



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:

Monday (8 September) 9.00am

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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Father's Day

7th September, 2025



'Hate' is an emotive and extremely harsh word in our society. In its gospel context, the word is not used as an opposite of 'love' but as an indication of deserving of less significance than another thing. So the teaching about hating father, mother, etc can be read as saying that being a disciple of Jesus must take precedence over everything else, even family. In 1st Century culture, family was foremost above everything else; it was the very fibre that held society together. Jesus is saying that discipleship must be put above even that which is most important and most intrinsic to life in this world. That is why he goes on to tell the two stories about the need to count the cost before undertaking an important venture. He makes clear to his listeners that discipleship is more important than anything else and that there are huge costs associated with taking it on. A believer has to literally 'count the cost' of what it will mean to place discipleship above family, friendships, career, politics and even life itself. Jesus makes no apologies for the fact that what he is asking is incredibly demanding.

Our 'possessions' are all those things – material, emotional, and psychological – that we cling to and that we think give us our identity and status. Jesus called for a radical reinterpretation of status and position. He tells his listeners that they cannot truly be disciples if they continue to cling to those things that are considered important in this world. They have to surrender the things that bind them to this world's ideas of status and position before they can fully embrace the kingdom view of the world. As Jesus said, you have to really count the cost!

LIVING THE GOSPEL – GIVE UP MY POSSESSIONS?

We live in an era of extraordinary wealth in some countries contrasted against extraordinary poverty and need in other countries. Accumulation of possessions has become a driving force in our society. Flat screen televisions, iPods, multiple computers, games consoles, portable DVD players, multifunction mobile phones are all 'must-have' items. The thought of surrendering such items may be almost impossible to consider. However, Jesus' message about being a disciple calls to us. How can some people in the world surround themselves with such luxuries while others don't have enough to eat? Does the love of 'possessions' blind us to the needs of others?

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 9 : 13-18
Who can comprehend the will of God?

RESPONSE: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND READING: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 14 : 25-33
All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God, my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Nicolina Zirilli, Antoine Bazouni, Greg Sheil, Greg Whitby, John Cook, (Anniversary of John Ripa) as well as Margaret and John Muscat, Carmelo and Carmen Grima, Paul Farrugia, Philip and Mary Mifsud, Nicola and Antonia Ripa, Carmelo and Elizabeth Vella, John Mifsud, Jesse Ripa, Bonnie Farrugia, Kevin Lamond, Paul Gauci, Presentacion Perez, 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, Delina Galea, Alya Oyon-Oyon and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL - supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve

This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. Please give generously at this weekends appeal.

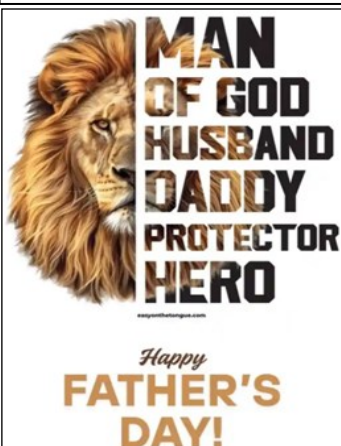


SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - RECONCILIATION

The 6pm and 9am Masses on the next two weekends will be enrolment Masses for the children taking part in the Reconciliation program. Parishioners are asked to please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament.

THE MONDAY CLUB

Our next outing is a High Tea on Tuesday 16th September. It will be start at 11am at Greenway Crescent, Windsor. If you need more details contact Suzanne on 0408 028 426. If you haven't already done so, please let Suzanne know you are attending.



KENTHURST PARISH DINNER DANCE

All are welcome to attend St Madeleine's Dinner Dance on Friday 19th September at 6pm at the Dural Club, 662A Old Northern Road, Dural. Cost is \$120 and includes a three-course dinner. To enquire about tickets or how you can donate to the silent auction (goods, services or monetary contributions), please contact Sally Coppini on stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com or 0407 942 986.

MASS FOR MUSICIANS

All involved in Music Ministry across the Diocese are invited to a Mass for Musicians on 24th September, 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please RSVP your attendance to ofw@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795, by Friday 19th September.



ROSTERS: 13TH/14TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

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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:	M. Said	J. Wein	Volunteer	C. Chalker
Reader/s:	M. Williams	S. Mackenzie	J. Rapa	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	M. Hutchison	Volunteer	G. Claravall