



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*
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Office hours next week - 9.30am - 4.30pm
Monday and Tuesday

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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A *24th September, 2023*



Imagine those first comers, the ones who had worked hard all day in the severe heat, saying, 'Isn't it fantastic that the landowner gave the men who came late a full day's pay? We were concerned that they wouldn't have enough for their families' needs. We realise that some of them are no-hopers but we can go home happy and content now because we all have enough for our needs.' Who on earth would think like that? Saints – and isn't that what we are called to be.

Imagine how our society would operate if the genuine good of all was the true guiding principle for the way we treated all, especially the marginalised.

Imagine:

– If we truly sought the rehabilitation of prisoners and the real protection of society, we wouldn't talk in terms 'paying a debt to society' or of 'punishment' but rather of being rehabilitated to live well in society...then if violent offenders didn't choose to be rehabilitated then they choose not to live in society.

– If we truly sought to give the disabled a meaningful involvement in the community, then we would offer work they could do even if it meant we had to be patient and adapt to their needs. Yes, you did read that right, we adapt to their needs and stop expecting them to live up to our abilities.

– If we truly saw the need of asylum seekers to be integrated members of society, then we would endeavour to bring them into our local community with the offer of work.

Yes, the above sounds idealistic but this is our calling as Christians. We are the recipients of the largesse of a generous God and God seriously expects us to be God-like in our generosity. St Catherine of Siena said 'You have only truly received a gift from God when you have given it away.'

REST IN THE LOVE OF GOD

Consider the manifold ways God has been generous to you: in the people who love you, in the opportunities that have come your way, in the gifts and talents you have received, in the creation that surrounds you. Continue to meditate on this generosity till you have a full and generous heart.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au

**JUST A REMINDER DAILYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS
AT 2AM NEXT SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER**



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55 : 6-9
My thoughts are not your thoughts.

RESPONSE: The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1 : 20-24, 27
For me to live is Christ,

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 20 : 1-16
Why are you jealous because I am generous.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Scott O'Connor as well as Sam Attard, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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



109TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2023

Pope Francis devotes this Sunday to the freedom that should always mark the decision to leave one's native land. "Free to leave, free to stay". For migration to be truly a choice that is free, efforts must be made to ensure everyone has an equal share in the common good, respect for his or her fundamental rights, and access to an integral human development. The migrant is not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door. We are to construct bridges and not walls.



WESTERN DEANERAY YOUNG ADULTS MEETING

All young adults from 18 to 35 years are invited for this event on Friday 29th September at 7pm in St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood (12 Richmond Road, Kingswood NSW). For more information and to RSVP, please see the flyer at the back of the Church.

ENQUIRY EVENINGS FOR NON-CATHOLICS

Any interested non-Catholics are invited to learn more about the Catholic faith at an Enquiry Evening on Monday, 2nd October at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please spread the word and inform any family or friends who may be interested. This will be the beginning of our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme. To book, please speak to Mary Said or contact the Parish Office.



MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

Because of the long weekend, there will be NO Monday Club lunch in October.

MONTH OF OCTOBER - the month of the Rosary

The rosary will be prayed (led by the Legion of Mary) before all weekend Masses. They will pray on Saturday at 5:30pm and Sunday at 7am, 8:30am and 4:30pm. All parishioners are welcome to come and take part.

HOLY HOUR FOR CHILDREN

On the first Friday of October, 6th October at 6:30pm we will be holding Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary (led by the children) and follow that with Holy Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend especially children.



DAILY MASS BOOKS

This year the Parish will again be purchasing the weekday Daily Mass books for parishioners. If you would like to purchase a book, please let the Parish Office know so they can order the correct number.

ROSTERS 30TH SEPT/1ST OCTOBER, 2023		26TH 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	K. Apap	J. Wein	I. Willingham	A. Pennings
Reader	J. Newland	C. Attard	J. Micallef	S. Naylor
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall