



# 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:*

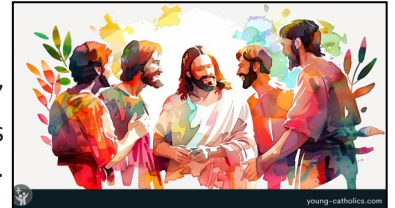
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays each month.

#### *Marriages:*

By appointment

## *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

*21st July, 2024*



Fifty years ago the word 'stress' was only ever applied to materials like steel and the wings of planes. But since then, along with 'pressure', it has first crept into our language and more lately become an everyday term. Everyone experiences stress now. You can even hear Grade One students talk about the stress they're under at school! Perhaps it's the ever-growing pace of life or an innate competitiveness but pressure and stress have become part of daily life for most people in the so-called civilized world. Although he may never have used the words 'stress' or 'pressure', Jesus knew all about the demands of ministry with other people. When the disciples returned from their first efforts away from Jesus he knew that they needed some time out to debrief, to pray and to re-energise themselves. He ordered them all into a boat and they headed for a lonely place where they could be by themselves and rejuvenate. Jesus recognized the importance of taking time out. If you are engaged in a vocation or ministry that sees you meeting the needs of others, you need some time out to reflect on your experiences; time to hold those people up to God in prayer; time to make sense of your work and the interactions you've shared; time to simply recharge your batteries so that you can once again give fully of yourself.

Unfortunately, when Jesus arranged for himself and the disciples to have some time out, the crowd anticipated where they were going and actually beat them there! When the disciples arrived at their lonely spot, they were once again overwhelmed by the crowd. However, Jesus recognized the demands of the crowd as being more urgent than the demands of the disciples and himself. He took pity on them – he was moved by compassion – and responded to their need.

### **LIVING THE GOSPEL – TAKE TIME OUT**

I recently travelled to France and was amazed that in the smaller towns and villages everything stopped for two hours in the middle of the day and people went home for lunch. As a tourist used to almost 24 hour convenience, it was at first terribly frustrating. Even tourist attractions would close down. The only businesses open were restaurants. However, the wisdom of the custom soon became apparent. How wonderfully civilized and life-giving to stop for two hours in the middle of the day, go home and have a leisurely lunch. It made me ask myself, 'When do I take time out to renew myself?'

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name,  
O Lord, for it is good.



**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 23 : 1-6  
*The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them  
back to their pastures.*

**RESPONSE:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 2 : 13-18  
*Christ, our peace, has made us one.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them,  
and they follow me. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 6 : 30-34  
*They were as sheep without a shepherd*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Bishop Kevin Manning, as well as Antwan Borg, Karen Bartolo, Bernard Axiak, Rita and Christion Teuma, Carmelo Magro, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana and Family.

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

**SEA SUNDAY**

This week we celebrate Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK**

Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month at 10.30am and bookings for the Baptisms are made at the talk. The next talk will be held at 7.30pm this Thursday, 25th July in the hall. Bookings are required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office 4577 3073.



**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL**

Next weekend, you are invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require. The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. This Appeal will be held at all Masses next weekend so please come prepared to give generously.

**SAFEGUARDING KIDS ART COMPETITION**

As part of our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people! Children and young people aged between 5 and 19 are invited to produce an artwork around the theme "My Church community is a safe place for me". Entries close on Friday 26th July. For more information and to enter, please visit [parracatholic.org/artcompetition](http://parracatholic.org/artcompetition)



**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. Go to <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey> for the survey and information. Closes 20th August.

| ROSTERS 27TH/28TH JULY, 2024              |             | 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B      |              |                          |
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| Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell. |             | Sacristy: I Willingham and M. Hutchison. |              |                          |
| Masses:                                   | 6.00pm      | 7.30am                                   | 9.00am       | 5.00pm                   |
| Commentator:                              | T. Ripa     | J. Wein                                  | C. Conolly   | C. Chalker               |
| Reader/s:                                 | M. Williams | C. Attard                                | F. Watkins   | S. Tylere / M. Claravall |
| Acolyte/Adult Server                      | T. Jordan   | J. Coco                                  | T. Victorino | G. Claravall             |