



# 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  
Tuesday and Thursday.*

### **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:**

#### *Easter Weekend:*

Sat. Vigil 6.00pm  
Sun. 7.30am and 9.00am

#### *Weekday Masses:*

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am

#### *Reconciliation*

Saturday 9.30am

#### *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

## *Easter Sunday Year C 20th April, 2025*



Can you imagine the conversation between these women returning from the tomb? Words and memories would have tumbled over each other as they shared their excitement. Yet surely there was a voice amongst them bringing them back to the reality of their situation, stating the obvious, 'But they won't listen to us – we are only women!' All four Gospel accounts have their differences but one thing they agree on: the Resurrection of Jesus was first revealed to women! Women, whose testimony was discounted in both Jewish law and society. What was God thinking? Maybe that the last had become first, maybe that the lowly had been raised up, maybe that the hungry had been filled. When we look back to the beginning of Luke's Gospel we see that it is the slip of a village girl who believes the extraordinary message of the angel, while the elderly devout priest struggles to believe and that God must go to the further lengths than the message of an angel to bring him to faith. The same thing happens with the disciples. The practical woman who stated her fears was right: the men didn't listen to them and Jesus had to come himself before they could come to faith.

If we have problems understanding what Resurrection faith means we need to look to where there is weakness, to the rejected, to the ignored. The people who are deemed least in our society are the ones who can lead us into the mighty ways of God. This is why the poor, the sick, the weak are treasured- not because they are people upon whom we can exercise our good works, or philanthropy. No, we do good to them so that we may enter into the richness of grace and faith that God will offer us through them.

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

Consider the people or situations that have taught you about the Resurrection. What was the weakness or sense of failure that God had overcome in these people? What was the sense of weakness or sense of failure that God worked through in your life? As you dwell on what happened can you see how God's ways of dealing with those situations were different to how we would have dealt with them?

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Graphics: [youngcatholics.com](http://youngcatholics.com)

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 10 : 34, 37-43  
*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

**RESPONSE:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 3 : 1-4  
*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; Let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 20 : 1-9  
*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Ramy Pama, Michael Yiamkiati, (Anniversary of Jason Vella and Mary Grima) as well as Sam Spiteri, Joseph Dao, Jane Vassallo, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Charlie and Joanne Vassallo, Pio Vella and Vella family, Xavier and Rosaria Sammut, 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.

**HAPPY EASTER**

The Parish Team would like to thank everyone who assisted in our Easter liturgies to help make them meaningful. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all parishioners and their families a happy and peaceful Easter.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

We would like to congratulate our RCIA candidates and catechumens:

Diyana Agius    Michael Hinkley,    Sandra Hinkley,  
 Justin Lampson,    Tayla O'Sullivan    and    Georgia Lee Vassallo,



who were Baptised and received into the Church during the Easter Vigil Mass this weekend. We would like to welcome you to our Catholic community and hope we can support you on your faith journey. Thank you also to Mary Said for preparing them for this special occasion.

**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. If you were unable to donate on Good Friday, envelopes are still available at the back of the Church.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK**

The next talk will be held this Thursday, 24th April 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. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office 4577 3073.



**ALLIANCE OF TWO HEARTS**

Will be holding a special Mass here this Friday, 25th April at 7pm which will be followed by Adoration and will conclude with Mass at midnight. All parishioners are invited to attend all or part of the evening.

<b>ROSTERS: 26TH/27TH APRIL, 2025</b>		<b>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY YEAR C</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> C. Teuma and T. May.		<b>Sacristy:</b> D. Marshall and M. Hutchison.		
<b>Masses:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>
<b>Commentator:</b>	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	L. Buchanan	M. Claravall
<b>Reader/s:</b>	M. Williams	Volunteer needed	I. Willingham	S. Tyler / C. Chalker
<b>Acolyte/Adult Server</b>	T. Jordan	J. Coco	J. Rapa	G. Claravall