



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 and 9.00am

Weekday:

Tuesday to Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday (last Supper) 7.30pm
Friday (Lords Passion) 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday (school grounds) 9.30am

Adoration:

Tuesday 8.30am

Reconciliation this week:

Tuesday 9.30am and 6.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 5.30pm

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.

*Palm (Passion) Sunday Year A
2nd April, 2023*



WHAT A WEEK FOR JESUS!

Holy Week, the most sacred time in the church year. It begins today with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The enthusiastic crowd gathered into the city for the religious festival of Tabernacles, were in a joyous mood as they waved palm branches and spread their cloaks on the road and openly proclaimed Him as their earthly king in chants: 'Hosanna to the Son of David'. Jesus is not carried away with this fickle crowd because as the week unfolds, the palm branches will shape themselves into a cross and the hosannas will turn into jeers of a treacherous mob calling for his death. 'Crucify him'.

The passion presents the ultimate humbling of Jesus involving far more than the physical cruelty of the crucifixion. There was terror and agony of mind to be endured and this pain was so intense that his sweat became drops of blood long before the nails were driven into his body on the cross. The loneliness and isolation which he felt when his friends deserted the hill of Calvary was nothing to experience of being abandoned by the Father: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

It would be a mistake to comfort ourselves with the thought that it was a group of Jews who killed Christ. The people involved are very much like us. Rejection and crucifixion continue daily. When we hurt others through gossip and slander; treating others unjustly and taking away their freedom, we have a hand in Jesus' death. This final week of Lent is a great opportunity to celebrate the passion of our Lord in a way that will change our lives.

The cross is lifted up as a sign of Christ taking up the sins of humanity upon himself to reveal the depth of his perfect love. The fact that God thought we were worth all that pain and suffering should reduce us to love one another. Let us not forget that Jesus died on the cross so that we might have new life. We should try in our own simple way to imitate him.

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.



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



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50 : 4-7
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: Philippians 2 : 6-11
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Matthew 26 : 14 - 27 : 66
The Passion of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Benilda Castro as well as William Buia, John Mifsud Antonia Ripa, 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, Kenneth Scott and Pam Everingham.

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED:

Holy week is next week, and we are still 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.

MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

The Easter lunch will be held this Monday, 3rd April in the hall. Costs is \$15- per person which will cover morning tea and lunch. For catering purposes, please let Celine know if you will be attending.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On Sunday, 16th April St Nicholas of Myra Parish, 326 High Street Penrith will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday starting at 2.30pm and finishing will Mass at 6pm. All parishioners are invited to attend this special day of devotion. For full details of what will be taking place, please see the flyer at the back of the Church.

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 priesthood.



ROSTERS 15TH/16TH APRIL, 2023			EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A	
Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney.			Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.	
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	Reader	Adult Server	Acolyte	Altar Server
ALL MINISTRIES	SPECIAL	VOLUNTEER	ROSTER	NO 5PM MASS