



# 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:*

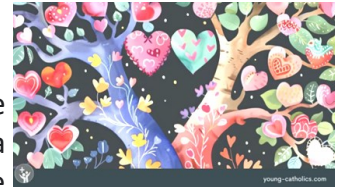
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays each month.

#### *Marriages:*

By appointment

## *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C*

*23rd February, 2025*



We are all born with an innate sense of what is fair. Even small children in a group pick up pretty quickly when one misses out on a lolly, or if another receives two when the others get one. 'That's not fair!' the cry goes up. Well apply this Gospel to that situation, and you will readily say the children will cry, 'Unfair!' Also imagine if the injunctions of this Gospel were applied in society as a whole. I have a pretty good imagination, but all I can come up with is anarchy. But if we really sit with this, we realise there is a profound truth in Jesus' teaching that we do need to live by.

How much have you received? Too easily, we think we have earned what we have, paid our way, supported our families, planned for our future. But that really is a superficial understanding of reality. Life, breathe, sunlight, air and all the myriad of things that make existence possible have been given to us freely. When we start to appreciate how much we have received, we come to know how we are constantly receiving from a generous God. Staying with that notion, we realise that we must be like God, we too must give in return.

Following the injunctions of this Sunday's Gospel are not things we can do. Rather it is a way of being. When we move into an attitude of generous giving, we will find we can react to violence towards in new and different ways. We can put up with and even turn aside being vilified. We come to see that our goods really are meant to serve those around me, not just me. And perhaps most importantly, we can learn how to hold people to account for bad behaviour in a generous and loving manner.

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

Loving Father, you call us to be as generous in loving as you yourself are but we well know the weaknesses and liabilities of our hearts. Send us your Spirit to school our hearts and lives into Jesus' way of loving. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

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:** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation, I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**FIRST READING:** 1 Samuel 26 : 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23  
*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

**RESPONSE:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 15 : 45-49  
*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 6 : 27-38  
*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased as well as Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, 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.



#### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next talk will be held this Thursday, 27th February at 7.30pm in the hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month and bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. To book for the talk, please contact the Parish Office 4577 3073.



#### THE MONDAY CLUB

The next meeting will be on Monday, 3rd March at 10am in the Church hall. Future outings for the club include the Premier's Senior Concert on Thursday, 13th March at 11am at Darling Harbour and a lunch, river cruise on the Nepean Belle on Thursday, 20th March at 12pm. For more information see Suzanne at the 9am Mass or ring her on 0408028426.

#### ST MATTHEW'S LENTEN PROGRAM

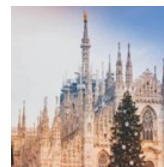
We will be holding Lenten groups again this year on the Tuesdays of Lent at 9.30am and 7pm in the Parish House. So that we can order the books required, if you would like to attend a group, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.



**ASH WEDNESDAY IS ON 5TH MARCH AND MASSES WILL BE HELD AT 9AM AND 7PM.  
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PRIMARY CHILDREN FROM ST MATTHEW SCHOOL WILL BE ATTENDING THE 9AM MASS.**

#### PILGRIMAGE 2025

Fr. Clifford D'souza is inviting you to join him on a pilgrimage to the saints of Portugal, Spain, France and Italy- Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Nevers, Lisieux, Paris, Padova, Assisi and Rome. 31st August- 19th September 2025. For more details please contact Fr. Clifford on cliff\_dsouza03@yahoo.com.au or atitours@atitours.com.au/



#### ROSTERS

The next reader, adult server and acolyte roster is available for collection at the back of the Church. Please take your copy home with you after Mass.

ROSTERS: 1ST/2ND MARCH, 2025		8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C		
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	H. Sobiesiak	C. Attard	C. Conolly	A. Pennings
Reader/s:	T. Ripa	J. Wein	S. Kavanagh	E. Sultana
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	J. Rapa	D. Edgar