



# 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](mailto:stmcc@tpg.com.au)  
[www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au](http://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:

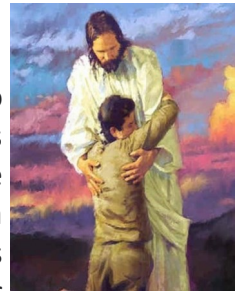
1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays each month.

#### Marriages:

By appointment

## *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Year A*

*9th July, 2023*



When we hear the term, yoke, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder my yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus was easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 *mitzvot* (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.

Greg Sunter [www.liturgyhelp.com](http://www.liturgyhelp.com)

### **REST IN THE LOVE OF GOD**

As you go through this week, think of the times that the presence of Jesus or the strength of God has helped you to face the challenges of life. As you are strengthened by remembering the past, invite Jesus to be with you in all the ordinary events of your life.

Sr Kym Harris osb [www.prayasyoucan.com.au](http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au)

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.



**FIRST READING:** Zechariah 9 : 9-10

*See how humbly your king comes to you?*

**RESPONSE:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8 : 9, 11-13

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 11 : 25-30

*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



#### Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Marian Morgan, Judith Esguerra as well as Jacob Borg, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Carmen and Loreto Xerri, Carmen and 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.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Confirmation

Parents are reminded that next Sunday is Commitment Sunday for the children enrolled in the Confirmation Program. Please ensure that your child attends either the Saturday 6pm or Sunday 9am Mass next weekend. Parishioners are asked to please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive this Sacrament.



### SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to: [stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/](http://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/)

### 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/](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>

ROSTERS 15TH/16TH JULY, 2023			15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	
Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.			Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.	
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Grosvenor	C. Attard	L. Buchanan	M. Claravall
Reader	A. Dimech	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	C. Chalker
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall
			J. Rapa	