



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*
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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 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.

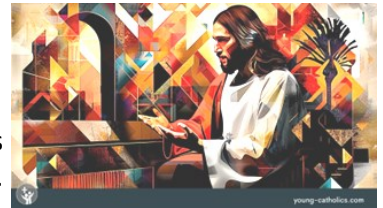
Marriages:

By appointment

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

26th January, 2025

Australia Day



Manifestos and Mission Statements are a common feature of our society. We regularly see plaques at entrances and in offices proclaiming the fine values by which that group will operate. They show a commitment to the finest service with the best quality products. We may even have our own personal statement. When people come to write such declarations they aim to express the finest ideals with the best dreams. But what happens when reality gets in the way.

When Jesus presents his manifesto, it is different. It comes after he had identified himself with sinners, experienced weakness and temptation in the desert. Furthermore it is given to the group with whom a person is usually the most vulnerable: family and local community. Not only is it given by one who has embraced weakness in its various forms, it is directed to those who experience a radical lack in their lives. This manifesto faces the crack of sin and failure that rends every human heart and there it offers salvation.

It is still early days into the New Year and those of us who embraced New Year's resolutions maybe facing the failure of our ideals caused by the reality of our weakness. Perhaps we can start afresh and write our own manifesto in response to the one that Jesus has offered. This Sunday's Gospel invites us to name and own our sin, weakness and failure, not to be debilitated by it, but rather as a place where we can meet the merciful salvation offered by Jesus. Then we might find that the shifting sands of our sins become the cement of God's grace.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

Review the various parts of your life and name the areas where you feel oppressed, down-hearted and can see no way out of the situation. Focus on one area and ask the Spirit to come upon you. Gently think about all the different ways this undermines the fullness of life in you. When you have a sense of the extent of the problem, bring it to Jesus and ask him to guide your heart and your imagination. Try to see new ways by which you can face the area, even if there seems to be little that you can change other than your attitude.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.



FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8 : 2-6. 8-10
They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

RESPONSE: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12 : 12-30
Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1 : 1-4. 4 : 14-21
The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Anna Ramos, Josephine Newby, Jimmy Marinas and Connie Debono as well as Angela Saliba, Anna and Paul Micallef, Bill Azzopardi, Anna and Joe Sultana, Paul Dimech, William Attard, Pio Vella, Charlie and Jane Vassallo and the Vella Family, Chris, John, Maryanne Sultana and family.

Sick: Please pray for Maggie Abraham, Sam Galea, Joan Dodd, Marilyn Marinas, Thelma Rays, Grant Leslie, Susitina Makasini, Hank Eggers, Roslyn Wright, Christopher Sales, Fely Watkins, Kevin Hawkins, Julieta Hawkins, Alya Oyon-Oyon and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

BAPTISMAL TALK

The next talk will be held this Thursday, 30th January at 7.30pm in the Parish hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month and bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish office.



SOCIAL GATHERING

The Monday Club generally meets on the first Monday of every month for morning tea and lunch and at least one other time during the month for an outing. The aim of the Club is to provide an opportunity for people to meet new friends and mingle with old ones in a relaxed, welcoming environment while enjoying good food. The next meeting of the Club will be Monday 3rd February at 10am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

RED MASS FOR JUDICIARY AND LEGAL COMMUNITY

The Very Reverend Robert Riedling, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta cordially invites members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families to the annual Red Mass on Monday 3rd February at 7pm, (refreshments following Mass). Please RSVP by Friday, 31st January to enquiry@stpatrcathedral.com.au or call 8839 8400.



HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES

There will be a formation session on Saturday, 15th February at Mary Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown from 9.30am to 12.30pm for people involved in aged care, as well as anybody interested in reflecting on Pope Francis' message for World Day of the Sick 2025. To register, email met@parracatholic.org

SAPIENTIA RETREAT

Single adults, aged 18-30, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia for a weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, NSW, from 7th-9th February. The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass, and time for fun and fellowship. Fee: \$300 per person. Please complete the google form (<https://forms.gle/hHyBFDjN3A5pexXJA>) to register your intention. Registrations close 31 Jan.



ROSTERS: 1ST/2ND FEBRUARY, 2025		THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD YEAR C		
Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.		Sacristy: I. Willingham and M. Hutchison.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	L. Buchanan	A. Pennings
Reader/s:	M. Williams	C. Attard	S. Kavanagh	E. Sultana
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	J. Rapa	D. Edgar