



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
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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:

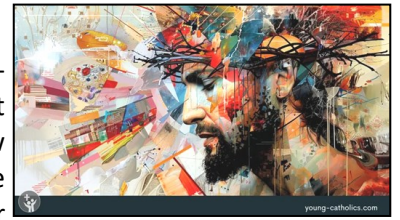
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays each month.

Marriages:

By appointment

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B
24th November, 2024*

This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine – Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.



Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

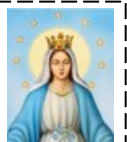
When you are at rest, image Jesus as the King of Truth in your life. What particular areas do you think he would like to enlighten at this point in time? Take one area where you feel uncertain, even confused, and ask how he views it. What do you think could be changed and can you imagine how you would go about it?

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au

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PARISHIONERS PLEASE NOTE

That we will be having a 9am Mass on Monday, 9th December for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.



FIRST READING: Daniel 7 : 13-14
His sovereignty is eternal.

RESPONSE: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 1 : 5-8
The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 11 : 33-37
You say that I am a king.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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..

ST MATTHEW'S ADVENT PROGRAM

The Advent program will start this 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 Raning will do the evenings. If you didn't put your name down and would like to attend, please just come along.



SOLIDARITY OF OUR LADY

All school aged children are invited to join the Solidarity of Our Lady which is held every Monday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the hall. The children are taught how to pray the rosary and then have Gospel and other readings. If you would like your child to take part or would like more information, please speak of a Legion of Mary member.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The last talk for the year will be held this Thursday, 28th November at 7.30pm in the hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sunday's of each month and bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and they can be made by contacting the Parish Office 45773073.



READERS NEEDED

We are in desperate need of readers for ALL Masses, but especially the 7.30am Mass. If you can help, please contact the Parish office so that you can be placed on the next roster.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S HOUSES TO HOMES

This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provide homeless mothers and their children with practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal which will be held at all Masses next weekend. An envelope is attached for you to take home and return next weekend. Thank you.



HOLY HOUR FOR CHILDREN

We will be holding the monthly Holy Hour for children on Friday, 6th December at 6pm in the Church. It will be followed by Mass at 7pm. All parishioners are invited to attend especially children. If you have a child who would like to take part in the Holy Hour, please see a Legion of Mary member.

ROSTERS: 30TH NOVEMBER/1ST DECEMBER, 2024		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 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:	H. Sobiesiak	Volunteer	M. Grosvenor	Volunteer
Reader/s:	M. Williams	C. Attard	J. Micallef	A. Pennings
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	F. Watkins	D. Edgar