



# 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

## *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

*4th August, 2024*

Faith: just how are we to believe? Certainly not with the attitudes of 'the Jews' in this Gospel: readily complaining, arrogant in their limited knowledge of Jesus and quick to ridicule what they didn't understand.



In contrast, when Jesus describes the person who believes, he uses a number of verbs that imply openness, receptivity and interaction: being drawn, being taught, hearing, learning. The first verb –drawn– is interesting. We are drawn to what attracts and delights us. Something good appeals to us and seems to reach down within us and impel us to come close, even to commit ourselves to that good. There is always an element of mystery – a mystery that yields even deeper results as it is pondered.

What draws you to God? What attracts or delights you about God? These are good questions to ask ourselves. Each one's answer will be personal and intimate. To find it takes times being quiet and still with God.

One thing I discovered doing this (and I think would hold true for all) is that where I take delight in God is where God delights in me. The particular qualities with which he has created me are the qualities by which I am drawn to love and worship. Such a discovery feeds the heart with hope and assuages our deepest thirst for meaning. When we enter into our delight in God, we enter into eternal life – even in this world.

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

When you are rest, ponder on how God draws you close. What do you find attractive about God? How does God lure you to come close and trust in the divine embrace? How does God delight in you? What are the places in your life where God has left the traces of his life and love?

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.**

### **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST**

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 16 : 2-4. 12-15  
*I will rain bread from heaven upon you.*

**RESPONSE:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 4 : 17, 20-24  
*Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** John 6 : 24-35  
*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Bishop Kevin Manning as well as Carol Peare Bill and Jean Peare, Bob and Jan Caleo, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, John and Katrina Cuda, Len and Dawn Rynne, 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

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL**  
We would like to thank parishioners for their generosity at last weekends appeal. The Parish raised \$2,550- for the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people in need. If you were unable to donate last weekend, there are still envelopes available at the back of the Church.

**MONDAY SOCIAL CLUB**  
Will meet this Monday, 5th August in the hall. Cost is \$15- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. All parishioners are most welcome to come and enjoy the food and company.



**LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH**  
The Diocese of Parramatta is excited to announce that the launch and release of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church is only one week away, on Saturday 10th August. The pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 15 months. For more information, visit [parracatholic.org/synodality](http://parracatholic.org/synodality).

**INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL**  
St Joseph's Church in Kingswood will be holding an International Food Festival fundraiser on Sunday, 11th August from 11.30am till 2.30pm. There will be a variety of foods, games, stalls and jumping castle. All parishioners are invited to come for a nice day out.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL**  
At all Masses next weekend, we will be holding the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Last year St Vincent de Paul visited over 500 homes from Bilpin to Wisemans Ferry offering assistance in the way of food, rent or bills. Please come prepared to help those in need next weekend.

**#ACTIVE4VOCATIONS AT THE CITY2SURF**  
Are you up for fun, fitness, and fellowship? Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf on Sunday 11th August. Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Visit [tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations](http://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations) to register or donate. Thank you for getting #Active4Vocations.



| ROSTERS 10TH/11TH AUGUST, 2024      |           | 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B |             |              |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Church Cleaning: K. and G. Moffitt. |           | Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.     |             |              |
| Masses:                             | 6.00pm    | 7.30am                              | 9.00am      | 5.00pm       |
| Commentator:                        | T. Ripa   | S. Mackenzie                        | L. Buchanan | M. Claravall |
| Reader/s:                           | M. Said   | J. Wein                             | C. Conolly  | C. Chalker   |
| Acolyte/Adult Server                | T. Jordan | J. Coco                             | T. McMahon  | G. Claravall |