



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*

Deacon: *Paul Tran*

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

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

28th June, 2026



Many people turned up to my grandfather's funeral. Much as we loved him, we, the family, were taken by surprise at the numbers. Poppy died in his late nineties and had not been a prominent person. His last job was as a cleaner in a factory and he had never been involved in community service. Yet obviously he influenced many. When I went up to these strangers at the funeral, I heard the same observation, over and over, 'He was so good to us!' Really! Friends of the family and neighbours, all they had received was his simple welcome, 'Would you like something to drink? What's happening in your life?' And then real genuine interest in what they might have to say...little more than that simple cup of water Jesus recommends.

One could say that his greeting and the offer of a shared drink was almost the least that a decent human being would do but saying that betrays our prejudice against the small acts we can do. Our tendency when we think of Christian service is to consider the grand gestures we might make, the hard or difficult things that would make a difference. Thinking that, we can then fail to treasure the importance of the small courteous actions we can do many times each day. The simplicity of Poppy's care was that it got in under your guard and drew you into being a better person. When you were with him, you only spoke good of others, you felt better about yourself. Twenty years later, I still marvel and ponder on the good he did. While seemingly little, it resonates down the decades.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

When you feel at home with God, ask yourself what you see as the crosses in your life at present. What is your attitude to them?

When you feel you have answered these questions, ask yourself, what things cause you inconvenience, challenge or discomfort at this time? Do you see them as crosses? If you did see them as crosses, how would your attitude to them change?

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

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

THERE ARE STILL SOME PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES LEFT AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, PLEASE TAKE YOUR SET HOME WITH YOU AFTER MASS.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4 : 8-11, 14-16
That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

RESPONSE: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Romans 6 : 3-4, 8-11
Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10 : 37-42
Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased as well as (Anniversaries of Jacob Borg and Bonnie Farrugia), Jerry Simotas, John Ripa, Jessie Ripa, John and Veneranda Mifsud, Nicola and Antonia Ripa, 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.

HOLY HOUR FOR CHILDREN AND FIRST FRIDAY MASS

The monthly Holy Hour for children will be held this Friday, 3rd July at 6pm in the Church and all parishioners are invited to attend especially children. The Holy Hour will conclude with Mass at 7pm and again all parishioners are welcome.

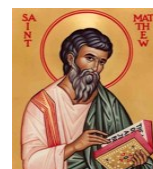


ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul would like to thank parishioners for their wonderful generosity and support of the recent Appeal. Our parish raised \$3,626- to help those in the Hawkesbury who are in need.

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST MATTHEW

To plan the celebration of the Feast Day of St Matthew for 2026, which will be on Sunday, September 20th, an organising committee of volunteers is being formed. If you would like to contribute as a member of the committee, please contact the parish office or Terry Victorino on 0407 296 399.



ROSTERS

The next reader, adult server and acolyte roster is now available for collection at the back of the Church. Please take your roster with you after Mass. If you would like to be a reader or adult server, you are required to undertake the Ministry Formation Course which only runs twice a year. Enrolments are now being taken for September 2026. If you would like to enrol, please obtain an enrolment form from Father or the Parish office.

BE THE WITNESS — THE MUSICAL

Is a large-scale live production that tells the story of Jesus through the eyes of St Peter — a journey of encounter, weakness, mercy, and mission. Presented by Mary Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown, along with 100 + Volunteers from the Parishes of the Diocese. The musical will be staged at Riverside Theatres, Parramatta from 10th–13th September.

This is more than a performance. It is an opportunity for us all to encounter Christ in a fresh and accessible way, through story, music, and shared experience.

With the encouragement of Bishop Vincent, we see this as a genuine moment of evangelisation for our Diocese. To make this accessible and to ensure the viability of this evangelising work, we are offering an early bird Parish group booking discount of 20% off standard tickets, if purchased prior to 10 July 2026. For tickets, see the flyer at the back of the Church.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held this 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.



SAVE THE DATE

The Catholic Medical Association is hosting a mini-expo on Saturday, 12th September on what it is to be a Catholic GP in today's world and will also respond to the question, 'how can I find a Catholic GP?' So, this should have a wider appeal than just GPs! They are in the process of finalising the venue and time, but it is likely to be in the afternoon in Blacktown. More details will be supplied at a later date.

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

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ROSTERS: 4TH/5TH JULY, 2026

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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	S. Kavanagh	A. Pennings
Reader:	A. Sciberras	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	E. Sultana
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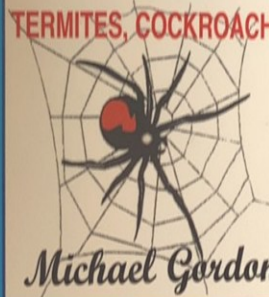
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