



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:

Easter Weekend:

Sat. Vigil 6.00pm

Sun. 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday to Saturday 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)

Divine Mercy Prayer Group (in hall):

Every second Saturday 10am

Baptisms:

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

Marriages:

By appointment

Third Sunday of Easter Year C 4th May, 2025



When we have been overwhelmed by events, we often revert to the routine and familiar. The disciples had been shattered by Jesus' death and their own desertion of him. Twice he had appeared to them but, joyful as that was, what were they to make of it? So, in their confusion, they returned to their old routines, habits so deep they required no thought. Even though it was a long night with no fish caught, this wasn't about fish. Then Jesus came to them...and in a way that brought back all that had happened from the beginning in Galilee! Jesus had done this miracle of multiplication before. Indeed earlier it had been a profound turning point in Peter's life. It was the moment when he recognised his sinfulness in the face of this holy man. But now instead, of telling Jesus to depart from him because he was a sinful man, he flings himself into the water to get to Jesus as quickly as possible even though he had so recently discovered the true depths of his sinfulness. Later, after feeding his disciples, Jesus enters into the wounds of Peter's denials making him face the reality of what he had done. But this time, as he gives him the opportunity to once again affirm his love, Jesus challenges him to service. And now Peter just may be able to do what his beloved Lord wants. He has been stripped bare of self-illusion with his denials and, in these searching questions, Jesus has made sure Peter not only knew how deeply his sin and delusion undermined the good in him but also Jesus gave him something far greater. He gave Peter the realisation that 'love' went even deeper than his sin – both Jesus' love of him and his love of Jesus. On that sure ground, and that alone, could Peter serve the community.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

Imagine Jesus asking you the question that he put to Peter, "Do you love me?" How would you feel? Comfortable giving the response, "Of course I love you?" Or would you hesitate? If so, why? Poor self-image? Actions that you are ashamed of? Doubts in your faith? Whatever your reasons, try to sit with them and mull over them with Jesus. Allow him to ask you again and again, "Do you love me?"

Sr Kym Harris OSB www.prayasyoucan.com.au

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AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

The Catholic charity is seeking regular volunteers to assist at their national office in Penrith. Days and times as mutually suitable. The office is close to public transport and has parking. For more information contact Peter Harrop, 9167 9526. or peter@aidtochurch.org



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 5 : 27-32, 40-41

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSE: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 5 : 11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 21 : 1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat and he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Elizabeth Wheeler, Marivic Valderrama, Pope Francis, Marilyn Marinas (Anniversaries of Karen Bartolo, Leticia Esguerra, Aronne and Francis Cassar, Carmen and Carmelo Grima) as well as Josephine Galea, Josephine Fenech, Pio Vella and Vella family, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Mary Grima, Charlie & Joanne Vassallo, Xavier & Rosaria Sammut, Chris, John, Maryanne Sultana & family.

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - First Eucharist

At special Masses last weekend and this weekend, the children who have been preparing, will receive their First Holy Communion. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.

ROSTERS:

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



PLEASE NOTE

Fr Ranning is going on a Pilgrimage and will be away from the Parish from 7th May until 2nd June. While he is away, there will be visiting priests for the weekend and weekday Mass. Please make them feel welcome. We were unable to get a priest for the week of 20th to 23rd May (inclusive), so there will be NO Exposition, Adoration or Mass, but we will be having Communion Services at 9am.

FAITHLIFE THEOLOGY SHORT COURSE: Wednesdays in May

Considering learning about theology? Interested in faith seek understanding? Looking to learn more about the Jubilee Year of Hope? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Alison Ryan from MET on Wednesdays 7th + 14th + 21st May via parracatholic.org/faithlife



COMMISSIONING MASS OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

In this Jubilee Year of Hope all liturgical ministers - readers, servers and extra ordinary ministers are invited to attend the Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers where you will receive a blessing from Bishop Vincent. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on 13th May 2025, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To register your attendance and guests please visit parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/

ROSTERS: 10TH/11TH MAY, 2025			4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C	
Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney			Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.	
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	H. Sobiesiak	C. Attard	N. McMahon	C. Chalker
Reader/s:	M. Williams	J. Wein	S. Kavanagh	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall