



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
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

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A 7th June, 2026

There was, and maybe still is, a piece of graffiti near Central Station in Sydney. 'What you eat and drink today, walks and talks tomorrow.' Behind the message is the recognition that what we eat affects what we become. Food becomes us.



The food that Jesus gives, his very Body and Blood, works in the opposite way. This food does not become us, rather we are transformed into this food. Just as Jesus draws his life from the Father, this food will make us draw life from Jesus. With this food we become what we eat. It is a power for unity in our lives – firstly, with God and then, with other people. It is a power that we can draw on in the ordinary circumstances of life – and in the extraordinary and difficult situations we have to deal with.

In many religions, food offerings, usually the first or the best food, are made to the gods. In the Eucharist, it is God who makes the offering to us...and it is the finest food...but with a twist on our understanding of what is best. The separation of the Body and the Blood reveals that this is a sacrifice and one that cost more than a little. Rather it cost Jesus what was most precious for him – his very life. His sacrifice was a violent death that resulted from human sinfulness. In the Eucharist Jesus offers this sacrifice to us as a food that can sustain in the difficult situations of life: in the experience of loss, of illness, of marital problems, of personal failure and in the face of sin. The presence of Jesus' life is not meant to be something we encounter only when we attend Sunday Eucharist but rather it is a grace for good that we can consciously draw on throughout our week and beyond. Jesus wants to give us the richness of God's life in all the circumstances of our lives but he will not force this upon us. In what ever happens to us, we need to put out our hand, receive his 'food' and say 'Amen'.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

Recognise that in the Eucharist Jesus shows how close God wants to be with us, healing and loving us.

What are the parts of yourself that you want to close off from God? What causes you shame or embarrassment? Resting in God's love, bring out one part of yourself and hold it between you and God. Simply say to yourself – God wants to love this too...and let it be there. Let it be there and let God's love deal with it in God's own time.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8 : 2-3. 14-16
He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10 : 16-17
Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 3 : 51-58
My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Sandra Layt as well as Simon Touma, Michael Said, Keith Schembri, Joseph and Carmen Teuma, Carmen and Loreto Xerri, Carmen and Carmelo Grima, 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, Delina Galea, Bruno Franz, Gail Felice, Leo Stivala, Corinne Anderson, Fely Watkins, Maureena Drury, Joe Vella, Alya Oyon-Oyon and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Confirmation

Reminder to parents that the 6pm and 9am Masses over the next two weekends 13th/14th June and 20th /21st June will be Commitment Masses for the children enrolled in the Confirmation Program. Please make sure your child attends at least one of those Masses.



BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL

We would like to thank parishioners for their generosity to the Bishops Good Works Appeal. We raised just over \$1900- for the Holy Spirit Seminary. If you would still like to donate, there are envelopes available at the back of the Church.

CHURCH WORKS UPDATE AND COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES

We were very fortunate and the termites did less damage to the wood holding the guttering than we thought. The wood has now been replaced as well as the gutters and down pipes. It was a major job but they worked well as a team and it looks great.



Our next major project will be the stained glass windows in the Church. As you can see, the frames on the windows are rusting and in need of repair. We are in the process of getting quotes and hopefully work will commence on them in the near future.

As you can see, some of the Commemorative plaques have been installed. There are still some at the engraver and still pews available. If you would like to order a plaque, see the flyer at the back of the Church. Thank you to everyone who has purchased a plaque already and thank you to those parishioners who have also donated funds for the restoration of the Church. Without your generosity, this major work could not have been possible. Thank you.

SAFE PARISHES WEEK

In the Diocese of Parramatta we commit to creating safe spaces, to ensure our physical and online environments are safe. Our Risk Management Framework guides us as we assess these spaces to ensure they are safe for children and adults at risk to participate freely and grow in their faith. As all volunteers in the Parish are required to undertake Safeguarding training, we have organised to conduct face to face training here in the Parish hall from 10am to 3pm on Saturday, 18th July. Please mark the date so you don't miss this opportunity.

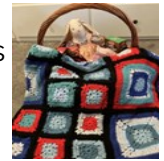
ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

At all Masses next weekend, we will be holding the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal to help those most vulnerable in the Hawkesbury Area. Your generosity to this appeal will be appreciated.



PARISH WINTER WARMING FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

This weekend is your last chance to purchase tickets in our winter warming raffle as it is being drawn this Tuesday, 9th June. Tickets are \$5 each; or 3 for \$10. Proceeds will go to the St Matthew's Church Restoration fund. If you would like to help with our fundraising efforts in any way in future, please contact Kevin Conolly on 0408 242 606.



RETREATS AT MARY MACKILLOP SPIRITUALITY CENTRE, BAULKHAM HILLS

Let's Plant Seeds of Hope and Peace. In a world that can feel fragile and weary, this six-day contemplative retreat offers a gentle invitation to pause, pray and listen. Facilitated by Sr Ann Morrison RSJ, the retreat creates space for stillness, renewal and deeper connection with God, self, others and the earth. Inspired by Laudato Si' and Laudate Deum. It will be held in the Spirituality Centre from 21st June to 28th June. It will commence with dinner at 6pm and conclude with breakfast. For bookings and information, please go to <https://mmsm.org.au/retreats-and-reflection-days>

EUCHARIST28 UPDATE – HEARTS SET ABLAZE!

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation. For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: eucharist28.org



STAND UP – CHARIS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

Join Catholics from across Australia for a powerful weekend of renewal in the Holy Spirit and discovering your charisms. Featuring Dr Mary Healy, Bishop Tony Percy, Fr Chris Ryan MGL, Dr Katherine Ruonala and more. 11th–13th June 2026 Servants of Jesus Community, 15 Park Rd, Seven Hills NSW For details/register: <https://www.charisaustralia.org.au/2026-national-conference>

WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER



CHRISTIAN UNITY ECUMENICAL CONCERT

OneSydney: Together in Christ is a groundbreaking ecumenical gathering that brings together believers from more than 55 denominations at the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall on Sunday, 14th June 2026 for two performances at 2pm (Matinee) and 7pm (Evening). Visit their Website for details and bookings: www.onesydney.org

ROSTERS: 13TH/14TH JUNE, 2026		11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A		
Church Cleaning: K. and G. Moffitt.		Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.		
Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	C. Chalker
Reader:	M. Williams	J. Wein	S. Touma	M. Claravall
Acolyte/Adult Server:	J. Saliba	M. Hutchison	T. Victorino	D. Edgar



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Offerings: Authentic Filipino food, including pork and chicken dishes.

Phone or message orders to 0432 699 461.

For the most up-to-date menu and information, it is recommended to check our Facebook page.

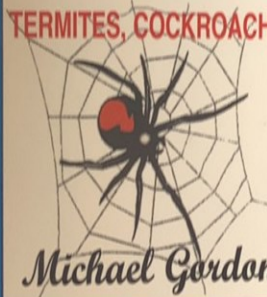
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