



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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 5th July, 2026



When Jesus says that he offers us an easy yoke we may well object given that a yoke was used on animals and slaves to do hard and difficult work. The image appears, at first, demeaning. Be that as it may, let us leave aside this first emotional reaction to the image and ask just what a yoke does. A yoke was a device, usually put around the neck of an animal, or even a person, to enable them to perform a task that was usually beyond them. No animal is ever going to be able to plough a field using only their hooves or their brute strength. A man yoked to a plough is far more effective in preparing a paddock for planting than trying to do it with a spade. Essentially, a yoke was not only a labour saving device, it was something that enabled a far superior job to be done.

Still that leaves the issue of its use being demeaning to a person. The yoke most often used in Jesus' time was a double yoke – one in which two beasts or people dragged the plough or load. When Jesus calls on us to take up his yoke and says that it is easy, his burden light, it is because he is there alongside of us. Jesus fully recognises how hard and difficult our lives may be at times. We may well feel like beasts or slaves caught in situations beyond our control. He, too, has not only lived our life and died our death, he desires to be yoked to us sharing our burden and strengthening us in bearing our load.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

Jesus invites us to come to him when we are overburdened or weary. Sometimes our greatest challenges are so deep and seem so difficult that we do not wish to face them. We pretend that they may go away.

– Sit quietly in the presence of God. Rest in God's love.

– As you enter deeply into your heart, ask God to show you the challenges that you need to deal with at this time in your life. As you listen with your heart do not be surprised if this is different to what you would usually assume to be the difficulties you have to face. Often as we fixate on other people, we fail to recognise the work that is needed in our own lives.

– As you see your burdens, do not stress over them but offer them to God in love. Keep letting them go and rest in God's love. As different burdens arise in your heart pass them over to God's love.

– When you have let go of your burdens, rest in God's love.

You may wonder what will happen to these burdens. They will not magically go away but now that you try to deal with them in the love of God, you will start to see them differently.

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

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

FUNERAL

For those wishing to attend, Colin Wilson's funeral will be held here at St Matthew's at 10am next Friday, 10th July.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.



FIRST READING: Zechariah 9 : 9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

RESPONSE: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8 : 9.11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 11 : 25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Antonia Sultana, Colin Wilson, Mijo Grahovac as well as (Anniversary of Loretto Xerri), Carmen Xerri, Jacob Borg, John Ripa, Jessie Ripa, Bonnie Farrugia, John and Veneranda Mifsud, Nicola and Antonia Ripa, Joseph Camilleri, Carmen and Julian Felice, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana and family.



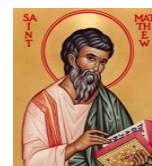
Sick: Please pray for Thelma Rays, Susitina Makasini, Lizella Sciberras, Sam Galea, Kevin and Julietta Hawkins, Joyce Rapa, Sandra Vaughan, Patricia Donohue, Delina Galea, Bruno Franz, Gail Felice, Leo Stivala, Corinne Anderson, Fely Watkins, Maureena Drury, Joe Vella, Alya Oyon-Oyon and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

MONDAY CLUB

Will be meeting this Monday, 6th July at 10 am in the hall. Morning, tea, lunch and good conversation, for \$15. All are welcome.

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.



MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE

We would like to congratulate Marie Hutchison, Rose Bigeni, Sally Touma, Brendan Bradford, Sheila Bradford, James Bradford, Donabel Marshall and Colleen Bazounzi who have completed the Formation Course. Colleen will be commissioned this Saturday and the others will be commissioned next Sunday.

PETERS PENCE

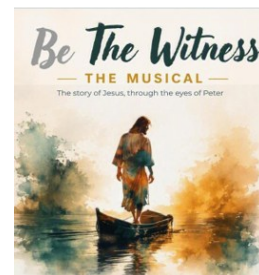
We would like to thank parishioners for their generosity for last weekends Peters Pence collection. The parish raised \$885- for Pope Leo's charitable activities.

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.



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

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. For more information, you can speak to Deacon Michael after the 9am Mass.

ST. LUKES MARSDEN PARK – ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Join us for the St Luke's Parish Dinner Dance on Saturday 25th July at 7:00pm in the Performance Hall at St Luke's Catholic College. This fundraising event will support Stage 2 of our church building project — the construction of our permanent church. Tickets are \$120.00 each and are available from the St Luke's parish office or online at <https://shorturl.at/bRUES> For more information please call (02) 7261-0246 or email dinnerdance@stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au We are also offering FREE Child minding for 3 years old and above for those attending the event.



PLEASE NOTE

The Diocese has advised that all parishioners who volunteer in the Parish, are required to complete and sign a Code of Conduct form and undertake Mandatory Safeguarding training. To assist with this, we will be holding face to face training on Saturday, 18th July from 10am to 2pm. All volunteers are asked to attend these sessions. Morning tea will be provided, but please BYO lunch. There are other face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities available throughout July at several parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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Track your fertility cycle, space out pregnancies and identify the best time to achieve pregnancy. Following this instruction, you'll be set up to chart immediately. The session will be via Teams on Tuesday, 7th July at 7.30pm. For more information and to register, please visit parracatholic.org/natural-fertility



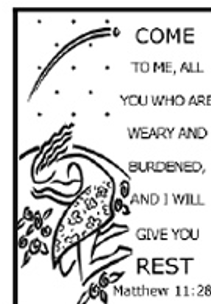
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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Church Cleaning: T. Ripa.

Sacristy: D. Marshall and M. Hutchison..

Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	C. Conolly	C. Chalker
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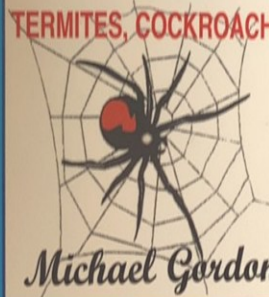
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