



# 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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*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 Thursday 6pm (youth)  
Every Saturday 3.30pm (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

## *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

*8th February, 2026*

Today, when we describe a person as being the 'salt of the earth' it's generally meant in a way that says the person is hard working, straight talking and pretty down to earth. It's usually meant as a compliment but sometimes can come across as a bit condescending when used inappropriately. When Jesus tells the disciples that they are salt of the earth and the light of the world he is really saying 'You are to be the salt of the earth; you are to be the light of the world.' It is more of a directive than an affirmation of them.



Today's first reading from Isaiah helps to shed light on Jesus' meaning in the gospel passage: 'Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn.' It sounds a lot like the message from the last judgment in Matthew 25 when the king says 'whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' It's a message of justice and right relationship not only with God but with one another also.

To be salt of the earth and light of the world means to be the one who puts their hand up and steps forward to speak for, work for and act for those who are the least in this world. To have the potential and resources to be a force for good in the world and not act on it is to be like salt that's used for salting the streets or a lamp that's under a tub.

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

Jesus wants us to live in the fullness of his light and love. When we do this we are salt and light to others. Ask Jesus to show you where you are already being salt and light to others.

Find those places in your heart which you don't feel are fully alive. Ask Jesus what is needed to enliven them. Do you need a sharp salt to bring out the flavour? Do you need guidance to change your ways?

Imagine yourself filled with the light and love of God. What would your personal characteristics be like and how could they draw others to praise God.

Reflections: Greg Sunter [www.liturgyhelp.com](http://www.liturgyhelp.com)  
Sr Kym Harris osb [www.prayasyoucan.com.au](http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au)  
Graphics: <https://www.anthonyekpunobi.org>

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.  
**RESPONSE:** A light rises in the darkness for the upright.  
**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.  
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Anna Noot and Lourdes Diosa as well as Norberto Go, Emanuel Azzopardi, Paul and Anna Dimech, Paul Micallef, Karen Bartolo, William Attard, Joseph Aquilera, Charlie and Joanne Vassallo, Angelo and Paula Vella, Pio Vella, James Swainston, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, 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, Patricia Donohue, Alya and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

**ROSTERS**

The next Reader and Adult Server/Acolyte roster is available for collection at the back of the Church. To save on postage, please take your copy with you after Mass.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 18th February and Masses will be held at 9am and 7pm. Please note that the year 3 to year 6 children from St Matthew's school will be attending the morning Mass.



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT**

The Pastoral Council which was established late last year has been meeting monthly, gradually finding our feet and discerning our mission. We are currently developing a revised parish directory, outlining the various roles, ministries, groups and activities within the parish. In our role to advise Fr Ranillo on meeting the pastoral needs of parishioners we have been reflecting on the existing strengths of the parish, which are many and encouraging, as well as on steps which might be taken to enhance the welcoming nature of the parish. The Diocesan Pastoral Plan is helping to guide our reflections.

**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. This 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.



**BE A STRONGER YOU – FREE EMPOWERMENT COURSE FOR WOMEN**

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains has partnered with Survivor Voice Australia to run a free six-week empowerment program for women who have experienced domestic violence and abuse. The program will start in February 2026 in the Blue Mountains. To express your interest, contact Catholic Care on (02) 8843 2500 or Survivor Voice Australia on 0422 876 700.

**HOLY SPIRIT MISSION 2026**

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Parramatta community is hosting their annual Holy Spirit Mission event on Saturday 21st February from 12pm to 5pm at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Join us for prayer and praise, testimonies, talks and prayer ministry as you seek a deeper understanding and connection with the Holy Spirit. Register for this free event via [www.trybooking.com/](http://www.trybooking.com/) DIENC or scan the QR code on the flyer at the back of the Church to register.



**FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE SHORT COURSE**

FaithLIFE Scripture offers a 3-session Catholic Bible study and faith formation short course on how to engage with the Bible through the Catholic tradition during turbulent times. The program will run on Tuesday 10th, 17th and 24th February at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, from 7pm to 9pm. The program is facilitated by Scripture scholar Dr Michele Connolly RSJ and is open to adults of all ages and supports ongoing adult faith formation. To register, visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/faithlife-scripture-session-1/>

**BLACKTOWN PARISH PRESENTS 'THE WITNESS'**

The community of Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, are bringing to life the musical "The Witness" - telling the story of the life of Jesus through the eyes of St Peter. We encourage anyone interested in being part of The Witness experience to register. To learn more, email [info@bethewitness.com.au](mailto:info@bethewitness.com.au) or visit Be The Witness - The Musical. The team at Be The Witness have also added two new dates for chorus auditions. We would like to invite all those interested to come and audition for this amazing evangelical musical production at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown on either: Monday 16th February - 6:30pm-8:30pm OR Monday 23rd February - 6:30pm-8:30pm. To register and book your time, please scan the QR code on the flyer at the back of the Church or contact our Music Director, Marianne Fernandes, at [music@bethewitness.com.au](mailto:music@bethewitness.com.au) Come, Be The Witness!



**WHEN SHOULD I COMPLETE MY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING?**

All Clergy, employees and volunteers in parish ministry are required by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019 to be current and complete with Safeguarding Training. If you are new to ministry, you must complete the Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1). If you completed Cycle 1 modules two years ago, you must complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2). If you renewed your Cycle 2 two years ago, you must complete a Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3) Safeguarding Training Modules can always be completed online at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>. Face-to-face training opportunities can be found at <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

*YOUR LIGHT WILL SHINE LIKE DAWN*

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TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

- CITY
- HOMELESS
- HUNGRY
- LIGHT
- RELATIVE
- SALT
- SHINE
- SUN
- HIDDEN
- HONEST
- LAMP
- POT



<b>ROSTERS: 14TH/15TH FEBRUARY, 2026</b>		<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A</b>		
Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.		Sacristy: D. Marsha;; and M. Hutchison.		
<b>Masses:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>
<b>Commentator:</b>	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	I. Willingham	A. Pennings
<b>Reader/s:</b>	A. Dimech	S. Mackenzie	F. Watkins	R. Xerri
<b>Acolyte/Adult Server:</b>	J. Dimech	M. Hutchison	T. Victorino	D. Edgar



**BOLD**  
ACCOUNTING

## Accountants for Tradies

Are you a frustrated Trade Business Owner?

- Missing out on the guidance and advice you want from an accountant?
- Worried about penalties & interest from late or missing lodgements?
- Frustrated because your accountant doesn't call you back?
- Unsure that you are getting the best tax result possible?

Contact Patrick Conolly at Bold Accounting:

**(02) 9145 2863**

**[www.boldaccounting.com.au](http://www.boldaccounting.com.au)**



**Location:** Colonial Drive, Bligh Park.  
**Hours:** Fridays, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.  
**Offerings:** Authentic Filipino food, including pork and chicken dishes.

**Phone or message orders to 0432 699 461.**

*For the most up-to-date menu and information, it is recommended to check their Facebook page.*

This could be for your business.

If you would like to advertise here,

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