



# 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*  
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[www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au](http://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*  
Acting Principal: Mr Ben Ticehurst  
*Chisholm Catholic Primary Phone: 4573 3200*  
Principal: Mr Michael Mifsud  
*Bede Polding College Phone: 4560 2900*  
Acting Principal: Mr David Sullivan

### **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

#### Sodality of Our Lady (in hall):

Every Monday 3.30pm to 4.30pm (children)

#### 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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A* *15th October, 2023*



How often Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding banquet – the ultimate of all parties in his own society and in ours. In these parables people are judged by their capacity to join in appropriately. A test for our fitness to enter the Kingdom of God is our party skills.

And what are great party skills? One, the freedom to leave our roles and work behind for a while and enjoy the gifts offered by our hosts. Secondly, the capacity to enter into the joy of other people. Our own pleasure is not the only way we become happy. Other people's joy can pleasure us too.

Those who refused to come to the wedding could not do this. They were simply wrapped up in their own affairs. Notice how they react when the king challenges them – with violence and anger. When we cannot enjoy and celebrate the lives of other people we often don't just remain neutral towards them. Resentment can twist our hearts and we can lash out with anger or criticism. And if we cannot enter into the joy of other people, how will we be able to enter the joy of God?

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

We all have times when we feel disconnected from God, as though we are missing something important and don't know what it is. As you rest in the love of your God, recall your sense of disconnect- edness and bring it before God. Allow the sense of unease to be present.

As you sit with this, ask God if there is something within you that is out of balance, which preoccupies you excessively.

– Maybe it is a habit of the heart – like feeding anger, or excessive pleasure, or thinking negatively of other people, or envy.

– Maybe it is attachment to work or self-image,

– Maybe it is fear.

Whatever it is God can deal with it in love. Hold it out to God and ask for healing and guidance...and the strength to do whatever needs to be done to allow you to live for the Kingdom of God.

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

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

The next set of Planned Giving Envelopes are available for collection at the back of the Church. Please take your set home with you after Mass.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 25 : 6-10  
*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.*

**RESPONSE:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 4 : 12-14, 19-20  
*I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 22 : 1-14  
*Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:**  
Please pray for the recently deceased Michael Hrymak, Rening Diala as well as Peter Nagle, William Rix, John Cotter, Judy Logue, Maria Saliba, Josephine, Joric, Juan and Jose Hawkins, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Reconciliation**

The 6pm and 9am Masses this weekend and next weekend 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**

At all Masses this weekend we will be having our Peters Pence collection. Money raised helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need and enables Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

**DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA SYNOD**

Please pray for our very first Diocesan Synod which is being held this weekend. Parishioners are invited to the conclusion Mass on Sunday evening 15th October, at 6pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. It will also be livestreamed <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCPEn1oU3t4> and there will be live updates from the Synod on Catholic Outlook ([www.catholicoutlook.org](http://www.catholicoutlook.org)).



**PRAYERS NEEDED**

Parishioners are asked to please keep the Principal of St Matthew's Catholic Primary School (Ms Annelise Stockey) in your prayers as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ON ALL SAINTS DAY (1ST NOVEMBER) AND ALL SOULS DAY (2ND NOVEMBER) WE WILL BE HOLDING A 9AM AND 7PM MASS.**

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

The Catholic Medical Association Australia will be holding it's National Conference (Exploring Issues of life and truth emerging in modern health care) from Friday, 10th November until Sunday 12th November at St Joseph's Baulkham Hills. All medical professionals and students are invited. You can stay the whole weekend or attend the one day programs, For more details there is a flyer at the back of the Church or visit <https://catholicmedicine.org>



ROSTERS 21ST/22ND OCTOBER, 2023		29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: K. Moffitt and C. Conolly.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	J. Newland	J. Wein	J. Steward	C. Chalker
Reader	M. Williams	C. Attard	N. McMahon	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall