



St Matthew's Catholic Parish



(Established 1831)

12 Tebbutt Street, Windsor, NSW 2756

Telephone: (02) 4577 3073

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

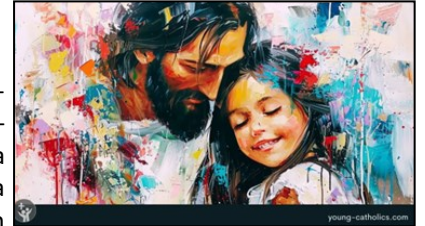
Baptisms:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays each month.

Marriages:

By appointment

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B *6th October, 2024*



In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too 'easy', it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends.

When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy – how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only ever wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way.

For the second time in the last few weeks, the gospel shows Jesus welcoming children and praising their attitude as the way to the kingdom of God. Children of the time had no status and were regarded as literally the property of their father. When Jesus laid his hands on the children and gave them his blessing, this was the action of a father 'claiming' the child as their own. To welcome the kingdom like a little child is to enter into living the kingdom of God without any claim to position or status; to recognise our complete dependence on others; to let go of our ideas of who is important and who is not; to allow ourselves to be 'claimed' by Jesus.

DISCIPLESHIP

This section of Mark's Gospel explores what it means to be a disciple. While this particular passage may seem to be a bit out of place, Jesus seems to be stressing to the disciples that there are some bottom lines – some non-negotiables – when it comes to being a disciple. Unlike the Pharisees who are preoccupied with the letter of the Law, Jesus encourages his disciples to get beyond that and understand the spirit of the Law – God's dream for humankind. The shift in the passage to the focus on children seems a little disconnected but the whole passage is about living in the kingdom with the right attitude.

Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com
Graphics: youngcatholics.com

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.



FIRST READING: Genesis 2 : 18-24
They were two in one flesh.

RESPONSE: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2 : 9-11
He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 10 : 2-16
What God has joined together, no one must divide.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased as well as Michael Said, Flaviana Mari, Kevin Lamond, John Ripa, Maria Sciberras, 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, Julieta Hawkins, Susitina Makasini, Alya Oyon-Oyon and Riley Oyon-Oyon..

ROSARY

October is the month dedicated to the Rosary and it will be led by the Legion members before all weekend Masses. Please join them on Saturday at 5:30pm or Sunday 7am, 8:30am and 4:30pm.

MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

The Monday Club will meet in the parish hall at 10am next Tuesday, 8th October. All are welcome to share morning tea and lunch for \$15.



TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE (TLC)

Would like to thank Parishioners for their support of the raffle ticket sales last weekend. Winners will be drawn at 11am on Sunday, 13th October in Toongabbie Church Hall. Good luck to all participants.

FORMATION FOR PARISHIONERS

Deacon Dr Michael Tan would like to provide some formation to parishioners who take Communion to the Sick and volunteers who visit Aged Care facilities. During the session, he will also give some input on Voluntary Assisted Dying. It will be a joint venture with Riverstone Parish and we are currently looking for expressions of interest on how many parishioners would be interested in attending. Once we have numbers, he will work out more exact details. To show your interest, please place your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.



MISSION TRANSFORM LIVES - Theirs and Yours

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice? Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our Discovery Online session via Zoom from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on Wednesday, 9th October. Explore opportunities matching your skills. Register at palms.org.au/events or call 9560 5333

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

This annual Mass will be held on Sunday 27th October at 11am in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate the Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending by visiting parracatholic.org/weddingmass or phone 0488 000 211 by 20th October. Family and friends are welcome.



| ROSTERS 12TH/13TH OCTOBER, 2024 | | 28TH 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 | C. Chalker |
| Reader/s: | A. Dimech | M. Allen | T. Victorino | M. Claravall |
| Acolyte/Adult Server | J. Dimech | J. Rapa | J. Rapa | G. Claravall |