



St Matthew's Catholic Parish



(Established 1831)

12 Tebbutt Street, Windsor, NSW 2756

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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
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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A *12th November, 2023*

One of the best pieces of medical advice I ever received was: 'Listen to your body.' It was given in the context of allergy treatment. The doctor believed that each of us needed to become sensitive to the rhythms and reactions of our own bodies and that we should each exercise responsibility and discipline in looking after our health. Too often, we are bombarded with advice that has no relation to how our own body works. It's enough to actually make you sick.



Something similar happens on the religious plane. Too often we are told by others how we should pray – when each of us actually needs to discover how the Holy Spirit is already praying in our hearts and in our lives. For that to happen, we have to actually notice when God comes to us and, to do that, we have to be alert. We do not drift into the Kingdom of God. In this part of Matthew's Gospel Jesus is telling us to be awake, be alert to God. This is not because it is difficult for us to have a relationship with God. Rather it is because God finds it difficult to have a relationship with someone who is distracted about other things. We all know the frustration of trying to communicate something important with someone who doesn't want to listen and who prefers to watch the TV, or to receive and send text messages. In contrast, when we are alert and ready, the Spirit dances in our hearts and the oil of love eases the dark and difficult challenges of our lives and we know how to love God and each other.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

When you are at rest, ask yourself how alert you are to the presence of God in your life. A sign of this can be how you react to the unexpected. Consider a few recent situations when life has not gone according to plan. How did you react? Were you consistently put out? Did you approach the situation wondering how God could work within it for love – for you to give and receive love?

When you recognise your pattern of acting, bring it before God and ask how you can make yourself more ready to welcome the divine presence into your life.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let my prayer come into your presence, incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6 12-16
Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

RESPONSE: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4 : 13-18
Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25 : 1-13
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased John Allen, Sam Farrugia, Peter McMahon and Teresita Ortiga.

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



NOVEMBER MASSES

November is the month of Holy Souls and the 'Book of Life' as well as envelopes, will be available in the foyer of the Church. During the month of November, Masses will be offered for all deceased family and friends.



ADVENT MASSES

Advent commences on the weekend of 2nd/3rd December and we are looking for families to light the Advent candle at the beginning of every weekend Mass. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the Parish office 4577 3073 so we can organise a roster.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Mass and prayers for deceased clergy

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its second annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Friday 17th November at 10.30am at St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Pinegrove Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.



World Day of the Poor – A Message of Hope

The World Day of the Poor is Sunday, 19th November. Established by Pope Francis, it serves as a direct call to action inspired by the Gospel's message of compassion and service to those less fortunate. Read Pope Francis' message for the World Day of the Poor at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20230613-messaggio-vii-giornatamondiale-poveri-2023.html>

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day on Sunday 19th November from 10am to around 3pm at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. There will be an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers with periods of meditation for on-going meditators, presentations and prayer with the monks. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea will be provided, but please bring your own picnic lunch. Donations are welcome. For enquiries, please contact Ann; atlomas@bigpond.com or call (02) 9653 2637.

RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS - Save The Date

The Christmas 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held in St Monica's Richmond at 7pm on Thursday, 14th December. This will be a combined service for St Matthew's Windsor and St Monica's Richmond. Please mark the date in your diary so you don't forget.

ROSTERS 18TH/19TH NOVEMBER, 2023		33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.		Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	T. Ripa	C. Attard	N. McMahon	S. Naylor
Reader	A. Dimech	S. Mackenzie	J. Micallef	A. Pennings
				R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall