



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*
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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:

Friday 6.00pm
Saturday 9.30am

Stations of the Cross

Friday 7.00pm

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.

First Sunday of Lent Year B

11th February, 2024

Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.



Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.

REST GENTLY IN THE LOVE OF GOD.


We have begun Lent and received the invitation to journey with Jesus into the dark places of the human heart. As you rest in God's love, ponder on the darkness that can exist in people's lives and ask yourself if you can be compassionate to that darkness as Jesus was. Ask him for the wisdom to know how to approach your own darkness and how to be with others in their darkness.


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Graphics young-catholics.com

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR February

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and that their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.




ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.	
FIRST READING:	Genesis 9 : 8-15 <i>I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.</i>	
RESPONSE:	Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.	
SECOND READING:	1 Peter 3 : 18-22 <i>The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.</i>	
ACCLAMATION:	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!	
GOSPEL:	Mark 1 : 12-15 <i>He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.</i>	
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.	

 **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**
Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Matthew Simpson as well as William Attard, Matthew and Kathryn Mulhall, Addison Bhinjiani, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.
Sick: Please pray for Jimmy Marinas, Thelma Rayes, Joan Dodd, Roza Galea & Roslyn Wright.

RECONCILIATION AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Every Friday during Lent there will be reconciliation available at 6pm which will then be followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome.


DONATIONS PLEASE
 The back door into the Church has been damaged and there is a crack in the glass. It is a very specific type of glass and we have had a couple of quotes to have it replaced. The cost is around \$4,000- so we are asking for donations to help cover that cost. Any amount that you are able to spare would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to the Parish Office or Father if you want more details.

FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST PROGRAM
 If you have a child in Year 4 or above who has been Baptised and received their First Reconciliation, they are eligible to make their First Eucharist. The program will start with a Parent Information Night at 7pm on Tuesday, 27th February and Wednesday, 28th February in the Church. Only one parent is required to attend one of the meetings. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact Cita or the Parish Office.



MONDAY CLUB LUNCH
 The next lunch will be held on Monday, 18th March. Not the first Sunday of March as previously advised.

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY
 This year, Project Compassion will help people in the Philippines, Samoa and Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, these areas are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes at the back of the Church, at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
 This year the Prayer Service, prepared by the people of Palestine, will be held in St Monica's Richmond at 10.30am on Friday, 1st March. We still do not have a representative for St Matthew's. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office.

ROSTERS 24TH/25TH FEBRUARY, 2024		2ND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: K. and G. Moffitt.		Sacristy: M. Roth and M. Hutchison		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Said	J. Wein	I. Willingham	M. Claravall
Reader	T. Ripa	C. Attard	J. Micallef	S. Tylere
				C. Chalker
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	J. Rapa	G. Claravall