



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*
Assistant Priest: *Fr Galbert Albino*
Sacramental Coordinator: *Ms Cita Adams*
Parish Secretary: *Ms Judy Rigg*
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www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au
Office hours next week - 9.30am - 4.30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Schools:

St Matthew's Primary Phone: 4560 2300
Principal: Ms Annelise Stokey
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 this week:

Saturday 5.00pm to 5.45pm

Pilgrim Rosary (in hall):

Every Tuesday 7pm

Divine Mercy Prayer Group (in hall):

2nd and 4th Saturday monthly 10am

Baptisms:

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays each month.

Marriages:

By appointment

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 22nd January, 2023



St. Francis de Sales whose feast is celebrated on the 24 January, is the patron of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, (MSFS) a Congregation of Brothers and Priests which was founded in France in 1835 by a diocesan priest Fr. Peter Marie Mermier. The MSFS adopted St. Francis de Sales as their model, inspiration, and guide. Many other Orders are founded under his patronage.

St. Francis de Sales (SFS) was born in France into a noble family in 1567. His mother was a devout lady. He completed his studies in Paris and Padua where he obtained his doctorate in civil and canon law. During these years he also studied theology. Francis became a priest against the wishes of his father. He was a gifted young man of brilliant intellect, persevering, purposeful, charming, and above all, consumed with the love of God.

As a young priest, Francis was sent to a place where the people had left the Catholic Church and embraced Calvinism. He was successful through his relentless preaching and writing the truth about the catechism and the teachings of our faith and brought many people back to the Catholic Church.

Francis was ordained bishop and became the good shepherd amongst his people. He was tireless in visiting his 450 parishes; he organised the further formation of his clergy, proclaiming that learning was the eighth sacrament for a priest. He concerned himself with the reform of monasteries, and the catechesis of the young. He spent hours in the confessional, dialogued with the Calvinists, preached the Advent and Lenten homilies in many cities in Savoy and France and undertook spiritual direction.

Francis also helped form a Congregation of Sisters dedicated to prayer and helping the poor and disadvantaged women. He has written two Spiritual classics; one, The Introduction to Devout Life, where he tells that Holiness is for everyone and the second book titled, The Treatise on the Love of God. Because of his knowledge and deep spiritual insights, he is known as the Doctor of the Church. St. Francis de Sales is known for his writings and the virtues of gentleness and humility. He is the patron saint of Journalists.

Quotes of SFS: "Bloom where you are planted" ; "You can catch more flies with a spoonful of honey than a barrelful of vinegar" "Be what you are and Be at it's Best" "True education is the education of the Heart"

Fr. Clifford is a member of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. We are 14 priests in Australia and over 1000 priests in India, Africa, Europe, America, Philippines and Papua New Guinea to name a few.
Peace, Fr. Clifford msfs

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH IF YOU:

- ⇒ ARE EXPERIENCING COLD OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS OR TEMPERATURE
- ⇒ FACE MASKS ARE STILL RECOMMENDED



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 8 : 23 - 9: 3
In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

RESPONSE: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1 : 10-13, 17
I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the difference between you.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all those who were sick. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4 : 12-23
He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased:
Please pray for the recently deceased Paul Bugeja, Cardinal George Pell, Pope Benedict XVI (Anniversaries of Pedro Enrique, Antonio Ramos and Loel Fernandez) as well as Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.
Sick: Please pray for Valencia Warrell and all sick parishioners.



LENTEN PROGRAM

We are thinking of holding a Lenten Program this year from the Diocese of Wollongong. Groups will be held on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. Cost for the program will be \$10- per person. If you are interested in attending one of the groups. please put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church under the relevant column. So that we know how many resources to purchase, numbers are required no later that Tuesday, 31st January.

ANNUAL LEGAL RED MASS

Members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families are cordially invited to the annual Legal Red Mass on Monday 6th February 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm. The Red Mass is an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith in the new year. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by 3rd February via enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au or (02) 8839 8400.



DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 11th February 2023 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs required by 6 February 2022 to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING MODULES

For those who are yet to complete their initial Mandatory Safeguarding Modules, we are offering Training Opportunities in readiness for ministry in 2023. To see dates times and places, please see the flyer at the back of the Church. Of course, you are still most welcome to 'sign up' to the online Safeguarding Training Platform at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>



ROSTERS 28TH/29TH JANUARY, 2023		FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell..		Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.		
MASSSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	T. Ripa	C. Attard	M. Grosvenor	S. Naylor
Reader	A. Dimech	S. Mackenzie	F. Watkins	A. Pennings
				S. Tylere
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	D. Spiteri		J. Biviano	C. Naylor
	I. Spiteri		C. Adam	