



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 and Thursday.*

Schools:

St Matthew's Primary Phone: 4560 2300

Principal: Mr Ben Ticehurst

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Principal: Mr Michael Mifsud

Bede Polding College Phone: 4560 2900

Principal: Mr Greg Malone

Masses:

Easter Weekend:

Sat. Vigil 6.00pm

Sun. 7.30am and 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday and Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday Lord's Supper 7.00pm

Friday Lord's Passion and Death 3.00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30am

Stations of the Cross

Friday 10.00am

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) exc next week

Divine Mercy Prayer Group (in hall):

Every second Saturday 10am

Baptisms:

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

Marriages:

By appointment

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord Year C 13th April, 2025



Christianity is a faith of paradox: leadership through service; greatness through humility; and life through death. The greatest paradox of all is the paradox of the cross. The death of Jesus through the most humiliating form of capital punishment in history would appear to be exactly what the Jewish authorities hoped it would be: the end of the Jesus movement. The ignoble death of a group's leader through public execution is usually enough to bring about the end of any movement. However, Christians know that the death of Jesus is not the end of the story.

His resurrection, that we celebrate at Easter next weekend, is the twist in the tale that means the death of Jesus, rather than being a point of despair, in fact becomes a moment of hope. This difference of expectation is captured in the Lukan account of the crucifixion by the two criminals with whom Jesus is crucified. One joins in the mockery of Jesus, whilst the other recognises the innocence of Jesus and has faith that Jesus will enter into his kingdom. This second criminal acts as an example for all people of faith. He reminds us that those with faith still have to face death and still have to face up to the consequences of their actions, and yet the way we approach death should not be with despair, but rather with hope and confidence that we will share in Christ's resurrection.

The reading of the Passion narrative leaves us up in the air. It leaves us in a better position than the disciples at the time. They were downcast by what they felt was the defeat of Jesus, but we know the end of the story! We know that out of this darkness will come light and hope!

Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

Imagine yourself in the place of the Good Thief. As you are there present in your suffering, recognising the sin and failure of your life, hear him say to you, 'This day you will be with me in my paradise.' Take these words to heart and consider how they would change your life.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au
Graphics: youngcatholics.com

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the City of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50 : 4-7
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: Philippians 2 : 6-11
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Luke 22 : 14 – 23:56
The Passion

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Ramy Pama, Michael Yiamkiati as well as Sam Spiteri, Joseph Dao, Jane Vassallo, John Mifsud, John Ripa, Stella and Charlie Bonanno. Frances Bonanno, Frank Debono, Jason Vella, Chris, John, Maryanne Sultana and family.

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

POTTED PLANTS REQUIRED:

Following the 7pm Mass of the Lords Supper on Thursday, 17th April, we will be having the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall. To make it resemble being in the garden with Jesus, we are hoping to borrow some potted plants from parishioners. If you can help with plants, please drop them off at the Hall on Thursday morning.

RCIA

This year we have 4 Catechumens and 2 Candidates who will be Baptised/Received during the Easter vigil Mass. There will be a supper following the Mass in the Parish hall and all parishioners and families are invited to attend. Please bring a plate to share.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CATHOLIC CARE'S CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

Our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal has raised over \$2,500-, which will provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to people in times of darkness. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal

PONTIFICAL HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic Church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Donations are now being taken and envelopes are available at the back of the Church.



PROJECT COMPASSION

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. *But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can Unite Against Poverty and help transform lives this Lent. Donations can be made through the donation boxes, envelopes, online, or by calling 1800 024 413. Donations can be placed in either collection on a Sunday or handed in at the Parish Office.

ROSTERS: 19TH/20TH APRIL, 2025			EASTER SUNDAY YEAR C	
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.			Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.	
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator / Reader / Acolyte / Adult Server				
SPECIAL VOLUNTEER ROSTER				NO MASS