



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 9.30am to 4.30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9.30am to 4pm Wednesday

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 Wednesday 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

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st February, 2026



To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

As you rest in God's presence take the text of the Beatitudes and reflect how you have experienced in your life what each one is about. The questions below are only suggested springboards for your reflection.

When have you discovered God in the midst of your vulnerability?

When has your heart been broken, only to discover a hidden comfort?

When had you dealt with a difficult situation, with a strength and gentleness you didn't know you had?

When have you worked for peace?

When have you been scorned for your beliefs and known that testing as a blessing for your heart?

Reflections: Dianne Bergan CSA www.liturgyhelp.com
Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au
Graphics: <https://homilysunday.com/homily-year-a>

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

RESPONSE: Happy the poor spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love, O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Anna Noot and Lourdes Diosa as well as (Anniversary of Norberto Go), Emanuel Azzopardi, Paul and Anna Dimech, Paul Micallef, Karen Bartolo, John Ripa, Jesse Ripa, Bonnie Farrugia, John Mifsud, Antonia Ripa, Nicola Ripa, Philip and Mary Mifsud, Carmelo and Elizabeth Vella, William Attard, Joseph Aquilera, Pio Vell, Charlie and Joanne Vassallo, Angelo and Paula Vella, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana and family.

Sick: Please pray for Thelma Rays, Susitina Makasini, Lizella Sciberras, Sam Galea, Kevin Hawkins, Julieta Hawkins, Joyce Rapa, Sandra Vaughan, Joe Vella, Delina Galea, Bruno Franz Antoinette Vella, Gail Felice, Francisco Eugenio, Pam Everingham, Alya and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

MONDAY CLUB

Will meet this Monday, 2nd February. Everyone is welcome to join us in the hall. \$15 for morning tea and lunch. Come along and make new friends while enjoying great conversation and good food.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Just a reminder to members that the next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be at 7pm this Wednesday, 4th February.

CATECHIST (SRE) MEETING

The first meeting for the year will be held this Friday, 6th February in the hall. and will start at 9.30am. All SRE teachers are requested to please attend to get ready for the school year ahead.



HOLY HOUR FOR CHILDREN

The monthly Holy Hour for children will resume this Friday, 6th February at 6pm in the Church and will be followed by Mass at 7pm. All parishioners are invited to attend especially children.

HOUSEKEEPING FOR THE VOTIVE CANDLE STAND

We would like to request that parishioners please use the lighters instead of the matches when possible. If you do need to use the matches, it would be appreciated that you do not drop them (especially if lit) through the glass candle holder into the container below. This causes a number of problems with the glass and the container. We would also request that you do not use a lit candle to light another candle. This is a fire hazard. Please note, that children are welcome to light a candle but **do need** adult supervision. Your assistance with these requests are appreciated.



HOLY SPIRIT MISSION 2026

Experience a life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit at the annual HOLY SPIRIT MISSION event! This free gathering is open to everyone seeking a deeper understanding and connection with the Holy Spirit. Discover the Spiritual Gifts and how to grow in them. Receive encouragement, help, and support from charismatic communities. Join us on: Saturday, 21st February, from 12pm to 5pm in Camilleri Hall, OLQP Parish. 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Register Now for this free event. Come and be Renewed, Encouraged, Healed, and Supported! Please scan the QR code on the flyer at the back of the Church to register.



JUST A REMINDER THAT: SODALITY OF OUR LADY WILL RECOMMENCE ON MONDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY AND LEGION OF MARY (YOUTH) RETURNS WEDNESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY.

2026 GOD'S WORD REFLECTION BOOKS

Unfortunately we were unable to order God's Word 2026 as they are out of stock. Sorry for the disappointment to those who expressed an interest in obtaining one of the books. We will try again for next year, however, we will make sure we order before Christmas this year to avoid missing out.

ST MATTHEW'S LENTEN PROGRAM

We will be holding Lenten groups again this year on the Wednesdays of Lent at 9.30am and 7pm in the Parish House. The first session however will be on the Thursday after Ash Wednesday. If you would like to attend a group, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church, so that we can order the correct number of books required.



Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, 18th February this year and Masses will be at 9am and 7pm. Please be aware, that the students from St Matthew's School will be attending the morning Mass.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN RED MASS

Fr Robert Riedling, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, cordially invites members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families to the annual Red Mass. Join them on Tuesday 3rd February at 7pm, refreshments will be served following the Mass. Please RSVP by Friday 30th January to enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au or call (02) 8839 8400.

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Wednesday, 11th February at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. To register, please visit parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/



RETREAT - SAPIENTIA

Single adults, ages 18-35, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for a weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, NSW from 13-15 February 2026. The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass, and time for fellowship. Registration closes 6 February. Fee: \$300 per person. <https://www.trybooking.com/DHJBL>

TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP THE FAITH ALIVE - AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)



Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

Next weekend we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

Complete the Text Maze

"Blessed are the humble, the earth will belong to them."

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ROSTERS: 7TH/8TH FEBRUARY, 2026			FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	
Church Cleaning: K. and G. Moffitt.			Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.	
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	L. Buchanan	C. Chalker
Reader/s:	M. Williams	J. Wein	S. Touma	M. Claravall
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