



# 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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[www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au](http://www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au)  
Office hours next week: 9.30am - 4.30pm  
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:

#### Easter Weekend:

Sat. Vigil 6.00pm  
Sun. 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.00pm

#### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am

#### Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am

#### 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

## Easter Sunday Year B 31st March, 2024



On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

Greg Sunter [www.liturgyhelp.com](http://www.liturgyhelp.com)

### REST GENTLY IN THE LOVE OF GOD.

Consider the events in your daily life that offer you awe. As you encounter these events in the coming week, allow them to open you to the richer life that Jesus offers in his resurrection.

Sr Kym Harris osb [www.prayasyoucan.com.au](http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au)  
Graphics [young-catholics.com](http://young-catholics.com)

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 10 : 34, 37-43  
*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

**RESPONSE:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 3 : 1-4  
*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** John 20 : 1-9  
*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia: therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased 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, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

**HAPPY EASTER**

The Parish Team would like to thank everyone who assisted in our Easter liturgies to help make them meaningful. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all parishioners and their families a happy and peaceful Easter.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. Please return your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes as soon as possible so the money can be forwarded to Caritas.



**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK**

The next talk will be held this Thursday, 4th April at 7.30pm in the hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month and bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office 4577 3073.

**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 program, please ensure they attend one of the workshops.



**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.

**SRE COMMISSIONING MASS**

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



ROSTERS 6TH/7TH APRIL, 2024		SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: K. and G. Moffitt.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	S. Naylor
Reader:	M. Williams	J. Wein	S. Kavanagh	A. Pennings
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	Volunteer	T. Victorino	G. Claravall