



# 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:

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

*Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A*

*14th May, 2023*

*Mother's Day*



### **THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT**

At the last supper, Jesus promised his Church, through the Apostles, that the Holy Spirit will be with her until the end of time. He promised the Apostles whom he called his friends, that he will not leave them orphans but will send them his Spirit. The breath of the Spirit will transform them into fearless preachers entrusted with a mission of spreading the gospel. Jesus intended to build up the shattered faith of his disciples for the task facing them after the resurrection.

Jesus did not leave the apostles to struggle with the Christian life without the help of his Spirit and he won't leave us either, we have his word for this. The outpouring of the Spirit was not reserved exclusively for those who lived in the time of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is a real person who loves and cares for us and is our strength and encouragement in times of trial and in our own struggle in faith, just as much as he was for the apostles.

In the Holy Spirit we have a helper and comforter who makes Jesus present to us. He reminds us that if we love him, we ought to keep his commandments. If we are obedient to God's will then we will experience the fullness of the Spirit. The same Spirit will make us recognise God as "Abba" Father and we, his beloved children.

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



*Happy Mother's Day*

*Thanking our mums.  
Celebrating our mums.  
Remembering our mums.*

### **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY -**

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:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 8 : 5-8, 14-17-19  
*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

**RESPONSE:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 3 : 15-18  
*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 14 : 15-21  
*I shall ask the father and he shall give you another Advocate.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Karen Bartolo, Maria Buhagiar, Cecilia Moussa, Fritz Kilcher, Margaret Doyle, (Anniversaries of Jessie Moloney and Maria Buhagiar) as well as Agapito Perez, Michael and Josephine Dimech, Domenic and Antonia Dimech, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

**Sick:** Please pray for Stella Azzopardi and Pam Everingham.

**UPDATE**

It has been made official, Fr Clifford will be leaving us on Thursday, 15th June and our new Parish Priest Fr Ranillo Creta will be starting on Friday, 16th June. There will be a farewell morning tea for Fr Clifford, exact details later.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - First Eucharist**

The First Eucharist workshops will be held this Tuesday and Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Church. Then at special Masses on the following two weekends, they will receive the Sacrament. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.



**THE NEXT CATECHISTS MEETING WILL BE THIS FRIDAY, 19TH MAY AT 9.30AM IN THE PARISH HALL.**

**INVITATION TO DIOCESAN SYNOD DEANERY CONSULTATIONS**

Our Parramatta Synod is not just about an event, but it is a process where the Diocese are inviting you, our community, to participate in the life of the church and to contribute to our future together. To ensure that they offer the space for voices across the Diocese to be heard, they are asking for 20 representatives from our parish to attend the Western Deanery Listening Consultation. This consultation will take place on Saturday, 24th June at Holy Spirit Primary School, St Clair. It will start at 6.30pm with light refreshments. If you would like to take part, please contact the parish office or you can register individually at [www.parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://www.parracatholic.org/synod2023)



**BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC CARE AT EMERTON.**

Will you be the face of Christ for our First Nations people in need? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will support a welcoming place where Aboriginal people can express their identity, share their culture and knowledge within our community, access practical support and development opportunities, and make social connections. This appeal will be held at every Mass next weekend. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) Thank you for being a Good Samaritan to our First Nations people

ROSTERS 21ST/22ND MAY, 2023		ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: J. Dimech		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	L. Buchanan	C. Chalker
Reader	K. Apap	C. Attard	T. Victorino	M. Claravall
				R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	Please volunteer when you are at Mass.			