



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
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 Saturday 9.00am

Adoration:

Tuesday 8.30am

Reconciliation this week:

Saturday 9.30am

Hospital Chapel Mass:

First Tuesday of each month at 11am

Solidarity for Children (in hall):

Every Monday 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Pilgrim Rosary (in hall):

Every Tuesday 7pm

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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A *27th August, 2023*



The question that Jesus asked of his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' is an important question for each of us. Faith is a close personal relationship with Jesus. When Jesus asked the question, 'Who do people say I am?', the disciples had a variety of ready answers, but when he has asked, 'Who do you say I am?', they had to look deep within their hearts to find the answer. It was right that one alone answered, for even though we are immersed in the community of the Church, our response in faith is personal and intimate, heart speaking to heart. The Father gave to Peter recognition of who Jesus was so that he might respond in love.

Each of us has to hear Jesus ask this question. At first, it can be a difficult one to face as it is so personal and intimate. It is easier to think of 'faith' in terms of ritual or doctrine, but essentially it is a relationship and the role of ritual and doctrine is to help that relationship grow. We may struggle to find the words or images with which to express our personal recognition of who Jesus is to us, but it bears rich insight.

The conversation is not only one way. As we answer Jesus' question, we will find him responding to us with who he says we are. It is in relationship with him that we come to our truest and best selves. Peter well knew he was no "rock" but with the love of Jesus he was able to deal beyond his personal liabilities and witness to God's love beyond his wildest dreams. We each have our own weakness and failure but that is no impediment to the love of Jesus shining within our lives.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

As you rest there, ask Jesus to come to you. Tell him who he is to you.

Ask him if there is anything more that he wants to be for you. Sit with his response.

When you are at rest in his love, listen to who he says you are. His words will be words of love. Open your hands and heart and receive his gift.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasoucan.com.au

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.



FIRST READING: Isaiah 22 : 19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

RESPONSE: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 11 : 33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16 : 13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Helen Rebel, (Anniversaries of Presentacion Perez, Josephine Galea, Mary and Sam Grech) as well as Pedro and Florencia Balmaceda, Julie Hayes, Margaret and John Muscat, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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



FAREWELL FR GALBERT

As some of you may already know, Fr Galbert will be leaving the parish and going to Lawson Parish. He will be starting this new position on Monday, 4th September and because of various reasons, we will be having his farewell morning tea in the hall following the 9am Mass on Sunday, 10th September. All parishioners are invited to come along. If you do, please bring a plate to share.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next talk will be held this Thursday, 31st August at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month at 10.30am 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.



LAPTOP VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The laptop projects the display that shows during Masses on to the TV's. We are looking for a volunteer/s who can take control of the laptop during the 6pm and 9am Masses on weekends. If you are able to help, please speak to Cita.

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL - Caring for those who have cared for us

Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able. This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal next weekend.



MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

The next lunch will be a barbeque on Monday, 4th September in the Hall. Cost is \$15- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. For catering purposes, please speak to Celine or Antoinette if you will be attending.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME - Reconciliation

If you have a child in Year 3, is at least 8 years old and been Baptised Catholic, they are now eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be a Parent Information session at 7pm on Tuesday, 19th September and Wednesday, 20th September. Only one parent will need to attend one meeting. Please spread the word to anyone you think would have an eligible child.



ROSTERS 2ND/3RD SEPTEMBER, 2023		22ND 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	C. Conolly	A. Pennings
Reader	K. Apap	J. Wein	F. Watkins	S. Naylor
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall