



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*
Parish email: stmcc@tpg.com.au
www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au
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:

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

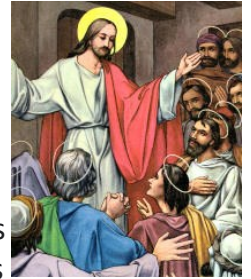
Baptisms:

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

Marriages:

By appointment

*Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A
7th May, 2023*



A PLACE IN GOD'S HEART

On the eve of his departure from this world, Jesus bids farewell to his disciples who are afraid by the prospect of loneliness and loss of leadership. Calming their anxiety, he tells them not to be troubled by his absence because he has gone off to prepare a home for them in his Father's house. He consoles them and offers them a remedy for all their troubles. They are to have faith in God and confidence in him. The good news is that no matter who we are there is a place in the Kingdom.

The journey home to the Father can be a rough passage through the turmoils of this world with necessary sacrifices, sufferings and grief. Access to the Father is along the narrow road and trials. We are consoled that Jesus travelled it. He is the way, the truth, and the life. In every trial of life, he is the person who helps us to make that leap of faith which points us to our destination.

When in anxiety of a sick child, an unpaid bill, unemployment, and depression- the list is endless, Jesus' presence and his power gives us encouragement and strength. However desperate our situation, faith in Jesus Christ will break the grip that care, and worries overpower us. If we believe in his promise- not to let our hearts be troubled, a lot of hustle and bustle will go out of our lives.

Only when we find the space and time each day to experience the presence of God in prayer and develop pockets of silence, can we declutter our minds and hearts and look with understanding at the past and with hope and confidence to the future. Thus, we will begin to know the peace and joy he meant us to have when he said, 'Let not your hearts be troubled'.

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



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



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 6 : 1-7
They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

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

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2 : 4-9
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14 : 1-12
I am the way, the truth and the life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Cecilia Moussa, Fritz Kilcher, Margaret Doyle, (Anniversary of Agapito Perez) as well as Michael and Josephine Dimech, Domenic and Antonia Dimech, Jason Vella, Charles Bonanno, Mary Stella Bonanno, Francis Bonanno, John Mifsud, Frank Debono, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

Sick: Please pray for Stella Azzopardi and Pam Everingham.

LEGION OF MARY

May is the month that is dedicated to Our Blessed Virgin Mary. To honour Our Lady, we will pray the rosary for half an hour before each weekend Mass. It will commence at 5.30pm on Saturday and then on Sunday's at 7am, 8.30am and 4.30pm. The rosary will be led by the Legion of Mary. All parishioners are most welcome to join them and pray prior to Mass. What a wonderful way to prepare yourself to receive the Eucharist at Mass.



HAPPY MARRIAGE SEMINAR

You are invited to a free talk "Happy Marriage: Faith filled ways to a better relationship" with US speaker and author Chris Padgett. Hear how you can nurture your relationship through your faith on Friday 19th May at 7:30pm at St Paul the Apostle Church, 40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills. Register at marriage@parracatholic.org

PILGRIMAGE

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17th October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28th October 2023. For more information, see the board at the back of the Church.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday 21st May from 10.30am to 3pm, with registration from 10am. Morning tea will be provided, but BYO picnic lunch. No need to register ahead of time. Donations welcome. For enquiries, either phone 9653 2637 or contact Ann on anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann on atlomas@bigpond.com

ROSTERS 13TH/14TH MAY, 2023		5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.		Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Grosvenor	S. Mackenzie	Volunteer	A. Pennings
Reader	J. Rapa	J. Wein	J. Micallef	S. Naylor
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	Please volunteer when you are at Mass.			