



St Matthew's Catholic Parish



(Established 1831)

12 Tebbutt Street, Windsor, NSW 2756

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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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www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au
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: (returns 6 Feb)

First Friday each month 6.00pm

Sodality of Our Lady (in hall): (returns 6 Feb)

Every Monday 3.30pm to 4.30pm (children)

Pilgrim Rosary (in hall):

Every Tuesday 7pm

Legion of Mary (in hall):

Every Wednesday 6pm (youth) **(returns 9 Feb)**
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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 25th January, 2026

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.



There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

As you go through this week, think of the times that Jesus has called you in your life. Recall the circumstances and how you responded. What can you take from that and incorporate into your life now?

Reflections: Dianne Bergan CSA www.liturgyhelp.com
Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au
Graphics: <https://turnerscross.com/2018/01/29>

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 8 : 23 - 9 : 3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

RESPONSE: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

I appeal to you, make up the difference between you.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all those who were sick. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4 : 12-23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Lourdes Diosa as well as (Anniversary of William Attard), 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, 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, Antoinette Vella, Bruno Franz, Gail Felice, Francisco Eugenio, Alya and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next Baptismal Talk will be held this Thursday, 29th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month and bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office on 4577 3073.



MONDAY CLUB

Will meet next on 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 on Wednesday, 4th February.

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.



BE THE WITNESS

A production being brought to life by a team at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, is gathering momentum across their Parish and the Diocese with vocal auditions now having commenced. They are extending the invitation to all those in our parishes to the open auditions on Sunday 1st from 11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm and Monday 2nd of February from 6pm-8pm, which will take place at the Parish Office at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. Please register to audition by emailing music@bethewitness.com.au

We would also love to invite anyone who is interested in assisting in any way in any of the teams – production, event management, communications, finance, fundraising, and prayer – to get in touch using the QR code provided on the flyer at the back of the Church. They are also currently looking for a director and choreographer. Musicians and dancers can also scan the relevant QR codes on the same flyer, to register their interest and be kept informed of upcoming Live Band and Dance auditions.

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/



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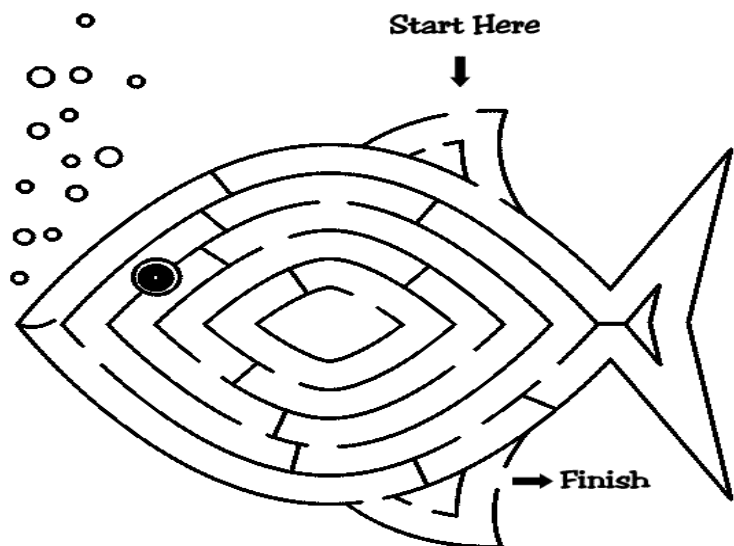
Single adults, ages 18-35, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for a weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, NSW from 13th-15th February. The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass, and time for fellowship.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

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.



FISHER OF PEOPLE MAZE



ROSTERS: 31ST JAN/ 1ST FEBRUARY, 2026		FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	C. Conolly	A. Pennings
Reader/s:	M. Said	E. El Hindy	S. Kavanagh	E. Sultana
Acolyte/Adult Server:	T. Jordan	M. Hutchison	J. Rapa	D. Edgar



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