



# 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*  
Sacramental Coordinator: *Ms Cita Adams*  
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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 (Except June)*

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 Thursday 6pm (youth)  
Every Thursday 7.15pm (adult)

#### *Divine Mercy Prayer Group (in hall):*

Every second Saturday 10am

#### *Baptisms:*

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

#### *Marriages:*

By appointment

## *Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C*

*(Mother's Day)*

*11th May, 2025*



Shepherds in the first century did not have a particularly good reputation. Whilst the task itself was a responsible one, it was usually undertaken by hired help – usually young men or even boys. Being hired help, they had little allegiance to the flock and were generally regarded as basically untrustworthy and often accused of illicitly selling off the sheep's milk and even the occasional lamb. They lived for months at a time out in the hills with the sheep; often risking their lives in defence of their flock, yet still regarded with suspicion. Shepherds were held in such low regard that they could not appear in court as a witness. Yet, despite this grim picture of shepherds, Jesus described himself as the Good Shepherd. With that one word, he acknowledged the reputation of shepherds but utterly dismissed it by describing himself as a shepherd – but a good shepherd. He chose to describe himself as the worst of all occupations but raised the status to unimpeachable heights.

In describing himself as the good shepherd, Jesus joined a distinguished list of biblical shepherds: Abraham, his son Isaac, and grandson Jacob were all shepherds; Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, when God appeared to him in the burning bush and revealed God's name; and the great King, David, began life as a humble shepherd-boy. So, despite the poor reputation of shepherds in Jewish society, some of the greatest leaders of the Jews began life as shepherds.

Today's gospel passage follows the famous 'good shepherd' passage in the gospel of John and continues on the image. The passage portrays Jesus as 'claiming' his flock; guaranteeing them not only safety but also eternal life. This oath of loyalty and commitment is all the stronger and more remarkable in light of Jesus' rehabilitation of the status of shepherds.

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the Word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 13 : 14, 43-52  
*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

**RESPONSE:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**SECOND READING:** Apocalypse 7 : 9, 14-17  
*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 10 : 27-30  
*I give my sheep eternal life.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly dies for his flock, alleluia!



#### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Joan Dodd, Elizabeth Wheeler, Pope Francis, Marivic Valderrama, Marilyn Marinas, (Anniversaries of Josephine Galea, Josephine Fenech, William van Vliet and Agapito Perez) as well as Karen Bartolo, Leticia Esguerra, Aronne and Francis Cassar, Carmen and Carmelo Grima, Chris, John, Maryanne Sultana and family.

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

#### PLEASE NOTE

Fr Raining is on Pilgrimage and will be away from the Parish from 8th 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 those days.

#### 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/](http://parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/)



#### FREE INFO SESSION ON PATHWAYS TO CERTIFICATE III IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & CARE

Love working with kids? Get ready to launch your career in Childhood Education & Care with Macquarie Community College. Learn from expert educators about childhood development, safety and educational play. An information session will be held on Tuesday 13th May at 10:30am at Catholic Care's community centre, Mamre House and Farm, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. Contact Catholic Care WSBM 8843 2500 for more information.

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day on Sunday 18th May from 10am to around 3pm at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. There will be an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers with periods of meditation for ongoing meditators, presentations and prayer with the monks. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea will be provided, but bring your own picnic lunch. Donations are welcome. For enquiries, contact Ann Lomas on [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com)



#### LOW COST COUNSELLING SERVICES

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat.

ROSTERS: 17TH/18TH MAY, 2025			5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C	
Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.			Sacristy: D. Marshall and M. Hutchison.	
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	J. Wein	I. Willingham	A. Pennings
Reader/s:	A. Dimech	E. El Hindy	S. Touma	R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	A. Anning	D. Edgar