



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
Mon, Tues, Wed and Thursday.

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
(Thursday Communion Service 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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

12th February, 2023

A NEW VISION TO THE OLD LAW

There are some who follow the rules and regulations strictly to avoid getting into trouble though not fully understanding it.



With his continuation to the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is inviting us to keep a check on our inner attitudes, on our motivation. Thoughts are just as important as our deeds. What we say and do must express what is in our hearts because good attitudes produce sincere actions. Anyone can easily perform an outwardly good deed to impress friends, but God is not readily fooled by such actions.

Jesus gives the commandments a deeper meaning because they are a blessing from God and a sign of his care for us; for our own welfare and path to inner freedom. If our goal is to avoid breaking them then we are not striving for any measure of perfection but simply fulfilling the basic minimum required for our salvation.

Christ teaching about adultery in the heart may seem harsh but upon further reflection, it is much more needed in creating a good marriage than simply avoiding the evil of adultery. Marriage and a happy family require a whole-hearted and lifelong dedication by both partners. A mutual trust is involved when a couple abandon themselves emotionally, sexually, spiritually and psychologically to each other. Forming a circle of love, in order to stand together and face the world, require a lot of effort and cannot be achieved through a half-hearted commitment.

Jesus invites us to relate to God and to each other in a new way which will make us gracious to please God rather than be forced to do. We are not going to be judged on the evil we have avoided but on the good works we have carried out.

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH IF YOU:

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

With Peace in God's Mission

Fr. Clifford msfs



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 15 : 15-20
He never commanded anyone to be godless.

RESPONSE: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2 : 6-10
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5 : 17-27
Such was said to your ancestors, but I am speaking to you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Stephen Newsome, Clarence Conolly, Lina Moloney, Michael Turner, Neville Borgonah (Anniversary of Gabrijel Jurenc) as well as Arsenio Amah William Attard, Angela Saliba, Cristian Vella, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix Sammut, Maree Sammut, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

Sick: Please pray for Valencia Warrell, Stella Azzopardi, Carmen Teuma and all sick parishioners.

HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED

Our parish ministry of SRE teachers are in urgent need of more people who are willing to give thirty minutes to help children learn about God's love. Please seriously consider volunteering to help with weekly Scripture classes at our local state schools. The table outlines the schools and times where there's need. We currently have 6 teachers and 14 primary schools. Cattai and Wiseman's Ferry Schools are not listed but are still schools missing out. Full training is provided. If you can help or want more info, contact Dolores 0409 998 198 or Annie 0412 182 823.



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| BLIGH PARK | Tuesday | 2:00 and 2:30pm |
| EBENEZER | Thursday | 9:30am |
| GLOSSODIA | Wednesday | |
| MARAYLYA | Wednesday | 11:15 and 11:50am |
| MARROOTA | Thursday | 9:10am |
| OAKVILLE | Wednesday | 2:15 and 2:45pm |
| PITT TOWN | Tuesday | 11:15 and 11:45am |
| SOUTH WINDSOR | Friday | 1:45pm |
| WILBERFORCE | Wednesday | 2:30 and 3:00pm |
| WINDSOR PARK | Tuesday | |
| WINDSOR | Wednesday | 11:40am |

LEGION OF MARY JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM GROUP

Are you interested for your child/ren to join the Junior Legion of Mary group in our parish? This group will enable your children to grow spiritually and also learn to be an active apostolic worker in the parish. You are invited to attend the Information Night on Wednesday, 15th February starting at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. At this night, we will discuss further what the Junior Legion of Mary Praesidium Group is all about. For further details please contact Fely 0481 373 579 or Tony 0488 111 011



ROSTER

The next Reader, Acolyte, Adult Server and Altar Server roster is ready for collection at the back of the Church. Please take your copy home after Mass. If you would like to read at ANY Mass, we could use your help. Please see Fr Clifford or contact the parish office if you are interested.

| ROSTERS 18TH/19TH FEBRUARY, 2023 | | SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME YEAR A | | |
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| Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May. | | Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison. | | |
| MASSES | 6PM | 7.30AM | 9AM | 5PM |
| Commentator | J. Newland | C. Attard | M. Grosvenor | C. Chalker |
| Reader | M. Williams | J. Wein | I. Willingham | M. Claravall |
| | | | | R. Xerri |
| Acolyte/Adult Server | J. Dimech | J. Coco | T. Victorino | G. Claravall |
| Altar Servers | O. Thompson | | C. Adam | E. Sevilla |
| | | | J. Biviano | |