



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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Office hours next week - 9.30am - 4.30pm
Thursday and Friday only

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

13th August, 2023

Focus – we are all aware of the difference that focus makes in a person's life. For any achievement to occur, whether in relationship or in sport, we need to be able to exclude other options and hone in on our goal. The question is how and on what we are to focus. Lack of focus, at best, leads to a boring failure of a life, at worst, it is appallingly destructive. Obsessive focus, even on good things, can have even more damaging results.



Peter, when he remained focused on Jesus, was able to do what no human had done before him: walk on water. Later, when focused on Jesus he was able to lead the fledging Church. Even then, when he took his eyes off the person of Jesus, he sank into the morass of conflicted opinion just as heavily as he sank into that sea. Focusing on Jesus gave him direction and courage in his life.

The same holds for us. We need to look to Jesus and his teaching to guide and lead our lives. We all have a tendency to absolutize our experience, to want too much and too many different things, to think we suffer overmuch. Our lives so easily get out of balance and we find it difficult to hold the conflicting parts together. Focusing on Jesus integrates the disparate aspects of our lives, as the spokes do to a wheel. With his help, the various parts can then work together for our good and for the service of those around us. Focused on him, we will not only be able to do extra-ordinary things, if he so calls us, but we will be able to do the ordinary things of life better. Jesus can call us out of our conflicted selves and form us according to the vision of God revealed in himself.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

Think of the situations in which you feel overwhelmed and buffeted. Imagine how your little boat is overwhelmed and you are tired. Jesus is coming towards you, calm and all powerful. Do you want to call out to go to him?

If you don't, why do you want to stay in the boat?

If you do want to go, in whom will you trust when you stop out and feel the force of the wind and the movement of the sea?

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19 : 9, 11-13
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

RESPONSE: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: Romans 9 : 1-5
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 14 : 22-33
Command me to come to you over the water.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the deceased Charles Bonanno, Mary Stella Bonanno, Francis Bonanno, John Mifsud, Frank Debono, Mary Buttigieg, Anthony Buhagiar, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Karen Bartolo, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

Sick: Please pray for Jimmy Marinas, Thelma Rayes, Kevin Thompson and Roza Galea.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Confirmation

We would like to remind parents who have a child in the Confirmation Program, that the child is required to attend one of the workshops in the Church at 7pm on either Monday, 14th August, Wednesday, 15th August or Thursday, 17th August. If you have any questions please contact Cita.



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. Please be advised that the primary students from St Matthew's will be attending the 9am Mass and there will be morning tea following that Mass in the front of the Church. All parishioners are invited to stay and have a cuppa. It would be appreciated if you could bring a plate of food to share.

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 ask them to contact the school on 4573 3200



SATURDAY MASSES AND RECONCILIATION

It has been decided to again offer Masses every Saturday morning at 9am and Reconciliation will follow that Mass instead of being held before the vigil Mass. This will commence on Saturday, 2nd September with Mass at 9am and Reconciliation at 9.30am.

11TH ANNUAL ASSUMPTION WALK FROM KELLYVILLE TO PARRAMATTA

On Tuesday 15th August there will be Mass at 11.30am at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents Kellyville followed at 1pm sharp with a 14km walk to Parramatta Cathedral. All parishioners are invited. There will be two stops along the way for refreshments. Banners and statues are welcome. If you prefer, you may join the Walk at any point or time of the day. For catering purposes please register your interest with the Kellyville parish (02) 9629 2595.



CASTLE HILL PARISH AN EVENING OF SACRED MUSIC

St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, will be hosting an evening of Sacred Music on Friday 25th August at 7:30pm. The event will be a night of performances. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at <https://www.trybooking.com/CJJSM>. Entry includes light refreshments during intermission. For more information, please contact (02) 9634 2622 or admin@stbernadette.org.au

ROSTERS 19TH/20TH AUGUST, 2023		20TH 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	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	J. Steward	S. Naylor
Reader	M. Williams	C. Attard	I. Willingham	A. Pennings
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall