



# 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*  
Sacramental Coordinator: *Ms Cita Adams*  
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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

## *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

*16th June, 2024*



The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

Dianne Bergant CSA [www.liturgyhelp.com](http://www.liturgyhelp.com)

### **REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.**

Consider the situations in your life when you have had to be patient – to wait for what was happening to run its course. Perhaps it was waiting for a birth, for a death, for an event to take place. Choose one of those events and slowly recall what happened over the period of time. Can you recall the emotions you had? What did you learn about yourself in the process of waiting? Did it contribute to your ability to live through the event when it happened? Now consider situations in your present life about which you must be patient. Can you bring your knowledge from the past to these situations? Open yourself to the ways God could be bringing about growth now.

Sr Kym Harris osb [www.prayasyoucan.com.au](http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au)  
Graphics: [youngcatholics.com](http://youngcatholics.com)

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.  
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God my Saviour!

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 17 : 22- 24  
*I have made the small tree great.*

**RESPONSE:** Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 5 : 6-10  
*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 4 : 26- 34  
*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Terry Young (Eileen Allen's brother) and Anton Skraban, (Anniversaries of Brian Parsons, Carmen and Carmelo Grima) as well as Fr Maurice McNamara, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Keith Schembri, Antoinette Buttigieg, Anthony Buhagiari, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana and Family.

**Sick:** Please pray for Jimmy Marinas, Thelma Rayes, Joan Dodd, Roza Galea, Roslyn Wright, Lydia Evans, Grant Leslie, Fely Watkins, Christopher Sales, Maggie Abraham and Kevin Hawkins.

**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. If you were unable to donate last weekend, there are envelopes available to use at the back of the Church which can be placed in the box or in either collection during Mass.



**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

The next set of Planned Giving Envelopes are available for collection at the back of the Church. Please take your set home with you after Mass. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program and receive a set of envelopes, or make donations via your credit or savings account, please contact the Parish Office during office hours on 4577 3073.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Confirmation**

If you have a child in Year 5 or older who has been Baptised and received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion, they are now eligible to make their Confirmation. There will be a parent information meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, 25th June and Wednesday, 26th June in the Church. Only one parent needs to attend one meeting. Please spread to word. Bookings are required for the meetings and can be made by contacting Cita or the Parish office.



**LEGION OF MARY: WINDSOR PRAESIDIUM-OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**

On Sunday, 30th June, the 9am Mass will be a thanksgiving Mass for the 10th Year Anniversary of the Legion of Mary in our parish. All active and auxiliary members are requested to attend this Mass to celebrate with the parish. Morning tea will be provided by the Legion of Mary after to Mass so please bring a plate of food to share. For enquiries, contact: Fely – 0481 373 579 or Tony - 0488 110 111

ROSTERS 22ND/23RD JUNE, 2024		12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
<b>Masses:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>
<b>Commentator:</b>	M. Grosvenor	C. Attard	S. Kavanagh	M. Claravall
<b>Reader:</b>	M. Williams	S. Mackenzie	J. Micallef	S. Tylere
				C. Chalker
<b>Acolyte/Adult Server</b>	T. Jordan	J. Coco	J. Rapa	G. Claravall