



# 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 Stockey

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

*10th September, 2023*



This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' – community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships!

Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment.

Greg Sunter [www.liturgyhelp.com](http://www.liturgyhelp.com)

### **REST IN THE LOVE OF GOD**

When you are at rest, consider what confrontation does to you. Do you get disturbed, restless, rattled, unsure, insensitive? Consider all the differing feelings you have? While resting there, wonder why you react like this? Give a word to how you feel. For example, it could perhaps be 'vulnerable'. Then consider what that feeling means to you. Gently ask God what could be the cause and ask how this feeling, that seems negative, could be viewed as something positive. Resting in the love of God, give thanks for the graces and insights you have received.

Sr Kym Harris osb [www.prayasoucan.com.au](http://www.prayasoucan.com.au)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 33 : 7-9

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

**RESPONSE:** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 13 : 8-10

*Love is the fulfilment of the law.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 18 : 15-20

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God, my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Valerie White, Helen Rebel as well as Paul Gauci, Presentacion Perez, Mary and Sam Grech, Josephine Galea, Francis and Carmela Buhagiar, Sam Attard, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

National Child Protection Week concludes today with Safeguarding Sunday. Our Parish and the Diocese of Parramatta are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

**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. Let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. For those who haven't had a chance to support our retired clergy, please complete a giving envelope and place your gift in the box at the back of the Church. Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and will be receipted.



**PARISH OF RICHMOND ST MONICA'S SPRING FAIR**

All are invited to celebrate the St Monica's Spring Fair next Saturday 16th September from 9am to 3pm at 32 Francis Street, Richmond. Enjoy a delightful day with kids and family, featuring an array of entertaining activities. Indulge in exciting games, delicious treats, captivating performances, and more!

**ARISE WOMEN'S RETREAT**

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a day of reflection, inspiration and encounter with Christ at this year's Arise Women's Retreat: 'Arise – Talitha Koum – Little girl, I say ARISE' on Saturday 16th September from 8.30am to 8.30pm. The retreat will include Mass, meditation, talks, praise and worship, creative expression, spiritual direction and healing Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. Cost is \$100 and all meals are included. For bookings and more information, please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1078404>



**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. Enrolment forms for the program are available at the back of the Church. Please take and complete a form and return it at the Parent meeting.

ROSTERS 16TH/17TH SEPTEMBER, 2023		24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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	M. Grosvenor	S. Naylor
Reader	M. Williams	S. Mackenzie	J. Rapa	A. Pennings
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall