



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
Closed 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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

21st June, 2026



'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

GOSPEL FOCUS – FEAR

When scripture uses the term fear, it tends to fall into one of two meanings. When used in the context of 'do not be afraid' or 'fear not', it is a command to not be daunted by the woes and trials that the world imposes. The other use tends to be a command that we should fear God. In this context, the word does not mean to be frightened of God but rather to show proper reverence. To fear God is to stand in wonder and awe rather than to cower and hide. So, fear God, but do not be afraid!

Reflection: Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com

Graphics: <https://sma.ie/homily-for-the-12th-sunday-of-ordinary-time>

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20 : 10-13
He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

RESPONSE: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING: Romans 5 : 12-15
God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10 : 26-33
Do not fear those who can kill the body.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased as well as Jacob Borg, Jerry Simotas, Simon Touma, Keith Schembri, 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

Parishioners are reminded that the 6pm and 9am Masses last weekend and this weekend are Commitment Masses for the children enrolled in the Confirmation Program. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council was addressed recently by a Diocesan staff member about the Diocesan Pastoral Plan released in 2024, emerging from the Diocesan Synod the year before. The six objectives of the Plan are to be a synodal Church that (i) is inclusive and welcoming; (ii) is humble and healing; (iii) is listening; (iv) is renewed in spirit and prayer; (v) reaches to the margins; and (vi) walks together. The Council has been reflecting on these objectives and using them to shape our initiatives. A survey of parishioners will be conducted soon to help guide the Council in how it may best serve the parish.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next talk will be held this Thursday, 25th May at 7.30pm in the Parish hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month and bookings for the Baptisms are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office 4577 3073.



ALLIANCE OF TWO HEARTS

On Friday, 26th June, the Alliance of Two Hearts will be holding the Vigils of Reparation here at St Matthew's. The schedule will be Mass at 7pm followed by Adoration and concluding with Mass again at midnight. All parishioners are invited to attend all or part of the evening. The full schedule of the evening is available on the doors of the Church.

LEGION OF MARY CORNER:

WINDSOR PRAESIDIUM-OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

On Sunday, 28th June, the 9am Holy Mass will also be thanksgiving Mass for the 12th Year Anniversary of the Legion of Mary in our parish. All active members and auxiliary members are requested to attend this Mass to celebrate with the parish. Morning tea will be provided by the Legion of Mary afterwards. Please bring food to share. For enquiries, please contact: Terry 0407 296 399 or Sheila 0417 455 694



THERE ARE STILL SOME PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE YOUR ENVELOPES HOME AFTER MASS.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held next weekend. This collection, usually held around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, supports the Pope's mission; which extends throughout the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and brotherhood among peoples. Every offering will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world. Please donate generously.



FREE EMERGENCYREDI WORKSHOP

You are invited to attend a Free community workshop delivered by Australian Red Cross. The EmergencyRedi workshops support communities to complete a RediPlan – an all-hazards tool developed by the Red Cross to support communities to prepare for disasters in their local communities. Participants learn about the practical, psychological, and social steps they can take to prepare for emergencies and minimise the impact of natural disasters and other crises in their lives. It will be held on Monday 22nd June from 5pm -6.30pm at Richmond Club – 6 East Market Street, Richmond. To register, please see the flyer at the back of the Church.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE OUT NOW

The latest Catholic Outlook magazine is out now, keeping you connected with news and events across the Diocese of Parramatta. Inside this edition, you'll find: Celebrating 40 years as a Diocese, Catholic entrepreneurs providing hospitality and welcome, Giving thanks for our new Deacons, Hospitality in our Parishes ... and much more. Pick up a copy at the back of the Church or read online at catholicoutlook.org/e-edition

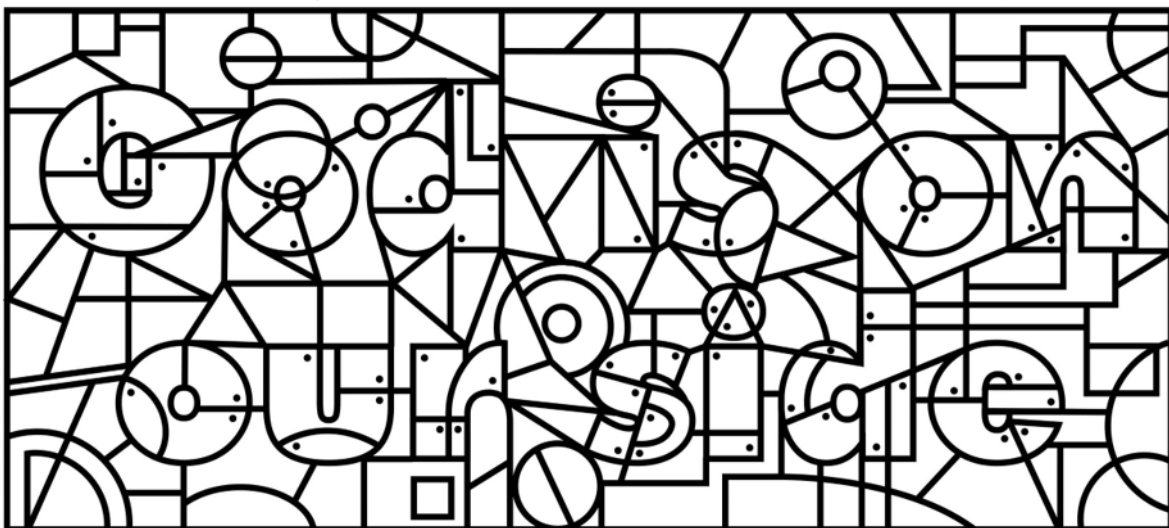


CYP ANNUAL LIFTED RETREAT FOR 18-35'S

Join young people from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains at Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat for 18–35-year-olds. (3-5 July at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale.) Together we will enter a weekend of connection, prayer and reflection on the theme of Abundance, inspired by John 10:10. Whether you're just beginning your faith journey, looking for community or need a mid-year renewal, the LIFTED Retreat welcomes you with open arms. Limited spots available. Registrations close 19 June. parracatholic.org/events/lifted-young-adults

DON'T BE AFRAID

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ROSTERS: 27TH/28TH JUNE, 2026		13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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	I. Willingham	C. Chalker
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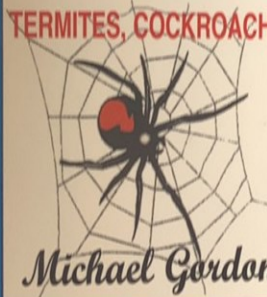
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