



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:

Monday to Saturday 9.00am

Reconciliation

Saturday 8.15am and 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

Second Sunday of Advent Year A

7th December, 2025



When John the Baptist performed baptism it was for the forgiveness of sin. The baptism he gave was a mark of the desire to enter into a new life of right action. It was not a baptism of initiation into community that is the case today. John had two key words that he is recorded as preaching: repent and prepare. His call for repentance was a call to turn away from sin; a call to have a change of heart; a call to turn one's life around and make a fresh start. His call for preparation is in the long line of prophets that includes the great prophet Isaiah from whom we take today's first reading. All of the prophets urged the people towards hope in the future. Isaiah and others spoke specifically of a person – a Messiah – who would bring that hope to reality. But the tradition demanded a readiness for the Messiah and that was the call to preparation that John the Baptist echoed at the beginning of the public life of Jesus.

John's taunting of the Pharisees and Sadducees is an indication of this need for preparation and readiness. He accuses them of being too confident of their own rightness. He demands proof from them of their honest repentance: 'but if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit'. Rather, he suspects that they think that salvation is assured for them by virtue of being a Jew; a son of Abraham. He warns them that an axe hangs poised to cut down any part of the Jewish tradition that is failing to produce good fruit. This is a theme that is picked up later by Jesus himself; you can't be complacent about your own position, you have to welcome the new truth revealed by Jesus and give yourself wholeheartedly to God.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – PREPARE YE!

John the Baptist's call to 'Prepare the way of the Lord' is a summary of the purpose of the season of Advent. Every year, as we celebrate the Nativity, we celebrate once again the presence of God in our world. God became incarnate in the world through Jesus but also always was and continues to be incarnate in the world through each person. If we are to accept this reality and live it out, we need to remind ourselves this Advent to prepare the way for the Lord to be present in and through us every day of our lives.

Reflection: Greg Sunter: www.liturgyhelp.com

Graphics: <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org>

ADVENT WREATH RESPONSE: *Come Lord Jesus.*



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11 : 1-10
He judges the poor with justice.

RESPONSE: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 15 : 4-9
Christ, the hope of all people.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 3 :1-12
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Patricia Liddiard, Rosario Aquino, (Anniversary of George Seguna) as well as Mary Stella Bonanno, Charles Bonanno, Frank Debono, John Mifsud, John Ripa, Francis Bonanno, Ignatius Vella, Jason Vella, Lela Vella, Loreto and Carmen Xerri, Joseph and Carmen Teuma, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana and family and all the souls in Purgatory.

Sick: Please pray for Maggie Abraham, Susitina Makasini, Christopher Sales, Thelma Rays, Lizella Sciberras, Sam Galea, Kevin Hawkins, Julieta Hawkins, Joe Vella, Delina Galea, Joyce Rapa, Sandra Vaughan, Antoinette Vella, Bruno Franz, Alya and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our new Parish Council members will be commissioned at the 9am Mass next Sunday. 14th December All parishioners are invited to come and meet our new Council members.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2025

Wednesday, 24th December: (Christmas Vigil)

- 6.30pm Open Air Family Mass
(in St Matthew's School Grounds.
Please bring your own chair/rug)
- 8.30pm Mass (Church)

Thursday, 25th December: (Christmas)

- Midnight Mass (Church)
- 7.30am Mass (Church)
- 9.00am Mass (Church)



PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

CHRISTMAS MASS VOLUNTEERS - WE NEED YOU

For Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we are in need of volunteers for all of the different ministries. Please consider helping during one (or more) of the Masses. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.



If you are willing to volunteer, please place your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.

RECONCILIATION

2nd Rite St Monica's Richmond

Wednesday, 17th December 7.00pm

1st Rite St. Matthew's Windsor

Every Saturday in December at 8.15am and 9.30am.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We would like to thank parishioners for their generosity with the Bishops Christmas Appeal. We raised just under \$1850- for Catholic Care.

CALENDARS FOR SALE

We have 2025 Columban calendars available for sale in the Parish Office. Only \$10- each. They make a great Christmas gift or stocking filler. Please contact the office 45773073 if you would like to buy one (or more).



ROSTERS: 13TH/14TH DECEMBER, 2025		2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: T. Ripa and S. Mitchell.		Sacristy: D. Marshall and M. Hutchison.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	H. Sobiesiak	S. Mackenzie	C. Conolly	C. Chalker
Reader/s:	A. Dimech	J. Wein	R. Bigeni	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server:	J. Saliba	M. Hutchison	P. Tran	G. Claravall