



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 4pm
Wednesday, 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

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 3rd November, 2024

What a change! For once someone from the professional religious classes, a scribe, asks a genuine question: he really wants to know what Jesus thinks. And for once Jesus doesn't answer a question



with a question as he usually does with these religious 'authorities'. He answers simply using the Schema, the daily prayer of the pious Jew. You can tell how delighted this scribe is with Jesus' answer as he repeats it back, almost word for word, savouring the wisdom – then he adds his own wisdom which in turn delights Jesus.

Talk about heart speaking to heart. This man shares Jesus' understanding of Law and religious tradition. These are not intended to be used to attack others, to put people down or to make one feel morally self-righteous. They are a form of discipline for body, soul and spirit that prepares a person to lead a life of worship of God and love of neighbour. People offer 'sacrifice' so that they can give generously in love. People conform their lives to all the 'Thou shalt not's of the commandments so that they can face the destructive forces of sin that undermine their desire to live rich and full lives in the love of God. Law, morality, Church practice and discipline do not exist to make us feel like failures or to make life difficult. Rather they exist to help us acquire the wisdom to live and love with the dignity of the children of God.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

When you are at rest, ponder on where you are challenged by other people. Where do you have difficulties with them? Where do they have difficulties with you? Ask the wisdom of the Spirit to come upon you and imagine how you could act differently in those situations.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasoucan.com.au
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LEGION OF MARY GET TOGETHER

There will be a Welcome Get Together for all the Legion of Mary at 10am on Saturday, 23rd November in the hall. All new recruits (that signed up recently), current active and auxiliary members are invited to come.



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

RESPONSE: I love you Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28
This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34
This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased as well as Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Karen Bartolo, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana and Family.

Sick: Please pray for Jimmy Marinas, Marilyn 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..

NOVEMBER MASSES

November is the month of Holy Souls and the 'Book of Life' as well as envelopes, are available in the foyer of the Church. During the whole of November, Masses will be offered for our deceased loved ones.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be on 9th-11th November, with more dates in February and May 2025. For information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/



PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST

On behalf of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, you are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast 2024. Come and share a free meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity: Wednesday, 13th November 2024, 10:30am – 1:00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would also like to volunteer on the day (e.g., set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form: parracatholic.org/streetfeast

APPEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR THE DIOCESAN INTERFAITH COMMISSION

The Diocesan Interfaith Commission, has enriched the life and mission of the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. As the Commission is seeking to renew its membership, Bishop Vincent is appealing to all parishioners to consider being a member. The only qualification is the Gospel commitment to love your neighbour, who in this instance, belongs to another religion. For more information or to register your interest, go to <https://parracatholic.org/contribute/governance/>



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - RED NOVEMBER

You are invited this November to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians around the world. There are a number of ways to show your support. Just scan the relevant QR code on the flyer at the back of the Church to find out more information.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.



ROSTERS: 9TH/10TH NOVEMBER, 2024		32ND 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:	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	I. Willingham	C. Chalker
Reader/s:	M. Said	C. Attard	T. Victorino	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	J. Rapa	G. Claravall