



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:

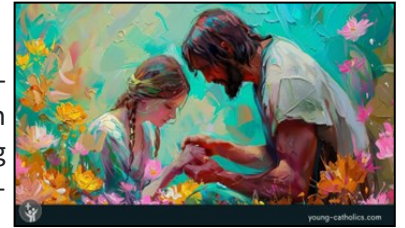
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays each month.

Marriages:

By appointment

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

30th June, 2024



This week's gospel passage presents two miracle accounts, one, in effect, 'interrupting' or being framed by the other. Jesus is approached by the synagogue official, Jairus, to come and heal his dying daughter. In the milling and surging crowd, Jesus suddenly becomes aware of being touched by someone. The story of the woman with a haemorrhage is a story of social and religious isolation as much as it is a story of illness and pain. Because of the Jewish prohibitions against blood, the woman would have been regarded as permanently impure and unclean. She would have been unable to engage in any worship; she could not touch another person without also making them unclean; she was effectively outcast for the 12 years of her illness. She knew it would be forbidden for her to touch Jesus openly but took her chances of being unobserved in the crowd – she risked all on the belief that even touching Jesus' cloak might heal her. Jesus immediately stopped and drew attention to the woman. By doing so he made it clear to her that it was her faith that had healed her (a feature of healing stories in the Gospel of Mark). His actions also made it clear to the crowd that she was now healed and should not be shunned any longer; she was publicly declared fit to re-enter society and religious participation. After 12 years of virtual non-existence, the woman was now able to begin her life again. The delay, however, meant that Jairus' daughter was dead by the time Jesus arrived. Undeterred, Jesus performs another miracle and raises the girl from death. The girl was 12 years old – the same 12 years the woman suffered with a haemorrhage – and now she too was able to begin her life again. There is a neatness and a completeness about the two stories.

GOSPEL FOCUS – A LESSON IN FAITH

Although Jairus obviously believed that Jesus might be able to do something to help heal his daughter, once news came that she had died he needed a strong reminder from Jesus to not be afraid and to have faith. Was it the example of the woman's faith in Jesus that gave Jairus the strength to continue to believe? When they arrive at the house the mourners laugh at Jesus and are consequently excluded from witnessing the miraculous raising. Since they don't have faith, they are not given the opportunity to witness faith in action.

Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING: Wisdom 1 : 13-15; 2 : 23-24

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

RESPONSE: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8 : 7,9, 13-15

Your abundance should supply their want.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 5 : 21-43

Young girl, I say to you, arise

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased John and Terry Young as well as Tom Allen, Jacob Borg, Flaviana Mari, Filipe Mari Snr, Brian Parsons, Carmen and Carmelo Grima, Antwann Borg, Karen Bartolo, Leticia Esguerra, 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

SOCIAL CLUB

The next meeting will be this Monday, 1st July in the Hall at 10am. Come along and enjoy good food and conversations with old friends or maybe make some new ones. All parishioners are welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Confirmation

This weekend, the 9am Sunday Mass and next 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.



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

This weekend, the Legion of Mary is celebrating 10 years in the Parish. All parishioners are invited to join them for morning tea following the 9am Mass.

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION

On the Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul we are requested to have a collection for the Holy Father to help his mission of supporting his many charitable works in favour of individuals and families in difficulty, populations affected by natural disasters, wars or in need of humanitarian assistance or development. Thanks to the donations to Peter's Pence last year, the Pope's mission helped finance 192 projects in 72 countries. Your generosity to this annual collection being held at all Masses this weekend, will be appreciated.



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. Chris Ohlsen will revisit some of the basic principles in serving at the altar. 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 6TH/7TH JULY, 2024		14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.		Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	J. Wein	M. Grosvenor	S. Naylor
Reader:	M. Williams	C. Attard	I. Willingham	A. Pennings
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	F. Watkins	D. Edgar