



St Matthew's Catholic Parish



(Established 1831)

12 Tebbutt Street, Windsor, NSW 2756

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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*
Parish Secretary: *Ms Judy Rigg*
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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

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C 25th May, 2025



One of the most harrowing movies I have seen is *Who will love my children?*

It is based on the true story of Lucile Fray. She had 10 children and, after the birth of her last child, developed terminal breast cancer. Much as she loved her husband, she knew he was incapable of caring for his family and she realised that, with her death, the children would be separated into different orphanages losing contact with both their father and each other. So she prepared 'homes' for them, finding couples who wanted to adopt one or more of her children. One of her provisos to the couples was that the children were to be able to keep in touch with their father and each other. Finding these 'homes' was the quest of her dying months. It is simply 'aweful' to watch: the level of love she had for both her husband and her children combined with a clear head and a steely determination to do the best for each of them seems almost inhuman. Only God could love like that.

When Jesus says that the Father will come and make his home with those who keep his word, we are inclined to find these words comforting and reassuring – and so they are. And Jesus goes on to say that the Holy Spirit will come and teach us his words, reminding us of all he has said. Even more comfort there. But even more than Lucile Fray wanted for her children, the Father wants the fullness of life and love for us. Being at home with him, means being at home with ourselves and with each other. To grow into this, we need clear heads and steely determination to face what undermines the growth of love in our lives. This knowledge will not come from ourselves. Indeed, it is a form of wisdom that can only come from the Spirit of God. In our desire to grow in love, we need pray, "Come Holy Spirit!" and be prepared for an interesting and challenging time.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

Recall your best experiences of home. God the Father wants to come and make his home within you. He will never force himself on us but need to be welcoming. With your best imagine of home before you, welcome God into your life. How good do you feel? Let those emotions and thoughts be your prayer.

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

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 15 : 1-2. 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

RESPONSE: O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 21 : 10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14 : 23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Joan Dodd as well as William van Vliet, Agapito Perez, John Sultana, Chris, John, Maryanne Sultana and family.

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Confirmation

If you have a child in Year 5 who has received their First Eucharist, they are now eligible to make their Confirmation. The program will start with a Parent Information Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, 27th May and Wednesday, 28th May in the Church. Only one parent is required to attend one meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Cita at the Parish Office.



COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND

If you have a family member or friend who lives in the Parish, is housebound and would like to receive communion, please contact the Parish office. When Father returns from his pilgrimage, he is hoping to take communion to those unable to attend Mass.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next Baptismal Talk will be held this Thursday, 29th May 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.



RETURN AND EARN

We would like to remind parishioners that we have teamed with return and earn to raise much needed funds to help with the cost of restoring the Church. You can either download the app and donate through there or apparently you can donate through any of the local drop off points. Your support with this endeavour will be greatly appreciated.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR DIOCESAN RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open.

For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:

May 24: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-24-may/>

August 16: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>

November 15: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>



ROSTERS: 31ST MAY/1ST JUNE, 2025

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C

Church Cleaning: K. and G. Moffitt.

Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.

Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	C. Attard	N. McMahon	A. Pennings
Reader/s:	M. Williams	J. Wein	I. Willingham	E. Sultana
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	A. Anning	D. Edgar