



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A *15th March, 2026*



Miracles do not necessarily lead to faith and faith is not necessarily about believing in miracles. In the Gospel concerning the healing of the man born blind, by the end of the interrogations it is clear that the man himself, his parents, his neighbours, the people who had seen him begging and the religious authorities all know that a miracle has occurred but it is interpreted variously. The authorities claim it is a sinful act, the parents are wary about the implications, the neighbours are wondering what happened. Only the man himself is worshipping.

The movement to faith by the man is worth close study. Initially, he isn't dazzled by this amazing healing, rather he seems bemused, like someone awakening from a long sleep. His understanding grows as he is questioned and challenged. It is as though he had something to work out within himself before he could profess faith in Jesus and being challenged helped it to happen. As his integrity is first questioned, then assaulted he stands his ground concerning what happened to him and, as he does, he begins to understand who Jesus is: first, 'the man called Jesus', then 'a prophet', then 'from God'. Only when he is alone with his own truth and knowledge does Jesus come to him and reveal himself. Then the man worships.

Coming to the fullness of faith is something deeply intimate and personal to each of us yet it takes place in the cut and thrust of life. Many of the difficulties we face challenge our integrity and, at times, we can feel alone. But this is a journey we must take. As we stand alone with our own truth, as did the man, we come into that human dignity that allows us to truly worship God in freedom.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

God teaches us in different ways through our lives. Quite often it is to make us grow: to leave behind our fears, our prejudices, our lazy ways of living, our hurts or our hates. But God often doesn't 'seem' to be with us every step of the way. We may feel that we are working it out in the circumstances and difficulties of life.

Ponder over some of the ways you have grown in your life. Can you see a pattern in God's dealings with you? Consider a challenge you are now facing? Can you see the pattern at work in that challenge?

Sit quietly with God, sharing your heart's response to how God has shepherded you in grace.

Reflection: Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasoucan.com.au
Graphics: <https://www.chinakareflections.com>

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING: ! Samuel 16 : 1, 6-7, 10-15

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5 : 8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 9 : 1-41

The bling man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord anointed my eyes; I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Veneranda Mifsud, Mathew Sieders, Bryan Jones as well as Ignatius and Diana Pereira, Antonia Ripa, 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.

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Holy week will soon be here and we are looking for volunteers to help with the various ministries at all services and Masses. We are also looking for volunteers to get their feet washed on Holy Thursday. If you are able to help in any way, please put your name in the appropriate spot on the sheets at the back of the Church.

COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES ON CHURCH PEWS

To assist with fundraising for restoration of the church, the parish is offering parishioners the opportunity to commemorate a family member, friend, parishioner, priest or religious who has been a member of the St Matthew's community in the past. An engraved brass plaque placed on the end of a pew can be purchased for \$350. A brochure with details is available at the back of the Church.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Pastoral Council has finalised a new parish directory summarising the ministries and activities happening within the parish. This will be available to parishioners very soon.

The council has continued to reflect on the objectives identified within the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, considering ways we may be able to enhance our parish community. Matters and suggestions raised by parishioners have also been part of this reflection.

VIGILS OF REPARATION

On Friday, 27th March, the Alliance of Two Hearts will be holding the Vigil here at St Matthew's. The schedule will be 6.30pm Rosary, 7pm Stations of the Cross, 7.30pm Holy Mass followed by Adoration and concluding with Mass again at midnight. All parishioners are invited to attend all or part of the evening.



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.

FOR THOSE INTERESTED, SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER WILL BE HELD IN ST MONICA'S RICHMOND AT 7PM ON TUESDAY, 24TH MARCH 2026.

HEALTHCARE FORMATION AND SUPPORT MASSES

There will be a Healthcare Formation and Support Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill on Sunday 22nd March, commencing 5:30 p.m. There will also be an afternoon tea from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. before the Mass starts for those who wish to attend for networking and support purposes. Please see <https://catholicoutlook.org/healthcare-ministries-formation-and-support-masses-to-be-held-in-2026/> for more details. Enquiries Michael.tan@parracatholic.org

LENT AND EASTER MASSES AND SERVICES 2026

Stations of the Cross 7pm every Friday in Lent

Palm Saturday, 28th March

8.15am – 8.45am Individual Reconciliation
 9.00am Mass
 9.30am - 10.30am Individual Reconciliation
 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Palm Sunday, 29th March

7.30am Mass
 9.00am Mass
 5.00pm Mass



Tuesday, 31st March

9.00am Mass

Wednesday, 1st April

9.00am Mass

Thursday, 2nd April

No Morning Mass

7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (in the Church) followed by
 "Reflecting with Jesus in the Garden"- until 10.00pm [in the hall]

Good Friday, 3rd April

No Morning Mass

10.00am Stations of the Cross
 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death

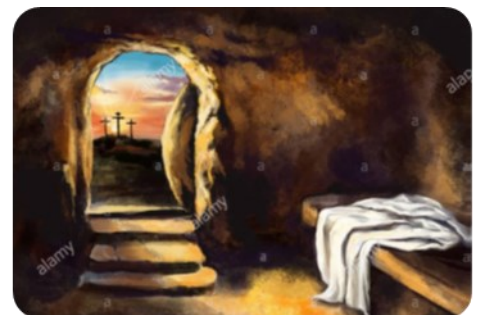
Holy Saturday, 4th April

No Morning Mass

10.00am Individual Reconciliation
 6.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 5th April

7.30am and
 9.00am Mass



NO 5PM EVENING MASS

ROSTERS: 21ST/22ND MARCH, 2026			FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A	
Church Cleaning: K. and G. Moffitt.			Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.	
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	H. Sobiesiak	S. Mackenzie	L. Buchanan	C. Chalker
Reader/s:	T. Ripa	J. Wein	F. Watkins	S. Tyler
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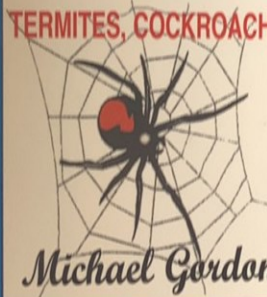
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