



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:

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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

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

10th May, 2026

Mothers Day



I am not a counsellor but occasionally people tell me their story. Once one woman poured out her heart about the destructive relationships in which she had gotten herself caught. It struck me that this had little to do with sex but rather fear of loneliness drove her into bed with men who she knew were no good for her. Loneliness is the cause of many destructive behaviours: excessive drinking, drugs, domination of people, hours of mindless TV, video, internet, shopping, work – anything to numb the void.

And, wow, isn't the void deep. Made in God's image, we are made for love. First and foremost, it is love of God. All through John's Gospel, Jesus has affirmed his unity with the Father. This is the love within which he walked and it gave him his calm assurance and passion for life. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we are to be in him and he in us in a similar way. God's way of relationship is to be ours. So why doesn't it just happen? If God is God, why aren't we just swamped with a sense of the divine presence that sweeps away all our loneliness, fear and destructive behaviour?

Because God wants us to come offering our hearts freely. Instead of swamping us with glory and dazzling lights, it is as though God is waiting for us in a darkened room. As we enter, we sense a presence, both loving and respectful. As we calm down, attune our eyes to the dark, our ears to the lightest sound, we can come close and feel the breath on our skin. Slowly, slowly, we trust in what our heart knows and realises: that while we are on this earth, faith is a face to face vision in the dark.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

How does God come to you

- in prayer alone, – in the prayer of community,
- in your family life, – through your friends,
- in Scripture, – in nature,
- in reading, – whatever way God speaks to you.

Acknowledge and appreciate the special way God speaks to your heart.

Reflection: Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasoucan.com.au

Graphics: <https://www.catholicforlife.com/>

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 8 : 5-8, 14-17
They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSE: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3 : 15-18
In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14 : 15-21
I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Joseph Sultana and (Anniversaries of Bill Azzopardi and John Sultana) as well as Agapito Perez, Mary Grima, Karen Bartolo, Marivick Valderrama, Marilyn Marinas, Paul Farrugia, Leticia Esguerra, Francisco Eugenio, Josephine Fenech, Josephine Galea, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, 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, Bruno Franz, Delina Galea, Gail Felice, Leo Stivala, Corinne Anderson, Alya and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL

Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. Through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. At all Masses next weekend, we will be holding this Appeal which will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God's call. Please give generously using the envelope provided and return it next weekend.



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.

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,

GROW FOOD AT HOME: UPSKILL WITH A LOCAL FARMER WORKSHOP

Penrith City Council is hosting two FREE food-growing workshops on Saturday, 16th May and Wednesday, 20th May, at Mamre House (181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills). You'll learn a lot in this workshop and be empowered to start growing some of your own food, with a focus on winter harvest crops. Learn more at <https://parracatholic.org/events/grow-food-at-home-workshop/>

LEGION OF MARY CORNER

All active and auxiliary members and all parishioners are invited to the Anniversary Mass in Commemoration of Venerable Edel Quinn (1907 - 1944) Legion of Mary envoy to Africa. It will be held on Saturday 16th May here in St Matthew's. It will commence with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8am, Opening Prayers and Rosary at 8.20am and then Mass at 9am. Refreshments will follow the Mass in the Parish Hall. Please bring food to share.



Background on Edel Quinn:

Edel was born in 1907 and felt a call to religious life at a young age. However, she was prevented from joining the convent because of ill health. At the age of 20 she joined the Legion of Mary and gave herself entirely to its apostolate. In 1936, she was appointed Legion of Mary Envoy with the commission to establish the organization in the territories of East and Central Africa. Although working alone and in a state of perpetual ill-health and exhaustion, Edel established the Legion on a firm, enduring basis. Hundreds of Legion branches and multiple councils were established and she mobilized thousands of Africans in the service of the Church. Edel died in Nairobi in 1944 and on 15th December 1994 Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II published a Decree that she will now bear the title of Venerable.

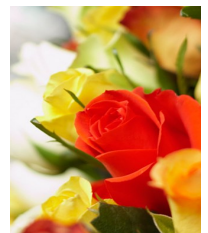
MEN AT THE SHRINE

Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour of adoration at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of each month. This month is the 13th May 8 - 9 pm. The hour begins with a brief reflection before a time of silent prayer. Confessions available. The evening finishes with a cup of tea. All men are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Find the event on Facebook, or contact Bernard, 0416 106 871.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

May your heart be filled with divine peace today, knowing that your love has been a guiding light in the lives to those who call you Mum.



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JESUS PROMISES

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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| FOREVER | WORLD |
| COMMAND | ORPHANS |
| OBEY | COUNSELOR |
| LIVE | MYSELF |
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ROSTERS: 16TH/17TH MAY, 2026		ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.		Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	S. Kavanah	A. Pennings
Reader:	M. Said	J. Wein	R. Bigeni	R. Xerri
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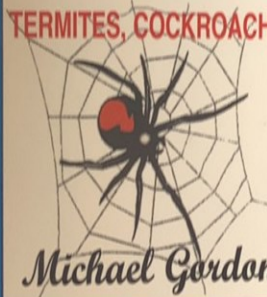
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