



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: windsor@parracatholic.org
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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

20th August, 2023



This Gospel story witnesses to a tension in the life of Jesus, and one that we experience in our own: we can't do everything. Being human involves being limited in time and in place. While our desires and hopes, not only for ourselves but for others may be as wide as the world, the reality is that we live one day at a time in our own particular body. Jesus, too, experienced that. He had moved out of Jewish territory because he needed space. On one hand, he had the religious authorities hounding him, picking up on his every word. On the other hand, he had the crowds clamouring for miracles – understandably, he was healing their sick. While miracles were a part of Jesus' mission, they were not the core. The core of his mission was to call people to faith in God and his promises. Given the way everyone seemed to be missing the point, both he and the disciples needed space. So for the only time in his ministry, he leaves the land of Israel.

Then out comes this pagan woman, almost hysterically wanting a miracle. Jesus states that his personal calling is to the lost of the house of Israel. She has no problem with that, she is more than ready to acknowledge the primacy of his Jewish mission, but she still wants her daughter healed. Her passionate love for her daughter opens her to the possibilities within this person of Jesus: three times she calls him 'Lord'; she names him 'Son of David'; and she kneels to worship. No wonder Jesus seems blown away. This is the very faith that he was wanting – not even the disciples had come to see what she had recognised. Her commitment to her particular calling as mother, when brought before the person of Jesus, enhanced her faith. She returned home, just as Jesus returned to his land. In later life, how she must have wondered about this person, Jesus, who she had so exceptionally understood. A few moments in her life at the service of her daughter and her vision of reality was changed forever. Yes, our lives can seem to be confined by the particular, but with faith, they can reach beyond our imaginings!

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

When you are at rest, remember a time when God had seriously tested your faith. Sit with that for some time, recalling what you felt and thought at the time, what result came of the situation.

As you rest in God's love, ask what more you can learn from that experience. These times of grace are not only for the past – they can continue to feed us as we pray and meditate over them through the years.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.au

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.



FIRST READING: Isaiah 56 : 1, 6-7
I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

RESPONSE: O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Romans 11 : 13-15, 29-32
The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 15 : 21-28
Woman, you have great faith.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased:

Please pray for the deceased anniversaries of Pedro and Florencia Balmaceda, Julie Hayes, Margaret and John Muscat as well as 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, Kevin Thompson and Roza Galea.



SATURDAY MASS 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.



HOSPITAL MASSES

Will be restarting at 11am on the first Tuesday of every month. The first Mass will be held on Tuesday, 5th September in the Hospital Chapel.

CHANGE OF PARISH EMAIL

We would like to advise parishioners that our email address has changed. If you would like to contact the parish via email, please use the new email of windsor@parracatholic.org



NINE-WEEK NOVENA FOR THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. The Novena will begin the week of Sunday 13th August and conclude the week of Sunday 8th October in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly: Friday 13th to Sunday 15th October. You are invited to pray once a week with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer. There are free books available at the back of the Church for anyone interested in taking part.



ALL YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED TO ADORATION, DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP AT 7PM ON FRIDAY, 25TH AUGUST IN ST JOSEPHS KINGSWOOD PARISH HALL..

CELEBRATE ST. MONICA'S SPRING FAIR

On Saturday, 16th September from 9am to 3pm in St Monica's School grounds. Enjoy a delightful day with kids and family, featuring an array of entertaining activities. Indulge in exciting games, delicious treats, captivating performances, and more! Mark your calendars for this joyous community event that promises laughter and memories for all. See you there!



BRING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE TO PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Kairos Prison Ministry is hosting an information session on Saturday 16th September at 2.30pm-4.30pm at Blacktown Uniting Church, 59 Bungarribee Road, Blacktown. Come and hear how you can join other Christians in dramatically changing lives. RSVP to kidillwyniasec@kairos.org.au or phone Yvonne on 0419 284 128.

ROSTERS 26TH/27TH AUGUST, 2023		21ST 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	J. Newland	C. Attard	L. Buchanan	C. Chalker
Reader	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	Volunteer	S. Tylere
				M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall