Parish Hall at 6pm on Friday 9th December. Please bring a plate to share. RSVP by phone or text to Nicole 0412 012 669 by no later than the 1st December with number of adults and children attending.



**SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS**

Will take place at St. Monica's Richmond on Wednesday 14th December at 7pm. At the time of confession: Simply name your sins, receive absolution, return to your seat for private prayer. *THE COMMUNAL PENANCE FORMS PART OF THE SACRAMENT* and will be given after all people have returned to their seats. This Rite *DOES NOT* allow for lengthy discussion or spiritual direction. This is available in the First Rite.



**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 3RD/4TH DECEMBER, 2022		SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	H. Sobiesiak	S. Mackenzie	L. Buchanan	M. Claravall
Reader	M. Williams	J. Wein	F. Watkins	C. Chalker
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	E. Rijke		A. Bradford	E. Sevilla
			M. Portelli	