



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*
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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 and 3rd Sundays each month.

Marriages:

By appointment

The Transfiguration of the Lord Year A

6th August, 2023



Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them – suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. Moses was the great Law-giver of Jewish tradition and Elijah the great prophet. Together, they represent the Law and the Prophets – the combined wisdom that make up the tradition of Jewish teaching and Jewish scripture. It is the Law and the Prophets that Jesus' life and ministry brings to fulfilment. It is fitting that Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus, as the three figures combined represent the fullness of Jewish tradition – the Law of Moses; the challenge and promise of the Prophets; and the compassion of Jesus that completes the other two.

Sadly, the disciples don't really get the point of what they see before them. Peter, caught up in the moment, wants to build tents on the spot to mark the moment and to continue to dwell in the moment. Jesus, however, leads them back down the mountain – back into the valley; back into the reality of life; back into the tragedy that he knows lies before them. No matter how powerful a religious experience may be, Jesus shows us that we always have to return to real life. It is not possible to remain on the 'mountaintop' as Peter would have liked to do; we have to take the experience back into the everyday of our lives.

DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Sometimes we experience powerful moments of connection with God or with other people. Sometimes this might be through a special experience of nature; a meaningful retreat experience; a powerful sense of being 'in tune' with another person; a reflective prayer experience; or some other significant experience. The temptation when we have these experiences is to wish that we could remain in the experience. The challenge, however, is to take that experience back into the everyday of our lives – changed by it without remaining in it.

Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7 : 9-10, 13-14
His clothing was as white as snow.

RESPONSE: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1 : 16-19
We heard this voice from out of heaven.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight; listen to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 17 : 1-9
His face was shining like the sun.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Anne Van Rijn as well as Noel Green, William Arroyo, David Thornton, Maria Grech, Charles Bonanno, Mary Stella Bonanno, Francis Bonanno. John Mifsud, Frank Debono, Mary Buttigieg, Anthony Buhagiar, Karen Bartolo, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

The next Monday Club lunch will be this Monday, 7th August in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$15- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. All parishioners are most welcome to come and enjoy some good food and good company. For catering, please speak to Celine or Antoinette if you would like to attend.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASSES

The Feast of the Assumption is on Tuesday, 15th August. We will be holding a 9am and 7pm Mass on that day for anyone wishing to attend. Please be advised that the primary students from St Matthew's will be attending the 9am Mass.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2024 AND 2025

Chisholm Catholic Primary School, Bligh Park is now open for enrolments. If you have a child who is ready to start school, please submit your enrolment application form as soon as possible to the school office. If you know of anyone who would like to enrol their child or take a tour of the school, please let the school know or ask them to call 45733200



DADS AT THE SHRINE

This is a monthly hour of adoration held at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa. The next time it will be held is Wednesday, 9th August. The hour begins at 8pm with a brief reflection before a time of silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes around 9pm with a simple cup of tea. All dads are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Any questions, contact Bernard 0416 106 871.

ENQUIRY EVENINGS FOR NON-CATHOLICS

Any interested non-Catholics are invited to learn more about the Catholic faith at an Enquiry Evening on Monday, 2nd October at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please spread the word and inform any family or friends who may be interested. This will be the beginning of our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme. To book, please speak to Mary Said or contact the Parish Office.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST -

For World Youth Day - We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

ROSTERS 12TH/13TH AUGUST, 2023		19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	K. Apap	S. Mackenzie	M. Grosvenor	M. Claravall
Reader	A. Dimech	M. Allen	S. Kavanagh	C. Chalker
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	J. Rapa	G. Claravall