



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 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 5pm

Weekday:

Monday to Saturday 9.00am

Adoration:

Tuesday 8.30am

Reconciliation:

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.

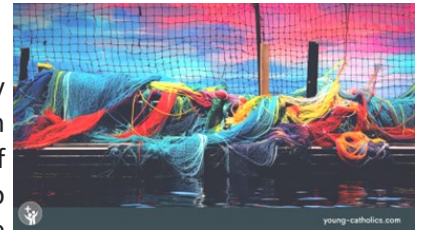
Marriages:

By appointment

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

21st January, 2024

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life



would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be his 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector – one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith – the scribes and Pharisees – it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people – those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law.

The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed – much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.

Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com
Graphics young-catholics.com

REST IN THE LOVE OF GOD

Jesus calls each of us as he did those first disciples to be fishers of people. As you interact with people this week, think about ways you could draw them into the presence of Jesus.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.



FIRST READING: Jonah 3 : 1-5, 10
The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

RESPONSE: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7 : 29-31
The world as we know it is passing away.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20
Repent, and believe the Good News.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Rita Taylor, Jimmy Muscat, Ramil Reyes as well as Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next talk will be this Thursday, 25th January at 7.30pm in the hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month at 10.30am and bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office 4577 3073.



FUNERAL NOTICE

For anyone who wishes to attend, Rita Taylors funeral will be held at 11am on Tuesday, 30th January here at St Matthews .

CATECHISTS - SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE) TEACHERS.

With over 5,000 volunteers reaching out over 100,000 Catholic students in public primary schools each week in NSW and ACT., catechists form the largest volunteer team within the Church. Catechists come from all walks of life, from mums, grandparents to retired magistrates and from students to doctors, and are united by one goal – to ensure that all the children of our Parish hear of God's great love for them. There are still more children that we could be reaching! Our parish ministry of SRE teachers are in constant need of more people who are willing to give thirty minutes to help children learn about God's love. Please seriously consider volunteering to help with weekly Scripture classes at our local state schools. We currently only have 6 teachers and 14 primary schools. Full training is provided. If you can help or want more information, please contact Dolores 0409 998 198 or Annie 0412 182 823.



GLENBROOK PARISH ASPECTS OF THE EUCHARIST TALKS

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a series of talks exploring the fundamental aspects of the Eucharist with Chris Ohlsen on Wednesday 21st and 28th February at 7.30pm at the parish. Entry is via gold coin donation. To RSVP, please email glenbrook@parracatholic.org

OZSILENT FILM FESTIVAL

Will be held at Richmond School of Arts at 2pm on Saturday, 3rd February. Three restored silent classic films will be shown accompanied with live music by Tom Barber. Tickets \$25/\$20 concession or cash sales at the door and at the link <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1164906?embed> See the flyer at the back of the Church.



ROSTERS 27TH/28TH JANUARY, 2024		4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.		Sacristy: N. and B. Duff.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	H. Sobiesiak	S. Mackenzie	Volunteer	Volunteer
Reader	Volunteer	J. Wein	J. Micallef	S. Tyler
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	J. Rapa	Volunteer