



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*
Parish email: stmcc@tpg.com.au
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):

Every second Saturday 10am

Baptisms:

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

Marriages:

By appointment

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

5th February, 2023



BE THE LIGHT, BE THE SALT

We do receive compliments, thanks and appreciation from time to time from family and friends. A charitable deed or a kind word reflects the goodness in our hearts. The gospel reminds us of our noble calling of bringing Jesus into the world. The brightness of our lives as we follow in the footsteps of Christ enlightens the path of God for those around us. Christ has placed the gospel into our hands and it depends on us whether we proclaim it or not, His message is seen for what we put into practice in our lives.

Truly good people who take their religion seriously may be quite unaware of the effect they have on others, but their influence does not go unnoticed. There is a warmth and attractiveness about those whose good deeds and actions reflect the image of Jesus, the Light of the World. The presence of a genuine Christ-like character enriches the community and enables the best in others to come forth.

We can celebrate the presence of God at home and at work without going out of our way to do anything exceptional. To do ordinary things in an extra ordinary way was the motto of St. Theresa of Lisieux. Thus, darkness that is brought about by jealousy, spite and hatred is dispelled. Acts of loving kindness create an environment where Christ can be known, loved and cherished. These good works are the salt which gives flavours and sparkle to our daily life and lets the light of Christ shine forth for all to see.

Peace, Fr. Clifford msfs

SACRED CONNECTIONS RETREAT

Beginning 12th February Jamberoo Abbey are hosting a series of online retreats pondering the values of Silence/Listening, Reverence and Community, which are integral to both Aboriginal and Benedictine Spirituality. All videos and texts from the retreat sessions will be available on the Jamberoo Abbey website. The cost of the retreat is \$300. Register online today at jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats. For enquiries and registration, contact online retreat@jamberooabbey.org.au.



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 come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58 : 7-10
Your light will shine like the dawn.

RESPONSE: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2 : 1-5
I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5 : 13-16
You are the light of the world.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Clarence Conolly, Lina Moloney, Michael Turner, Neville Borgonah, Paul Bugeja, (Anniversaries of Arsenio Amah, William Attard and Angela Saliba) as well as Cristian Vella, Pedro Enrique, Antonio Ramos, Loel Fernandez, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

Sick: Please pray for Valencia Warrell and all sick parishioners.

MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

The next Monday Club lunch will be held this Monday, 6th February in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$15- per person which covers lunch and morning tea. To book your spot, please contact/see Celine.

CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN ACT 2019 & THE CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

From 1 February 2023, the Children's Guardian now has power in law to take action to ensure organisations comply with the Child Safe Standards. Our 6 points of Safeguarding Training demonstrates that each person in parish ministry is compliant. Our training also informs all those in parish life of their role and responsibility in ensuring each of the other Standards can be demonstrated as well. Each Parish Ministry is very important to our faith and local community. Let us all show this by our collective commitment to this training. If you are still to finalise your Safeguarding Training, please see the notice board for details of upcoming face to face opportunities. You can register for any of these sessions by contacting: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org If you would prefer to train independently on the online training platform and complete them at your own pace. Sign up at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>



MUSIC FOR LENT

This event will be held on Monday, 13th February from 7pm-8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown (Formally known as the IFM). Please RSVP by Thursday, 9th February and send any questions to Hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or call on 0460 037 795. Also on that note, we are in need of more musicians and singers to join the choir. Young and old are most welcome. If you are interested, please see Fr Clifford or contact the office.



MET LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT

Looking for a Scripture reflection session on the season of Lent? You are most welcome to attend the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Scripture Reflection Night with Dr Laurie Woods. Tuesday 21st February – 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/lent2023>

ROSTERS 11TH/12TH FEBRUARY, 2023		SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: K. Moffitt and C. Conolly.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Grosvenor	J. Wein	L. Buchanan	A. Pennings
Reader	M. Said	C. Teuma	J. Micallef	S. Naylor
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	N. Xerri		M. Portelli	C. Naylor
			A. Bradford	