



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.

Second Sunday of Lent Year B

25th February, 2024



If God put on a better show in church, the ratings would go through the roof. Imagine if at every Eucharist, our experience was like the Transfiguration – all of us stunned with the glory, filled with the most awesome fear, an experience so rich and wonderful that, like Peter, we want to stay permanently. Well, maybe not every week. With the assurance that it would happen once a year, many, many people would turn up each and every week. So why doesn't God put on a better show? Why are those insights into the reality of God's love so rare?

I don't know. I do know that if I, and many of us, were running a religion we would make it much more attractive than what it mostly is. Much as we tend to blame the preaching, the translation, the choice of hymns or whatever, God could still put on a fireworks display... and doesn't. What I've come to in my understanding is this. God wants us to:
Come freely offering the love of our hearts,
Come freely, even in the midst of ordinary life,
Come freely, in the midst of suffering,
Come freely, even when the shadows of this world fall away and we see the true reality of God's love underpinning all reality. True love is given freely and God treasures the true love of our hearts so much that he will not coerce our response in love.

REST GENTLY IN THE LOVE OF GOD.

Recall the significant moments in your life – the times when you saw your life as part of something greater. Amongst those moments, focus on one. Slowly recall what happened, where you were, what was happening, how the moment unfolded. As you recall this moment, ask the Spirit to show you what grace it has for you now. What happened then can enrich you now.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au
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: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING: Genesis 22 : 1-2, 9-13, 15-18
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

RESPONSE: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: Romans 8 : 31-34
God did not spare his own Son.

ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Mark 9 : 2-10
This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



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

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.



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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next talk will be held this Thursday, 29th February at 7.30pm in the hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month at 10.30am and bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. Bookings for the talk are required and can be made by contacting the Parish Office.



THIS FRIDAY, 1ST MARCH, THE RECONCILIATION WILL BE HELD AFTER THE 7PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME.

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



CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA 2024 LIFTED LAUNCH

LIFTED Launch 2024 is here! Join young people from across our Diocese for an evening of faith, live music, formation, and announcements. Learn about ways you can meet, connect and 'walk with' other young people | West HQ Rooty Hill, 29th February 2024, 7pm to 9:30pm. Register www.parracatholic.org/liftedlaunch

ROSTERS 2ND/3RD MARCH, 2024		3RD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.		Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.		
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	H. Sobiesiak	C. Attard	S. Kavanagh	S. Naylor
Reader	M. Grosvenor	S. Mackenzie	F. Watkins	A. Pennings
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall

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