



# 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*

### **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:

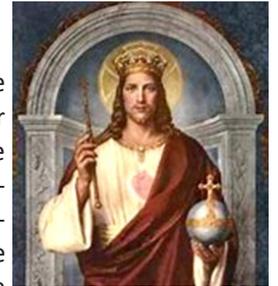
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays each month.

#### Marriages:

By appointment

## *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe Year C* *23rd November, 2025*

At the heart of this Sunday's Gospel is the notion of salvation. The Jewish leaders have their idea of what salvation by the Messiah will be: the reestablishment of the state of Israel, with a people faithfully following the Law as they understood it. The soldiers' idea of salvation is of a free state, powerful both politically and militarily. The mocking thief's idea of salvation is freedom from the pain and agony that he is enduring. All these forms of salvation involve freedom from a negative state that is imposed from without. This is not the salvation that Jesus offers.



The salvation that Jesus offers is not from pain or difficulty or humiliation or sickness or failure or any other negative experience we might like to name...except one. The salvation that Jesus offers is from sin. Sin is the only reality that can cut us off from the love of God. Jesus came and lived our human life and died our death that we might accept the strength and power to resist sin and live for God. How we are to do this is shown in the response of the Good Thief to Jesus. He recognised himself as a sinner and turned to Jesus for salvation. His agonising death on the cross continued – he was not saved from that but rather he went through it with Jesus.

And this is to be our experience as well. Rarely will we be saved from the many and myriad negative experiences we undergo. But we have the assurance of the presence of Jesus being with us as we go through these. His presence will firstly strengthen us against the sin that tempts us in such situations. Too often, this will come in the form of a false salvation – an easy way out that does not respect ourselves or others. Then, he will strengthen us with patience to endure. Remaining faithful will finally lead to a recognition of the transformation that grace can bring in this negative experience. Just as Jesus does not save us out of our situation, neither does he save from without. Rather he comes with us, upholding, strengthening and leading us from within.

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

Think over what salvation means to you. Consider the times that you have wanted to be saved and how you wanted it done. Did you want to get out of the situation you were in, or was your desire for the strength to endure, or even transform, that situation?

At this point in time, what are the difficult situations you face? As you pray over these situations, discern the grace of salvation Jesus is offering you.

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

Graphics: <https://straymonds.org/our-lord-jesus-christ-king-of-the-universe-9/>

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power forever and ever.



**FIRST READING:** 2 Samuel 5 : 1-3  
*They anointed David king of Israel.*

**RESPONSE:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 1 : 12-20  
*He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 23 : 35-43  
*Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Rosario Aquino, 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.

**MONDAY CLUB**

The bus tour to St Marys, The Great Synagogue and the ANZAC Mosque will leave St Matthew's at 8am this Tuesday, 25th November and return at 4pm. Please remember to bring water, lunch and sunscreen. Check the list you were given for more details.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION TALK**

The next talk will be held in the hall at 7.30pm this Thursday, 27th November. This will be the last talk for the year so if you would like your child Baptised in January or early February, you will need to attend this talk. Bookings for the talk are made by contacting the Parish Office.



**FOLLOW UP FUNDRAISING MEETING**

We will be holding another fundraising meeting in the hall on Sunday, 7th December after the 9am Mass. All parishioners are invited even if you were unable to attend the last meeting.

**PARISH HALL RAFFLE**

We would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket or donated a prize or money for the recent raffle. The tickets have now been drawn and the winners were/will be contacted by phone. All prizes can be collected from the Parish office during the week. For the full list of winners and the prizes that were donated, please see the sheet at the back of the Church.



**CANDLES**

We will be selling Anniversary candles in two different fragrances to help raise more funds for the refurbishment of the hall.. They are only \$69.95 each and make a perfect Christmas gift for family and friends. Order forms are available at the back of the Church along with a sample of each fragrance so you can purchase the one (or more) that you prefer.

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

At all Masses this weekend, we will be holding the Bishop's Christmas Appeal supporting Catholic Care grief and loss counselling. Your generosity is the way to open the doors of hope for the broken-hearted ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone.

<b>ROSTERS: 29TH/30TH NOVEMBER, 2025</b>		<b>1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> J. Dimech.		<b>Sacristy:</b> B. and N. Duff.		
<b>Masses:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>
<b>Commentator:</b>	H. Sobiesiak	S. Mackenzie	S. Kavanagh	C. Chalker
<b>Reader/s:</b>	M. Williams	E. El Hindy	J. Rapa	M. Claravall
<b>Acolyte/Adult Server:</b>	J. Saliba	M. Hutchison	T. Victorino	G. Claravall