



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

### **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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*  
*22nd October, 2023*

### **COUNTERING MALICE**

We all know what it is like to be asked a seemingly innocent question, knowing that the questioner's intention is actually malicious and rude and that they are only wanting to humiliate us. This is what happened to Jesus but he didn't allow the malicious Pharisees to determine how the conversation ran. Jesus' answer to them concerning the tax was good, yes, very good yet I know I couldn't come up with an answer like that if I worked on it all week. Still I have had to work out how to deal with this type of person. The answer I'm trying to train myself to give is: 'I'd like some time to think about that.' In fact that is a good answer to many difficult questions thrown at us unexpectedly. If still pressured to answer, the further reply could be: 'Well, it isn't a matter of life or death.'



Why should people who are malicious and rude be allowed to determine how our conversations run? Whether in private or public conversation, in the family or at work, the arrogant and rude can tend to hijack the discourse. As Christians we need to take back the conversation to allow our language to build up people and not destroy them. Consider the current political landscape. I heard someone repeat recently an ugly violent remark, by a 'shock jock', concerning a politician and I was able to reply quietly; 'and how does that further any good discussion.' The point was taken. Unless our public and indeed personal conversations are to be further eroded, we Christians must make statements that stop the malice and allow our conversation to truly serve the good of the wider community.

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

When you are relaxed, consider the complex situations you face in life: family issues, health challenges, personal issues, difficulties at work...the list could go on

Choose one of these and consider how you react when it flares up. How do you feel, what do you do...or not do? How do you feel being overwhelmed?

Bring your responses before God and ask God to sift through those responses showing you different ways to respond. Let your imagination go free. Let God show you how complexity can be a source of grace.

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.



**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 45 : 1, 4-6  
*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

**RESPONSE:** Give the Lord glory and honour.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Thessalonians 1 : 1-5  
*We are mindful of our faith, hope and love.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 22 : 15-21  
*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Behold the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Deceased:**



Please pray for the recently deceased Elaine Mizzi, Williams Howard, Michael Hrymak (Anniversary of Jessie Hursey) as well as John Mifsud, Nicola and Antonia Ripa, Jesse Ripa, Bonnie Farrugia, Philip and Mary Mifsud, Carmelo and Elizabeth Vella, Maria Saliba, Josephine and Joric Jumao-as, Juan and Jose Jumao-as, Marianita and Romulo Jumao-as Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK**

The next talk will be held this Thursday, 26th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month at 10.30am and Baptism bookings are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office.



**PETERS PENCE COLLECTION**

We would like to thank parishioners at last weekend Appeal. The Parish raised \$960- for Pope Francis' emergency assistance fund.

**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.



**THE NEXT READER, ACOLYTE AND ADULT SERVERS ROSTER IS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

**YOUNG ADULTS MOVIE NIGHT**

All young adults from 18 to 35 years are invited for the 'Movie Night' on Friday 27th October at 7pm at St Joseph's Parish, 12 Richmond Road, Kingswood. See the flyer at the back of the Church

**FREE FIRSTCPR TRAINING VOUCHERS**

16th October was World Restart a Heart Day, a global initiative to raise awareness about the importance of CPR. FirstCPR, to which the Diocese of Parramatta is an organisation member, is offering a free training voucher for people wishing to learn CPR. To receive the voucher, contact the FirstCPR team by emailing [warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au](mailto:warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au) with the subject 'WRAH Day CPR training voucher'. For more information, contact [warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au](mailto:warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au) or call 0412 369 519.



ROSTERS 28TH/29TH OCTOBER, 2023		30TH 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. Grosvenor	C. Attard	L. Buchanan	M. Claravall
Reader	K. Apap	S. Mackenzie	F. Watkins	C. Chalker
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall