



# 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*  
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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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 29th September, 2024

'Holiness is Wholeness!' Right? Not necessarily. In the poem *And he says to her* Noel Rowe tells of the encounter between an old alcoholic and Mother Teresa out at Bourke. He knew nothing about her but had been told a saint was coming to visit. His heartfelt response on meeting her was, 'You must be dog tired, love.' His observation reveals a truth that we would like to ignore: holiness costs. The fullness of life doesn't come easy and, at first, it may not look pretty.



Think about the images that Jesus uses in this Sunday's Gospel. If you amputate a hand, a foot, an eye, you are disfigured. You wear the scars. True, you are saved a far worse disfigurement in the long run but, in the short term, facing our personal sins is not easy and can be difficult and distressing. Many who have faced their addictions through the 12-step programmes will endorse the terror and distress that must be gone through in facing their weakness...and the weakness that must be lived with throughout their lives.

Saints are not people who have risen above their sins, looking good and graceful in all situations. No, they are people who have faced their liabilities and who freely admit, it is only God who saves.

### REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

When you are at rest, ask Jesus to help you consider the sin in your life that he would like you to face at this point in time. If you have trouble discerning this, use the image of a hand, foot or eye, and ask yourself if there is any way you use these in a way that is destructive. Keep with those images of hand, foot and eye and ask Jesus how you could use each of these in a way that is full of grace.

Sr Kym Harris osb [www.prayasyoucan.com.au](http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au)  
Graphics: [youngcatholics.com](http://youngcatholics.com)

### ADVENT PROGRAM - HOPE Reigns

We are thinking of holding Advent Groups this year, on a Wednesday at 10am and 7pm. We would like to know how many people would be interested in attending so that we can order the reflection books. If you are interested, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.



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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.



**FIRST READING:** Numbers 11 : 25-29

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all may prophesy?*

**RESPONSE:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**SECOND READING:** James 5 : 1-6

*Your wealth is rotting.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 9 : 38-43, 45, 47-48

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Garvan Walsh as well as Paul Gauci, 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.

**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 this Monday, 30th September in the Parish hall. If you are interested or want more information, please contact the Parish office 4577 3073.

**LEGION OF MARY**

**Recruitment Drive;** Thank you so much for those who signed up with the Legion of Mary last weekend. Please watch this space, as we are going to have a get together soon to welcome you all.

**October** is the month dedicated to the Rosary and we will pray the rosary before all weekend Masses. Please join us to pray the rosary on Saturday at 5:30pm or Sunday 7am, 8:30am and 4:30pm.



**HOLY HOUR FOR CHILDREN**

Will be held this 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.

**MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL**

The Monday Club will meet next on Tuesday, 8th October, in the hall. Come along and enjoy good food and conversation. \$15 for morning tea and lunch. 10 am start.



**TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE (TLC)**

Volunteers will be selling raffle tickets this weekend, along with some merchandise. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 16 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets. There are a number of amazing prizes to be won. Remember, you need to be in it to win it.

**190TH ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**

Next year marks the school's 190th year of education. The school is looking to form a committee of former parents, parents, teachers and students to develop key events for this celebration. If you are interested please email the principal, Ben Ticehurst, to express your interest: [stmatthews@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmatthews@parra.catholic.edu.au)



ROSTERS 5TH/6TH OCTOBER, 2024		27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
<b>Masses:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>
<b>Commentator:</b>	H. Sobiesiak	C. Attard	C. Conolly	S. Naylor
<b>Reader/s:</b>	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	S. Kavanagh	A. Pennings
<b>Acolyte/Adult Server</b>	T. Jordan	J. Rapa	T. McMahon	D. Edgar