



# 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 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: (except April)

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

## *Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A*

*22nd March, 2026*

When Martha and Mary sent news to Jesus of Lazarus' illness, they implicitly wanted Jesus to do a miracle. When he failed to arrive and Lazarus had been dead for three days, Martha's belief in Jesus as 'the Resurrection' focussed on the last day when all would rise. In other words, her faith was one that looked for miracles in this life and saw the glory of God being revealed in the next life. It was a form of religion that saw God separate from human life, as one who erupted in extraordinary events and rewarded people after death.



The faith that the Gospel of John presents is quite different. It understands 'miracles' as signs of the glory of God already present in human life and sees resurrection occurring here in this world when people have faith in Jesus. God is not separate from human existence but very much involved in its drama. This is why Jesus states that his glory is revealed when he is lifted up, that is when he is being crucified. In the very disgrace of crucifixion God's glory is revealed because Jesus has remained faithful in love. This is called the 'realized eschatology' of John.

When Jesus comes, he transforms the nature of religion. We are not called to be live good, moral lives so that God may reward us with miracles in this life and blessedness in the next. We are called to live and love like God so that people see the glory of God in this world. When we forgive freely, serve all lovingly, give without counting the cost, the glory of God is revealed in our lives. When we face the difficult, dark and even dead places of our lives with hope, we know that Christ is again rising in our world. This is our faith, this is the glory to which we are called.

### **SIT QUIETLY WITH YOUR GOD, RESTING IN THE DIVINE LOVE.**

Imagine how Jesus was friends with Martha, Mary and Lazarus: the way they could relax together, joke, feast and share the deepest desires of their hearts. Let your mind rest in the ways they could relate together.

Now speak with Jesus about your friendship with him: how you relax together, joke, feast and share the deepest desires of your heart. Rest there for awhile.

If there is any area in your life where you feel awkward with Jesus, ask him to come and call you: "Come out, live in my love."

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.



**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 37 : 12-14

*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

**RESPONSE:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8 : 8-11

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL:** John 11 : 1-45

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Veneranda Mifsud and (Anniversary of Jesse Muscat) as well as Antonia Ripa, John Mifsud, Charles Bonanno, Francies Bonanno, Mary Stella Bonanno, John Ripa, Frank Debono, Ignatius and Diana Pereira, Paul Farrugia, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, John Galea, Carmen 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.

### THE MONDAY CLUB

Is holding a Picnic in the Park this Monday 23rd March. Meet at the picnic tables in the park along The Terrace, near the Doctor's House at 12 pm. Cost \$15. Please let Suzanne know if you are coming (text her mobile 0408028426).



### 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.

### POTTED PLANTS ALSO NEEDED

Following the 7pm Mass of the Lords Supper on Holy Thursday, 2nd April, we will be having the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall. To make it resemble being in the garden with Jesus, we are hoping to borrow some potted plants from parishioners. If you can help with plants, please drop them off at the Hall on Thursday morning.

### RCIA

This year we have 2 Catechumens and 2 Candidates who will be Baptised/Received during the Easter vigil Mass. There will be a supper following the Mass in the Parish hall and all parishioners and families are invited to attend. Please bring a plate to share.



### 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.

### VIGILS OF REPARATION

On Friday, 27th March, the Alliance of Two Hearts will be holding the Vigils 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.



**SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER: ST MONICA'S RICHMOND 7PM THIS TUESDAY, 24TH MARCH.**

**SCHOENSTATT SISTERS OF MARY CELEBRATIONS**

You are invited to celebrate with us the 75 years of the arrival of the first Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary to Australia AND 60 years of the Schoenstatt Movement in Australia. Join us on Easter Monday, 6th April 2026 from 1:30pm - 5:30pm at Mount Schoenstatt - 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. Parallel children's program will also be available. RSVP Shirley Hall 0417 153  
930 movtooffice@schoenstatt.org.au

**EASTER MASSES AND SERVICES 2026**

**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**

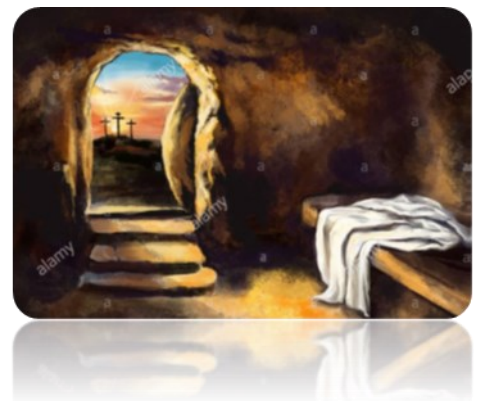
- 9.00am Mass

**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 Mass
- 9.00am Mass

**##### NO 5PM EVENING MASS #####**

<b>ROSTERS: 28TH/29TH MARCH, 2026</b>		<b>PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY YEAR A</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> C. Teuma and T. May.		<b>Sacristy:</b> D. Marshall 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>	M. Said	J. Wein	S. Kavanagh	C. Chalker
<b>Reader/s:</b>	M. Williams	S. Mackenzie	R. Bigeni	M. Claravall
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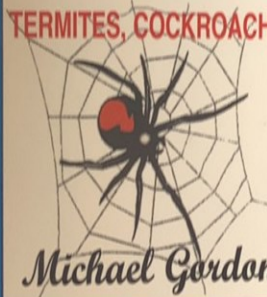
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