



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 and 9.00am

Weekday:

See inside bulletin for Holy Week

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A *29th March, 2026*



When something got broken in our family, Dad would call out: 'who did this?' And then there would be a chorus of 'I didn't' coming from the various parts of the house. This frustrated him as he didn't want to know who didn't do it but who did.

Only when someone accepted responsibility could the issue be dealt with. Thereby, it ever has been with humans.

Thus, it is in Matthew's account of the Passion: running through the story, the confronting question of responsibility. What can seem like the lowest point, the crowd screaming for blood, is an integral part of God's plan. The screaming, murderous, manipulated crowd got one thing right – they accepted responsibility for what they were doing: 'Let his blood be upon us and upon our children,' they cry. Unknowingly they accepted their part in the drama of God's covenant for dealing with sin. In contrast, those who coldly and calculatingly brought about Jesus' death showed, by some minor action in which they sought to absolve themselves, that they knew the evil they were doing: Judas by returning the money, the Pharisees by not defiling the Temple with that money, Pilate by washing his hands. Even after Jesus' death the scheming evasions went on, with the Pharisees and Pilate sealing the tomb.

What about us? We have an antiphon in our community prayer that sums up the attitude we should take. 'We have sinned, we have acted perversely, but now we turn to you with all our hearts.' As we enter Holy Week, as we go to kiss the cross on Good Friday, let us face our weakness, sinfulness, yes, even our perversity, and offer them to Jesus, knowing that he knows how to deal with them. As we turn with all our hearts, we know that God is there waiting to embrace us with the riches of forgiveness, love and grace.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

Throughout the Passion narrative, we see Jesus responding to people in a variety of ways...even when they treat him badly. Over this week, consider how you react to different people in different circumstances. Ask the Spirit to enlighten you as to how you can enrich the love and care you have for them.

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

REMINDER: IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL, PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50 : 4-7
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: Philippians 2 : 6-11
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Matthew 26 : 14 – 27 : 66
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased, (Anniversary of Sam Spiteri) as well as Jesse Muscat, Karen Bartolo, Veneranda and John Mifsud, 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, Leo Stivala, Patricia Donohue, Alya and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

If you volunteered to help in Holy Week, consider it confirmed unless you have been told otherwise. All volunteers are asked to please arrive at least an hour beforehand, so you can practice and prepare for the Mass or Service you volunteered for. However, if you volunteered for the Easter Vigil, please come for a practice at 4pm on Easter Saturday.

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.

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



PARISH DIRECTORY

This weekend a 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.

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. Donations are now being taken and envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

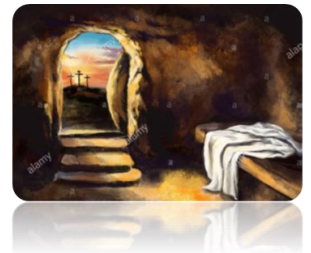


PROJECT COMPASSION

As Project Compassion 2026 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. But the work isn't done yet. There is still time to donate! Together, we can Unite Against Poverty and help transform lives this Lent. Donations can be made through the donation boxes, envelopes, online, or by calling 1800 024 413. Donations can be placed in either collection on a Sunday or handed in at the Parish Office.

EASTER MASSES AND SERVICES 2026

Tuesday, 31st March	9.00am Mass
Wednesday, 1st April	9.00am Mass
Thursday, 2nd April	<u>No</u> 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	<u>No</u> Morning Mass 10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death
Holy Saturday, 4th April	<u>No</u> Morning Mass 10am Reconciliation 6.00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, 5th April	7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass



NO 5PM EVENING MASS

PALM SUNDAY WORDSEARCH

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| COLT | PROPHET | |
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ROSTERS: 4TH/5TH APRIL, 2026			EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A	
Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.			Sacristy: N. and B. Duff.	
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator / Reader / Acolyte / Adult Server				
SPECIAL VOLUNTEER ROSTER				NO MASS



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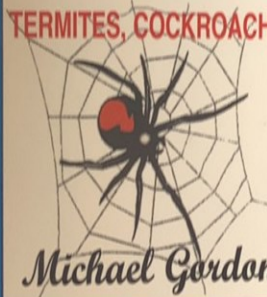
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