



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
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Office hours next week 9.30am to 4.30pm
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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1st September, 2024

Father's Day



Holiness: Contagion not Quarantine

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-person.

On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them bodymindspirit, holistically, making them holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.

Fr Michael Tate www.liturgyhelp.com
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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world we live in.



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call you.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4 : 1-2. 6-8
You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

RESPONSE: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING: James 1 : 17-18, 21-22, 27
Be doers of the word.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 7 : 1-8. 14-15. 21-23
You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Frances Bugeja, Phillip Harris, (Anniversary of Peter Sultana) as well as Presentacion Perez, Josephine Galea, Frances Cassar, Margaret and John Muscat, 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



BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. They have dedicated their lives to guiding us spiritually and emotionally, often at great personal sacrifice. Your compassionate donation cares for our clergy's health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal which will be held at all Masses this weekend.

LITURGICAL FORMATION COURSE

Those interested in serving in the parish as a Liturgical Minister such as a Reader, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Minister to the Sick and Dying or a Minister at the Altar, please contact the parish office or Lucy at lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795 to enrol. For more information, visit: <https://parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry/>



THE FAITHFEED

Looking for great conversations + live atmosphere + storytelling from those in their 20s, 30s 40s? Sign up for The FaithFeed, Friday 6th September – Doors open 7PM w/ live music for 7:30PM start. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP at met@parracatholic.org

NSW CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

The "BREAKING NEW GROUND" Conference on the 7th and 8th September is an opportunity both for personal growth and to enrich our parish. A variety of Australian Catholics will deliver talks and workshops. If you would like to attend, please see the flyer at the back of the Church.



MET FAITHLIFE SPIRITUALITY SHORT COURSE

Searching for a deeper understanding of spirituality? Hoping to find renewed ways of expressing your faith? Wanting to further discern God's call in your life? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Spirituality short course on Tuesdays 17 Sept + 24 Sept + 1 Oct! Registration, more dates and details via met@parracatholic.org

ROSTERS 7TH/8TH SEPTEMBER, 2024			23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B	
Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.			Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.	
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Grosvenor	J. Wein	N. McMahon	M. Claravall
Reader/s:	H. Sobiesiak	C. Attard	S. Kavanagh	C. Chalker
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall