



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*
Parish email: windsor@parracatholic.org
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

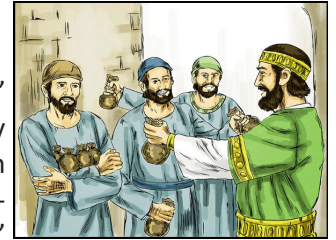
Baptisms:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays each month.

Marriages:

By appointment

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A *19th November, 2023*



'Well that's the least you could do.' Usually when we hear those words, they are spoken with disdain, looking down on the job that was or is about to be accomplished. It is just not good enough. Jesus' words to the man who had done nothing with his talent show that Jesus does not share in this type of disdain. He would have appreciated the man having done something, anything, even the least that he could do. The man was not condemned for having done too little – he was condemned for having done nothing at all.

One of the challenges to Christians who believe in an all-powerful, all-loving God is to opt out of working for the salvation of all. We think we can just leave it all to God. But God doesn't see it that way. Made in the image of God, we are to bring the glory of grace into people's lives and God doesn't mind how small or how hidden our efforts are, so long as we give it a go. Often we dismiss ourselves from doing anything because it seems so little compared with what others do. But imagine what could happen if we looked at our littlest talents and saw what we could do with them. Can you drive? Well, there are often elderly people who could do with a lift to the doctor. Can you cook? There are mums, and sometimes dads, and also those elderly, who would appreciate a meal arriving at the door when illness or disaster affects the family. Can you smile? There are lonely people in our supermarkets and shopping malls who would appreciate a friendly word more than you or I could imagine. When we start imagining what we can do with the least we have, we could be quite surprised with how God's grace can multiply and sanctify the smallest actions.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

When you are at rest, consider the gifts and talents that God has given to you. Name them and as you name each of them consider how you could creatively use it in your life. Let your imagination run free. It doesn't matter how grandiose the images may be so long as what you imagine is loving – towards God, other people and yourself. Take one of these imaginings and ask yourself why you would or wouldn't put it into practice – is it lack of practicality, common sense or fear that would stop you? Ask the Spirit to give you the wisdom to discern what you can do to use your gift.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31 : 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Give her a share in what she has worked for.

RESPONSE: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5 : 1-6
The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25 : 14-30
Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Margaret Rochester, John Allen, Sam Farrugia, Peter McMahon and Jason Vella.

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

ADVENT MASSES

Advent commences on the weekend of 2nd/3rd December and we are still 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.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE CHAPLAINCY SERVICES.

Will you support our chaplains to listen with the ear of the heart? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal which will be held at all Masses next weekend. Envelopes are attached to this weekend bulletin for you to complete and return next weekend.



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.

PREPARING FOR ADVENT SERIES

Br Barry Donaghue cfc is offering 90-minute Advent presentations held on Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm to 9pm for 4 weeks, beginning 29th November until 20th December. Each presentation will be scripture based and have time for questions, reflection and small group conversation. The presentation will be held at Mary Rooms at Edmund Rice Retreat Centre Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa. Please contact 0478 408 337 or bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org for enquiries.



PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO THE 2023 KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE BY DR SUSAN CONNELLY RSJ ON "TRUTH AND PEACE: TIMELESS TWINS" ON TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM. TO REGISTER, SEE THE FLYER AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On 1st March, 2024 the worldwide ecumenical community of women who celebrate the annual World Day of Prayer, will engage in a worship service written by the WDP Palestine sisters, and held in St. Monica's Richmond. We are looking for a volunteer/s to be our St Matthew's representative in this community. If you would like to help or want more information, please contact the Parish Office.



ROSTERS 25TH/26TH NOVEMBER, 2023		JESUS CHRIST THE KING YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.		Sacristy: N. and B. Duff.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	K. Apap	S. Mackenzie	Volunteer	M. Claravall
Reader	M. Said	J. Wein	S. Kavanagh	S. Tylere
				C. Chalker
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	J. Rapa	G. Claravall