



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

The Most Holy Trinity Year B *26th May, 2024*



One of the things we often hear in times of domestic, local or international crisis is that 'everyone pulled together'. We are rightly proud, and a few times amazed, at how people can set aside their differences and strive for the common good. Sometimes this experience of working together has the long-lasting benefit of breaking down boundaries. Other times, sadly, old enmities, prejudices and suspicions return when the crisis is over.

Trinity Sunday celebrates that whether we are in crisis or not, in season and out of season, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit do nothing but 'pull together' to love and save us. What we glimpse as the best attribute of our family, town or nation defines who our Christian God is, and what they see, how they judge and the way they act toward the world.

A famous icon of the Trinity depicts the three persons at a table where there are four place settings. The final place, in the lower half of the painting, invites the viewer to take the seat and join them. It's profound theology and masterful art, but we can quickly misunderstand it.

We are not just personally invited to join in the very life of God, and pull together with them in their loving and saving of the world. The seat at the table is reserved for all of humanity.

In practical terms it is impossible to profess belief in the Trinity, on the one hand, and then work at things which pull the human family apart, on the other. It is scandalous to hold to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and be known as racist, bigoted and sexist, to not care about refugees or those who die each day of starvation. We cannot keep signing ourselves in the name of a Triune God and then work hard at getting richer and more secure while the rest of humanity grow poorer and lack the necessities for human dignity. Ghandi once said, 'I love the New Testament and the Christian ideas about God and I would take the waters of Christian baptism tomorrow if I saw Christians practise what they preach.'


Trinity Sunday is not about theological mathematics, working out how three goes into one. It's about gaining the strength at this Eucharist to pull together to see that all of God's children have the opportunity to hear the good news of how much God loves us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and so can take their privileged place at God's table. Most people will learn about the saving love of God primarily through the way they observe us seeing, judging and acting.

It's not by accident that in our Catholic tradition the usual moment we invoke the Trinity is when we make the sign of the cross. It reminds us that 'we cannot have our cake and eat it too'. Every time we profess the Trinity we recommit ourselves to die to self so that God's saving love may be realised for everyone, everywhere.

So let's not only profess our belief in the three persons that make up our one God, but live the life that goes with it, 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'

Richard Leonard SJ www.liturgyhelp.com

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.	
FIRST READING:	Deuteronomy 4 : 32-34 , 39-40 <i>The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.</i>	
RESPONSE:	Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.	
SECOND READING:	Romans 8 : 14-17 <i>You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!</i>	
ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia.	
GOSPEL:	Matthew 28 : 16-20 <i>Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.</i>	
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.	

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Margaretha La Garde, Mary Grima, Leticia Esguerra, Carmela Rites, Jacky Prentice, (Anniversary of David Moss) as well as Robert Hibberd Snr, Noel Smith, Michael and Josephine Dimech, 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.



THE SOCIAL CLUB
The next meeting will be held on Monday, 3rd June in the hall, starting at 10am. Cost is \$15 per person which covers morning tea and lunch. Don't forget to bring your craft items.

BAPTISM PREPARATION TALK
The next talk will be held this Thursday, 30th May at 7.30pm in the hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sunday of each month and bookings for the Baptisms are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made through the Parish office.



YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT
The next event from the Western Deanery Young Adults team will be held on Friday 31st May 2024, 7pm at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood. The topic is Catholic Dating and the speaker will be Michael Jaksic. All young adults between 18 and 30 are invited to come along. For more information see their facebook page or the poster at the back of the Church.

DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE OFFERINGS IN 2024
The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a variety of single-day and weekend residential retreats throughout 2024. For more information and bookings, please contact (02) 4372 1598 or email dr retreatreg@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org for more information.



WINBOURNE BEING PENTECOST PEOPLE REFLECTION DAY
The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day 'Being Pentecost People' on Saturday 8th June from 9.30am to 3pm. After his resurrection, with the admonition from the Last Supper to 'be Him', Jesus Christ still calls us towards both contemplative and active life. Cost is \$30 per person, BYO Lunch. For more information or to book, contact (02) 4773 5555 or email info@winbourne.org

ROSTERS 1ST/2ND JUNE, 2024		THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	T. Ripa	C. Attard	L. Buchanan	S. Naylor
Reader:	M. Williams	S. Mackenzie	F. Watkins	A. Pennings
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. Victorino	D. Edgar