



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*
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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

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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

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday during the 9am Mass

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

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

28th September, 2025



In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The cyclic rise and fall in fortune of the people of Israel is a direct result of the way in which they treat the poor and lowly of the society. When all in the society are properly cared for, Israel flourishes; but when the widows and orphans and other marginalised people are neglected and even rejected, then trouble befalls Israel. Today's first reading, from the prophet Amos, is an example of this cycle and an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others.

The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham reminds him that the people of Israel have had a long line of prophets calling them back to faithfulness but their message has been ignored.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – PAYING ATTENTION

It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.

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PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.	
FIRST READING:	Amos 6 : 1. 4-7 <i>You who give yourself to lechery and revelry will be exiled.</i>	
RESPONSE:	Praise the Lord, my soul!	
SECOND READING:	1 Timothy 6 : 11-16 <i>Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.</i>	
ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!	
GOSPEL:	Luke 16 : 19-31 <i>During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.</i>	
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.	

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Peter McDonald, Kate Rogers, Kathy Booc, Sr Therese Fleming, Ruth Hatter as well as 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, Delina Galea, Alya Oyon-Oyon and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

INQUIRY EVENING

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, learning more about the Catholic faith, or know of someone who is interested, we will be holding our Inquiry Evening at 7pm this Monday, 29th September in the Parish hall. If you would like to attend, please feel free to turn up at the evening.



HOLY HOUR FOR CHILDREN

We will be holding the monthly Holy Hour for children this Friday, 3rd October at 6pm in the Church followed by Mass at 7pm. All parishioners especially children, are invited to attend.

FEAST DAY THANK YOU

We would like to thank every one who contributed and attended our special St Matthew's Day celebration last Sunday. We had perfect weather, there was an abundance of food and plenty of things to keep the children occupied. We would also like to especially thank the organisational committee who had thought of everything to make the day run smoothly. A great day was had by all in fellowship celebrating our Parish Saint, St Matthew.



MONDAY CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Monday the 6th October at 10am in the hall. All are welcome to share morning tea and lunch for \$15. Come along and enjoy great food and conversation.

BACK TO BASICS SERVING AT THE ALTAR WORKSHOP

Back by popular demand! We have decided to repeat the 'Back to Basics' Seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) who missed the last sessions and those who would like to attend again. This seminar will occur on Saturday 11th October from 9:30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 7th October via <https://parracatholic.org/events/serving-at-the-altar-workshop/>. Contact the Office for Worship team for more info: ofw@poarracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



JUST A REMINDER THAT NEXT SUNDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, IS THE BEGINNING OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS. DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD AN HOUR AT 2AM THAT SUNDAY MORNING.

ROSTERS: 4TH/5TH OCTOBER, 2025			27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C	
Church Cleaning: K. and G. Moffitt.			Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.	
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	S. Kavanagh	A. Pennings
Reader/s:	M. Williams	J. Wein	S. Touma	E. Sultana
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan	M. Hutchison	T. Victorino	D. Edgar