



# 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

#### Legion of Mary (in hall):

Every Wednesday 7pm (youth)  
Every Thursday 7pm (adult)

#### Divine Mercy Prayer Group (in hall):

Every second Saturday 10am

#### Baptisms:

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

#### Marriages:

By appointment

*Ascension of the Lord Year A*  
21st May, 2023

### **ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**



Bidding farewell to a loved one is never easy and something that one never fully gets accustomed to doing. The Ascension marks the end of Christ's mission and his glorious return to the Father. He achieved the work he was sent to do. As he is welcomed gloriously, the disciples are deeply saddened. However, his final words, 'I am with you always. Go make disciples of all nations,' are full of comfort and yet need meaning. Jesus was not abandoning them or depriving them of his presence, but he was entrusting them with a mission of making the love of God known to others. In Jesus' absence, the disciples are not to remain passive but to move into the future with courage.

If we ponder within our own hearts the meaning of this great feast, we may come to grasp something of the confidence which God has in us because the Ascension focuses on what we must do to be with Christ forever. Where he has gone, we hope to follow. Like the apostles, our role is to serve others. We are to continue the work of those who have gone before us and help build up Christ's kingdom. In a world full of the homeless and unemployed, we can turn sorrow into happiness by our comforting words and practical assistance. Let our prayer be that God will renew with us the work of the Spirit so that we may know what is true and have the courage to do what is right.

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

### **FAREWELL MORNING TEA**

Because of the long weekend, it has been decided to have Fr Clifford's farewell morning tea in the hall following the 9am Mass on Sunday, 4th June. All parishioners are invited to come along and to please bring a plate of food to share.



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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 1 : 1-11  
*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

**RESPONSE:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 1 : 17-23  
*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 28 : 16-20  
*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:**

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

**Sick:** Please pray for the sick in our parish and community.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - First Eucharist**

At special Masses this weekend and next weekend, the children who have been preparing will receive their First Eucharist. Parishioners are asked to please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.



**CONGRATULATIONS**

We would like to congratulate *Suzanne Kavanagh, Nicole McMahon and Joyce Rapa* who have completed the Liturgical Ministry Formations Course. We would also like to thank them for making themselves available as Readers and Ministers of the Altar.

**SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP INVITATION**

An invitation is extended to parishioners to attend a couple of elective modules on Assessing Risk in the Parish. Safeguarding and Assessing Risk - Risk Assessment Framework will be held on Monday, 5th June from 1pm to 2.30pm in the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion Street, Blacktown and then there will be a Workshop - Applying the Risk Assessment Framework on Tuesday, 6th June from 7pm to 9pm in St Andrew's Hall, Breakfast Road Marayong. Please RSVP by Monday, 29th May to the Parish Office via email or phone 45773073 if you would like to attend either of these days.

**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 this 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

**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.

ROSTERS 27TH/28TH MAY, 2023		PENTECOST YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Said	C. Attard	M. Grosvenor	S. Naylor
Reader	M. Williams	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	A. Pennings
				S. Tylere
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall
Altar Servers	Please volunteer when you are at Mass.			