



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

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

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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 5th October, 2025

This parable extols a value that is largely undervalued in our present society: duty. Like Cinderella, working, dirty and ignored in the kitchen, it is passed over by many for more attractive values, like courage, leadership, creativity. Yet however much most of us would like to exercise those values, it is so often duty to mundane tasks that forms our ordinary lives. We 'tend the fields and cattle, cook and serve the meal' and, at the end of it all, have done no more than our duty. But is that all there is to these words of Jesus? We are followers of the one who emptied himself to become a slave, a servant. One, who for thirty years did his duty as an obedient son in a humble household in the backblocks of Galilee. One, who even in his public ministry, did it in such a way as to draw glory to God, not to himself. In his Agony in the Garden, we see the cost that duty was to him. In his death, we see the pain it entailed. But in his Resurrection, we see that this Cinderella of virtues finally comes, not to the ball, but into the fullness of the Kingdom of God.

So what does that mean for us, with the mundane duties to be done this day, this week? The heart of the matter lies in how we choose to fulfil our duties. We can choose to do them grudgingly, even complainingly. Or we can choose to do them, with him who chose to do his duty with us. We can choose to do them peaceably and with love, leaving their fulfilment in the Kingdom to the Father who cares over all. We may not get to choose what we have to do but we get to choose the love with which we do it.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

Consider your place in your world. How important do you feel yourself to be? Is being important, important to you?

Imagine yourself as a servant, only doing one's duty. What does that do to your sense of importance? Does it undermine it, or release you into the freedom of knowing that God is working powerfully in your life, working all things for good.

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au

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MONDAY CLUB

The next meeting will be this Monday, 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.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.



FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1 : 2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

RESPONSE: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1 : 6-8, 13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever: it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

If you had faith!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Josefina Capuyan, Julio Alvario, Lela Vella, Peter McDonald, Kate Rogers, (Anniversary of Jason Vella), 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.

FUNDRAISING

The Parish Finance Committee has been considering ways to meet the challenge of maintaining and restoring our historic Church building. This will require developing a strategy that will run over a few years and they are seeking support from parishioners and friends. We are inviting all parishioners who are interested in assisting in any way, to come to a meeting in the hall after the 9am Mass next Sunday, 12th October. This meeting is to talk about ideas already raised and perhaps come up with some new ones.



ATTENTION ALL READERS

There will be a special meeting for all readers at 7pm in the Church on Wednesday, 15th October. If you haven't already done so, please register your attendance or inability, before 4.30pm on that Wednesday.

BRUSHES WITH BLESSINGS UPDATE

Parishioners enjoyed Friday night, 26th September. It was a wonderful evening of prayer, fellowship, food and painting. All proceeds raised has gone directly to the restoration of our church. We would like to thank the organisers of the evening, Carmen Xiberras and Rebecca Johnson. They did a wonderful job. We are hoping to arrange another session closer to the Advent season with a Christmas theme and more details will be given at a later.



BACK TO BASICS SERVING AT THE ALTAR WORKSHOP

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/> or phone 0460 037 795.

DESIGN THE NEXT CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE FRONT COVER!

The Diocese is inviting you to design the front cover of the Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas and Summer 2025 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Please submit your entry by Friday 7th November 2025 – with a short description of your artwork – via parracatholic.org/artcomp



ROSTERS: 11TH/12TH OCTOBER, 2025

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.

Sacristy: D. Marshall and M. Hutchison.

Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	J. Wein	C. Conolly	C. Chalker
Reader/s:	A. Dimech	S. Mackenzie	L. Buchanan	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Dimech	M. Hutchison	J. Rapa	G. Claravall