



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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B *22nd September, 2024*

In his book *Life without Limits* Nick Vujicic tells the story of the most sensitive embrace he had ever experienced. Born without arms and legs, Nick had become an inspirational writer and speaker. At a social event, a small girl was introduced to him and she was encouraged to give him an embrace. She drew back in fear. Nick understood. As various other people came and greeted him, the little girl noticed how he treated each one. Eventually she decided to embrace him herself. Drawing near, she stopped, then put both arms behind her back and embraced Nick in the manner by which he embraced, putting her chin over his shoulder and she hugged him close with it. This small child understood a crucial element of the way Jesus wants us to relate. To embrace the weak and helpless, we have to become weak and helpless ourselves. We simply cannot serve from a position of power.



When we look at the person of Jesus, we see a God who chose to be born powerless and to die helpless. We see someone who could have stunned us with his wit, ingenuity and power but who didn't. His example tells us to take on the humility and simplicity of spirit that can welcome and embrace a small child. Sadly, like the disciples on the road, we are slow learners. It may take us a lifetime to learn this wisdom but it is crucial if we wish to be embraced by God.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

As Jesus welcomed the small child in the midst of his disciples, he wishes to welcome each of us. As you rest in his love, ask yourself, what are the weak and vulnerable parts of yourself that would be regarded as childish. Name one part and bring it into the presence of Jesus. Allow him to welcome and embrace it. Rest in his love. If you feel as helpless as a small child with this weakness, do not worry. Let it rest in the love of Jesus.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au
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SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2024-2025

We have been supplied with hard copies of this years Social Justice Statement and prayer cards "Truth & Peace - A Gospel Word in a Violent World." All parishioners are most welcome to take a copy of both home with you after Mass.



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 2 : 12, 17-20
Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

RESPONSE: The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND READING: James 3 : 16 – 4:3
Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 9 : 30-37
The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity. All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Garvan Walsh, John Ripa and Kevin Lamond as well as Paul Gauci, John Mifsud, Charles Bonanno, Mary Stella Bonanno, Francis Bonanno, Frank Debono, Paulito Mari, Eupricina Mari, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Michael Said, 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 and Susitina Makasini.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Reconciliation

The 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday Masses this weekend and next weekend will be commitment Masses for the children enrolled in the Sacramental Program. Parishioners are asked to please keep the children and their families in your prayers.



MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

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

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.

FROM THE PASTORAL PLAN 2024-2028: ‘BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS’

“The People of God have shared their hopes, fears, dreams and anxieties. These have now gained shape and form this Pastoral Plan. Our pastoral plan invites every person to become co-creators in the building up of the Kingdom of God. We take heart, trusting in God who loves us unconditionally and without limits, allowing the words of Jesus to echo in our hearts ‘Behold, I am with you always’ – Matthew 28:20.” (Pg. 7, Diocesan Pastoral Plan). Download your copy of the Plan at www.parracatholic.org/synodality. There are also hard copies available at the back of the Church for those who are interested.



ROSTERS 28TH/29TH SEPTEMBER, 2024		26TH 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. Said	J. Wein	N. McMahon	M. Claravall
Reader/s:	M. Grosvenor	C. Attard	J. Rapa	C. Chalker
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	F. Watkins	G. Claravall