



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 closed until 9.30am 29th April.

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:

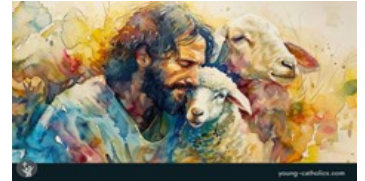
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays each month.

Marriages:

By appointment

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

21st April, 2024



In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to his voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

Fr Michael Tate www.liturgyhelp.com

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

When you are quiet, focus on the way Jesus calls you by name. You may feel that you haven't heard this clearly enough to describe it but one way to 'hear' it is to remember the times when you have felt love or growth or joy or some other positive strong emotion that was life giving.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au
Graphics.young-catholics.com

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the Word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 4 : 8-12
This is the only name by which we can be saved.

RESPONSE: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3 : 1-2
We shall see God as he is.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 10 : 11-18
The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia!



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Patricia Vaughan as well as (Anniversary of Jason Vella), Keith Schembri, John Mifsud, Charles & Mary Stella Bonanno, Frances Bonanno, Frank Debono, Kayley McGavin, Shirley Said, Charlie & Grace Vella, Felix & Maree Sammut.

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

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

Because of ANZAC Day, the next Baptismal talk will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 24th March in the Parish hall.

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 this weekend or via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Thank you.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. Our Parish raised just over \$1600. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

HOLY HOUR - For Youth and Young Adults 28th April

The Mount Schoenstatt community invite young and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7pm to 8pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, followed by a social gathering afterwards. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. For more information, please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au



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 27TH/28TH APRIL, 2024		FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	L. Buchanan	M. Claravall
Reader:	A. Dimech	J. Wein	J. Micallef	S. Tylere
				C. Chalker
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	Volunteer	J. Rapa	G. Claravall