



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:

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 Easter Year A

19th April, 2026



One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.

It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

LIVING THE GOSPEL – LIVING THE JOURNEY

The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. The breaking open and interpretation of scripture is essential to making sense of our life experiences and through the celebration of Eucharist and table fellowship we are nourished to not only continue the journey but to share the good news with others.

Reflection: Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com

Graphics: <https://sundayhomilies.au/>

THE NEXT READER, ADULT SERVER AND ACOLYTE ROSTER IS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY HOME WITH YOU AFTER MASS.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 2 : 14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

RESPONSE: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1 : 17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 24 : 13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia!



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Pam Everingham, (Anniversaries of Jason Vella, Matilda Mifsud, Bernard Axiak, Christino and Rita Teuma) as well as Jane Vassallo, Keith Schembri, Frances Vella, Lela Vella, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana and family.

Sick: Please pray for Thelma Rays, Susitina Makasini, Lizella Sciberras, Sam Galea, Kevin and Julietta Hawkins, Joyce Rapa, Sandra Vaughan, Patricia Donohue, Joe Vella, Delina Galea, Bruno Franz, Gail Felice, Leo Stivala, Corinne Anderson, Alya and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED

Our parish ministry of SRE teachers are in urgent need of more people who are willing to give thirty minutes per lesson to help children learn about God's love. Please seriously consider volunteering to help with weekly Scripture classes at our local state schools.



We have 13 primary schools and 2 high schools in our Parish from Bligh Park to Wisemans Ferry. Cattai, Maroota and Wisemans Ferry primary schools are small, so we don't offer scripture classes there. Currently there are no scripture classes either at Ebenezer or Glossodia as we need more volunteers. We only have 12 SRE's and many are teaching more than one class. Bede Polding students are also helping by teaching at Windsor Park school. Full training is provided. If you can help or want more information, contact Dolores 0409 998 198 or Annie 0412 182 823. We are happy for any help you can give. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, relative or friend, please consider helping.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - First Eucharist

This weekend and next weekend we will be having special First Eucharist Masses for the children who have been preparing over the last few weeks. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this special time.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Just a reminder that Paul Tran is going to be Ordained a Deacon next 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. All parishioners are invited.



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 or visit their website to enrol: 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



FUNERAL

For those who wish to attend, Pam Everingham's funeral will be held here at St Matthew's at 10.30am next Friday, 24th April.

THE MONDAY CLUB

Will be going to lunch at The Boathouse at Freeman's Reach on Tuesday 21st April. Meet at the restaurant at 12pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ALLIANCE OF TWO HEARTS - VIGILS OF REPARATION

On Friday, 24th April, the Alliance of Two Hearts will be holding the Vigils here at St Matthew's. The schedule will be Mass at 7pm followed by Adoration and concluding with Mass again at midnight. All parishioners are invited to attend all or part of the evening.



SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY 2026

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on 2nd May at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood. More training opportunities are available throughout May at different parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

COMMISSIONING MASS OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All liturgical ministers – readers, servers, extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on 12th May 2026, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Liturgical ministers are asked to please arrive by 7pm and be seated by 7:15pm. To register the number of guests and ministers attending please register by Thursday, 7th May. To register please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



SISTINE CHAPEL REVELATIONS – AN IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION

Experience the *Sistine Chapel: Revelations* immersive exhibition at St Mary's Cathedral forecourt, Sydney (16th May–19th July 2026). Discover breathtaking digital recreations, sacred art, and the story of salvation. Book tickets at sistinechapelsydney.com.au.

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THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

- WALKED
- THANKS
- JESUS
- FOOLISH
- SUFFER
- PROPHET
- CRUCIFIED
- VISITOR
- EYES
- EMMAUS
- MOSES
- CLEOPAS
- BREAD
- OPENED
- BELIEVE
- VILLAGE



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| ROSTERS: 25TH/26TH APRIL, 2026 | | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A | | |
| Church Cleaning: A. Tabone. | | Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.. | | |
| Masses: | 6.00pm | 7.30am | 9.00am | 5.00pm |
| Commentator: | Volunteer needed | J. Wein | S. Kavanagh | C. Chalker |
| Reader: | M. Williams | S. Mackenzie | R. Bigeni | S. Tyler |
| Acolyte/Adult Server: | T. Jordan | M. Hutchison | T. Victorino | P. Tran |



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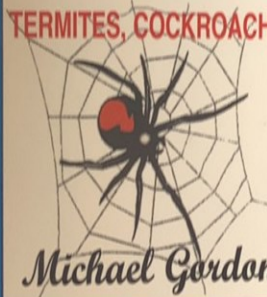
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