



# 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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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

## *Third Sunday of Lent Year A*

*12th March, 2023*

### **FILL MY CUP LORD, I LIFT IT UP LORD.**

At the heart of the gospel story of the Samaritan woman at the well in deep conversation with Jesus is the thirsting desire for true happiness. Thirst knows no boundaries as Jesus who is physically thirsty is asking a Samaritan woman for a drink and in return she is astonished to know that he could provide her water that would last forever; that inner thirst that no earthly water could satisfy.



Without a note of condemnation, Jesus helped her to look at her deeply troubled life and helped her to unburdened her soul. He gave her hope and offered her nothing less than the living waters of friendship and the Spirit of God which leads to eternal life. That saving love of God poured into our hearts enables us to find life and peace. Thirst stands for absence of God into our lives- that unsatisfied longing within every heart. St. Augustine talks about 'Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in God.'

The woman's past did not hinder from coming close to Christ. Jesus won her over by gently leading her out of herself and raising her mind and her heart to higher things. By asking for a drink of water, Jesus restored her dignity and changed her life. She spoke of Jesus to all in the neighbourhood and became the bearer of the good news that Jesus is the Saviour.

When we were baptized, we received this saving water of life. As life goes on, we need to be constantly in touch with this fountain of living water which Jesus gave us. He is always at hand to refresh us and may our Lenten journey lead us in search for the unending, the unchanging and the eternal.

With 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
- ⇒ FACE MASKS ARE STILL RECOMMENDED

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY  
OF LENT AFTER THE 9AM MASS AND  
AGAIN AT 7PM.**



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 17 : 3-7  
*Give us water to drink.*

**RESPONSE:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 5 : 1-2, 5-8

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL:** John 4 : 5-42

*The water I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will be come in him a spring welling up to eternal life.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Jovita Escobar, Elvira Constantino, Euphemian Vaz, Joy Jochico, Susan Melinz, Jongkyu Lim, Wayne Wombec, (Anniversaries of Lina Mooney and Michaelangelo Galea) as well as Sam Spiteri, Fedrico and Alicia Malimban, Dahlia Claravall, Mary Grech, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

**Sick:** Please pray for Shirley Said and Stella Azzopardi.

**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.



**LEGION OF MARY ACIES CEREMONY 2023**

All Spiritual Directors, active members and Auxiliary Members are invited to attend the annual ACIES ceremony at Good Shepherd Parish, 136 Hyatts Road Plumpton on Saturday, 25th March. It will commence at 2pm with Opening Prayers & Rosary followed by ACIES Ceremony then closing with Benediction. (Light refreshments afterwards if possible so please bring a plate to share). For enquiries, please contact: Fely - 0481373579 or Tony - 0488110111

**CARITAS - PROJECT COMPASSION**

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available at the door of the Church or by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



**ON SUNDAY, 5TH MARCH 2023, BISHOP VINCENT LONG FORMALLY ANNOUNCED THE CONVOCAION OF A DIOCESAN SYNOD, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN TWO PHASES. THE FIRST ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD FROM 12TH – 15TH OCTOBER 2023 AND THE FINAL ASSEMBLY IN MID-2024.**

**A COPY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER CAN BE FOUND AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

ROSTERS 18TH/19TH MARCH, 2023			FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A	
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.			Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.	
MASSSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	M. Grosvenor	C. Chalker
Reader	M. Williams	C. Attard	J. Micallef	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	Please volunteer when you attend Mass.			