



# 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

## *Pentecost Sunday Year A*

*24th May, 2026*



When one hears the word "peace" what often comes to mind is the cessation of some negative experience – the end of war, quiet after a hard day's work, the sleep of fractious children. But when Jesus comes to his small group of terrified disciples, and offers peace with the gift of the Holy Spirit, he wishes upon them something quite different. This is not a peace in which something has been switched off, rather it is a power that is switched on in a person's life. The terrified disciples are transformed into a community of believers who go forth from that locked room to preach to the world the very mission that had led to the crucifixion of their Master!

Electricity is a very good simile for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Both are known by us in their effects. Both take something that is inert and transforms it into active. With the power of the Holy Spirit, we are given the opportunity to live fully human lives. We need no longer be dominated by sub-human forces, compulsions or selfishness. We need no longer be discouraged by obstacles that 'the world' puts before us. The presence of the Holy Spirit is not to make us sweet and benign, with a faith that anaesthetises our human capacities, but rather the Spirit is to be a booster and a guide to all that is best in us.

In allowing this presence of the Spirit to take over our lives, we need to start imagining the ways in which this could happen. What gifts and talents do we have that we feel lie dormant? What dreams do we have for revealing God's love in the world? What passion for life is there that could we foster within ourselves, and amongst our families and friends? Pentecost is a good time to stop, take stock and imagine what your community of faith would look like if it was electrified.

### **REST IN THE LOVE OF OUR GOD**

While the Spirit has been given to us and works for good in our lives, it is the desire of God that we actively accept the Spirit's power for good in our lives.

- Over this coming week, mull on how you can embrace the Spirit in the situations of your life.
- As each day begins ask the Spirit to be with you that you might live in the power and glory of God.
- As you go about your daily task, recognise that the Spirit is even closer to you than the very breath that you take.
- Before a difficult or challenging situation, ask the Spirit to truly guide you with wisdom.

Reflection: Sr Kym Harris osb [www.prayasoucan.com.au](http://www.prayasoucan.com.au)

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2 : 1-11  
*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

**RESPONSE:** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 12 : 3-7, 12-13  
*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 20 : 19-23  
*As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased and (Anniversary of Simon Vassallo, Michael Said, Carmen and Carmelo Grima) as well as Bill Azzopardi, John Sultana, Noel Smith, Sam and Jane Vassallo, Karen Bartolo, Josephine Fenech, Josephine Galea, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, 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, Delina Galea, Joe Vella, Bruno Franz, Gail Felice, Leo Stivala, Corinne Anderson, Fely Watkins, Maureen Drury, Alya Oyon-Oyan 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. This Appeal will be used to 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. If you weren't able to donate last weekend, there are still envelopes available on the seats of the Church. Please give generously.



**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK**

The next Baptism Preparation Talk will be held this Thursday, 28th May at 7.30pm in the hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month at 10.30am and bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish office.

**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.



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Confirmation**

If you have a child in Year 5 who has received their First Eucharist, they are now eligible to make their Confirmation. The program will start with a Parent Information Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, 2nd June and Wednesday, 3rd June in the Church. Only one parent is required to attend one meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Cita at the Parish Office.

**PARISH WINTER WARMING FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

Win either:

- \* a winter warming basket featuring a beautiful crocheted blanket (224cm x 178cm); a hand-made doll; and other goodies; or
- \* a new 1.8L 1000W air fryer for quick and healthy cooking.



Tickets will be on sale at weekend Masses on 30th/31st May and 6th/7th June and will be drawn on Tuesday 9th June. Tickets will be \$5 each; or 3 for \$10. Proceeds will go to the St Matthew's Church Restoration fund. Many thanks to Colleen Keely, Chenza Teuma and Terry Malinowski, who donated the prizes. If you would like to help with the fundraising effort, either for this raffle or in other ways in future, please contact Kevin Conolly on 0408 242 606.

**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 barcode 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 barcode 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.



**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@maryimmac.org.au



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<b>ROSTERS: 30TH/31ST MAY, 2026</b>		<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR A</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> T. Ripa.		<b>Sacristy:</b> D. Marshall and M. Hutchison.		
<b>Masses:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>
<b>Commentator:</b>	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	C. Chalker
<b>Reader:</b>	A. Dimech	E. El Hindy	C. Conolly	M. Claravall
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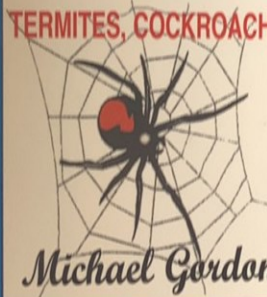
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