



# 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

Friday 6.30pm

Saturday 9.30am

#### Stations of the Cross

Friday 7.00pm

#### Holy Hour for Children

First Friday each month 6.00pm

#### 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

## *Second Sunday of Lent Year C*

*16th March, 2025*



The scene of the Transfiguration occurs at a turning point in the Gospel.

The Galilean ministry is drawing to a close, the first prediction of the Passion has been given, Jesus is about to set his face for Jerusalem where he will suffer a dishonourable death, followed by his Resurrection glory. But here at this turning point, the reality of Jesus is revealed in the presence of his disciples. In this glory he is shown as the Son of the Father, the one in whom Jewish faith finds its pinnacle, the One to whom the disciples should listen, the One in whom they will find their glory.


This is true Christian hope: not a hope that things will turn out well...or not go too badly. But a hope that states that we are made for, destined for the glory of God and that our way to come to this is through listening to the person of Jesus, not only through his teaching but also in the deep relationship of prayer. This hope is not just to be revealed at the end of our lives. It is to burn within our hearts now, transfiguring how we look at reality: how we are to understand the difficulties, challenges, sorrows and joys of life. This experience on the mountain is not a passing booster experience given to Jesus and his disciples to buck them up in the face of the coming trauma. No, it is a tearing open of reality. This is the truth in which we can anchor our lives. This is the hope that underpins all that happens. This is the hope: we are made to share the Glory of God with Jesus.

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

Ponder on how you actually experience God in your life. What are the times and situations that you find strengthen your faith? Consider one situation and slowly recall what happens-how you prepare for it, what you do through it, how you reflect on it afterwards.

Ponder on how your faith in God is challenged in your life. What are the times and situations that you find undermine your faith? Consider one situation and slowly recall what happens. Are you able to bring the strength from the times you experience God into this difficult time in your life.

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<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:</b>	Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.	
<b>FIRST READING:</b>	Genesis 15 : 5-12. 17-18 <i>God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.</i>	
<b>RESPONSE:</b>	The Lord is my light and my salvation.	
<b>SECOND READING:</b>	Philippians 3 : 17 – 4 : 1 <i>Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.</i>	
<b>ACCLAMATION:</b>	Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!	
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	Luke 9 : 28-36 <i>As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.</i>	
<b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON:</b>	This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.	

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Freda Aquilina as well as Leanne Sultana, Kevin Lamond, Nicola Ripa, Antonia Ripa, John Ripa, Bonnie Farrugia, John Mifsud, Jesse Ripa, John and Rosy Attard, Tony and Mary Colombo, Emmanuel Attard, Karen Bartolo, Chris, John, Maryanne Sultana and family.  
**Sick:** Please pray for Kate Rogers, Maggie Abraham, Marilyn Marinas, Susitina Makasini, Grant Leslie, Thelma Rays, Roslyn Wright, Christopher Sales, Fely Watkins, Sam Galea, Joan Dodd, Kevin Hawkins, Julieta Hawkins, Alya Oyon-Oyon and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

**CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK LITURGIES SEMINAR**

Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar, Senior Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are invited to attend this day seminar which will focus on the different Holy Week and Easter Triduum liturgies presented by Mr Chris Ohlsen. Saturday 22nd March from 9:30am-3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Liturgies covered: Palm Sunday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Morning tea and lunch provided. Please register for catering purposes by 17th March via [parracatholic.org/events/celebrating-holy](http://parracatholic.org/events/celebrating-holy)



**LENTEN REFLECTION**

Anybody interested in a guided Lenten Reflection on 'The Dark Night of Suffering - healthcare in the Shadow of the Cross' is invited to attend Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill on Wednesday 19th March, from 7:00 p.m. To 8:30 p.m. Registrations [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).

**COMMISSIONING OF SRE TEACHERS (CATECHISTS)**

Next Sunday, 23rd March, we will be commissioning our SRE teachers during the 9am Mass. All teachers are asked to attend.

**LEGION OF MARY**

All Junior and Senior - Active and Auxiliary members are invited to attend the annual ACIES Ceremony in St Patrick Church, Blacktown on Saturday, 29th March. It will start at 1:30pm with opening prayers and rosary followed by the ACIES Ceremony and closing with Benediction. It will be followed by light refreshments, so please bring food and drink to share.  
 The ACIES Ceremony is one of the most beautiful and profound functions of the Legion. It presupposes an examination of our relationship to Mary and specifically our practice of true devotion to her in the spirit of St. Louis Marie de Montfort. We seek to renew and express publicly our Consecration to Mary in the condensed and beautiful formula; 'I am all yours my Queen and my Mother and all that I have is yours.' An extraordinary depth of doctrine and devotion in so few words. They express the total conviction and commitment of every true legionary.



<b>ROSTERS: 22ND/23RD MARCH, 2025</b>		<b>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 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	S. Kavanagh	C. Chalker
<b>Reader/s:</b>	M. Said	J. Wein	L. Buchanan	S. Tyler / M Claravall
<b>Acolyte/Adult Server</b>	T. Jordan	J. Coco	J. Rapa	G. Claravall