



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
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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

27th July, 2025



In today's gospel, Jesus provides his disciples, and all Christians, with a model for prayer. In keeping with this modelling by Jesus, it is significant that the Lord's Prayer, or Our Father, is the common prayer of all Christians, regardless of denomination.

The parable and teaching that follow the Lord's Prayer make clear the particular purpose of prayer that Jesus was highlighting – prayer as petition. In this instance, Jesus assures us that if we pray for what we need with conviction and confidence, then God cannot fail to respond to our prayer. Jesus in fact encourages us to be demanding and persistent in our prayer. However, the parable used to demonstrate the persistent nature of prayer is not focused on demands for selfish purposes, but rather the neighbour needs assistance in fulfilling his obligations of hospitality to a traveller. He is not waking his neighbour in the middle of the night to ask for bread for himself; he asks for bread to give to his guest. He asks for help to fulfil his duty and responsibility. This gives us something of an idea about how we might focus our prayer. Praying for a pony or new bike isn't quite in the same league!

The final element of the gospel passage provides us with a description of God's love and care by something of a negative comparison: if human parents would not do harm instead of good to their children, God is even less likely to act like this towards us. It's a bit of an odd way around of saying that God's love is greater than anything within our experience or imagination.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – ASK, SEARCH, KNOCK

Jesus says in the gospel, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.' The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.

Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com

Graphics: youngcatholics.com

HOLY HOUR FOR CHILDREN

We will be holding the monthly Holy Hour for children on Friday, 1st August at 6pm in the Church. It will be followed by Mass at 7pm. All parishioners especially children, are invited to attend.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18 : 20-32
Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

RESPONSE: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2 : 12-14
He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 11 : 1-13
Ask, and it will be given to you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Marie Brown and Linda Borg as well as Roslyn Wright, Frances Bugeja, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, 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, Joe Vella, Kate Rogers, Alya Oyon-Oyon and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU

St Vincent de Paul would like to thank parishioners for their generosity at the recent appeal. Your donations totalled approx. \$3,168- which will help them continue to support the needy in the Hawkesbury area.

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS

Parents are reminded that the Confirmation workshops, for children enrolled in the Confirmation Program, will be held in the Church 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.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next talk will be held at 7.30pm this Thursday, 31st July. 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.

MINISTERING AT MASS

If you are rostered to read or serve at any of the weekend Masses, please arrive at least 10-15 minutes before the Mass to confirm your availability. Then if you are unable to attend, there is enough time to organise a replacement from the congregation if required.



MONDAY CLUB

The next Monday Club lunch will be held at 10am on Monday, 4th August in the hall. Everyone is most welcome to attend and enjoy some good food and conversation.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

This World Mission Month we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia. Please come prepared next weekend as we will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Appeal at all Masses.



A JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE REFLECTION DAY WILL BE HELD AT MARY MACKILLOP PLACE NORTH SYDNEY NEXT WEDNESDAY, 30TH JULY FROM 9.30AM TO 2.10PM. FOR DETAILS SEE THE FLYER AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

| ROSTERS: 2ND/3RD AUGUST, 2025 | | 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C | | |
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| Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney. | | Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella. | | |
| Masses: | 6.00pm | 7.30am | 9.00am | 5.00pm |
| Commentator: | T. Ripa | J. Wein | C. Conolly | A. Pennings |
| Reader/s: | M. Said | S. Mackenzie | F. Watkins | E. Sultana |
| Acolyte/Adult Server | T. Jordan | M. Hutchison | T. Victorino | D. Edgar |