



# 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

### *Pentecost Sunday Year A*

*28th May, 2023*

### **THE SPIRIT OF ALL SORTS**



With the feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the church because the infant church was launched on course and took on its missionary role. Scripture tells us that while the apostles were at prayer with Mary in the upper room, suddenly there was a roaring wind and the Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire, gave these timid and frightened men courage to rush into the street and fearlessly preach the word of God to friend and foe alike. This was not a one-off event which took place at the beginning of the church. Ever since the Holy Spirit has been a permanent presence and a tower of strength in guiding, guarding and directing its course.

The action of the Spirit continues in our time and is first evident in our lives at baptism. The seed of faith was planted in us bringing us into a loving relationship with God, who continually invites us to become his adopted sons and daughters and breathes his life to give us an opportunity to share in his eternal life.

On our part we must make room for the Spirit of the living God to dwell within us. The starting point for accepting the gift of the Holy Spirit is to sit still in prayer, which helps to put us into a loving relationship with God. Remember, the Spirit came upon the apostles while they were at prayer. A reflective and prayerful attitude will help us discover our gifts and talents and the particular role we are called to play in the mission of the Church to help build the Body of Christ.

The story of Pentecost invites us to reflect upon our openness and our response to the outpouring of the Spirit in our own lives.

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

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2 : 1-11  
*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages.*

**RESPONSE:** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the Lord.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 12 : 3-7, 12-13  
*In the one Spirit we were all baptized, making one body.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 20 : 19-23  
*As the Father sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Imelda Bensley, Mary Borg, Karen Bartolo as well as Noel Smith, Robert Hibberd Snr, Jessie Moloney, Maria Buhagiar, Ignatius Vella, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - First Eucharist**

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



**FAREWELL MORNING TEA REMINDER**

We would like to remind parishioners that Fr Clifford farewell morning tea will be held next Sunday in the hall after the 9am Mass. Everyone is invited to come along and please bring a plate to share.

**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. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) Thank you.



**SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL**

There is a petition to the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This removes the ownership and management from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator – and gives the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. To find out more about the implications of this decision and to sign the petition please visit: [www.savecalvary.com.au](http://www.savecalvary.com.au)

**DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023 - JOIN BISHOP VINCENT AT A LISTENING EVENT!**

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)



<b>ROSTERS 3RD/4TH JUNE, 2023</b>		<b>MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR A</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.		<b>Sacristy:</b> I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.		
<b>MASSES</b>	<b>6PM</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9AM</b>	<b>5PM</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	Volunteer	M. Claravall
<b>Reader</b>	J. Rapa	J. Wein	F. Watkins	C. Chalker
			S. Kavanagh	
<b>Acolyte/Adult Server</b>	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Please volunteer when you are at Mass.			