



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*
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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

Ascension of the Lord Year B

12th May, 2024

Mother's Day



This passage makes up the concluding verses of the Gospel of Mark. Actually, literary criticism of the Mark gospel suggests that the original gospel ended at 16:8 with the women fleeing from the empty tomb in fear. Verses 9-20 appear to be a later addition to the gospel. The community in which this gospel was written expected Jesus to return within their lifetime and so the dramatic and suspenseful conclusion of the gospel at the discovery of the empty tomb makes perfect sense. However, it soon became apparent that Jesus' return was not going to come as soon as the believers had hoped and so the post-resurrection appearances and the commissioning to continue on with Jesus' work became much more important.

If we were to read this passage literally, we would believe that to be a Christian one had to be able to perform exorcisms, speak in tongues, handle snakes, drink poison and heal by touch. If this were literally true, I guess there wouldn't be too many Christians around today! Rather, the purpose of the passage is that Jesus sends his followers out 'to the whole world' to continue his ministry. It is the 'whole world' to which they are sent; not just their cosy little corner of the world but the whole world. It's what Christian people for the last 2,000 years have been called to do: continue Jesus' ministry to the whole world. It's what each and every one of us is called to do today: 'proclaim the Good News to all creation'. That doesn't mean standing on street corners with a Bible in our hands but it means proclaiming the Good News through our everyday actions and by being open and honest about our faith. It means treating all people as Jesus would.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS

Francis of Assisi is credited with saying, 'Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary, use words!' In every interaction we have we say so much about who we are, what we think of the other person and what we believe – even without opening our mouth. Our actions and attitudes proclaim our beliefs more powerfully than our words ever do. If we claim to be concerned about justice and yet behave unjustly then it is our actions, not our words, that will be heard! When we are called to 'proclaim the Good News' we are called to do this first and foremost in action.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 1 : 1-11
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven

RESPONSE: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1 : 17-23
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 16 : 15-20
The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Leticia Esguerra, Carmela Rites, Jacky Prentice, (Anniversaries of William van Vliet, Michael & Josephine Dimech) as well as Ignatius Vella, Jessie Moloney, Rita Taylor, Wendy Williams, Agapito Perez, Francis and Carmela Buhagiar, Lesley Kilroy, Diana and Ignatius Pereira, 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.

SUPPLY PRIESTS

Fr Raining will be away for three weeks and visiting Priests will be assisting with weekday and weekend Masses. Please make them feel welcome.

PARISH PARKING

We are requesting that parishioners please don't park in the driveway of the Church. You are welcome to drop off someone, but then please park elsewhere. Also, if you park in the Presbytery grounds, at the front, the garden fence facing the hotel can only accommodate three cars. If more cars are parked there, it blocks the driveway to the back of the presbytery. So for the convenience of others and the priest, please only park three cars along that fence. Thank you.



SYNOD 2023 UPDATE: LOCAL THINK TANK SESSIONS FROM MAY-JUNE

Parishes and other local faith communities across the diocese are holding local Think Tank Sessions, giving local leaders and anyone involved in ministry to offer feedback on the Draft of the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church, and contribute ideas for the practical implementation of our Diocesan Plan. Visit the website parracatholic.org/synod for more information.

CELEBRATE LAUDATO SI' WEEK: SEEDS OF HOPE (16-24 MAY)



Are you ready to sow "Seeds of Hope"? Join the Catholic Church around Australia and worldwide in celebrating Laudato Si' Week: 16th to 24th May 2024. This annual commemoration of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' encourages us to care more deeply for God's creation. You can find useful resources via <https://linktr.ee/met.pje>



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>

ROSTERS 18TH/19TH MAY, 2024		PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: K. and G. Moffitt.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	C. Conolly	A. Pennings
Reader:	M. Grosvenor	M. Allen	J. Rapa	S. Naylor
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. McMahan	G. Claravall