



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
www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au
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

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B *8th September, 2024*



Such courtesy and sensitivity! The deaf man when brought to Jesus by his friends probably didn't know what was going on. Being the centre of attention in the midst of a group of strangers would have only added to his confusion and embarrassment. So Jesus takes him aside and there, one on one, mimics what he intends to do – unstop his ears, heal his tongue. Jesus doesn't just foist healing upon the man. Touching a person's ears, anointing the tongue are acts of familiarity and one can imagine the tenderness with which Jesus would have done them. No wonder he groaned. He probably saw in the man's face the depths of loneliness he had suffered. Those watching at a distance may have misinterpreted his actions as magic but Jesus' look to heaven showed the true source of his power. All it took was a single word of command to overturn the years of loneliness and isolation.

Scriptural commentators interpret the initial verses of this reading to mean that Jesus spent some time in Gentile territory and that this miracle was typical of the healings that Jesus did during his wanderings over the Decapolis region. Though he performed many miracles, each was a unique encounter for the individual. One on one, heart reached out to heart. This gives us the courage to ponder: 'If Jesus came to me, how would he take me aside and what would he heal?'

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

Ask Jesus to come close to you and show you where you are deaf in your life. Imagine him touching your ears, anointing your tongue. Ask him what he wants you to understand. Ponder what he reveals for some time.

When you have received this teaching and healing, ask him how you are to proclaim it in your life.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au
Graphics: youngcatholics.com

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

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.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7
Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING: James 2:1-5
Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37
He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God, my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased John Ripa and Kevin Lamond as well as Peter Sultana, John Mifsud, Charles Bonanno, Mary Stella Bonanno, Francis Bonanno, Frank Debono, Paulito Mari, Eupricina Mari, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, 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. If you were unable to donate last weekend, there are still envelopes available at the back of the Church.

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

Are you ready to live your Catholic Faith to the full? Join the Legion of Mary. For more information, come and see a Legion member before or after any Mass next weekend 14th and 15th September.



HOLY HOUR FOR CHILDREN

Will be held on Friday, 4th October. Children of the World Our Mother Mary needs your help to pray together for world peace. It will start at 6pm with Rosary and Novena – to be led by the children, followed by 6:30pm Holy Mass offered for the children of the world. For further information please contact: Tony 0488 110 111 or Terry 0407 296 399.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Reconciliation

If you have a child in Year 3 or older who has been Baptised, they are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance. The program will start with a Parent Information meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, 17th September or Wednesday, 18th September. If you would like more information, please contact Cita or the Parish Office.

190TH ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

Next year marks the school's 190th year of education, an important milestone we want to celebrate. The school is looking to form a committee of former parents, parents, teachers and students to develop key events for this celebration. If you are interested in being part of this project team, please email the principal, Ben Ticehurst, to express your interest: stmatthews@parra.catholic.edu.au



WE ARE LOOKING FOR ONE OR MORE VOLUNTEERS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH FUNDRAISING FOR THE PARISH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

ROSTERS 14TH/15TH SEPTEMBER, 2024		24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff..		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	C. Attard	C. Conolly	A. Pennings
Reader/s:	A. Dimech	M. Allen	I. Willingham	S. Naylor / R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. Victorino	D. Edgar