



# 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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### **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

## *Third Sunday of Easter Year B*

*14th April, 2024*

This passage from the gospel of Luke immediately follows the magnificent story of the road to Emmaus and the risen Jesus' appearance to two disciples. Rather than hearing that story we have this account that follows; an account that is very similar to the passage of last week in which Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples and dispelled the doubts of Thomas. This week's reading is almost identical except that it does not place the blame of doubt on just one single disciple. This reading was possibly selected to focus on the fact that it shows the risen Jesus appearing to all of the disciples and not just two.

However, what this account gives us that last week's account from the gospel of John did not, is a powerful message about understanding scripture. In the final verses of the passage, Jesus reveals to the disciples that his presence with them is what he'd been talking about when he'd spoken about the fulfilment of the scriptures. And then, 'He opened their minds to understand the scriptures.' This is an important gospel indication that the scriptures are to be read for understanding and for meaning. It is imperative that we delve into the scriptures and look for meaning rather than a surface, literal interpretation that is prominent in much of society today. When we only read the scriptures 'literally' i.e. accepting the exact wording as literally true, we deny the depth and breadth of the scriptural messages that are conveyed through image, metaphor, irony and other forms of figurative speech as well as ignoring the rich contextual information that is often hidden within and behind the text. Jesus' enlightenment of the disciples makes plain the importance of 'understanding' scripture not just blindly accepting it.

### **HAVE YOU THOUGHT? IS 'LITERAL' WRONG?**

Is there really something intrinsically wrong about a literal interpretation of scripture? Not at all! It is indeed an essential tool of any scriptural interpretation. It is of course important that we first and foremost understand the text as it is written – we have to have a literal understanding of the words that are used and what they mean. The problem arises when this is as far as we go. If we stop at this stage then we are shutting ourselves off from the richness of the scriptures. If we fail to dig below the surface then we are denying ourselves the opportunity of scrutinising our lives in the light of the scripture.



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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 3 : 13-15. 17-19  
*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

**RESPONSE:** Lord, let your face shine on us.

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 2 : 1-5  
*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the world.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 24 : 35-48  
*It was written that Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, 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, Kayley McGavin, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Shirley Said, Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana.

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

**CATECHIST SUNDAY**

This weekend in our parish we are celebrating Catechist Sunday. With over 5,000 volunteers reaching out over 100,000 Catholic students in public primary schools each week in NSW and ACT, catechists form the largest volunteer team within the Church. Catechists come from all walks of life, from mums to retired magistrates and from students to doctors, and are united by one goal – to ensure that all the children of our Parish hear of God's great love for them. There are still more children that we could be reaching! Can you give around an hour of your time a week to teach or help out in a classroom? Celebrate with us this weekend the gift of the Catechist ministry and please speak to one of the Catechists if you would like to get involved.

**SCHOOLS WHERE HELP IS DESPERATELY NEEDED:**

|               |           |                   |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------|
| BLIGH PARK    | Tuesday   | 2:00 and 2:30pm   |
| EBENEZER      | Thursday  | 9:30am            |
| GLOSSODIA     | Wednesday |                   |
| MARAYLYA      | Wednesday | 11:15 and 11:50am |
| MAROOTA       | Thursday  | 9:10am            |
| OAKVILLE      | Wednesday | 2:15 and 2:45pm   |
| PITT TOWN     | Tuesday   | 11:15 and 11:45am |
| SOUTH WINDSOR | Friday    | 1:45pm            |
| WILBERFORCE   | Wednesday | 2:30 and 3:00pm   |
| WINDSOR PARK  | Tuesday   |                   |
| WINDSOR       | Wednesday | 11:40am           |

**HOSPITAL MASSES**

Hawkesbury Hospital is changing hands and will no longer be run by St John of God Health Care. In view of this, the Hospital Masses will be suspended until further notice. When we know more, we will let you know.

**BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL**

**For Our Holy Spirit Seminarians**

Will you support our seminarians to "go out into the deep" and serve? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal which will be held at all Masses next weekend. There is an envelope attached to this bulletin for you to complete and return next weekend. Thank you.



| ROSTERS 20TH/21ST APRIL, 2024 |              | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B |            |                     |
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| Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.   |              | Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.      |            |                     |
| Masses:                       | 6.00pm       | 7.30am                         | 9.00am     | 5.00pm              |
| Commentator:                  | M. Said      | C. Attard                      | N. McMahon | A. Pennings         |
| Reader:                       | H. Sobiesiak | M. Allen                       | J. Rapa    | S. Naylor / R Xerri |
| Acolyte/Adult Server          | J. Dimech    | Volunteer                      | T. McMahon | G. Claravall        |