



# 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*  
Sacramental Coordinator: *Ms Cita Adams*  
Parish Secretary: *Ms Judy Rigg*  
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*Office hours next week - 9.30am - 4.30pm*  
*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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 1st October, 2023



First impressions count...with us humans they often do, but not with God. God looks not only to the heart but also to our actions. There is a saying somewhere in the works of St Thomas Aquinas: do follows be. That is, what we are is shown in our actions. Our ideals may inspire people, our words may move them, but God sees the heart and will judge us according to our deeds.

Does that seem disturbing? Yes and no. If we place great store on appearances this may upset us because we know that our actions are done for show. But if we are trying to live simply before God, it will be liberating. God is not asking us to do things we cannot do. We do not have to fast seriously, pray for hours on end or only live the religious profile. Jesus has already saved us – we are free. We do not have to prove anything. But we do have to pass on what we have known: the mercy and kindness of God. Both of which we can show each and every day in the ordinary events of life. We simply have to put into practice the faith we profess.

### REST IN THE LOVE OF GOD

When you are at rest, consider how you have known God's call in your life. Think of the times you have followed God's call willingly and happily, the times when you have neglected that call. What effects did your differing responses have in your life?

Resting in God's love, consider where you think God is calling you now. Is there an area you virtually refuse to look at, a situation that you just skim over because of the cost to you? Resting in God's love, try to consider what answering that call could be like. Ask for the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit.

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

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER - For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.



**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 18 : 25-28

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

**RESPONSE:** Remember your mercies, O Lord.

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 2 : 1-44

*In your minds you must be the same as Jesus Christ.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 21 : 28-32

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Rening Diala, Scott O'Connor as well as Peter Nagle, William Rix, John Cotter, Judy Logue, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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



**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.



**MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL**

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

**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.



**HOSPITAL MASS**

The next Hospital Mass will be in their Chapel at 11am this Tuesday, 3rd October. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

**DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 29th October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3460 by 20th October. Family and friends are welcome.



ROSTERS 7TH/8TH OCTOBER, 2023		27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.		Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchinson.		
MASSSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Grosvenor	C. Attard	C. Conolly	M. Claravall
Reader	A. Dimech	M. Allen	T. Victorino	Samantha Tylere
				C. Chalker
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	J. Rapa	G. Claravall