



# 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*  
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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

## *The Presentation of the Lord Year C*

*2nd February, 2025*



Simeon acclaims Jesus as the salvation of the world...but just what is the salvation that he has brought? Each of us would struggle to answer that question – the mystery is so great. One thing I do know is, Jesus's death did not bring about salvation by appeasing an angry God who had been offended by human sin. That idea exhibits a very poor understanding of God but the fact it still gets kicked around makes one realise how difficult it is to 'understand' salvation. The words spoken by Simeon to Mary point us in a direction that is enlightening, not only for our understanding of Jesus but also for how we should act in our lives.

When Simeon states that this child will lay bare the secret thoughts of many, he is pointing to a dynamic that happens when evil encounters goodness. In the Gospel of Luke, the term 'thoughts' almost always refers to evil within the heart. Jesus knows what the religious authorities are thinking when they disapprove of his cures on the Sabbath, he knows what they are up to when they go about plotting his downfall. It is not as though he had done anything to them. No, the very goodness of Jesus drew out the evil that was within them. They then had a choice: to recognise the reality within them and turn to him for conversion or to fight against Jesus...which they did. Then we see what bearer of salvation does when confronted with hatred and evil...he takes it within himself, allows himself to be pierced through...and loves to the end. When he is finally crucified by their hatred he prays, 'Father, forgive them, they know not what they do,' (Lk 23:34). Risen from the dead, he continues to love and forgive. This is what salvation is about: the capacity to deal lovingly and creatively with evil.

And that is what we are called to do. We have been caught up in the dynamic of salvation that Jesus is offering to the world. As he has absorbed and transformed our evil, we are given the power to absorb and transform the evil that may be dished out to us. If we live and act in a goodly manner, it will come. That is the nature of the world in which we live. But if we live by the salvation offered us by Jesus, we can overcome it. That is the nature of the love God has for our world.

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

As you go through this week, mull on the ways in which God is revealed to you and by which you revealed God to others. How does this light of salvation influence the actions and choices you make?

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.



**FIRST READING:** Malachi 3 : 1 – 4

*The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.*

**RESPONSE:** Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 2 : 14 – 18

*He had to be made like us in all things.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 2 : 22-40

*My eyes have seen your saving power.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Hank Eggers, Anna Ramos, Jocelyn Newby, Jimmy Marinas and Connie Debono as well as Angela Saliba, Anna and Paul Micallef, Anna and Joe Sultana, Bill Azzopardi, 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, Roslyn Wright, Christopher Sales, Fely Watkins, Kevin Hawkins, Julieta Hawkins, Alya Oyon-Oyon and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

**THE MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL**

The Monday Club will meet this Monday, 3rd February, at 10am in the hall. Come along, enjoy good conversations and good food. \$15 for morning tea and lunch. All parishioners welcome.



**HOLY HOUR FOR CHILDREN**

This Friday, 7th February we will be having Holy Hour for the Children at 6pm in the Church. It will be followed by Mass at 7pm. All parishioners are invited to attend especially children.

**SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 8th February at St Thomas Aquinas, Springwood for Cycle 2 (Renewal Modules 4-5). More training opportunities will be available throughout February and May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: [parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training](http://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training). For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - First Eucharist (Holy Communion)**

If your child is in Year 4 or older and received the Sacrament of Penance, they are eligible to make their First Eucharist. The program will start with a Parent Information Session in the Church on Tuesday, 11th February and Wednesday, 12th February at 7pm. Only one parent needs to attend one of the meetings. Letters outlining the program will be given to the children of St Matthew's and Chisholm, when they return to school. Letters were posted last week to the other children. Please spread the word.

**CATENIANS:**

Nepean Catenian Group (in formation) invite men of St. Matthew Parish to join them for meeting and dinner at Nepean Rowing Club 6.45 pm, Tuesday 11th February, Enquiries and RSVP by 6th February to [michael.tan@parracatholic.org](mailto:michael.tan@parracatholic.org) phone: 0419279743. Connect with Catenians Catholic Men's Association: faith based friendship.



<b>ROSTERS: 8TH/9TH FEBRUARY, 2025</b>		<b>5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> J. Dimech.		<b>Sacristy:</b> B. and N. Duff.		
<b>Masses:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>
<b>Commentator:</b>	H. Sobiesiak	C. Attard	C, Conolly	M. Claravall
<b>Reader/s:</b>	M. Said	J. Wein	J. Rapa	C. Chalker
<b>Acolyte/Adult Server</b>	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. Victorino	G. Claravall