



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, 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:

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am

Adoration:

Tuesday 8.30am

Reconciliation this week:

Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm

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

*Third Sunday of Easter Year A
23rd April, 2023*

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE



After the crucifixion of Jesus, the disciples are struggling to make sense of their disappointment, they felt that they had nothing to look forward to. As the two disciples depart from the place where their hopes were severely shattered, the dejected disciples were joined by a stranger who listened sympathetically to their sorry tale and helped them to see meaning through the scriptures in all that had happened. It was only when they pressed him to stay and in the breaking of the bread that they recognized his presence. Their faith restored, they returned to Jerusalem with new-found enthusiasm.

This story relates to our own when many times we walk with downcast faces due to quarrels and misunderstanding at home or in the workplace or the loneliness of being rejected? All this time we forget that Jesus walks with us. We may lose many opportunities to recognize the Lord's presence in our lives.

We meet the Lord amidst the ordinariness of human life, in the relationships we establish as we work and share together. At mass Jesus invites us to share the eucharist with him. At table as we break the Word and share the bread, we also bring our joys and sorrows and listen to Him speaking to us.

We pray that our eyes be opened, and our minds enlightened to recognize Jesus so that we are in a position to set out and proclaim the good news that love is alive, that God lives indeed as always is and will be.

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

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

Please note that the next talk has been moved from this coming Thursday, to 7.30pm on Thursday, 4th May in the hall. Bookings for the talk can be made by contacting the Parish Office.



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 2 : 14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

RESPONSE: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1 : 17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the lamb, Jesus Christ.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us, make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 24 : 13-35

The recognized him at the breaking of the bread.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia!



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased:



Please pray for the recently deceased Maureen Bourke, Joan Forrester, Kenneth Scott, (Anniversary of Jason Vella) as well as Charles Bonanno, Mary Stella Bonanno, Francis Bonanno, John Mifsud, Frank Debono, Brian Mahony, William and Maria van Vliet, David Moss, Keith Brown, Eileen Allen, Lindy Allen, Wendy Williams, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

Sick: Please pray for Stella Azzopardi and Pam Everingham.

REMINDER OF INVITATION TO PARISHIONERS

We will be holding a special Thanksgiving Mass at 9am next Sunday, 30th April to remember the Good Samaritan Sisters and the amazing work they have done in the Hawkesbury since before the Parish began. All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass which will be followed by morning tea in the hall. If you would like to attend, please bring a plate of food to share.



PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN SYNOD

A Synod is both an event and a process where clergy, religious, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life. Our Diocesan Synod will be held from 12-15 October 2023. From May to July 2023, in the lead up to the Synod, all are invited to participate in deanery and parish listening consultations, organising time to discuss with family and friends, and engaging in opportunities to dialogue. Submissions from these consultations and conversations will be collected and can be provided online, in person, or via mail. The submissions will be reviewed and synthesised by a Synod working group, and will inform the development of agenda for the Synod. If you would like more information on how to get involved, visit <http://www.parracatholic.org/synod2023>

INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR FREE CPR TRAINING

You are invited to register for an accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre. The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at two locations across the Diocese.

- ⇒ St Thomas Aquinas Springwood on Saturday 13th May beginning at 10am, or
- ⇒ Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Monday 5th June at 4pm.

If you are interested, please see the flyers at the back of the Church.



ROSTERS 29TH/30TH APRIL, 2023		4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	T. Ripa	J. Wein	L. Buchanan	S. Naylor
Reader	M. Williams	C. Attard	Good	A. Pennings
			Samaritan	R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	Sisters	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	Please volunteer when you are at Mass.			