



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 Thursday 9.00am

Friday 9.00am and 7.00pm

Adoration:

Tuesday 8.30am

Reconciliation this week:

Saturday 5.00pm to 5.45pm

Stations of the Cross:

Friday 9.30am and 7.30pm

Pilgrim Rosary (in hall):

Every Tuesday 7pm

Divine Mercy Prayer Group (in hall):

Every second Saturday 10am

Baptisms:

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

Marriages:

By appointment

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

26th March, 2023



CALLING THE DEAD TO NEW LIFE

All of us at one point in time or another have felt the pain of losing a loved one.

Many do feel the anger, bitterness and resentment against God on an untimely death just like Martha felt and expressed it to Jesus, "if you had been here, our brother would not have died". Deep mourning and the pain of separation force us to question the goodness of God, the meaning of life here and thereafter.

Death however, for a Christian is rooted in the central truth of Christ's resurrection. The raising of Lazarus points out that the life we are searching for is not an extension of physical life but eternal life with God. Real death is not physical death but spiritual death which is the destruction of the very purpose God made us- LOVE.

Part of our failure to love comes from being caught up in the ways of the world and so enticed by its passing pleasures that we refuse to come out of our tombs and be free. As a result, the life we receive at baptism weakens us and we become the walking dead.

The story of Lazarus tells us that in dying to sin we are born to eternal life. These last days of Lent are about joining ourselves to the passion and death of Christ by deepening our response to a life of prayer, penance and acts of charity. Joining with Christ in his death is a sharing in his resurrection.

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

EASTER VIGIL SUPPER

After the Easter vigil Mass, we will be holding a supper to welcome and celebrate our newly Confirmed candidates. All parishioners are most welcome to attend, and please bring a plate to share.



**SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER
WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST MONICA'S RICHMOND THIS
WEDNESDAY, 29TH MARCH AT 7PM.**

**PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH IF YOU
ARE FEELING UNWELL.
FACE MASKS ARE STILL RECOMMENDED.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.



FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37 : 12-14

I shall put my spirit in you and you will live.

RESPONSE: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING: Romans 8 : 8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; Whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 11 : 1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Jovita Escobar, Elvira Constantino as well as William Buia, Antonia Ripa, John Mifsud, Charlie Calleja, Charlie Chetcuti, Nicola Ripa, Bonnie Farrugia, Jesse Ripa, Philip and Mary Mifsud, Carmelo and Elizabeth Vella, Lina Mooney, Michaelangelo Galea, Anthony and Maryann Xiberras, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

Sick: Please pray for Stella Azzopardi and Kenneth Scott..

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: FIRST EUCHARIST

The 6pm and 9am Masses this weekend and last weekend were/are commitment Masses for the children preparing for this First Eucharist. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers at this special time.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next talk will be held this Thursday, 30th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Baptisms are held on the first four Sundays of each month and bookings for the Baptisms are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office.



HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Holy week will soon be here and we are looking for volunteers to help with the various ministries at all services and Masses. We are also looking for volunteers to get their feet washed on Holy Thursday but would prefer only one person per family. If you are able to help in any way, please put your name in the appropriate spot on the sheet at the back of the Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT AFTER THE 9AM AND 7PM MASSES.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL FOR OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS

Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is preparing men who have been called by God to be good shepherds and beacons of Christ's light. Will you be their extended formation community and support these faithful men to be formed as priests after the heart of Christ? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal which will be held in the Parish this weekend. Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their spiritual journey to the



ROSTERS 1ST/2ND APRIL, 2023			PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY YEAR A	
Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.			Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.	
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	C. Conolly	M. Claravall
Reader	J. Newland	C. Attard	T. Victorino	C. Chalker
	A. Dimech		M. Grosvenor	R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	Please volunteer when you attend Mass.			