



# 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, 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

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe Year A*  
*26th November, 2023*

In Japan, pottery for the tea ceremony is regarded as the highest of art forms. The best bowls for this ceremony often look like the simplest of cups. To our Western eyes they may look common, plain or even flawed. But for the potter making them, they are the culmination of years of training and practice. In spite of that, when the potter makes them, they are to be made as though it was nothing at all...as though they were just another pot. This is part of the Japanese recognition that the simplest of things or actions can open us to extraordinary depths.



When Jesus commends or condemns people in this Sunday's scene it is on the basis of actions of mercy done or not done in the simplest of circumstances. Both groups of people didn't recognise Jesus in the needy people but one group acted compassionately towards them, the other group just ignored them. We could be tempted to think that the first group were naturally kind as they didn't realise what they were doing. Not so, life isn't that easy and God's salvation isn't that unfair. No, those actions seemingly done almost spontaneously without thought of salvation come after some time practicing virtue. We discipline ourselves to follow Christ, taking up our cross, consciously being kind, sacrificing our preferences for the sake of others so that, in the end, loving kindness comes so naturally that we don't even realise what we are doing. Having consciously practised the steps of kindness and thoughtfulness, we can spontaneously dance the mystery of love.

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

Jesus identified himself with the people on the margins. Consider a group of marginalised people who make you feel uncomfortable or towards whom you find yourself dismissive. Hold these people before you and try to imagine what type of things could have led them to be living the way they do. Now hold them in your heart and ask Jesus to enlighten you. Sit with the tension in your heart and wait for Jesus to resolve it.

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

### **CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS CARDS**

Are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact. Each gift represents a donation that will support vulnerable communities to create a brighter future. Order now to receive in time for Christmas [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power forever and ever.



**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 34 : 11-12, 15-17

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

**RESPONSE:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 15 : 20-26, 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 25 : 31-46

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Margaret Rochester and Peter McMahon.

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

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK**

The last talk for the year will be held this Thursday, 30th November at 7.30pm in the Parish hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month and bookings for the Baptisms are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish office. The following talk will be on Thursday, 26th January.

**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 this weekend. Envelopes are attached to this weekend bulletin for you to complete and place on the collection plate..



**RECONCILIATION**

The Christmas 2nd Rite will be held in St Monica's Richmond at 7pm on Thursday, 14th December. Individual (1st Rite) will be held at 9.30am on every Saturday before Christmas here at St Matthew's.

**MONDAY CLUB LUNCH**

The next lunch will be a Christmas lunch on Monday, 4th December. Cost is \$15- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. Those attending are also asked to please bring a Kris Kringle gift to the value of \$10. If you would like to join in, please speak to Celine or Antoinette.



**COUNTING ROSTER**

The counting rosters have been posted and will commence on Sunday, 3rd December. If you have any questions, or have not received your roster, please contact the Parish office. Alternatively, we can always use more helpers, so if you would like to join a team or start your own, please contact the Parish Office.

**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 2ND/3RD DECEMBER, 2023			FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B	
Church Cleaning: K. Moffitt and C. Conolly.			Sacristy: M Roth and C. Vella.	
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Grosvenor	J. Wein	L. Buchanan	A. Pennings
Reader	M. Williams	M. Allen	I. Willingham	S. Naylor
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall