



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*
Parish email: windsor@parracatholic.org
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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 5.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am

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

Second Sunday of Easter Year B

7th April, 2024

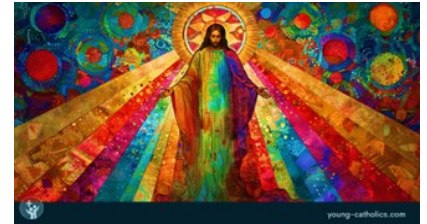
When the Risen Jesus comes to his disciples huddled in the upper room, he gives them three gifts: peace, the Holy Spirit and the power to deal with sin. To deal with sin we need desperately the discernment of the Holy Spirit. It is relatively easy to forgive someone contrite of a clear wrong. We may even 'forget' the offence. The challenge comes in working out how to forgive in the myriad of complex relationships in which we find ourselves. How are we to forgive

- the child or adolescent who clearly needs to learn the consequences of their behaviour in order to mature?
- the older person set in negative ways that cannot be condoned?
- the psychiatrically ill person who causes trauma in the lives of the people around?
- the evil, destructive person who seems to delight in causing pain and destruction?

The list can go on and you will well be able to include your own version of a person whose behaviour cannot be condoned even as we struggle to forgive. To our dismay, there are no pat answers. So often the problem is that we cannot imagine how to act to bring peace and healing to the situation and the people concerned. In a very real sense we have to embrace our woundedness, hold out our scars to the Risen Christ and plead for the Holy Spirit to guide our lives, infuse our hearts, inspire our loving so that we may be lead into the mysterious ways of peace.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

As you rest, recall some of the wounds that you carry in your life. Focus on one wound and bring it before Jesus and ask him to place his hands within that wound. As he places his hands there ask for healing and faith to believe that God's love is with you in your suffering. Rest with those hands upon your pain.



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35
The whole group was united, heart and soul.

RESPONSE: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5 : 1-6
Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20 : 19 -31
After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Patricia Vaughan, Bernard McInerney as well as John Mifsud, Nicola Ripa, Sam Spiteri, Keith Schembri, Charles and Mary Stella Bonanno, Frances Bonanno, Frank Debono, Pio Vella, Karen Bartolo, Joseph Dao, Leanne Sultana, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

MONDAY CLUB MORNING TEA

We will be holding a special meet and greet morning tea this Monday, 8th April at 10am in the hall. Please bring a plate to share.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - First Holy Communion

Just a reminder to parents that the First Holy Communion workshops will be held in the Church on Wednesday, 10th April and Thursday, 11th April at 7pm. If your child is in the First Holy Communion program, please ensure they attend one of the workshops.



HOSPITAL MASSES

Hawkesbury Hospital is changing hands and will no longer be run by St John of God Health Care. Until we have had the opportunity to discuss the possibility of continuing monthly Masses in the chapel with the new management, they will be suspended until further notice. We will know more hopefully in July. We will keep you informed.

SRE COMMISSIONING MASS

The SRE teachers and helpers will be commissioned at the 9am Mass next Sunday, 14th April. All catechists, helpers and their families are invited.



MET FAITHLIFE THEOLOGY SHORT COURSE

Considering learning about theology? Wanting to expand your language for expressing your faith? Seeking ways to deepen the way you put your faith into practice? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Dr John Collins on Tuesdays 16 + 23 + 30 April! For registration, more dates and details get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

YOUTH MASS 'ROUND THE DIOCESE

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, on Sunday 21st April for 6pm. For more information, please contact Sr Christine Ramada CSFN on csfn.cristina@gmail.com



ROSTERS 13TH/14TH APRIL, 2024		THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.		Sacristy: I. Willingham and M/ Hutchison.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	T. Ripa	J. Wein	C. Conolly	C. Chalker
Reader:	M. Grosvenor	C. Attard	T. Victorino	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	Volunteer	F. Watkins	G. Claravall