



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

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.

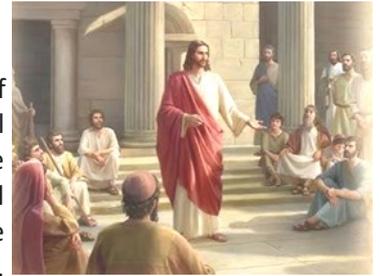
Marriages:

By appointment

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

16th November, 2025

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke.



It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

Unfortunately, the lectionary has the passage concluding at verse 19; the complete passage continues on for another 17 verses and so we don't get the full effect of Jesus' speech. In the latter portion, Jesus assures the disciples that the kingdom will surely come to pass. It is a promise that we affirm every time we say the Creed.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – COMFORT

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'

Greg Sunter: www.liturgyhelp.com

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.



FIRST READING: Malachi 3 : 19-20
The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

RESPONSE: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3 : 7-12
Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 21 : 5-19
Your endurance will win you your life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Paul Vella, 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, Joyce Rapa, Alya and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

DEAR PARISHIONERS

As November is the month for ALL of our deceased family and friends, only those who are recently deceased will be placed in the bulletin. Individual names will return at the end of November. If you wish the name of a recently deceased person to be in the bulletin, please do not use a November Mass envelope and ensure the office is aware that they are recently deceased.

PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR ST MATTHEW'S PARISH

After a gap of a few years Fr Raning has re-established a Parish Pastoral Council. A Pastoral Council is to be a "supportive, visioning, advisory, consultative and planning body" to assist the parish priest in the mission of the parish to "witness to Jesus and bring his presence into the world". Its role is to make recommendations to Fr Raning about the spiritual well-being of the parish.



Father has invited *Cita Adams, Monnette Claravall, Kevin Conolly (chairperson), Declan Edgar, Suzanne Kavanagh, Mary Said, Paul Tran, Tonya Turner and Terry Victorino* to be members of the Pastoral Council. In December there will be a commissioning of Council members at a Sunday 9am Mass.

Please feel free to talk to any of the Council members about their role and your vision or perceptions about the parish.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL – SUPPORTING CATHOLIC CARE GRIEF AND LOSS COUNSELLING

Christmas is drawing near, and with it the promise that God is with us. For many in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, that promise is needed right now. Many individuals and families are carrying grief, stress and uncertainty - wrestling with the rising cost-of-living, unstable work and the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Your generosity is the way to open the doors of hope for the broken-hearted ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone. There is an envelope attached to this weekends bulletin for you to complete and return next weekend.

DEVELOP COMMUNITY SELF-RELIANCE AND CREATE LASTING CHANGE

Discover Palms International Volunteering online. There are two special sessions where you'll hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities in our Southeast Asian region. To find out more details about these sessions, please see the flyers at the back of the Church.



ROSTERS: 22ND/23RD NOVEMBER, 2025		LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE		
Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.		Sacristy: D. Marshall and M. Hutchison.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	T. Ripa	J. Wein	C. Conolly	C. Chalker
Reader/s:	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	S. Touma	S. Tyler / M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server:	J. Dimech	M. Hutchison	P. Tran	G. Claravall