



# 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 8.15 - 8.45am & 9.30 - 10.30am

#### Stations of the Cross

Friday 7.00pm

#### 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):

Saturday fortnightly 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 of Lent Year A*

*8th March, 2026*



What a woman – so much life, so much vivacity. She has a personal magnetism and vivacity I'll never have. Her setbacks hadn't set her back. When Jesus spoke to her, she didn't retire, shy and confused that a man had broken such a social barrier. No, she stepped right up in the conversation and was prepared to engage this man in dialogue...and didn't Jesus like it! Here was a person ready to engage with what he had to say and courageous enough to face her personal failure. This is the person to whom he first openly reveals who he is...and what a response he gets. Having been led through self-knowledge to knowledge of him, she goes immediately to preach this Good News to the people of her city. Those people must have been so astounded at the transformation in her that they left the city to come to Jesus.

Too often and too easily, we have made religion a dull and insipid thing as though our faith should make us tone down life. With the transformation of this woman we see Jesus doing exactly the opposite. Previously this woman had used her personality to attract a few men – now it is a whole city. This is a challenge to us: each of us have attractive aspects to our personality. These Jesus wants to use to preach Good News. Imagine how you could do this! Imagine what Lady Gaga could do with a change of focus! Jesus offers us the fullness of life. May his Spirit fill our minds, hearts and lives so that we might radiate his glory.

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

Rest knowing that you have been created and re-created in God's love.

When you are tranquil in that love, consider one event in your life over which you feel shame. Do not try to sort it out, argue about it, justify it or run away from it, simply sit there offering it to Jesus. Allow Jesus to take it into his loving hands. See what he does with it.

Reflection: Sr Kym Harris osb [www.prayasoucan.com.au](http://www.prayasoucan.com.au)  
Graphics: <https://www.catholicforlife.com>

### **SISTERS OF CHARITY HERITAGE CENTRE**

Will be holding a morning tea to celebrate International Women's Day on Wednesday, 11th March at 10.30am at their Heritage Centre in Potts Point. There is also a new temporary exhibition running from 4th March to 28th May called 'Give to Gain'. For more information and to RSVP, please see the flyer at the back of the Church.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 17:3-7  
*Give us water to drink.*

**RESPONSE:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 5:1-2. 5-8  
*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL:** John 4:5-42  
*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Veneranda Mifsud, Mathew Sieders, Bryan Jones, Francisco Eugenio, (Anniversary of Antonia Ripa) as well as Paul Farrugia, Felipe Mari Snr, Ignatius and Diana Pereira, John Mifsud, John Ripa, Charles Bonanno, Mary Stella Bonanno, Francies Bonanno, Frank Debono, Pio 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 Gail Felice, Pam Everingham, Patricia Donohue, Alya and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

**PEW RESTORATION**

We would like to thank the parishioners who volunteered to help with the restoration of the pews. You are invited to come along on the morning of Saturday 14th March after the 9am Mass. There will be a short devotion in the church and then Tony McMahon will provide some direction on how we go about the work. If you would like to take part, please feel free to just turn up and help.



**ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOPS**

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft evening will be held on Tuesday, 10th March at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7pm. Costs is \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit [parra.catholic.org/rosary-workshops](http://parra.catholic.org/rosary-workshops)

**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD AT MOUNT SCHOENSTATT**

Come and spend time with our Lord and His Mother in the Schoenstatt Shrine. Begin: Friday 13th March 6:30pm with Holy Mass (followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation) End: Saturday 14th March 5:30pm with Holy Mass (Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 4pm). Please bring a plate to share for the fellowship on Friday evening after mass. Contact Sr M. Rita 0493026628 [srrita@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srrita@schoenstatt.org.au) to be added to the roster to secure a time of adoration.



**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.



**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST - CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH**

All women are warmly invited to a special community breakfast celebrating the Feast of St Joseph and honouring the legacy of Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph, on Saturday 21st March from 8:00am - 10:00am at Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry, 33 Barina Downs Rd, Baulkham Hills. Cost: \$20 per person (breakfast included). Guest speaker: Sr Virginia Bourke rsj. Bookings essential. All women are welcome.



**LENTEN RETREAT AT CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, CRANEBROOK**

Join us for a prayerful Lenten Retreat at Corpus Christi Catholic Church from 22-25 March, led by Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI. Enjoy Mass, guided reflections and fellowship to renew hearts and prepare for Holy Week. All are warmly welcome. Contact Corpus Christi parish office on 4730 1249 for more information.

**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/1FAIpQLSfZCpRA1DLrNElCkwClItsabrOw43l5RYq3LiRTzvAlkOFmaA/viewform>



**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. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes, online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate) or call: 1800 024 413

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TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

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- WOMAN
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- LIVING
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- ETERNAL
- JOURNEY
- WATER
- JESUS
- SAMARITAN
- THIRST
- GIFT
- DRINK



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<b>ROSTERS: 14TH/15TH MARCH, 2026</b>		<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A</b>		
Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.		Sacristy: N. and B. Duff.		
<b>Masses:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>
<b>Commentator:</b>	M. Said	J. Wein	C. Conolly	A. Pennings
<b>Reader/s:</b>	A. Dimech	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	R. Xerri
<b>Acolyte/Adult Server:</b>	T. Jordan	M. Hutchison	Volunteer	D. Edgar



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**(02) 9145 2863**

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



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

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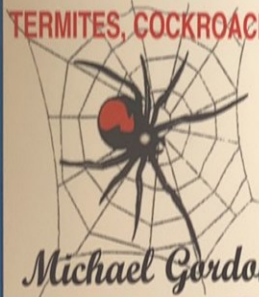
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