



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:

Easter 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 and 9.30 - 10.30am

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

Easter Sunday Year A

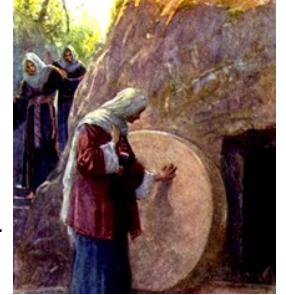
5th April, 2026

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT – MARY MAGDALENE

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.



FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 10 : 34. 37-43
We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

RESPONSE: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3 : 1-4
Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 20 : 1-9
The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased as well as Sam Spiteri, Jesse Muscat, Karen Bartolo, Veneranda and John Mifsud, Paul Farrugia, Jane Vassallo, Keith Schembri, 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, Leo Stivala, Patricia Donohue, Alya and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

THE MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club meeting this Tuesday 7th April in the hall. Morning tea and lunch for only \$15. All are welcome to come along for good food and conversation.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - First Eucharist

We would like to remind parents with children enrolled in the First Eucharist Program, that there will be a workshop at 7pm on Tuesday, 14th and Wednesday, 15th April. Your child and a parent is required to attend only one of the sessions.

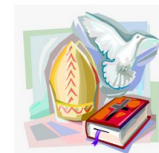


PARISH DIRECTORY

The new Parish Directory is available for all parishioners. It lists the various ministries and activities undertaken by volunteers within our parish community, often by the same loyal volunteers for many years. Some may be surprised to see the range of contributions being made by people within our community. Every parishioner, new and old, is invited to consider how he or she may be able to contribute to the life of St Matthew's. If you didn't get a copy at last weekends Mass, a copy can be collected from the back of the Church.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

All parishioners are invited to attend the Ordination of Paul Tran. You will no doubt know Paul as the seminarian who has been helping out in the Parish for quite a while. Paul is going to be Ordained a Deacon on Saturday, 25th April at 6pm in St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church in Penrith. If you will be attending, please bring a plate to share for supper after Mass



PROJECT COMPASSION

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate! You can still support Project Compassion 2026 online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

If you took Project Compassion envelopes or boxes, please return them as soon as possible so that the funds can be sent to Caritas Australia.

HAPPY EASTER

The Parish Team would like to thank everyone who assisted in our Easter liturgies to help make them meaningful. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all parishioners and their families a happy and peaceful Easter.



PONTIFICAL HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic Church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. If you were unable to donate on Good Friday, envelopes are still available at the back of the Church.

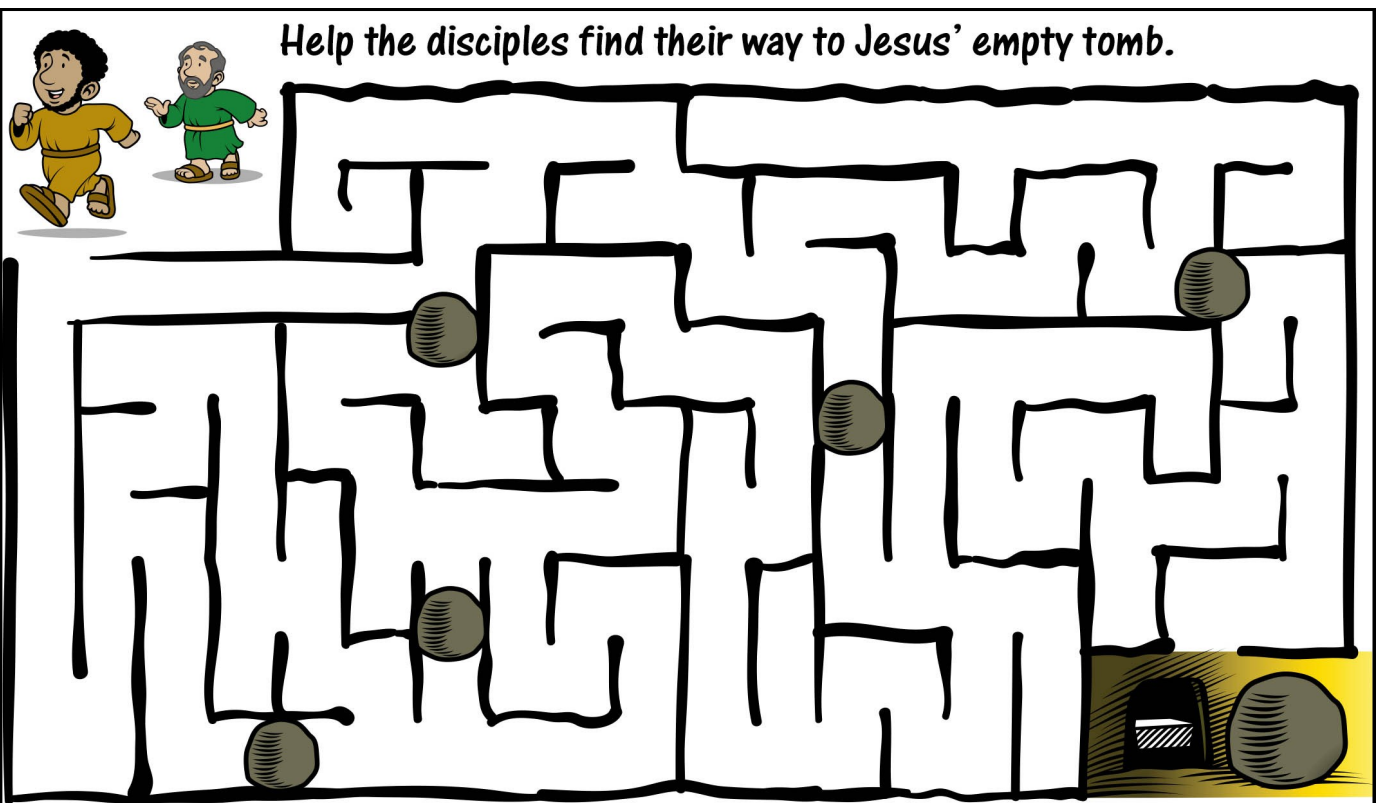
CARITAS AUSTRALIA LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon



FREE WEEKLY LEGAL CLINIC AT CATHOLIC CARE, EMERTON

Every Thursday from 11 am at Catholic Care (11 Emert Parade, Emerton) you can visit for FREE legal advice on matters including: Family Law, Care and Protection, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates and Traffic Offences. Walk-ins are welcome, to make a booking call 8843 2500.



ROSTERS: 11TH/12TH APRIL, 2026		2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	J. Wein	I. Willingham	C. Chalker
Reader:	A. Dimech	E. El Hindy	S. Touma	M. Claravall
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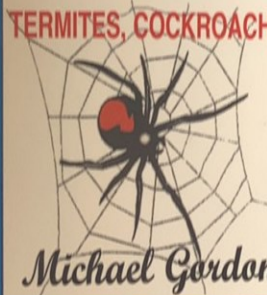
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