



# 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*  
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:**

#### 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

## *Second Sunday of Easter Year A* *12th April, 2026*



Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

### **HAVE YOU THOUGHT? THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN**

Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we – blessed are we – who have not seen and yet still believe!

Reflection: Greg Sunter [www.liturgyhelp.com](http://www.liturgyhelp.com)  
Graphics: <https://sanlorenzoruizparish.com>

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:42-47  
*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

**RESPONSE:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 1:3-9  
*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 20 : 19-31  
*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Pam Everingham as well as Sam Spiteri, Karen Bartolo, Veneranda and John Mifsud, Paul Farrugia, Jane Vassallo, Keith Schembri, 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

We would like to congratulate our RCIA candidates and catechumens:  
*Benjamin Dooley, Rebecca Ferguson, Michelle Fischer and David Turner* who were Baptised/Received into the Church during the Easter Vigil Mass last weekend. We would like to welcome you to our Catholic community and hope we can support you on your faith journey. Thank you also to Mary Said for preparing them for this special occasion.



**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.

**SRE COMMISSIONING MASS**

Next Saturday, 18th April our SRE teachers and helpers will be Commissioned. During the 6pm Mass. All catechists, helpers and their families are invited.



**ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE**

All parishioners are invited to attend the Ordination our seminarian Paul Tran. 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.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE**

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again in September. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or visit their website to enrol: [www.parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry](http://www.parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry) You can also obtain an enrolment form from Father or the Parish Office. Enrolments close 4th August. To avoid disappointment and as spaces are limited, please enrol as soon as possible.



**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice. You can still support Project Compassion 2026 online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate) or by calling: 1800 024 413

**CATENIANS:**

Nepean Catenian Group invite men of St. Matthew Parish to join them for a meeting and dinner at Gaels Club 75 Richmond Road Kingswood at 6.45 pm on Tuesday 14th February, Enquiries and RSVP by 13th April to michael.tan@parracatholic.org Connect with Catenians Catholic Men's Association: faith based friendship.



**PONTIFICAL HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

We would like to thank parishioners for their generosity for the Good Friday Appeal. Our parish raised just under \$2,390- for the Catholic Church to help support the people and places of the Holy Land.

**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](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)



**ST JUDE'S CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT**

St Jude's Chamber Choir will be having a concert at Jamberoo Abbey to raise funds for the Abbey's building maintenance effort. Spend a lovely afternoon listening to magnificent music brought by the beautiful voices of St Jude's Chamber Choir resounding in the acoustics of the Abbey church. After the concert, we invite you to have an afternoon tea with us at the Abbey Guestry. It will be held on Sunday, 19 April 2026, at 2 pm. Tickets \$45. Location: Abbey Church, 695 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo. Register by going to this link <https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/events/stjudes-chamber-choir-concert/>

**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 & Protection, Local Court matters, Wills & Estates & Traffic Offences. Walk-ins are welcome, to make a booking call 8843 2500.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT MAZE

**BE THE WITNESS: CASTING, CHORUS AND SEPTEMBER PERFORMANCES ANNOUNCED**

Be The Witness – The Musical, endorsed by Bishop Vincent, is progressing strongly. Rehearsals are underway with a 60 member chorus, and performances are confirmed at Riverside Theatre, 10th–16th September 2026, including school matinees on 15th–16th September. Casting Call for lead roles, Choreographer call and Marketing, Social Media volunteer opportunities are now open. Email [twsydau@gmail.com](mailto:twsydau@gmail.com) or register [@bethewitness.com.au](http://bethewitness.com.au)

**WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND PARISHIONERS THAT WE HAVE TEAMED WITH RETURN AND EARN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CHURCH. TO FIND OUT HOW, SEE OUR WEBSITE.**



**ROSTERS: 17TH/18TH APRIL, 2026** **3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**Church Cleaning:** T. Ripa. **Sacristy:** D. Marshall and M. Hutchison.

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| <b>Masses:</b>               | <b>6.00pm</b> | <b>7.30am</b> | <b>9.00am</b> | <b>5.00pm</b> |
| <b>Commentator:</b>          | T. Ripa       | S. Mackenzie  | C. Conolly    | A. Pennings   |
| <b>Reader:</b>               | H. Sobiesiak  | J. Wein       | L. Buchanan   | E. Sultana    |
| <b>Acolyte/Adult Server:</b> | J. Saliba     | M. Hutchison  | P. Tran       | D. Edgar      |



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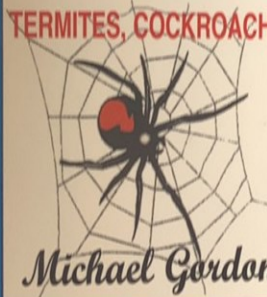
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