



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 Body and Blood of Christ Year B *2nd June, 2024*



There was, and maybe still is, a piece of graffiti near Central Station in Sydney. 'What you eat and drink today, walks and talks tomorrow.' Behind the message is the recognition that what we eat affects what we become. Food becomes us.

The food that Jesus gives, his very Body and Blood, works in the opposite way. This food does not become us, rather we are transformed into this food. Just as Jesus draws his life from the Father, this food will make us draw life from Jesus. With this food we become what we eat. It is a power for unity in our lives – firstly, with God and then, with other people. It is a power that we can draw on in the ordinary circumstances of life – and in the extraordinary and difficult situations we have to deal with.

In many religions, food offerings, usually the first or the best food, are made to the gods. In the Eucharist, it is God who makes the offering to us....and it is the finest food...but with a twist on our understanding of what is best. The separation of the Body and the Blood reveals that this is a sacrifice and one that cost more than a little. Rather it cost Jesus what was most precious for him– his very life. His sacrifice was a violent death that resulted from human sinfulness. In the Eucharist Jesus offers this sacrifice to us as a food that can sustain in the difficult situations of life: in the experience of loss, of illness, of marital problems, of personal failure and in the face of sin. The presence of Jesus' life is not meant to be something we encounter only when we attend Sunday Eucharist but rather it is a grace for good that we can consciously draw on throughout our week and beyond. Jesus wants to give us the richness of God's life in all the circumstances of our lives but he will not force this upon us. In what ever happens to us, we need to put out our hand, receive his 'food' and say 'Amen'.

SIT QUIETLY WITH YOUR GOD, RESTING IN THE DIVINE LOVE.

Recognise that in the Eucharist Jesus shows how close God wants to be with us, healing and loving us.

What are the parts of yourself that you want to close off from God? What causes you shame or embarrassment? Resting in God's love, bring out one part of yourself and hold it between you and God. Simply say to yourself – God wants to love this too...and let it be there. Let it be there and let God's love deal with it in God's own time.

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING: Exodus 24 : 3-8
This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

RESPONSE: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9 : 11-15
The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26
This is my body. This is my blood.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Anton Skraban, Margaretha La Garde and Mary Grima as well as David Moss, Robert Hibberd Snr, Noel Smith, Antoinette Buttigieg, Anthony Buhagiar, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana and Family

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

THE SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club will meet this Monday, 3rd June at 10am in the hall. Please bring your craft items such as needle, thread, scissors, material scraps, two buttons and two old CDs. There will be spares if you don't have these items. Come and enjoy good company and good food.

PEACE, JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY TABLE TALK "REFUGEE WEEK: FINDING FREEDOM"

To begin Refugee Week, you are invited to a Diocesan Table Talk: Hear and discuss inspiring stories from people who have come to Australia as refugees. Participate in meaningful small group conversations and play a role in co-creating more understanding and welcome for refugees: Sunday, 16th June 2024, 11:30am - 2:30pm (after 10:30am Mass), St Andrew the Apostle Parish Marayong. A light lunch will be provided. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/refugee-table-talk24>



MISSIONARIES OF GOD'S LOVE AWAKE DAY RETREAT

Awaken to a renewed experience of God's love and rediscover the joy of your life with the Risen Jesus during the day retreat with the MGL sisters on Saturday 15th June from 9am to 4pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Varroville from 9am – 4pm. It includes praise, inputs from the sisters, time for silent prayer, Reconciliation and prayer ministry as a group. Registration is \$25 and BYO lunch. To register, please visit <http://www.trybooking.com/CNTCH>

THE JOURNEY

Is a weekly program developed by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong and is the only Catholic radio program in Australia aired on general Christian radio. This Week: Fr Mike Delaney says that the broken body of Christ builds unity and community. Plus, much more. The Journey podcast is available at www.jcr.org.au.



BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S PROJECT ELIZABETH

Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal which will be held at all Masses next weekend.

ROSTERS 8TH/9TH JUNE, 2024		10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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:	M. Grosvenor	S. Mackenzie	C. Conolly	C. Chalker
Reader:	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	T. Victorino	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall