



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*
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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

Ascension of the Lord Year A *17th May, 2026*



The short gospel passage for today is taken from the final words of the gospel of Matthew. It is known as 'The Great Commission' as Jesus is portrayed commissioning his disciples to go out to the world and spread the good news. They are charged to 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.' This is the basis of much of the missionary work of the Church that has gone on ever since then.

However, the focus of today's feast is much more on the first reading than the gospel. The opening verses of the Book of Acts, from the author of Luke-Acts, describe the final instructions of Jesus to his disciples and then his 'lifting up'. The Luke-Acts writer is the only gospel writer to actually describe the Ascension. The fact that the other gospels don't discuss the Ascension in any detail at all is a good indication that this description should not be taken literally.

However, the message of the Ascension is a powerful one. It reminds us that Jesus, the human incarnation of God on earth, was limited to a specific time and place in history. Despite the physical limitations of his life on earth, Jesus ensured that his message and ministry would continue through those he had taught. Knowing that the disciples would need time to grieve and come to terms with all that had occurred in a relatively short space of time, Jesus promised that the Spirit would come upon them in the days to come. That visiting of the Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost was the motivation to set about doing what Jesus had charged them to do. Without the Ascension, there is no Pentecost.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

A witness in a court of law is called to give evidence about a matter; to 'testify' to the truth of what they have seen or what they know to be true. Some people are very good at being a 'witness' to their faith by testifying to others about what they believe. Many others provide witness to their faith by simply living what they believe. Living a life based on Christian principles, including regular prayer and worship in your life, working for justice in the world and taking time to celebrate the beauty of everyday life is a powerful witness to others.

Reflection: Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com
Graphics: <https://proclaim.dioceseaj.org/>

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 1 : 1-11
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

RESPONSE: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased and (Anniversary of Noel Smith) as well as Bill Azzopardi, John Sultana, Sam and Jane Vassallo, Simon Vassallo, Agapito Perez, Karen Bartolo, 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 this 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.



MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club will be going to the movies this coming Wednesday 20th May to see the Sheep Detectives. Meet at Windsor station at 8.50am to catch the 9.01am train to Blacktown. See or text Suzanne (0408 028 426) if you want more details.

MASS READER/COMMENTATORS

We would like to request that if you are rostered to read at Mass, could you please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass is due to start. Otherwise, we will assume that something unexpected has happened, and will arrange a replacement reader/commentator. It is appreciated that if you are unable to read on the date you are rostered, that you organise a replacement and please make sure that they are aware that they need to be in the Church at least 15 minutes before Mass starts. If, on the other hand, you are at Church and you see that there isn't a reader/commentator, we would appreciate if you could please volunteer your services. We are in desperate need of more readers for all of the weekend Masses. As people have left or have taken ill, there are only 6 readers for each Mass time expect for the 7.30am Mass, which has only 3. Please consider becoming a reader to help share the load.



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/>

COME 'BE THE WITNESS'

Save the dates in your calendar now! Don't miss these incredible opportunities to get a sneak peek into the musical – Be The Witness. This is a powerful, inclusive, uplifting, live musical experience inviting you to reflect on discipleship and rediscover what it means to live as witnesses of Christ in today's world - united as one voice, one Church, one witness. All parishioners welcome,
 May 17th - 5.30 pm St John 23rd - 5.30pm Stanhope Gardens
 May 23rd - 6pm St Monica's, Parish of Richmond
 May 30th - 9.20am Blacktown streets festival - Campbell street stage



NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Will be holding a Service of Prayer for Christian Unity and Fundraising Dinner, on Friday, 22nd May in St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta from 6pm to 9.15pm. Tickets are \$75- per person. To book, please see the flyer at the back of the Church..

RETURN AND EARN

You can now donate to St Matthew's Catholic Church with Return and Earn. To take part, download the Return and Earn App from the App Store and register yourself. Then you will have a personal bar-code appear on your phone. Browse the list of charities to find "St Matthew's Catholic Church Restoration" and press on its tile, scroll down and select "Set as payout" to make it your donation payout option. When you go to one of the Collection machines, scan your bar-code and deposit your containers. Alternatively, use the included barcode at the collection machine and 10c per container will be directed to the parish restoration fund.



THE POWER OF PENTECOST

The CCR Parramatta Diocese and The Emmaus Prayer Community invite you to come and Celebrate Pentecost at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Greystanes on Sunday, 24th May. It will start with Mass at 2pm followed by Praise & Worship, Talk, Prayer Ministry and Fellowship - finishing at 5pm. All Welcome to this free event. Enquiries to Desiree 0478 765 772 or Amila 0404 445 397. Register via www.trybooking.com/DLWRE

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

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CORPUS CHRISTI ADORATION AT MARY IMMACULATE PARISH, QUAKERS HILL

On the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 6th June, Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill will have the Blessed Sacrament exposed between their Sunday Masses: following the end of the 7:30am Mass to the start of the 5:30pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to come especially between 1:15pm to 5:15pm as the church will be open and quiet for personal reflection. For more information, please contact 9626-3326 or email parishoffice@mary-immac.org.au



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 MORE DETAILS AT: PARRACATHOLIC.ORG/JOBS**

ROSTERS: 23RD/24TH MAY, 2026		PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: M. Quattromani and J. Mooney,		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	L. Buchanan	C. Chalker
Reader:	M. Williams	S. Mackenzie	S. Touma	S. Tyler
Acolyte/Adult Server:	T. Jordan	M. Hutchison	T. Victorino	P. Tran



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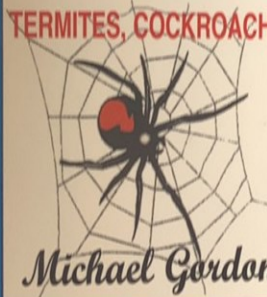
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