



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*
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:

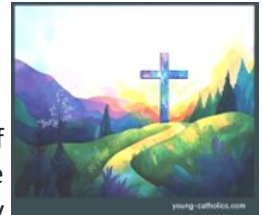
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays each month.

Marriages:

By appointment

Exultation of the Cross Year C

14th September, 2025



"We tend to forget that at the centre of our religion is a man dying in mess, muddle and pain, crying out, 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.' We tend to forget for, more often than not, we are running as fast as we can away from the difficult and complex situations of life. And not just each of us personally – we also do it on the community level. Think Asylum Seekers. Think the institutional response to Sexual Abuse. Think the current situation in Ukraine or the Middle East.

One way we avoid the pain is by applying blame, often too readily and too quickly. But before we start applying blame, either to ourselves or others, we may need to 'abide' in the mess, muddle and pain, not only to see what the real issues are but also to give God a chance to reveal what his transformative grace might do in that dreadful situation. Jesus stayed on the cross for three hours, in the tomb for three days. The lessons of our pain need time to sink in. Only then can we truly enter into the experience of Exaltation of our cross that he offers.

Often the Gospel stress how 'resolutely' Jesus went to Jerusalem, knowing that he was facing suffering and death. We too must resolutely enter into our pain so that it may crack open the shell of our indifference and complacency and allow the new life of grace to rise.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

Consider one difficult or painful situation that you have to face at this point in time. As you ponder on it, note the various ways in which it causes you distress. In the presence of Jesus sit with this for some time.

Ask Jesus to enlighten you as to how this situation could be a cause of growth for you or for those you love. Consider the different aspects of the situation. Ask Jesus to show you what you could do to bring about some transformation that would bring life.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasayoucan.com.au
Graphics: youngcatholics.com

INQUIRY EVENING

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, learning more about the Catholic faith, or know of someone who is, we will be holding our Inquiry Evening at 7pm on Monday, 29th September in the Parish hall. If you are interested or want more information, please contact the Parish office.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

FIRST READING: Numbers 21 : 4-9

When those that are afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

RESPONSE: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

SECOND READING: Philippians 2 : 6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God has exalted him

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 3 : 13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Sr Therese Fleming, Kathy Booc, Ruth Hatter, Nicolina Zirilli, Antoine Bazouni as well as Margaret and John Muscat, Paul Gauci Carmelo and Carmen Grima, Philip and Mary Mifsud, John Ripa, Nicola and Antonia Ripa, John Mifsud, Bonnie Farrugia, Carmelo and Elizabeth Vella, Jesse Ripa, Paul Farrugia, Kevin Lamond, 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, Riley Oyon-Oyon and Peter McDonald.

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. If you were unable to donate last weekend, there are still envelopes available at the back of the Church.



THE MONDAY CLUB

Parishioners are invited to a High Tea this Tuesday 16th September at 11am. Come along to share good food and enjoy great conversation at Greenway Cres Windsor. Contact Suzanne if you need more details on 0408 028 426.

BRUSHES WITH BLESSINGS

Join us for a evening of creativity and fellowship raising funds for the restoration of our Church. Food and supplies will be provided. It will start at 6pm on Friday, 26th September in St Matthews Parish Hall. Please contact Rebecca on 0401 100 186 with your name and number to reserve your spot. Cost is only \$35 per person. Why not come with a few friends or family and make it a fun night out.



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) has launched its 2025 Social Justice Statement on Sunday, 31st August. This year focuses on the marginalised homeless population of Australia. Please feel free to take a free copy of the statement from the back of the Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Parish will be holding Children's Liturgy during the 9am Mass on Sunday's commencing Sunday, 28th September. This is a way for children to experience the Liturgy of the Word at their own age-appropriate level. They will leave the Mass with volunteers, to participate in separate, simplified reflections on the Gospel readings. All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 are welcome. All leaders are requested to attend the 9am Mass next Sunday, 21st September as you will be commissioned.



ROSTERS: 20TH/21ST SEPTEMBER, 2025

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.

Sacristy: D. Marshall and M. Hutchison.

Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	C. Conolly	A. Pennings
Reader/s:	A. Dimech	J. Wein	S. Kavanagh	R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	M. Hutchison	J. Rapa	D. Edgar