



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*

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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

Stations of the Cross

Friday 7.00pm

Children's Liturgy:

Every Sunday during the 9am Mass

Holy Hour For Children: (not March)

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

Second Sunday of Lent Year A

1st March, 2026



In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're confused and scared by what they witness. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is.

During this Lenten season, like the disciples, we are called to consider who Jesus is and what role he plays in our lives.

GOSPEL FOCUS – A NEW VISION

Peter sees the appearance of Elijah and Moses as a confirmation that Jesus has come to continue the work of the great prophets of the past. Rather than placing Jesus in the old tradition of the prophets, the appearance of Elijah and Moses, together with the voice of God, is to endorse the new direction that Jesus' ministry is taking. Jesus' new vision for the world is informed by the relationships forged between God and the prophets of the past, but it is a vision of a completely different way of relating to God: a much more personal relationship that calls us to respond from the heart to those around us.

Reflections: Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com
Graphics: <https://www.catholicforlife.com>

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING: Genesis 12 : 1-4
The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

RESPONSE: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1 : 8-10
God has saved us. And called us to be holy.

ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Matthew 17 : 1-9
His face shone like the sun.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Mathew Sieders, Bryan Jones, Francisco Eugenio and Antoinette Vella, (Anniversary of Pio Vella) as well as Jeanine Dimech, Antoine Bazouni, Paul Farrugia, Felipe Mari Snr, Ignatius and Diana Pereira, 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 Gail Felice, Pam Everingham, Patricia Donohue, Alya and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - First Eucharist

The 6pm and 9am Masses on this weekend and next weekend will be commitment Masses for the children undertaking the First Eucharist Program. Please make the children and their families welcome. Any questions, please contact Cita at the Parish Office.



MONDAY CLUB

Will meet next at 12pm this Monday the 2nd March at the Clarendon Tavern for lunch. Everyone is most welcome.

PEW RESTORATION

We would like to invite any parishioners, either with a trade or without to volunteer to help sand and polish the pews once/twice a month. We would need a core volunteer group (of about 6 people or so), who will commit their time and effort on a Saturday morning after Mass. Some instruction will be provided as guidance. I would also like to invite the group to pray together first, so our work becomes prayer- interceding for the needs of the church. The mission will be to build up our church as we have such a privilege in our heritage at St Matthews, building up the church in Australia. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Parish Office.



BECAUSE OF STATIONS OF THE CROSS, THERE WILL BE NO HOLY HOUR FOR CHILDREN THIS FRIDAY, 6TH MARCH. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7PM.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the World Day of Prayer service will be focusing on Nigeria. It will be held at 10am on Friday, 6th March in Ebenezer Uniting Church and will be followed by morning tea. It is a lovely opportunity for our district churches across denominations to come together as one and pray for the country of Nigeria. All are welcome.



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

All parishioners are invited to a Special Mass at 1pm on Sunday, 8th March to honour Saint Mary Mackillop and commemorate International Women's Day at Mary Mackillop Place North Sydney. The Mass will be followed by morning tea in the courtyard. There will also be a watercolour workshop on that day from 11am to 1pm in the Schoolhouse at the cost of \$65-per person. To book for the workshop, please register using the QR code on the flyer at the back of the Church.

DIocese SEMINARS

Celebrating Holy Week seminar is for Acolytes and Adult Servers, It will be held on Saturday, 7th March from 9.30am to 3pm in Bede Heather Centre Blacktown. Please RSVP by Monday, 2nd March. Details are on the flyer at the back of the Church.



Music for Easter Triduum will be held on Tuesday, 10th March from 7pm to 8.30pm also in Bede Heather Centre Blacktown. Please RSVP by 5th March. details are also on the flyer at the back of the Church.

SPECIAL SCREENING - "GUADALUPE: MOTHER OF HUMANITY"

There will be a special screening on Friday 20th March at 7pm in the Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Discover the miraculous story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the enduring mystery of the tilma of Juan Diego. Tickets are \$10 each (payable on the night). Popcorn and snacks available. Recommended PG 13+. Stations of the Cross will be held in the Cathedral at 6:00pm prior to the screening. Seat reservations appreciated but not required. Please use the QR code on the flyer at the back of the Church.

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR

In this special year, the faithful are invited to imitate St Francis's evangelical virtues of poverty, humility, compassion and service to the poor. Until 10th January 2027 you can obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan Conventional Church or place of worship dedicated to St Francis anywhere in the world. In the Diocese, these are The Good Shepherd Church Plumpton, St Bernadette's Church Dundas Valley, Our Lady of the Rosary Church and Shrine of Holy Innocents Kellyville, Poor Clare Monastery North Richmond and Our Lady of Consolation Chapel Rooty Hill.



Transfiguration Maze

Can you find the way to Jesus, Moses, and Elijah on the mountain?

Jesus took Peter, James and John up onto a mountain to pray. There he was transfigured before them.
Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9

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PROJECT COMPASSION

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes, online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate or by calling: 1800 024 413

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY PARRAMATTA CENTENARY CELEBRATION

The St Patrick's Parramatta School Community warmly invites all former staff, students, and families to join us in celebrating 100 years of faith, learning and community on Saturday 14th March at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Mass begins at 1:30pm, with an afternoon tea to follow. Let us come together in Eucharist to share memories and celebrate companionship across generations. RSVP via <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZCpRA1DLrNElCkwCltsabrOw43l5RYq3LiRTzvAlkOFmaA/viewform>



ROSTERS: 7TH/8TH MARCH, 2026		THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 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:	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	C. Chalker
Reader/s:	M. Williams	E. El Hindy	Volunteer	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server:	J. Dimech	M. Hutchison	P. Tran	M. Hutchison



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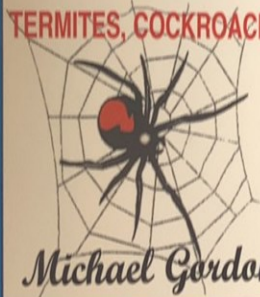
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