



St Matthew's Catholic Parish



(Established 1831)

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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*
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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-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 25th August, 2024

I remember seeing a James Bond film in which the Voodoo priest could summon the Living Dead – called Zombies – people hovering between life in the grave and life above ground level, but ultimately trapped as human beings living a grave-dominated existence.



There are billions of the Living Dead around the world. People, apparently like you and me, but in fact living with the belief that the grave will mark the extinction of their life.

But our ears are attuned to pick up words which sound the possibility of a different destiny, a different reality. We have heard a voice which speaks the truth, a voice which speaks of a more beautiful reality. That voice says that you and I, individually, personally, are star dust with a marvellous destiny: a destiny that will see our ensouled bodies transformed, transfigured, translucent with Divine Light and energy.

The voice is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear that voice from within the Church, which has transmitted the tradition of 'The Voice' for twenty centuries.

Heeding that Voice, I move from the company of the Living Dead to the companionship of the Conqueror of Death. I am no longer a 'Dead Man Walking' but a man alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

That is why when I hear the challenge: 'Do you also wish to go away?' I enter into that tradition and answer with St Peter, I answer in the company of billions of others over twenty centuries: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'

We could pause for a moment and pray that, living in the tradition of the Church, I may hear the Word in the Gospel and take that Word within myself in Holy Communion so that I might be no longer a 'Dead Man Walking', but a human being alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

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

Fr Michael Tate www.liturgyhelp.com
Graphics: youngcatholics.com

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.



FIRST READING: Joshua 24 : 1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

RESPONSE: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5 : 21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 6 : 60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Frances Bugeja, Phillip Harris as well as Presentacion Perez, Josephine Galea, Frances Cassar, Margaret and John Muscat, Francis and Carmela Buhagiar, 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

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next talk will be held at 7.30pm this Thursday, 29th August in the Parish Hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sunday's of each month at 10.30am and bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. If you would like to attend this talk, please just turn up.



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 next 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/>



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DIOCESAN SEASON OF CREATION MASS

The Diocese of Parramatta's Laudato Si' Action Team and Sacred Heart Parish Blackheath invite you to Mass with Bishop Vincent Long to launch the Season of Creation 2024 (1 September – 4 October) on Sunday 1st September at Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath, at 9.30am. Morning tea will be served after Mass. Let us join in praise and celebrate the gifts and wonders that God bestows on us.



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

ROSTERS 31ST AUGUST/1ST SEPTEMBER, 2024		22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	S. Naylor
Reader/s:	T. Ripa	J. Wein	T. Victorino	A. Pennings
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	F. Watkins	D. Edgar