



# 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 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

## *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

*28th January, 2024*

### What's your demon?

My father was a gambler – or so I have been told. Mum used to say, 'Your father's a gambler, that's why he took up mushroom farming.' It was only after he died that I learnt the story. He came from a poor family and having gotten a scholarship to university, he lost a lot of that money on the horses. Well, through sheer hard work he was able to stay at Uni but he never bet on the horses again. Early in life, he faced a demon squarely and judged how weak he was. And he was the better man for it.



We each and all have demons. Part of the genius of the 12 step programs is to get people to face them squarely. Our demons don't have to be as obvious as addiction to alcohol, gambling or drugs. Anything that undermines the growth of life and love within us is a 'demon'. The man Jesus cured in this Gospel was not a vicious low life. This was a respectable man who attended synagogue! So what was his demon – resentment, concern for respectability, fear of what others think? We need to face our demons because it is then that we will be open to the salvation that Jesus offers: life to the full. If our lives seem less than full, we need to come before Jesus and ask for the healing that he so wants to give us.

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

Jesus showed his authority by confronting the evil in peoples' lives and bringing them healing. When you are at rest in God's love, consider the places in your heart that seem to be enmeshed in darkness, the attitudes and actions about which you are ashamed. Bring them before Jesus and ask for his love to touch that area of your life. Ask him what form he would like your healing to take. Under the guidance of the Spirit ask how he would like you to be free. Open your heart, your mind and your life to his healing.

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

### **FUNERAL REMINDER**

Rita Taylors funeral will be held at 11am this Tuesday, 30th January here in St Matthews Church.



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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 18 : 15-20  
*I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.*

**RESPONSE:** If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 7 : 32-35  
*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:21-28  
*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



**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.

**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.



**DEAR PARISHIONERS**

Please do not bring food to eat in the Church. We are finding that there are a lot of crumbs left on the seats and floor of the Church and then when the next Mass takes place the crumbs are ground into the carpet. Plus no one wants to sit in a dirty pew or kneel on a dirty floor. This also makes more work for the volunteers who clean the church for you. It would also be appreciated if you do not stick used chewing gum under the pews. Please put it in a piece of paper or tissue and place it in the bin at the back of the Church. You are welcome to use a piece of the bulletin as wrapping if you need to. Thank you.

**DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS**

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 10th February in St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6th February to [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@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 3RD/4TH FEBRUARY, 2024		5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	T. Ripa	J. Wein	C. Conolly	S. Naylor
Reader	K. Apap	C. Attard	S. Kavanagh	A. Pennings
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall