



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
First Friday monthly 7.00pm

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A *3rd May, 2026*



When I was a small child, my great-great aunt used to tell a story of when she was a young woman. Her mother had died some years previously, yet in the early morning she saw her come into her room, stand by her bed and pat her knee reassuringly, as if to say: 'Don't worry, all will be well.' A few days later, terrible problems broke out within the wider family but she told me that her mother's assurance carried her through that time.

Jesus is no ghost when he assures to disciples to trust. He knows the terrible fury of evil that is about to break upon him will test them to the limit and beyond. He knows they will fail... in this instance, but he still reassures them so that in the future, when they are strengthened by the Paraclete, they will do the same works as he does...and what could those works look like? The wondrous work of Jesus' life was not the miracles but rather forgiveness.

Belief enables the believer to do the works of Jesus and what greater work is there than to believe that God works through all the circumstances of life. When we are in the midst of awful sufferings, it is difficult for us to see where God is in the mess. God simply doesn't give us the blueprint. But looking back later, we will often see where God has supported, strengthened and graced us through the suffering. To continue in the way of faith, we need to cultivate the habit of reflecting on our lives and appreciate the times when we recognise that God is with us.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

- Gently think over your ideas of what experiencing God means. Do you see such experiences as something extraordinary, something breaking into your daily life? Or are they woven into the fabric of ordinary existence, as normal at the rising and setting of the sun?
- Think over the ways that God does come to you in life. Open your imagination to see possibilities that you may not have noticed.
- Now resting in God's love, ask God to enlighten your mind and heart to other ways the divine presence could be at work in your life.

Reflection: Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au
Graphics: <https://www.liturgyhelp.com/>

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 6 : 1-7
They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

RESPONSE: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2 : 4-9
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; No one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14 : 1-12
I am the way, the truth and the life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Joseph Sultana, (Anniversary of Agapito Perez) as well as Mary Grima, Marivick Valderrama, Marilyn Marinas, Karen Bartolo, Jason Vella, Matilda Mifsud, Lela Vella, Frances Vella, Bernard Axiak, Christino and Rita Teuma, Paul Farrugia, Leticia Esguerra, Francisco Eugenio, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana & 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.

THE MONDAY CLUB

Is meeting this Monday 4th May in the hall at 10am. Come along and enjoy great conversation, morning tea and lunch for only \$15. All parishioners are welcome.



PEW PLAQUE UPDATE

We have sent proofs to the people who have ordered a plaque for them to approve before they are engraved. Those that have been approved, were sent to the engraver and the engraving should hopefully take approximately 2 weeks to be completed. Then, once returned, they can be placed on the pews. Thank you to everyone who has supported this endeavour so far. If you would like to take part, details and order forms are available at the back of the Church.

CATENIANS:

Nepean Catenian Group invite men of St. Matthew Parish to join them for their inauguration at Gaels Club 75 Richmond Road Kingswood at 6.45 pm on Tuesday 12th May, Enquiries and RSVP by 5th May to michael.tan@parracatholic.org Connect with Catenians Catholic Men's Association: faith based friendship.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY

This Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day will be held on Sunday, 17th May at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. The schedule for the day is to arrive from 10am to register for a 10:30am start. There will be presentations, introduction to meditation and Middle of the Day Prayer with the monks. The day will conclude with Mass at 2pm which will finish around 3pm. Book display and morning tea will be provided, but please BYO picnic lunch. We have extensive grounds and labyrinth. For general enquiries contact: Ann Lomas-atlomas@bigpond.com/0437 340 250. Possible accommodation at the monastery guest house, please contact Fr Michael Kelly -mkelly@silvestrini.org/0455 329 607,

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY 2026

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on 6th May at St John Vianney, Doonside. 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



CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Deacon Paul Tran on his Ordination to the Diaconate that took place last Saturday in St Nicholas of Myra Church Penrith. It was a truly wonderful Mass and a fitting celebration. Congratulations Deacon Paul. May this sacred ministry bring joy, strength, and grace to your life. Wishing you wisdom, courage, and God's abundant blessings as you begin this new journey of spiritual service.



40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

The Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate its 40th Anniversary of foundation with a Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, on Trinity Sunday 31st May commencing at 2.00pm and followed by a reception in the cloister. Together, let's celebrate and give thanks for the growth, development and many blessings that have shaped our faith and Catholic community over four decades. All parishioners are invited to attend. For planning purposes, if you would like to attend, please contact the Parish office 4577 3073.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 29th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1st September, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18th August, 2026. For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIGHT

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HOUSE	TRUTH
WAY	PLACE
ROOMS	MANY
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TRUST	LIFE



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ROSTERS: 9TH/10TH MAY, 2026

Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

Sacristy: D. Marshall and M. Hutchison.

Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	C. Conolly	C. Chalker
Reader:	A. Dimech	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server:	T. Jordan	M. Hutchison	T. Victorino	M. Hutchison



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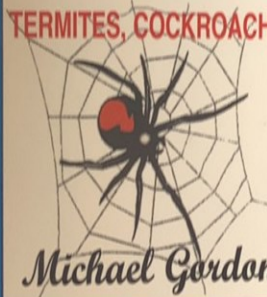
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