



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*
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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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B *7th July, 2024*

This Sunday's Gospel is one of the saddest in the New Testament. Jesus returns home, with his disciples, as a teacher and preaches in the synagogue.



At first, all looks promising. They recognise his wisdom and power. They marvel, realising that something more than human is at work in him, and they discuss. Then something goes wrong. Is it that they were challenged by his teaching? They couldn't remain the same, listening to Jesus. Conversion was at the heart of his teaching. But you can just hear that first criticism: 'But he is only a tradesman!' then 'We know his Mum!' And it goes downhill from there. You can be sure that the relatives named were not the best people in town. Notice, there is no objection to his teaching or to his miracles. Rather than be honest and admit that his teaching is challenging they find anything they can to ridicule him. Then they close off. Interesting, here. Jesus could face the storm and calm it, confront the demonic and free him, heal sickness and overcome death but against indifference, coldness and disinterest, he is powerless. His love, divine love is constrained by human indifference. This should give us serious pause. He, who will confront death and overcome it, is powerless in the face of indifference and rejection. Maybe we should all pause. Maybe this is an area in which we should often examine our conscience: with whom and regarding what, am I indifferent. For where we are indifferent, we know God's love is not at work there.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

It was the ordinariness of Jesus that was a scandal to his townsfolk. They could not believe that the power of God could come in someone as ordinary as themselves. Ask yourself, who do you not listen to? Whose opinions do you dismiss without consideration? Ask yourself, why? In what way do you think Jesus could try to teach you through those people?

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.



FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2 : 2-5

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

RESPONSE: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12 : 7-10

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. . Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased John Young as well as Leticia Esguerra, Jacob Borg, Tom Allen, Flaviana Mari, Filipe Mari Snr, Antwann Borg, Karen Bartolo, Bernard Axiak, Rita and Christino Teuma, 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 & Kevin Hawkins

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION

We would like to thank parishioners for their generosity at last weekend collection. The Parish raised \$1,173- for the Holy Father's charitable works.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Confirmation

This weekend, the 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday Masses will be commitment Masses for the children enrolled in the Confirmation program. Please make the children and their families feel welcome.



ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

On this first weekend in July, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. This is then followed by NAIDOC week . The 2024 theme is "Keep the Fire Burning: Strong in Faith",

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION

To commemorate NAIDOC Week, 7-14 July, you are warmly invited to a family-friendly celebration hosted by Holy Family Parish and others on Thursday 11th July from 10am to 3pm at the Holy Family site, 252 Luxford Rd, Emerton. All are welcome .

SERVING AT THE ALTAR SEMINAR

The Office for Worship is hosting a seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) on "Back to Basics of Serving at the Altar" on Saturday, 3rd August from 9.30am to 3pm in the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. To RSVP by 31 July, contact lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.



INQUIRY EVENING

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, learning more about the Catholic faith, or know of someone who is, we will be holding our Inquiry Evening at 7pm on Monday, 30th September in the Parish hall. Actual sessions will start on 14th October. If you are interested or want more information, please contact the Parish office 4577 3073.

ROSTERS 13TH/14TH JULY, 2024		15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Grosvenor	C. Attard	N. McMahon	M. Claravall
Reader:	H. Sobiesiak	S. Mackenzie	J. Micallef	C. Chalker
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall