



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*
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*Office hours next week 9.30am to 4.30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
9.30am to 4pm Wednesday.*

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

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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year C

(Corpus Christi)

22nd June, 2025



There is a strong link made between this Gospel text and the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. One of the primary reasons for this link lies in four verbs which occur in both texts: take, bless, break, and give. By the use of the verbs, both texts are used to explore the meaning of each other. Through the care shown in feeding the 5,000 from the miraculous multiplication, we learn that our celebration of the Eucharist is not just for our private spiritual life but must lead us to go out and serve those in need. Similarly, we learn that we cannot serve the needy from our own poor resources, but need to be sustained by the life of Christ that we receive in the Eucharist. Having received we can then share from the very life of God.

But there is an 'extra' verb in this reading which, though it does not appear in the institution of the Eucharist, gives an extra dimension to our ability to serve. This Feast's Gospel states that after he had taken the bread "Jesus looked up to heaven" before he blessed it. Not only was Jesus seen by God in his actions, he looked to God as he acted. And surely this was a gaze of love that went between the two. This we are called to do, both when we celebrate Eucharist and when we serve. We are not to be mere servants of God, keeping our eyes to the ground, working away at being good and trying to fulfil the rules and regulations we know we should do. Rather we should be continually raising our eyes in love and drawing strength from the gaze of love that God is lavishing upon us. This will transform our lives. If we feel that our service of God and others feels like a form of drudgery, it is because we are drawing our energy from the wrong source, our selves. But if we are continually looking to the gaze of God, it will be the life of Christ that will sustain us and our service will become another form of celebration of the Eucharist.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

We all experience people coming to us in need. Quietly and calmly think of all the people who you need to serve. Ask yourself where in particular you feel overwhelmed. Bring that situation and that person to Jesus and ask him what do you already have that could help that person in such a way that you won't be so overwhelmed.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au
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**FOR THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND, JULIENNE STEWARD'S
FUNERAL WILL BE HELD HERE AT ST MATTHEW'S AT 10AM
ON FRIDAY, 27TH JUNE.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING: Genesis 14 : 18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

RESPONSE: You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11 : 23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 9 : 11-17

They all ate and were filled.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Julienne Steward, Maria Nguyen (Bishop Vincent's mother), Joseph Zahra as well as Pail Farrugia, Fr McNamara, Jerry Simotas, Ben Axiak, Rita and Christino Teuma, Armando Mendones, 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.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

At 7.30pm next Thursday, 26th June we will be holding the Baptismal Preparation Talk 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 45773073.



ALLIANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY INTERNATIONAL

On Friday, 27th June we will be holding a Communion of Reparation Vigil. It will start with the rosary at 7pm, Mass at 7.30pm then Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8pm. The evening will conclude with Benediction Holy Mass at Midnight. All parishioners are welcome to attend all or part of the evening. For the full schedule, please see the flyer at the back of the Church.

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's collection as an act of mercy and charity next week-end 28th/29th June. Join our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Leo XIV carry out his ministry to the Universal Church and reach out to the most marginalized in our world.



CYP LIFTED RETREAT

All young people (aged 18-35) from the Diocese of Parramatta are warmly invited to join us for this transformative experience. This 3-day retreat will be held at the Collaroy Centre, 22 Homestead Ave, Collaroy from 27th to 29th June. Costs apply. Learn more and express your interest at: parracatholic.org/events/cyp-lifted-retreat-june/

BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Will be holding their 30th Anniversary on Tuesday, 29th July and all past staff and students are invited. For details and bookings, please see the flyer at the back of the Church.



MARSDEN PARK PARISH 2025 DINNER DANCE

Don't miss out on the 2025 St Luke's Marsden Park Dinner Dance on Saturday 26th July from 7pm to 11pm at St Luke's Catholic College, Marsden Park. Tickets are now available at \$100 per adult with onsite child minding for kids over 3 years old. For tickets, email stlukesfundraisingteam@gmail.com

ROSTERS: 28TH/29TH JUNE, 2025

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Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.

Sacristy: D. Marshall and M. Hutchison.

Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	N. McMahon	C. Chalker
Reader/s:	M Said	S. Mackenzie	L. Buchanan	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	J. Coco	T. McMahon	G. Claravall