



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
Thursday 9.00am and 7.00pm
(Feast of the Assumption)

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:

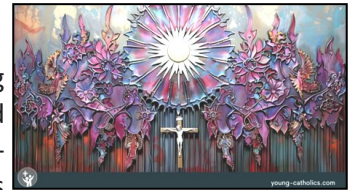
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays each month.

Marriages:

By appointment

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

11th August, 2024



This passage shows the crowd bristling at Jesus describing himself as the 'bread that came down from heaven'. They dismiss his claim because they know his earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. How could he have come down from heaven if they are aware of his parents on earth? It must also be remembered that Jewish tradition held firm to the idea of God as one God only, with no offspring or personified manifestations. For the Jews of Jesus' time, the very idea of Jesus being the Son of God was completely blasphemous. But this gospel is a Christian document, written at a time when the Christians and Jews were emphasising their differences.

Jesus replies to the complaints of the crowd through an extended image. He depicts the intimate relationship that exists between himself and the Father. Later, this discourse will be drawn on in the argument about the divinity of Jesus and that he is 'one in being with the Father'. Those who are drawn to Jesus and his message are – perhaps unknowingly – drawn by the Father and by listening to the teaching of Jesus they are in fact drawing closer to the Father. It is a somewhat complicated image that Jesus paints but at its heart he emphasises the intertwined nature between Father and Son. Refuting the concern of the crowd, Jesus again describes himself as the living bread that has come down from heaven. Unlike the manna the people ate in the desert that sustained them physically for a short period of time, the living bread of Jesus will sustain those who believe for all time.

GOSPEL FOCUS – LIVING BREAD

There is an obvious connection between this week's reading and the sacramental celebration of Eucharist. Jesus describes himself as living bread and then says whoever eats this living bread will live forever. These words capture the essence of the Church teaching about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus is present in several ways at the celebration of Eucharist, particularly present in the bread and wine that become his body and blood. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus offers us his continuing, enduring presence.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.



FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19 : 4-8
Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

RESPONSE: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2
Walk in love, just as Christ.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 6 : 41-51
I am the living bread come down from heaven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased 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, 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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

At all Masses this 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 or finance. Your generosity will be appreciated.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Confirmation

At special Masses this week, the children who are enrolled in the program will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parishioners are asked to please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they take this next step in their faith journey.



THIS THURSDAY, 15TH AUGUST, IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION. MASSES WILL BE HELD AT 9AM AND 7PM. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL PRIMARY CHILDREN WILL BE ATTENDING THE 9AM MASS.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 17th August at St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst, for Modules 4-5. 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 2024-2025 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT LAUNCH

All are warmly invited to attend the official launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World' on Tuesday 20th August from 10am to 12pm in St Paul's Catholic College Sports Hall, Greystanes, adjoining Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Please RSVP your attendance via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/1Wd96tbps0>

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 17TH/18TH AUGUST, 2024		20TH 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. Grosvenor	J. Wein	N. McMahon	A. Pennings
Reader/s:	A. Dimech	M. Allen	J. Micallef	S. Naylor / R. Xerri
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