



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*
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Office hours next week 9.30am to 4.30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Schools:

St Matthew's Primary Phone: 4560 2300
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 6pm (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

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

5th May, 2024



As a young person, there is nothing better than being in love! Sure, loving your family and being loved by them is pretty important, but to 'fall in love' with someone and have that love returned is something quite extraordinary. Love sets us on fire! To be loved by someone else makes all the tough times endurable; it makes us believe in ourselves because someone else sees something worthwhile within us. It's exciting and it's incredibly life-giving!


This is something of the message that Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples in this week's gospel. He is trying to share with them some understanding of the incredible joy he experiences through his relationship with the Father. And just as he is loved by the Father, so Jesus loves his disciples and so are they invited to share in the love of the Father. Jesus' whole mission and ministry was to share with people the love of God that he knew so intimately. His actions towards the 'lesser ones' of the world was to demonstrate to them that they are not only worthy of love but were already loved. Jesus tells his disciples that all they have to do to constantly remain in his love is to keep his commandments and then he clarifies for them that his only commandment to them is to love one another as Jesus loved. To live in the love of Jesus and know the love of the Father, all we have to do is love one another. It seems simple. The challenge is that we are to love all people – even those who make our lives difficult and unpleasant. As we are told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, 'If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them!' (Lk 6:32; Mt 5:46)

LIVING THE GOSPEL – LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family; my friends; I can even feel love for some people I've never met. But there was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. He loved those that no one loved and he even loved those who hated him and sought his downfall. Can I love those who hate me? Those that others ridicule and despise? Can I love without counting the cost?

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.	
FIRST READING:	Acts 10 : 25-26. 34-35. 44-48 <i>The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.</i>	
RESPONSE:	The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.	
SECOND READING:	1 John 4 : 7-10 <i>God is love.</i>	
ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia.	
GOSPEL:	John 15 : 9-17 <i>No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.</i>	
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.	

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Jacky Prentice, (Anniversaries of Ignatius Vella and Jessie Moloney) as well as Jason Vella, Rita Taylor, Wendy Williams, Agapito Perez, Francis and Carmela Buhagiar, Diana and Ignatius Pereira, Lesley Kilroy, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana and Family

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - First Eucharist

At special Masses last weekend and this weekend, the children who have been preparing, will receive their First Eucharist. Parishioners are asked to please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.



MONDAY SOCIAL CLUB

The next gathering will be this Monday, 6th May at 10am in the Hall. Cost is \$15- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. Everyone is most welcome.

LEGION OF MARY CORNER

We dedicate the month of May to Our Blessed Virgin Mary. To honour Our Lady, we will pray the Rosary half an hour before each weekend Mass. It will be led by the Legion of Mary and will take place on Saturday at 5.30pm and on Sundays at 7am, 8.30am and 4.30pm. Please join in and let us pray together.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and our Holy Spirit Seminarians thank you for your generous support in the formation of our future priests. Our Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal raised around \$2,440-. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

More training opportunities for Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be available throughout May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training> For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CELEBRATING PENTECOST EVE " ANOINTING "

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday 18th May at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, register with link. <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true> . Any inquires email: email@ccrnsw.org.au

ROSTERS 11TH/12TH MAY, 2024		THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	C. Attard	S. Kavanagh	C. Chalker
Reader:	M. Williams	S. Mackenzie	T. Victorino	M. Claravall
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