



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
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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

20th July, 2025



'Listen with both eyes' is a piece of advice Martha needed to hear. She wanted Jesus as her guest, she wanted to serve, she wanted to do her best. But she wanted to do all this, her way, on her terms.

But what about the needs of her guest? Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. Could she not see that the set in his face showed something was up? The serious baiting by the religious authorities had begun. Could she not see the pain? The disciples were still thick as two brick about his mission. Could she not see that what Jesus most needed, most wanted was to be listened to? He, the Word of God, had come into the world with the message of life...and that world was rejecting him. Here, at his feet in the position of a disciple, was Mary soaking up all he had to say...listening with both eyes and all her heart, giving him the one thing necessary: to be listened to.

Imagine if Martha had 'listened with both eyes. She would have delighted in what Mary was doing, seeing how much it meant to him. She probably would have simplified her wonderful plans for entertaining, thinking, 'Well, he needs to get off and have a few hours extra sleep.' And when all was over, she would have asked Mary, 'What did he say?' Mary, then, in love and quiet would have shared the words she had received. They would not have been rivals for Jesus' attention but united in love of him.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

Take some time to think about how you view your life of prayer and your life of service. Are they in tension or can you see them like two sisters helping each other to hear the Word of God?


Take some time to focus on your attitudes when you are serving. Do you find in yourself the very natural tendency to draw attention to what you do and want to be praised constantly? What could happen if you viewed service as a 'hearing of the Word'?

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au
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MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

We are in desperate need of volunteer readers, adult servers and acolytes for all weekend Masses. We are also in need of more cleaners. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Father or Cita. Any help will be appreciated.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.	
FIRST READING:	Genesis 18 : 1-10 <i>Lord, do not bypass your servant.</i>	
RESPONSE:	The just will live in the presence of the Lord.	
SECOND READING:	Colossians 1 : 24-28 <i>The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.</i>	
ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!	
GOSPEL:	Luke 10 : 38-42 <i>Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.</i>	
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.	

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Linda Borg and Fr Tim Hogan as well as Jerry Simotas, Julian and Carmen Felice, Frank Felice, Tania Felice, Paul Farrugia, Roslyn Wright, Chris, John, Maryanne Sultana and family.

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

THANK YOU

Anthony would like to thank parishioners for their hospitality while he has been in the Parish. You have made him feel so welcome that he will be coming back occasionally to visit.

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS

Parents are reminded that the Confirmation workshops, for children enrolled in the Confirmation Program, will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, 29th July and 7pm on Wednesday, 30th July. Please ensure that your child attends one of the workshops. You are also reminded to please email or drop off the paperwork with your child's Confirmation name at the Parish Office as soon as possible.



ALLIANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY INTERNATIONAL

On Friday, 25th July 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.

SAVE THE DATE

This year, as St Matthew's Feast Day, 21st September falls on a Sunday, so it has been decided that we will be holding a special celebration here at St Matthew's. Following the 9am Mass on that Sunday, we will be having morning tea and then a special lunch. All parishioners are invited to attend. Please mark the date in your diary so you don't miss out.



FORMATION SESSION

There will be a formation session on 'Boundaries in healthcare - what they are and what they are not' at St. Paul the Apostle parish, Winston Hills on Saturday 2nd August from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registrations met@parracatholic.org. Enquiries michael.tan@parracatholic.org

HOPEFEST

Is a Diocesan Jubilee of Hope three-day experience from 8th - 10th August, for all ages, hosted by St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens. Experiences will include praise & worship, a local pilgrimage from Stanhope Parish to the Franciscan Shrine in Kellyville, community activities, life & faith workshops and opportunities to celebrate the sacraments. Register via <https://parracatholic.org/events/hopefest/>



ROSTERS: 26TH/27TH JULY, 2025			17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C	
Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.			Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.	
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	H. Sobiesiak	S. Mackenzie	S. Kavanagh	C. Chalker
Reader/s:	M. Williams	E. El Hindy	I. Willingham	S. Tyler / M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	M. Hutchison	Volunteer	G. Claravall