



# 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*  
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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

## *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Year C* *9th November, 2025*

A theme that runs throughout the gospel of John is that Jesus seeks to break down the institutions of the Jewish Temple and the gospel writer presents Jesus as the fulfilment and replacement of the Temple. This theology actually harkens back to an earlier Jewish tradition, evident in the scriptures of the Old Testament, where the community itself is described as a 'holy building' or 'temple'. This image may have arisen from the fact that for so long the Israelites had no 'home' and they believed that God travelled with them wherever they went. Furthermore, once they did construct a Temple in Jerusalem in the 10th Century BCE, it was destroyed at the time the Jews were taken into exile in Babylon (587 BCE) and rebuilt later in the 6th Century BCE. So, for many years, the Jewish people were familiar with the idea that the travelling community itself constituted the 'holy place' where God was present.



The gospel of John was written 20 to 30 years after the destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans in the year 70 CE. For both the Jewish community and the early Christian community, the destruction of the Temple challenged the theology and the religious practice that had been centred around the Temple for the best part of 600 years. They had to think about a different way in which God was present in their midst. In the gospel of John, Jesus is presented as the one who fulfils and replaces the Temple tradition. Today's gospel, featuring Jesus 'cleansing' the Temple and making reference to the sanctuary being destroyed and raised up again in three days, is a crucial element of the gospel writer's development of this theme.

### **HISTORICAL CONTEXT – THE LATERAN BASILICA**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The Lateran Basilica is the cathedral church of the Pope, who also holds the position of Bishop of Rome. It is considered the most important Catholic church because it contains the Cathedra Romana, the symbol of the teaching authority of the Bishop of Rome. The basilica was first dedicated in 324 after the property was donated to the Church by Emperor Constantine, the first Roman emperor to accept Christianity. Whilst we celebrate the dedication of this most important church, at the same time we celebrate all churches throughout the world.

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Graphics: [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 47 : 1-2. 8-9. 12  
*I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.*

**RESPONSE:** The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 3 : 9-11. 16-17  
*You are the temple of God.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 2 : 13-22  
*He spoke about the temple of his own body.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.



#### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Frances Vella, James Swainton, Christine Tracy as well as all of our deceased family and friends whose names are in the Book of Life and on the November Mass envelopes.

**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, Sandra Vaughan, Antoinette Vella, Alya Oyon-Oyon and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

#### NOVEMBER MASSES

November is the month of Holy Souls and the 'Book of Life' and envelopes, are available in the foyer of the Church. During the whole of November, Masses will be offered for our deceased loved ones.

#### DEAR PARISHIONERS

Fr Raning will be away until the beginning of December so Fr Philip will be celebrating all weekend Masses. For the weekday morning Masses, we will have a number of visiting priests. Please make them feel welcome.

Also, we will not be holding any Advent Reflection Groups this year.

#### ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER

Come along for a fun day of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft days and evenings will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown on the following days.

Monday 10th November from 10am to 11:30am and again from 1pm to 2:30pm

Tuesday 11th and 18th November from 7pm to 8:30pm. Costs are \$10 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and more information, please visit [parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops](http://parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops)



#### MASS AND PRAYERS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Wednesday 12th November at 9:15am at Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Rookwood Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

#### CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS ARE CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH PURPOSE!

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ROSTERS: 15TH/16TH NOVEMBER, 2025		33RD 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:	H. Sobiesiak	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	A. Pennings
Reader/s:	M. Williams	J. Wein	T. Victorino	R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server:	T. Jordan	M. Hutchison	J. Rapa	D. Edgar