



# 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](mailto:windsor@parracatholic.org)  
[www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au](http://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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B* *13th October, 2024*

Jesus reminds us in this gospel that to join him in bringing about the reign of God requires absolute commitment and a willingness to give up that which is most precious



to us. The rich man who approached Jesus was genuine in his desire to fulfil all the requirements of the Law to attain eternal life. Jesus quoted to him all the commandments that deal with right relationships with others. The man is able to tick these off and assure Jesus that he has been doing this since childhood – a pretty big claim in the first place! Then Jesus 'looked steadily at him and loved him' – he looked on him with the eyes of love; the eyes that see to the heart of a person, and in that look knew what was most important to the man. Jesus could tell by his dress no doubt that the man was wealthy and so it is this aspect of the man's life that Jesus chooses to challenge him about. This gospel shouldn't necessarily be read as a condemnation of wealth – rather, it is the man's inability to surrender his wealth that Jesus challenges. Jesus sees to the heart of the man and asks if he is willing to give up that which is most important in his life. The man is unable to do what Jesus asks of him and goes away sad. Why sad? He's sad because he knows that he has been tested and failed. He knows that what he genuinely desired was within his reach but he needed to let go of his position, his status, his wealth, to be able to grasp what he desired in both hands.

### **FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF ... THE DISCIPLES**

'What about us?' Peter cried. The disciples were staggered that Jesus could turn away the rich man so easily and declare how difficult it is to enter into the kingdom of God. They suddenly see themselves in the shoes of the rich man: what more do they have to do? They've left their homes and families to traipse after Jesus, believing that this sacrifice would be enough to assure them a place in the kingdom, and suddenly they are faced with doubts. Has it all been worth it? Jesus reminds them that if they have followed him for all the right reasons then their reward is assured.

Greg Sunter [www.liturgyhelp.com](http://www.liturgyhelp.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:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**FIRST READING:** Wisdom 7 : 7-11  
*In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*

**RESPONSE:** Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 4 : 12-13  
*The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 10 : 17-30  
*Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased as well as 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..

**TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE**

Thank you for your support of the Toongabbie Legal Centre, an unfunded legal centre which offers free legal advice to those experiencing vulnerability. They invite you to buy tickets to attend their 17th Annual Community Fundraising Dinner on 19th October 2024 in Blacktown. They also invite you to their FREE community legal educational seminars. For details, please see the notice board at the back of the Church.

**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.



**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](http://parracatholic.org/weddingmass) or phone 0488 000 211 by 20th October. Family and friends are welcome.

**SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Wednesday 16th October at St John the Evangelist Parish, Riverstone for Modules 4. More training opportunities will be available throughout October and November. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.



**LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION -**

**The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco**

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2024. Send us an enquiry through the website [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or via email to [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

ROSTERS 19TH/20TH OCTOBER, 2024		29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.		Sacristy: I Willingham and M. Hutchison.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Grosvenor	J. Wein	N. McMahon	A. Pennings
Reader/s:	M. Williams	C. Attard	S. Kavanagh	S. Naylor / R. Xerri
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