



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
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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B *15th September, 2024*

'But you, who do you say I am?' This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as



it ever was. 'Who do you say I am?' Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. 'Who do you say I am?' Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah?

Perhaps you've never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, 'Who do you say I am?' It's confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It's confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. 'Who do you say I am?' You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn't ask 'Who do you say I was?'; it asks, 'Who do you say I AM?' The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: 'Who do YOU say I am?'

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

As you sit quietly imagine Jesus asking you, 'Who do you say I am?' then listen to your heart. What response rises from it? Offer this answer to Jesus and sit with it for a while.

Ponder what this affirmation of Jesus means in your life. How does it align with the Gospel? Does it give you strength and courage? Ask Jesus what he would like to add to your answer.

Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au

Graphics: youngcatholics.com

FUNERAL:

For those who wish to attend, John Ripa's funeral will be held at 10.30am on Wednesday, 18th September in Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church Rouse Hill.



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50 : 5-9
I gave my body to those who struck me.

RESPONSE: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 2 : 14-18
Faith without good works is dead.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 8 : 27-35
You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Garvan Walsh, John Ripa and Kevin Lamond (Anniversary of Paul Gauci) 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

We would like to thank parishioners for their generosity. As a Parish, we raised \$2,368- for the recent Fathers Day Appeal. Thank you.

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.



MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

The Monday Club will be holding a High Tea on Monday the 23rd September in the hall. All parishioners are most welcome. Please let Suzanne know if you are attending..

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next Baptismal Talk will be held this Thursday, 19th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sunday's of each month and bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office.



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.

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 7pm Holy Mass offered for the children of the world. For further information please contact: Tony 0488 110 111 or Terry 0407 296 399.



ROSTERS 21ST/22ND SEPTEMBER, 2024			25TH 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	M. Grosvenor	C. Chalker
Reader/s:	M. Williams	J. Wein	J. Micallef	S. Tylere / M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	J. Rapa	G. Claravall