



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*
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Office hours next week - 9.30am - 4.30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Year A

2nd July, 2023



In this Sunday's Gospel Matthew speaks of the challenges of discipleship and its rewards. We are immediately struck by the opening verse: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (10:37). Jesus points out that to be his disciple, a person has to put God first in their life; loyalty to Jesus is more important than loyalty to his or her own family. Giving God higher priority than family demands an absolute commitment to discipleship.

For first-century Christians, this was especially difficult because an individual's social identity and security were guaranteed because of his or her connection with extended family. Outside of family, there was no security. The disciples were being asked to risk everything. Matthew is not saying Jesus's followers should not love their parents or their children. But he is saying that love for these individuals, even though very important, must always be secondary to the love of God.

Matthew continues by spelling out the challenges of being a disciple of Jesus—that there will be crosses to bear. Discipleship will require self-denial and suffering. For some disciples, the ultimate sacrifice of their own lives will be required.

Then, Matthew shifts his focus to the rewards of being a disciple. Those who receive the disciples of Jesus welcome not only Jesus but also God the Father, who sent Jesus. The smallest act of kindness and hospitality offered to a disciple of Jesus will not go unnoticed. Matthew wants the whole Christian community to know that not everyone is called to do missionary work but that they can support this work of the Church in various ways by offering aid to individuals who are.

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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY -

For a Eucharistic life - that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!
FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4 : 8- 11, 14-16
That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.
RESPONSE: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
SECOND READING: Romans 6 : 3-4, 8-11
Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.
ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!
GOSPEL: Matthew 10 : 37- 42
Anyone who does not accept his cross, is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Judith Esguerra, Carmen Camilleri, Mark Hampsey, as well as Jacob Borg, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Carmen Xerri, Loreto Xerri, Carmen Teuma, Joseph Teuma, Bill Azzopardi, Paul and Anne Dimech, Paul Micallef, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

This day, symbolizes our unity as one people in Christ. Let us take a moment to recognize and appreciate the land on which our Parish is situated and the people who have nurtured it over time. Together, let us continue to cultivate a spirit of unity and respect for all cultures and traditions within our community.



MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

The next lunch will be held this Monday, 3rd July in the Hall. Cost is \$15- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. For catering purposes, please contact Celine if you will be attending.

FAMILIES CALLED TO SHARE THEIR STORIES WITH THE FIRST DIOCESAN SYNOD

Bishop Vincent wants to hear from families and households across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Your stories will inform the direction of our local Church into the future through what is known as a synod. Our Diocesan Synod is both an event and a process where people gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Families and households are encouraged to participate in the Synod at home using the resources 'Synod at Home' found here: https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_resources/



LITURGY MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

The next round of courses for readers, eucharistic ministers and ministers of the altar will commence in September. They will be held in Blacktown at 7pm on Monday nights. If you would like to participate, enrolment forms are available from the parish office or can be downloaded from the website <https://officeforworship.org.au>

CYP LIFTED RETREAT

Young people aged 18 to 25 are invited to Catholic Youth Parramatta's LIFTED Retreat: **Behold.** Get away from the busyness of life for a weekend of prayer, sacraments, and community. The retreat will be held from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th July at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Cost: \$125 per person including accommodation for two nights and all meals. Register at: <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat/>



ROSTERS 8TH/9TH JULY, 2023		14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	K. Apap	J. Wein	C. Conolly	S. Naylor
Reader	M. Said	M. Allen	F. Watkins	A. Pennings
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall