



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:

Parish Priest: *Fr Ranillo Creta*
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 Stokely
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

Solidarity for Children (in hall):

Every Monday 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Legion of Mary (in hall):

Every Wednesday 6.30pm (youth)
Every Thursday 7pm (adult)

Divine Mercy Prayer Group (in hall):

Every second Saturday 10am

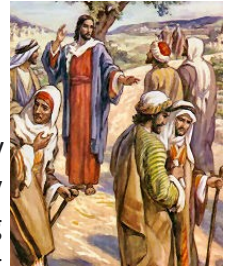
Baptisms:

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

Marriages:

By appointment

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Year A 25th June, 2023



Timidity! This is the fear we are more likely to experience in our ordinary life. It is unlikely that we will be confronted by terrorists asking us to proclaim our allegiance to Jesus Christ but within our family and friends, our community and work-place, we can find ourselves being diminished by the expectations of others. By overt and covert ways, we can feel constrained from living the fullness of life that is the privilege of the Gospel. This fullness of life is not just for us, but also for the weak and marginalised in our society and often we are called to be their voice.

But we are afraid. Try as we might, we can no more pull courage out of our hearts than we can lift ourselves by our bootstraps. A brash or angry person will often be softened by the experiences of life but for those of us who suffer from timidity, building up in ourselves an attitude of serenity and courage is a far more difficult thing to achieve as the events of life more often play on our fears and compound them. Affirmations and self-help exercises can only go so far. What is needed is a revolution of heart. To have courage we need to base our identity not on ourselves but upon the person of Jesus Christ. With him, we can face the challenges of life.

This sense of identity with Jesus is often experienced as something delicate and tender, heard in the innermost heart, as whispering in the ear. I rarely encounter Christians who feel that their faith is a strong and fearless thing. Rather the good, 'strong' Christians I know are so conscious of being earthenware vessels, and often cracked ones at that. But they know their strength lies in what they have received and are receiving from Jesus, their Master.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au

**THE NEXT SET OF PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AND
CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER ARE AVAILABLE FOR
COLLECTION AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.
PLEASE TAKE YOUR ENVELOPES AND/OR ROSTER
HOME AFTER MASS.**

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them forever.



FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20 : 10-13
He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

RESPONSE: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING: Romans 5 : 12-15
God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10 : 26-33
Do not fear those who can kill the body.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Judith Esguerra, Carmen Camilleri, Mark Hampsey, (Anniversary of Jacob Borg) as well as John Said, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Carmen and Loreto Xerri, Carmen and Joseph Teuma, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

Sick: Please pray for Jimmy Marinas as well as the sick in our parish and community.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Confirmation

If you have a child in Year 5 or above who has received their Reconciliation and First Eucharist, they are eligible to make their Confirmation. The program will commence with a Parent Information Session at 7pm on Tuesday, 27th June or Wednesday, 28th June. Only one parent needs to attend one meeting. For more information contact Cita or the Parish Office.

LEGION OF MARY - WINDSOR PRAESIDIUM-OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Next Sunday, 2nd July will be the 9th Anniversary of this Legion of Mary in our Parish. All Active and Auxiliary members are invited to attend the 9am Mass for a special blessing. Morning tea will be held after the Mass in the front of the Church and all members are asked to please bring a plate to share. For more information, please contact Fely 0481 373 579 or Tony 0488 110 111



DIOCESAN SYNOD INTERFAITH CONSULTATIONS: 27 JUNE AND 12 JULY

In response to Bishop Vincent's invitation that all in the diocese engage with the upcoming Diocesan Synod, the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and the Diocesan Interfaith Commission will be co-hosting a series of consultations on how we are called to walk together with believers from other religions. All are welcome to join in the consultations sessions Tuesday 27th June from 6.30pm to 9pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta – tickets at https://events.humanitix.com/synod_interfaith_consults_parramatta or Wednesday 12th July from 6.30pm to 9pm at St Patrick's Parish, Guildford – tickets at https://events.humanitix.com/synod_interfaith_consultation_guildford



ACTIVE4VOCATIONS

You're invited to join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team in the iconic 14km City2Surf fun run on Sunday 13th August 2023. Your participation in #Active4Vocations will raise awareness and funds for vocations in the Diocese of Parramatta and will directly support the education and spiritual formation of the 11 seminarians dedicating their lives to becoming priests for God's people. Or, spur our seminarians on with a donation, and your generosity will "go the distance" in supporting their studies and spiritual growth. For more details go to <https://city2surf23.grassrootz.com/parramatta-catholic-foundation-diocese-of-parramatta>

ROSTERS 1ST/2ND JULY, 2023			13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	
Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.			Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.	
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	J. Newland	J. Wein	S. Kavanagh	M. Claravall
Reader	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	T. Victorino	R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall