



# 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 4.00pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday*

### **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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 19th October, 2025*

In telling this parable, Jesus describes an adult in about the weakest position in his society. This widow had no voice, no public persona, no forum in which she could present her case. The judge is described as unscrupulous and resistant to influence from God or men. In other words, the widow's situation could not have been more desperate. Her need drove her to levels of behaviour that were probably unthinkable in ordinary times. Indeed, Jesus has her threatening violence! Obviously, in offering her as a model for prayer, Jesus is not recommending violence, nor is he offering the unjust judge as a model of God's behaviour. So just what is he teaching us in this curious parable?

The key is given in the words with which Jesus introduces it. Jesus speaks of the need to pray continually and never give up. We often struggle with prayer...we get bored, we lose attention, we want to be elsewhere...and with those experiences the whole idea of praying continually seems an impossibility. But maybe the problem lies in what we envisage prayer to be. We know it is an engagement of our hearts and our beings with God. We imagine it as time resting with God, sharing our hearts and hearing what God has to say to us...and sometimes this is what happens...but also sometimes, and if we are honest even oftentimes, it doesn't. And we think we have failed or that God has failed us. Perhaps the problem is that in the times we are 'bored' we are bringing the wrong part of ourselves to God. The widow cried out from her deep-seated need...and we all have that. Deep down, we know that our hearts are cracked and broken, we know we are fragile. If we can trust enough to encounter God from that need, we will pray constantly. When our need meets God's grace, we will crave prayer. It will not be a work we have to do, but a fountain of life welling up within us. At the conclusion of this Gospel, Jesus asks if the Son of Man will find faith when he comes. The faith he wants is us bringing our broken sinfulness to his deep mercy. All we have to do is hold out our weak hands and suffering hearts.



### **REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.**

As you go through this week, consider the place that prayer has in your daily life. As you experience a situation where you feel helpless or in need, use that experience as the driving force for your prayer.

Sr Kym Harris osb [www.prayasyoucan.com.au](http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au)

Graphics: [www.piercedhearts.org](http://www.piercedhearts.org)

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 17 : 8-13

*As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*

**RESPONSE:** Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**SECOND READING:** 2 Timothy 3 : 14 – 4:2

*This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 18 : 1-8

*God will see those who cry to him vindicated.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



#### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Grazio Vella, John McCarter, Julio Alvario, Josefina Capuyan, Lela Vella as well as Neil Toole, Karen Bartolo, Jason Vella, Rita Taylor, Wendy Williams, Marie Brown, 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, Sandra Vaughan, Antoinette Vella, Alya Oyon-Oyon and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

#### MONDAY CLUB

The next outing is a lunch cruise on the Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler this Wednesday 22nd October. If you are attending, you need to be at the jetty in Tench Reserve Penrith by 11.30am.



#### CHURCH RESTORATION PROJECT

Many thanks to all those who gave their time to attend the parish meeting last Sunday to discuss the Church Restoration Fundraising Project. The parish finance committee has been working on this challenging project for the last three years or so and will continue for several years to come in an effort to raise the \$400,000 needed to do major repairs to our 185 year old heritage church. Many good fundraising ideas were discussed, several of which were agreed to implement in the coming months. We will keep parishioners advised of progress and welcome your fundraising ideas and offers of support for the various projects. If you have any ideas for fundraising that you would like to share, please contact the Parish Office

#### SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

All volunteers who work with children and at risk adults, are required to do Safeguarding Training. This can be done online or in person. The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 25th October for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more details, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)



#### ALLIANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY INTERNATIONAL

This Friday, 26th October, we will be holding a Communion of Reparation Vigil. It will start with the Rosary at 7pm, Mass at 7.30pm then Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8pm. The evening will conclude with Benediction and Holy Mass at Midnight. All parishioners are welcome to attend all or part of the evening.

ROSTERS: 25TH/26TH OCTOBER, 2025			30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C	
Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney.			Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.	
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	J. Wein	S. Kavanagh	C. Chalker
Reader/s:	M. Williams	S. Mackenzie	S. Tuma	S. Tyler / M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server:	T. Jordan	M. Hutchison	J. Rapa	G. Claravall