



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, 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 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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Year A

30th July, 2023



One of my sisters tells a story from her time working in the Kimberley. In a lively discussion on religion at the pub one night, one of the group cut in: 'Look, I think religion is important. You just shouldn't let it dominate your life!' Ah, but my sister's point, and the point of this Sunday's Gospel, was that it should dominate your life.' The question is how should it dominate.

The presumption the guy in the pub made was that religion was one of the many practices in life that we could do and which might make life a bit better – like eating well, doing yoga or getting plenty of exercise. For him, religion could be a drag on enjoying yourself if you let it get out of hand.

The Gospel uses the imagery of a farmer and a merchant allowing the pursuit of their goal to dominate their lives and fill them with joy. That joy is important. It is the sign that we are living our faith in the right way. Even in times of sorrow, grief and pain, we can have a form of faith-filled joy because we know that this life is moving towards something greater. The Kingdom of God's love has already broken into our lives and is making sense of all the different situations in which we find ourselves. Here, religion is not an added ingredient to be fitted into life, but a transformation on how we live.

REST IN THE LOVE OF GOD

The labourer and the worker had their lives transformed by a goal. The hope of this goal gave them joy even when the path to its fulfilment entailed difficulty and loss.

Over the coming week, consider what a difference your faith makes to your life.

- What sense of hope do you have in the difficult or even boring times in your life?
- How does the idea of the Kingdom of Heaven enter into your daily life? Are you able to ponder on it in the spare moments of your day?
- Can you allow that hope to give you joy?

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING: I Kings 3 : 5, 7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

RESPONSE: Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING: Romans 8 : 28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

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 : 44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Annette Vedmore, Maureen Cortese, Anne Van Rijn as well as Noel Green, William Arroyo, David Thornton, Maria Grech, Simon Vassallo, Charles Bonanno, Mary Stella Bonanno, Francis Bonanno. John Mifsud, Frank Debono, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of the life-changing mission programs like Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste. The Parish raised just under \$2150- to help provide life-saving treatment and access to resources of health and well-being. If you have not had the opportunity to give, there are envelopes available at the back of the Church which can be placed in either collection plate or alternatively donate via their website catholimission.org.au/timor



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.



ST JOSEPHS KINGSWOOD PARISH FETE

All parishioners are invited to the fete which is being held on Sunday, 6th August from 9am to 3pm in St Joseph's Parish grounds, 12 Richmond Road Kingswood. It will be a great family day out with something for everyone.

ROUSE HILL PARISH FAMILY FIESTA

The Annual Our Lady of the Angels Family Fiesta will be on Sunday 6th August at 1 Wellgate Avenue, North Kellyville. Celebrations commence with Mass at 11am followed by a procession. Rides, entertainment and food will be available from 1pm and finish with a fireworks display at 6pm. This is a wonderful event for all the family.



ROSTERS 5TH/6TH AUGUST, 2023 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD YEAR A

Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.

Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.

MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Said	C. Attard	C. Conolly	A. Pennings
Reader	M. Grosvenor	S. Mackenzie	F. Watkins	S. Naylor
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall