



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
www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au
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:

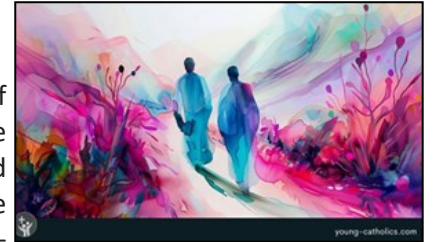
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays each month.

Marriages:

By appointment

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

14th July, 2024



This account of the sending out of the twelve disciples appears in the three gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and so originates from the Gospel of Mark. It is a commissioning of the disciples to spread the ministry of Jesus – teaching, healing and casting out demons. It seems rather harsh conditions under which Jesus sends out his disciples. They are to carry nothing but a staff – a walking stick – and to trust completely to the hospitality that they will encounter. For the disciples going out on their mission, it is a challenge to their faith and their trust that God will provide for them. The act of sending out the disciples can also be seen as a challenge to the towns and people that the disciples visited. A challenge for them to fulfil their duty of hospitality – of welcoming the stranger and caring for those in need. By travelling without a ‘fallback position’ the disciples are utterly at the mercy of those they encounter but there is an implicit demand on the other to extend hospitality to the one who seeks it.

How would the disciples be greeted in our world today if they arrived in a country or town with no food, no possessions and calling on the hospitality of the place in which they had arrived? Does this sound familiar? There are refugees and asylum seekers who arrive on our borders and seek the hospitality of our country. They are fleeing inhospitality – often starvation, war, persecution, poverty – and they ask for welcome and hospitality. Unfortunately, in the culture of fear and intolerance that has developed, they are not met with welcome and hospitality; they are met with obstacles, rejection and ill treatment.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – TRAVELLING LIGHT

Jesus made it plain to the disciples that they were to travel unencumbered by the extras of life. In fact they were to carry next to nothing and rely on the goodness of others. The challenge to travel lightly through life is a difficult one in a world today that is dominated by material possessions. In the race between the ‘haves’ and ‘have nots’ the ‘haves’ are way out in front. The gospel passages challenges us to think about the ‘things’ with which we burden ourselves. What is really necessary to live a good life and follow Jesus?

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

Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING: Amos 7 : 12-15
Go, prophecy to my people.

RESPONSE: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1 : 3-14
Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 6 : 7-13
He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

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 as well as 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

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Declan Edger who will be commissioned as an Acolyte at the 5pm Mass this Sunday. May God bless him as he takes on his new role of service to the Parish.

MARIST CAMINO

All parishioners are invited to commemorate the first Marist Fourviere Pledge in France 1816 by joining this Marist Camino. Starting at Milsons Point with the acknowledgement of country, walking across the harbour bridge, lunch at St Patrick's Church Hill, travel via bus to Hunters Hill, and a final Fourviere liturgy at Holy Name of Mary. This is a FREE event. Go to www.maristlaityaustralia.com/fourviere for more information.



TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENING

You are invited to a Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening with keynote speaker John Lochowiak, Chair of NATSICC. The event will reflect on the 2023-24 Social Justice Statement "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People", and is hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay, Parramatta and Archdiocese of Sydney: 25th July 2024, 6pm, The Epping Club (45-47 Rawson St, Epping). Please register by 17 July at trybooking.com/ctcfo

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 27th July at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens for Modules 1-3. More training opportunities will be available throughout August and September. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org



ACBC ABSENT FROM THE TABLE SURVEY

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass. The survey is for those who self-identify as Catholics and are 18 years and over and who do not regularly attend weekly Mass on Sunday. It is anonymous and takes between 6-10 minutes to complete. The survey and information about the project can be found at <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey> and will close on 20 August. We ask parishioners to encourage family and friends who are in this category to please participate. Thank you.

ROSTERS 20TH/21ST JULY, 2024		16TH 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. Said	S. Mackenzie	S. Kavanagh	A. Pennings
Reader/s:	A. Dimech	M. Allen	T. Victorino	S. Naylor / R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	J. Rapa	D. Edgar