



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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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:

Weekend:

Sat. Vigil 6.00pm

Sun. 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.00pm

Weekday:

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

Ascension of the Lord Year C

1st June, 2025



Twice in the Gospel for this Feast, Jesus is said to bless his disciples at his Ascension.

The second time the word 'blessing' is used, it is linked to Jesus' withdrawal from his disciples. Indeed, one could say that Luke was stating that the disciples were being blessed in Jesus' departure. How could this be? Perhaps we could understand it better if we contrast how the disciples and we ourselves could act if Jesus was physically with us and how we should act now that he has withdrawn the physical presence the disciples knew.

If Jesus were present to us physically- we would focus serving him. As he is not, we are to serve him in each other.

If Jesus were present to us physically – we would expect him to do the things that needed doing, like helping people. As he is not, we are the ones who have to do what he would do.

If Jesus were present to us physically – we would be dependent on him as our leader, expecting him to state clearly what he wants done. As he is not, we have to draw on our own resources and gifts, being enlightened and graced by the Holy Spirit.

If Jesus were present to us physically – we would focus our worship on him. As he is not, we are to worship, not only alone, but in a community, learning from each other how to relate to him.

We see that if Jesus were present to us, we would diminish ourselves in a kind of false dependency. As he is hidden from us, but present in the Spirit, his grace calls us to grow up to salvation. We are to live his life, reveal his face, love with his love within the personality he has given us. Hidden in his physicality, he becomes even more present as God-with-us, God working within us.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.


Consider your sense of the presence and absence of Christ in your life. In what ways does the absence of the physical presence of Christ challenge you in the living of your faith? What qualities of Christ do you feel called to internalise and then reveal to the world in the way you live your life? Imagine ways you could do this in the coming week.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au

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SAFE PARISHES WEEK: 2-8 JUNE 2025

Safe Parishes Week is a time to renew our commitment to creating safe, welcoming communities for all. The Diocese supports this through training, resources, and new initiatives. We're also developing child-friendly online tools, and other initiatives that align with our Diocesan Pastoral Plan to support safer communities. Learn more: parracatholic.org/safeguarding

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.	
FIRST READING:	Acts 1 : 1-11 <i>Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.</i>	
RESPONSE:	God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.	
SECOND READING:	Ephesians 1 : 17-23 <i>He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.</i>	
ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!	
GOSPEL:	Luke 24 : 46-53 <i>While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.</i>	
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.	

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Paul Farrugia, Benito Cortese, Cheryl Wakeham. (Anniversaries of Carmen Teuma, Bill Azzopardi, Noel Smith, Michael and Josephine Dimech) as well as John Sultana, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Chris, John, Maryanne Sultana and family.



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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Confirmation

The 6pm and 9am Masses this weekend and next weekend will be commitment Masses for the children taking part in the Confirmation Program. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.



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.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL FOR OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS

Will you help our seminarians to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope' for God's people? With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal this weekend or at parracatholic.org/



THE NEXT MONDAY CLUB MEETING WILL BE THIS MONDAY 2ND JUNE. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ENJOY GOOD FOOD AND GOOD CONVERSATION, STARTING AT 10AM IN THE HALL.

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.



MINISTRY OF CARE COURSES: 4- 25 JUNE

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. It will be held every Wednesday evening at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Attend all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion or just attend the session(s) that interest you. Please visit parracatholic.org/events/OFW to reserve a spot. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

ROSTERS: 7TH/8TH JUNE, 2025			PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR C	
Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.			Sacristy: D. Marshall and M. Hutchison.	
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	L. Buchanan	C. Chalker
Reader/s:	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	S. Touma	M. Claravall
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