



# 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*  
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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: 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

#### Stations of the Cross:

Friday 9.30am and 7pm

#### 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

*Second Sunday of Lent Year A  
5th March, 2023*



### JOURNEY OF LIFE AND DEATH

The gospel story this Sunday is about the transfiguration (Mt.17:1-9) which was an amazing event in Jesus' life. The apostles were completely overcome when a glimpse of Christ in all his glory is revealed. A voice calls out: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." From now on till the resurrection of Christ, the apostles will witness the highs and lows: from the miracles in Galilee, praise and adulation for his teachings in Capernaum to the agony in Gethsemane and crucifixion on Calvary and the Resurrection.

We are not meant to be spectators at the transfiguration but, like the apostles, walk with Jesus and climb the mountain and witness: see with our hearts and minds and listen to the voice inviting us to believe in God's beloved Son. We are to reflect on its message and live it out with conviction and sincerity. It was only through his passion and death that Christ came to the glory of the resurrection. If he is to transfigure our wretched bodies and make them into copies of his own glorious body, then the road we must journey is one of suffering taken by Christ. He also provides the glory in store for us, if we have faith and trust in the promises of the Lord.

Lent provides us opportunities to confront ourselves with the many false securities we hold dear and are unwilling to shed on our pilgrim journey. It is also a season of great blessing, helping us to grow into truthful, generous, and loving people through sacrifice and self-denial. This requires patience and is the work of a lifetime because nothing that is worthwhile is ever simple or straightforward.

With Peace in God's Mission. Fr. Clifford msfs

### WELCOME FR GALBERT

Fr Galbert has finally arrived in the Parish. We will be holding a welcome morning tea at the front of the Church following the 9am Mass next Sunday, 12th March. All parishioners are most welcome to attend. If you are coming though, could you please bring a plate to share.



### PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH IF YOU:

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



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 12 : 1-4  
*The call of Abraham; the father of God's people*

**RESPONSE:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**SECOND READING:** 2 Timothy 1 : 8-10  
*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 17 : 1-9  
*His face shone like the sun.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Euphemian Vaz, Joy Jochico, Susan Melinz, Jongkyu Lim, Wayne Wombec, Bernie Munzenberger, Matthew Mulhall, Paul Bugeja, Angelita Santiago, (Anniversaries of Sam Spiteri, Fedrico and Alicia Malimban) as well as Dahlia Claravall, Jeanine Dimech, John and Rosy Attard, Emmanuel Attard, Mary Grech, John Mifsud, Charles Bonanno, Mary Stella Bonanno, Francis Bonanno, Frank Debono, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

**Sick:** Please pray for Shirley, Said, Stella Azzopardi, Carmen Teuma and Tom Allen.

**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           |

**MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL**

The next lunch will be held this Monday, 6th March in the hall. Cost is \$10- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. Please see Celine if you would like to attend.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: FIRST EUCHARIST**

If you live in the Windsor Parish and have a child in Year 4 who has made their First Reconciliation, they are now eligible to make their First Eucharist. The programme will start with a parent information meeting at 7pm in the Church on Tuesday, 14th March and Wednesday, 15th March. Only one parent is required to attend one of the meetings. Bookings are not required, just turn up to enrol your child. If you are unable to attend, either meeting, please contact Cita or the Parish Office.



| ROSTERS 11TH/12TH MARCH, 2023             |  | THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR A               |               |              |
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| Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell. |  | Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison. |               |              |
| MASSSES                                   | 6PM                                    | 7.30AM                                    | 9AM           | 5PM          |
| Commentator                               | M. Grosvenor                           | C. Attard                                 | I. Willingham | A. Pennings  |
| Reader                                    | H. Sobiesiak                           | S. Mackenzie                              | F. Watkins    | S. Naylor    |
|   |  |   |               | R. Xerri     |
| Acolyte/Adult Server                      | T. Jordan                              | J. Coco                                   | T. McMahon    | G. Claravall |
| Altar Servers                             | Please volunteer when you attend Mass. |   |               |              |