



# 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  
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 Thursday 9am  
Friday (All Saints) 9am and  
(Bereavement Mass) 7pm  
Saturday (All Souls) 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.

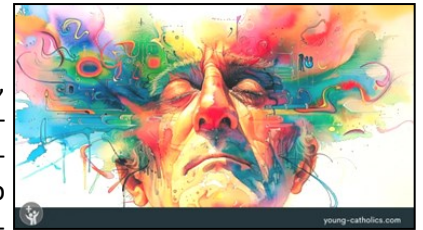
#### Marriages:

By appointment

## *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

*27th October, 2024*

My father had his first, and only, heart attack in St Vincent's Hospital as he was waiting for heart surgery. The doctors decided not to bring forward his quadruple bypass surgery but leave it at the scheduled time. Dad said he spent the next 36 hours in intensive care, repeating a cry very like Bartimaeus', 'Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner'. Like Bartimaeus, he prayed from the depths of his need.



Desperation can be a great gift. It focuses us on reality as it truly is. In his need, Bartimaeus did not care what the crowd thought, whether they were telling him to be quiet or how to relate to Jesus. In his need, he knew who Jesus was at a level deeper than this crowd knew. In his need, he was able to state simply and starkly what he wanted from Jesus. In his need, he realised what truly mattered. Unlike James and John, in last week's Gospel, who, when asked by Jesus what they wanted, had sought power and prestige, this man's need was simple and basic. And when Jesus fulfilled his need, he responded in the true manner of a disciple, following Jesus along the way – the way leading to Jerusalem, to suffering, death and through to Resurrection.

Our desperate needs are to be treasured. When their time has passed and our lives have returned to what passes for normalcy, for equilibrium, we should often revisit them to recollect the wisdom they have to offer us: the clarity regarding what is truly important in life, the knowledge that we can truly open ourselves to God, the experience that God can be truly merciful and tender in our lives.

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

Recall the situations where you have been truly desperate and have called out to God for help. Take one of those situations and slowly remember what led to it, how you felt, what it was that made it so difficult for you. Then recall slowly how God led you, what type of comfort and support you were given, if you felt God wasn't moving quickly enough or doing the 'right' thing. Remember how the situation finally evolved and hopefully, resolved.

Looking back on that situation, what have you learnt from it. Express that to God in gratitude.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 31 : 7-9  
*I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.*

**RESPONSE:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 5 : 1-6  
*You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 10 : 46-52  
*Master, grant that I may see.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God



**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..

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

There are still some Planned Giving Envelopes available for collection at the back of the Church. It would be appreciated if you could please take your envelopes home with you after Mass. If you would like to be a part of the Planned Giving Program and would like to contribute financially to the Parish either via envelope, direct deposit or credit card, please contact the Parish Office.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS PLEASE NOTE**

**All Saints Day** is Friday, 1st November. On that day, there will be a 9am Mass and a special 7pm evening Mass. The evening Mass will be our annual Bereavement Mass when we remember our deceased family and friends. Before that Mass, the Legion will be having Children's Holy Hour which will start at 6pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**All Souls Day** is Saturday, 2nd November. On that day the 9am Mass will commemorate All Souls Day and the 6pm will be the usual Sunday vigil Mass.



**NOVEMBER MASSES**

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

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Penance**

Next Wednesday and Thursday night, the children who have been preparing will receive this Sacrament. Parishioners are asked to please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.



**FORMATION SESSION**

Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in attending the Formation Session for Communion to the Sick and Aged Care. Deacon Michael would like your input on which day or night you would prefer the session held. Please mark your preference on the sheet at the back of the Church.

**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/](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au/)



ROSTERS 2ND/3RD NOVEMBER, 2024 26		31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B		
Church Cleaning: K. and G. Moffitt.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Grosvenor	S. Mackenzie	C. Conolly	S. Naylor
Reader/s:	M. Williams	J. Wein	J. Micallef	A. Pennings
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	J. Rapa	D. Edgar