



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 and 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 6pm (youth)
Every Thursday 7pm (adult)

Divine Mercy Prayer Group (in hall):

Every second Saturday 10am

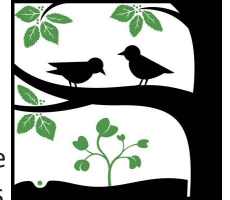
Baptisms:

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

Marriages:

By appointment

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Year A *23rd July, 2023*



With the parable of the woman kneading the yeast, Jesus gave one of his most radical challenges to the practice of the Jewish religion. Much of the 'torah' – teaching of the law – and its subsequent interpretation stressed upon the religious Jews how different they were from the people around them. The practice of Sabbath, food, purity and clothing laws reminded the faithful that God had chosen them from amongst the peoples of the world and made them his own. Even within the Jewish people themselves, how well one adhered to observance of the law was seen as a sign of just how faithful one was.

Now Jesus takes the practice of faith within the world to a whole new level. No longer are the faithful followers of God to be distinct from the world around them but rather they are to be transformative in that world. The 'yeast' the woman would have been using was more likely a sourdough culture, which looks like a bubbling slurry of flour and water. When mixed with more flour to make the bread, it completely disappears in the dough and its presence is only known by the change of the stodgy dough into fluffy loaves. This is a process that cannot be rushed – but it can be aided by good kneading. The amount of flour that Jesus says the woman kneaded is extraordinary. Three measures are around 25 kilos – the limit a person could knead by hand and an amount that would serve many more than a family. In fact, it would make enough bread for about 100 people. Drawing lines from the parable into our own practice of faith, we are told that we are to be transformative within our world and generous in the giving of faith.

This parable of Jesus challenges how we see the role of religious practice in our lives. The practice of religion does make us distinctive from the people around us. Our churches look different to other buildings, we worship God communally on Sunday, we adhere to moral codes that the world around us often despises. We are not to do these things to make ourselves feel better than those around us but rather to express our worship of God. Then, living in response of such a loving God, we will go out into our world, trying in every way we can to offer that transforming love to the people of our world.

REST IN THE LOVE OF GOD

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of God usually comes in a quiet, gentle way much as we would prefer something clearer and more dramatic. Just as our eyes have to adjust to the dark in a dimly lit room, so our faith has to adjust to the mystery of God's ways.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.



FIRST READING: Wisdom 12 : 13,16-19
In the place of sin, you give repentance.

RESPONSE: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING: Romans 8 : 26-27
The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

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 13 : 24-43
Let them grow together until the harvest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Annette Vedmore, Maureen Cortese, Fr Carl Ashton, Marion Morgan, Anne Van Rijn as well as Noel Green, William Orroyo, David Thornton, Maria Grech, Simon Vassallo, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care., and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well being. Please give generously today to help continue this program by using the appeal envelope. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next Baptismal talk will be held this Thursday, 27th July at 7.30pm in the hall. Baptisms are again on the first, second and third Sundays of each month, and bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office.



MET MARRIAGE RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION

The Diocese of Parramatta aims to offer the Retrouvaille program for couples who are having difficulties in their marriage. We are looking for married couples who are committed to helping others heal their marriage relationships. You will be trained to facilitate this program. An information evening will be held on Friday, 25th August at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Contact Karin on (02) 8838 3460 or register at marriage@parracatholic.org

APPLY TO BE A MEMBER AT OUR DIOCESAN SYNOD

If you are someone with a commitment to discern prayerfully with others what God wants for the whole diocese, then you might be called to be a member at our first Diocesan Synod! Details of the selection criteria and requirements are available on our website now parracatholic.org/synod2023. Applications are welcome now until 31 July. Further enquiries can be sent via email synod2023@parracatholic.org



QUAKERS HILL PARISH BINGO NIGHT

BINGO will be held on Saturday, 5th August at Mary Immaculate Parish (in the MPA). Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start. Please BYO Food and Drinks. Hot and cool beverages will be available on the night for a small fee. There will be more cash and prizes to be won! Please RSVP by phone or email by Thursday, 3rd August to book your seat(s) on (02) 9626 3326 or parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au. Come one come all!

ROSTERS 29TH/30TH JULY, 2023		17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: K. Moffitt and C. Conolly.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	N. McMahon	C. Chalker
Reader	J. Newland	C. Attard	J. Rapa	R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall