



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

Principal: Mr Greg Maloney

Masses:

Next Weekend:

Sat. Vigil 6.00pm

Sun. 7.30am, 9.00am and 5pm

Weekday:

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am

Adoration:

Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30am

Reconciliation:

Friday 7.30pm

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.

Third Sunday of Lent Year B

3rd March, 2024



Each reading provides us with an example of divine mercy. God's use of Cyrus to deliver the Israelites, even though he was not a believer, shows that every circumstance and any person can demonstrate the scope of God's love. In fact, it is often the situation or the individual that we least expect that has been chosen to manifest God's mercy to us. This same mercy is seen as God brings us to life with Christ even when we were dead in sin.

Mercy means that strict justice is set aside in favour of compassion. Dispossessed people are raised out of defeat and given another chance. Sinners condemned to severe punishment are raised out of despair and offered a reprieve. The whole world is raised up out of darkness when God's own Son is sent into that world as saviour rather than as judge. God's mercy raises us out of loss and hopelessness, out of darkness and sin, so that we might enjoy the blessings of life.

We too have been raised up so that we might live in truth and might become the visible sign of God's mercy in the world. We have been made a new people, free from the restraints of the past. Joined with Christ we become God's handiwork, creations that bear the seal of the great creator. We are the very sacrament of God's mercy. The forgiveness that we have experienced and the new life within us shine forth as witness to the mercy of God.

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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR March

Pope Francis invites all the faithful to pray for those who risk their lives for the Gospel, all over the world, so that they "might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive, and be open to the grace of martyrdom".



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17
The law was given through Moses.

RESPONSE: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING: Paul 1:22-25
We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: John 2:13-25
Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased, (Anniversaries of John Gray, Antonia Ripa, Tony Bugeja) as well as Addison Bhinjiani, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.
Sick: Please pray for Jimmy Marinas, Thelma Rayes, Joan Dodd, Roza Galea & Roslyn Wright.

FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST PROGRAM

For families and children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist, you are advised to attend the Commitment masses happening on Saturday the 2nd of March at 6pm or Sunday the 3rd of March at 9am and on Saturday the 9th of March at 6pm or Sunday the 10th of March at 9am.



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. Thank you to those who have already donated.

PROJECT COMPASSION

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



Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday: March 23/24 (Usual weekend mass times)
Holy Thursday: March 28, 730 pm. (Washing of the feet)
Good Friday: March 29, 10 am: Stations of the Cross at St. Matthew's schoolgrounds; 3pm Good Friday service
Easter Vigil: March 30, 6pm Saturday
Easter Sunday: March 31, 730 am and 9 am. Please note that there will be no 5pm mass.

ROSTERS 9TH/10TH MARCH, 2024		4TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: J. Dimech		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	C. Conolly	C. Chalker
Reader	M. Williams	J. Wein	I. Willingham	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall

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