



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
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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A *8th October, 2023*



This week's gospel must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading.

The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants.

Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them

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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: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.



FIRST READING: Isaiah 5 : 1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

RESPONSE: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4 : 6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21 : 33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Rening Diala 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Reconciliation

The 6pm and 9am Masses on the weekends of 14th/15th October and 21st/22nd October will be Commitment Masses for the children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All children are required to attend one Commitment Mass as part of the program. If you have any questions, please contact Cita.



PETERS PENCE COLLECTION

The Peter's Pence Collection is traditionally taken up throughout Catholic parishes around the world either on 29th June, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, or on the Sunday closest to this Solemnity. Unfortunately we neglected to do this earlier in the year, so we will be having the collection at all Masses next weekend. The money raised helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Social Justice Sunday was held on Sunday, 27th August. This year's theme is Listen, Learn, Love - A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. We have a number of copies of the statement available for parishioners at the back of the Church. Feel free to take a copy home with you after Mass.



NATSICC INDIGENOUS VOICE WEBSITE - ONE JOURNEY TOGETHER

NATSICC and Caritas Australia have launched www.indigenousvoice.church - a website that empowers Catholics to make an informed decision at the 2023 Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum. The site contains a collation of statements of Catholic Organisations, resources to assist in discernment and the voices of First Australians and our Catholic Leaders. Bishop Vincent has also issued a Pastoral letter to Diocesan parishioners regarding the referendum. Copies are available at the back of the Church or can be obtained from the Parish Office.

CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF OUR FIRST-EVER DIOCESAN SYNOD!

All members of the faithful are invited to celebrate the beginning of the first-ever Diocesan Synod at LIFTED Live in the Forecourt: Bridge to the Synod on Thursday 12th October at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 6.30pm. The entire Diocesan community are invited to experience and celebrate our young Church with live music, prayer, stalls, games and more!



ROSTERS 14T15/8TH OCTOBER, 2023

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.

Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.

MASSSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	H. Sobiesiak	S. Mackenzie	S. Kavanagh	S Naylor
Reader	M. Said	J. Wein	J. Rapa	A. Pennings
				R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall