



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*
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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

17th March, 2024



The moment of eschatological fulfilment gathers together the sense of the past ('the days when Christ was in the flesh'), the future 'the days are coming'), and the present ('the hour has come'). We live in the time when the past and the future are made present; we live in the 'already-but-not-yet' time of anticipation/fulfilment. This is a moment of great ambiguity, of fear and trepidation but of electric excitement. It is a moment of decision. We hover at the edge of dawn, weighing whether or not to step forward into the new day or to return to the darkness of night.

This 'hour' brings a new covenant, a deep interior relationship with God that is not based on law but which overflows from a commitment of the heart. It brings an abundant harvest that springs from a simple grain of wheat. It brings a promise from God's own Son that those who serve him will be honoured by God, and those who obey him will enjoy eternal life.

Although the 'hour' brings all of these blessings, it only does so with a price. The new covenant could only be written on new hearts; the abundant harvest sprang from the dying grain of wheat; eternal salvation was won at the price of Christ's blood. As challenging as the message of these readings may be, the last note is one of hope. It can overcome the demons that control us, because it is the power of the almighty 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: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

RESPONSE: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5: 7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, follow me, says the Lord.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 12:20 -30

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased, Tom Brannon, Peggy Furey (Anniversaries of John Gray, Antonia Ripa, Tony Bugeja) as well as Addison Bhinjiani, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

Sick: Please pray for Judy Rigg Jimmy Marinas, Thelma Rayes, Joan Dodd, Roza Galea & Roslyn Wright.

HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday, we will set up our Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall. May we ask that parishioners lend us some potted plants that can be used to decorate the altar by Tuesday, 26th March. For more info, please contact Fr Raning or the parish office. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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

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 MASSES

Thank you to all who volunteered to help in our upcoming holy week masses. Please contact Fr Raning or Cita Adams in regards to the ministry you have offered to do for further instructions.

ROSTERS 23RD/24TH MARCH, 2024

Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell

PALM /PASSION SUNDAY YEAR B

Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison

MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	H. Sobiesiak	C. Attard	N. McMahon	M. Claravall
Reader	A. Dimech	S. Mackenzie	J Micallef	C. Chalker/S. Tyler
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	J. Rapa	G. Claravall

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