



# 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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[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 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

## *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Year A 16th July, 2023*



Though this Gospel is commonly called the Parable of the Sower, the story really isn't about the sower but rather what happens to the seed in the differing soils into which it falls. It is assumed that the sower has thrown widely the rich and fruitful seed – what soil will allow growth?

Jesus describes three outlooks on life that will stifle the growth of the Kingdom of God in our lives.

Firstly, there is distraction. Constant novelty can give the illusion of growth. In the midst of constant change we are stimulated by passing things and can mistake this for transformation. The work of grace within a person requires entering into oneself, facing one's liabilities and dealing with them – this is often boring, messy and difficult – and it takes time.

Secondly, there is difficulty. The Kingdom of God demands that we commit ourselves to certain values. These values challenge us personally in difficult ways and can make life uncomfortable for us in the wider society. If we focus on the hardships we encounter, rather than on the power of the Word, we will be overwhelmed and give up.

Thirdly, there is comfort. The desire for the ease which comes with wealth, status and privilege can stifle our sense of what the Kingdom of God really is about. Our hearts have an innate neediness, which is our hunger for God. We need to be 'at ease' with our neediness and not try to ease the neediness with false comforts.

Jesus does not directly describe the good soil, except to say that it allows the seed to grow to abundance. We do not make the growth of the Kingdom of God within us – rather all we can do is not allow distraction, difficulty and comfort, stifle the growth of grace within us.

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

Gently consider the three types of soil that Jesus says fails to produce fruit. As you meditate on these soils, consider how they could figuratively represent different aspects 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:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 55 : 10-11

*The rain makes the earth give growth.*

**RESPONSE:** The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8 : 18-23

*All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 13 : 1-23

*A sower went out to sow.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Annette Vedmore, Maureen Cortese, Fr Carl Ashton, Marion Morgan, Anne Van Rijn, (Anniversary of Simon Vassallo) as well as Bill Azzopardi, Paul Micallef, Paul and Anne Dimech, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

**Sick:** Please pray for Jimmy Marinas, Thelma Rayes and the sick in our community.

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL**

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death. At all Masses next weekend, Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality. We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



**FUNERAL**

We would like to inform parishioners that Annette Vedmore's funeral will be held here in St Matthew's at 10.30am next Tuesday, 16th July. The Rosary will be said prior to the funeral. All parishioner who would like to attend are most welcome.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2023**

Getting married in 2023/2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin 0419 242 435 or Marisa 0412 280 017.



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<https://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/>

**YOUR STORIES MATTER! SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO THE FIRST DIOCESAN SYNOD**

Our Diocesan Synod is calling you to share stories and have conversations at your parish, with a friend, or with family, about how we can walk together to become the Church that Christ calls us to be. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Your submissions will inform the development of the agenda for the Synod, from 12-15 October 2023, which will gather clergy, consecrated and laity to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Applications to be a member at the Synod are now open. Apply to be a member or make a submission before 31 July: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>



ROSTERS 22ND/23RD JULY, 2023		16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	J. Steward	S. Naylor
Reader	M. Williams	M. Allen	J. Micallef	S. Tyler
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall