



# 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*  
Sacramental Coordinator: *Ms Cita Adams*  
Parish Secretary: *Ms Judy Rigg*  
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*Office hours next week 9.30am to 4pm  
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 Malone

### **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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

*17th November, 2024*

'How will it end?' is a question implicit in the beginning of every story and one that sustains the interest through to the end. In a good story, be it film, book or even a yarn, we expect a certain continuity between the elements of the story and the ending and yet feel cheated if the ending is too pat or, alternatively, if the resolution is imported at the end. Similarly in the best humour, the joke comes from an unusual interaction between the elements that we have failed to see as the joke progressed but which hits us in the punch line.



As the ending of his own personal story in this world is about to take place, Jesus places his own particular drama within the drama of world history and, at the same time, enfolds each one of his individual followers within that story. To the disciples, to the early Church, Jesus' going looked like a disaster. But before he went to his ignominious death Jesus proclaimed that disaster is not the end of the story. The disciples caught glimpses of his Resurrection but, in Mark's Gospel, it is no more than that – glimpses. They were given assurances that his Death has turned to triumph. They had heard the teaching that he will return as the triumphant Son of Man gathering his chosen from the ends of the earth. But in the reality of their lives, they lived in the tension of this mysterious story of the presence of God in our world – radiant but not yet fully visible. In a very real sense, they had each to make the story of Jesus' journey through sin and suffering to resurrection their own.

As we do. Each of us has enough struggles and temptations to realise that disaster can easily overtake our lives...and at certain times it does. Why this happens to us, we do not know. But what we do know is that if we cleave to the words of Jesus, live his life, even die his death, our story will end with all resolved in the glorious love of God.

### **REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.**

Reflect on the trials and sufferings that you have experienced in your life. When you were in difficulty did you realise that God was close to you, ready to uphold you in your darkness and pain? Though you may not have felt it at the time, can you discern how the Spirit led you?

Drawing on what you learnt then, how can this knowledge give you light and guidance in the challenges you face now?

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

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**FIRST READING:** Daniel 12 : 1-3  
*When that time comes your own people will be spared.*

**RESPONSE:** Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 10 : 11-14, 18  
*By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 13:24-32  
*He shall gather his elect from the four winds.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Deceased:** Please pray for all of our deceased family and friends whose names are in the Book of Life and on the November Mass envelopes.

**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..



**LEGION OF MARY GET TOGETHER**

Just a reminder that the Welcome Get Together for all the Legion of Mary is at 10am next Saturday, 23rd November in the hall. All new recruits (that signed up recently), current active and auxiliary members are invited to come. Please bring a plate to share.



**FORMATION SESSION**

Deacon Michael will be holding a formation session on 'The Vocation of Healthcare' at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills on Saturday 23rd November commencing 10:00am to 12:30pm. Attendees are welcome to attend the Parish Mass before the session at 9:10am. He will also present a 3-Wednesday evening Advent programme on 'The Good News in end-of-Life Care' at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. This will be held on Wednesdays 4th, 11th and 18th December from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Registration details are on the flyers at the back of the Church.

**ST MATTHEW'S ADVENT PROGRAM**

The Advent program will start on Wednesday, 27th November. The groups will be held at 10am and 7pm in the Parish House. Books will be distributed at the first sessions and a donation of \$5 is requested to cover the cost. Cita will be conducting the morning session and Fr Raining will do the evenings. If you didn't put your name down and would like to attend, please just come along to either session.



**ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY**

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to the annual Diocesan Mass for our Deceased Clergy on Tuesday 19th November at 9am in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys. This will be followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in St Marys Cemetery. All are welcome to attend.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN SRE CATECHIST MASS AND AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Please join us for the Annual Diocesan SRE Catechist Mass and Awards Presentation on Friday, 22nd November at 10am in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Please RSVP to Maree Collis via email [ccd@parracatholic.org](mailto:ccd@parracatholic.org) or call 8838 3486



**I WITNESS IS A YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE TO HELP THEM GROW IN THEIR LOVE OF GOD. IT WILL BE HELD IN SYDNEY FROM 12TH - 15TH DECEMBER. FOR DETAILS, PLEASE SEE THE FLYER AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

ROSTERS: 23RD/24TH NOVEMBER, 2024		CHRIST THE KING 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	J. Wein	M. McMahon	M. Claravall
Reader/s:	A. Dimech	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	S. Tyler / C. Chalker
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall