



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 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

Principal: Mr Greg Maloney

Masses:

Easter Weekend:

Sat. Vigil 6.00pm

Sun. 7.30am and 9.00am

Weekday Holy Week:

Tuesday and Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday Lord's Supper 7.00pm

Lord's Passion and Death 3.00pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday 10.00am

Stations of the Cross

Friday 10.00am

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

Palm (Passion) Sunday Year B

24th March, 2024



I love books, plays, films where we see a number of different characters reacting within a story. When we look at the Passion Narratives, especially Mark's, we miss the point if we focus solely on Jesus' suffering and death. In fact, the Narratives make little of Jesus' physical suffering. More emphasis is placed on how people react to Jesus. This is an especial feature of Mark's account.

His Passion account proper begins with the unnamed woman, lavishly pouring costly ointment over Jesus' head. Somehow, she has recognised what all the other disciples have missed: Jesus is going to his death. She gives a most precious gift in response to his most precious gift. At the end of Mark's account stands the Centurion, also unnamed, who is the ultimate witness to Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. This man of violence, who probably supervised the scourging, the ridicule, as well as the crucifixion proper sees 'the Son of God' in the dishonourable failure and death. These two people stand as models of discipleship: one the faithful follower who risks ridicule to show love to Jesus; the other, a hard person transformed, converted to believer.

In between these two figures of faith, we have all sorts of other characters: scheming self-serving priests, a weak politician, frightened disciples, a cocksure Peter shamed at the crow of a cock. These people are written into the story that we might see ourselves there. We know our weakness and failures of character. As we see ourselves echoed in the Passion Narrative, we can remind ourselves that Jesus loved these, all these, and us, to the end.

REST GENTLY IN THE LOVE OF GOD.

As you rest in God's love, ponder on the difficult and challenging times of your life. Recall the times when you have felt abandoned by God. Remember the pain, confusion and alienation that you felt. Now acknowledge that Jesus has known this type of abandonment. As you sit with Jesus, ask his Spirit to guide your heart and mind into the mystery of God's way of dealing with sin and suffering.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50 : 4-7
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: Philippians 2 : 6-11
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Mark 14 : 1 – 15 : 47
The Passion of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Bernard McInerney, (Anniversaries of John Mifsud, Nicola Ripa and Sam Spiteri) as well as Pio Vella, Karen Bartolo, Joseph Dao, Leanne Sultana, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

Sick: Please pray for Jimmy Marinas, Thelma Rayes, Joan Dodd, Roza Galea, Roslyn Wright, Lydia Evans and Grant Leslie.

DONATIONS THANK YOU

We would like to thank parishioners for your amazing generosity. We have raised enough funds to cover the cost of repairing the door at the back of the Church. We also ask that you please pray for Bernard McInerney who recently passed and left a bequest in his will for St Matthew's Catholic Church.

HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday, we will set up the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall. If any parishioner would like to lend us some potted plants that we can use to decorate the altar, please bring them in by Tuesday, 26th March. For more information, please contact Fr Raning or the parish office. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



HOLY WEEK MASSES

Thank you to all who volunteered to help in our upcoming Holy Week Masses. Please contact Fr Raning or Cita Adams for further instructions regarding the ministry you volunteered for.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE 10AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY, WILL BE HELD UNDER THE COVER IN ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL GROUNDS.



LAUNCHING LUKE 24- RICHMOND PARSH YOUTH MINISTRY

Embark on a journey of faith, fun, and friendship at our Catholic Youth Ministry Open Day, where young hearts are invited to discover the joy of community. Welcoming Grades YR 3 to YR 7 and YR 8 to YR 12. In St Monica's Catholic Church from 5.30pm - 7.30pm on Monday, 8th April. For more details, see the flyer at the back of the Church.

PROJECT COMPASSION

As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. Donations can be made through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413



ROSTERS 30TH/31ST MARCH, 2024			EASTER SUNDAY YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.			Sacristy: B. and N. Duff		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM	
Commentator / Reader / Acolyte / Adult Server					
SPECIAL VOLUNTEER ROSTERS					NO MASS