



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 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

Ash Wednesday 9.00am and 7.00pm

Reconciliation

Friday 6.30pm

Saturday 9.30am

Stations of the Cross

Friday 7.00pm

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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

2nd March, 2025



In ancient Greece actors wore masks which concealed the face. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that. As did Jesus.

He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart – the core of the personality.

For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts our vision. We should not rush to judgment.

The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate to the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, Who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation. (Mk 10:17-22)

This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God.

Listen to the dying moments of Our Lord. His loving gaze penetrated beyond the masks and actions of his tormentors and focused on their hearts. Then he cried out this plea: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'

We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of our Master despite our praying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that The Teacher's loving gaze fall upon us to make us whole-hearted disciples willing 'to be formed by divine teaching'.
Fr Michael Tate www.liturgyhelp.com

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

When you come to a sense of quiet, ponder on your own sense of integrity. What are the situations in which you feel you put on a mask? That you say or do one thing, but feel like doing something else. Sometimes this can be for good, sometimes for bad. What are the causes on this behaviour?

Take one of two of these situations and talk them through with God. Can you find a ways of acting and speaking that give you a greater sense of integrity?
Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasoucan.com.au

Graphics: www.australiancatholics.com.au

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING: Sirach 27 : 4-7
Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

RESPONSE: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15 : 54-58
Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 6 : 39-45
A person speaks from what is in his heart.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the deceased Anniversaries of Nicola and Antonia Ripa as well as John Ripa, Jesse Ripa, Bonnie Farrugia, John Mifsud, Kevin Lamond, John and Rosy Attard, Tony and Mary Colombo, Emmanuel Attard, Chris, John, Maryanne Sultana and family.

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

LENT

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and Mass will be held at 9am and 7pm. Please note that the primary school children from St Matthew's will be attending the 9am Mass.



RECONCILIATION AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent reconciliation will be available at 6.30pm and then again after the 7pm Stations of the Cross. All parishioners are welcome to both reconciliation and Stations of the Cross.

ST MATTHEW'S LENTEN PROGRAM

The Lenten program will start on Tuesday, 11th March. The groups will be held at 9.30am and 7pm in the Parish House. Books will be distributed at the first session 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 would like to join a group, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.

THE MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club will be meeting this Monday 3rd March at 10 am in the hall. Cost is \$15 for morning tea and lunch. Join us for good food and good conversation.

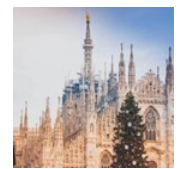


PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes, online, or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

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/



THERE ARE STILL SOME READER, ADULT SERVER AND ACOLYTE ROSTERS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY HOME WITH YOU AFTER MASS. THANK YOU.

ROSTERS: 8TH/9TH MARCH, 2025		1ST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C		
Church Cleaning: K. and G. Moffitt.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	Volunteer	L. Buchanan	M. Claravall
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