



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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www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au

Office hours 9.30am to 4.30pm

Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday

9.3am 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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

12th July, 2026



Though this Gospel is commonly called the Parable of the Sower, the story really isn't about the sower but rather what happens to the seed in the differing soils into which it falls. It is assumed that the sower has thrown widely the rich and fruitful seed – what soil will allow growth?

Jesus describes three outlooks on life that will stifle the growth of the Kingdom of God in our lives.

Firstly, there is distraction. Constant novelty can give the illusion of growth. In the midst of constant change we are stimulated by passing things and can mistake this for transformation. The work of grace within a person requires entering into oneself, facing one's liabilities and dealing with them – this is often boring, messy and difficult – and it takes time.

Secondly, there is difficulty. The Kingdom of God demands that we commit ourselves to certain values. These values challenge us personally in difficult ways and can make life uncomfortable for us in the wider society. If we focus on the hardships we encounter, rather than on the power of the Word, we will be overwhelmed and give up.

Thirdly, there is comfort. The desire for the ease which comes with wealth, status and privilege can stifle our sense of what the Kingdom of God really is about. Our hearts have an innate neediness, which is our hunger for God. We need to be 'at ease' with our neediness and not try to ease the neediness with false comforts.

Jesus does not directly describe the good soil, except to say that it allows the seed to grow to abundance. We do not make the growth of the Kingdom of God within us – rather all we can do is not allow distraction, difficulty and comfort, stifle the growth of grace within us.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD

Gently consider the three types of soil that Jesus says fails to produce fruit. As you meditate on these soils, consider how they could figuratively represent different aspects of your life.

After you have imagined how these forces undermine the Kingdom of God in your life, now, resting in God's love, imagine how that love could change your response.

- What would God's love have you focus on?
- How could you express the values that cause you difficulty in a new, fresh way?
- What type of discipline do you need to jolt you out of taking the easy way?

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

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55 :10-11
The rain makes the earth fruitful.

RESPONSE: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING: Romans 8 : 18-23
All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13 : 1-23
A sower went out to sow.

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:

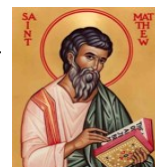
Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Andrew Russek, Antonia Sultana, Colin Wilson, Mijo Grahovac as well as (Anniversary of Joseph Camilleri), Loretto and Carmen Xerri, Jacob Borg, John Ripa Jessie Ripa, Bonnie Farrugia, John and Veneranda Mifsud, Nicola and Antonia Ripa, Carmen and Julian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



ST MATTHEW'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

To celebrate St Matthew's Feast Day on Sunday, 20th September, we are still looking for volunteers. We were hoping to arrange three committees to help with the celebration. These committees will be for the Program, Food and Logistics on the day. If you would like to help with any of these committees, please write your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the Church. Contact Terry Victorino if you want further information. Remember, more hands make light work. Any assistance you can give will be appreciated.



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

ROSARY WORKSHOPS IN JULY 2026

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. There are multiple workshops hosted throughout July. Cost: \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops or ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



SING A NEW SONG – MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

Do you have a child in Year 4-12? Invite them to come along to our 'Sing A New Song Holiday Music Workshop', for a fun day of singing and exploration of sacred music. This will be held on Tuesday 14th July, from 9.30am-2pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place Parramatta. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Student participants will form a choir that will sing at the Solemn Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Sunday 19th July at 6pm. Register at: parracatholic.org/events/school-holiday-music-workshop/

THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW CASES IN THE HAWKESBURY OF RSV AND COVID SO WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND PARISHIONERS THAT IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL, PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH OR ATTEND MASSES UNTIL YOU ARE BETTER.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, ST MARY'S

Out of love for the Eucharist, St Carlo Acutis created a website that compiled the details of every recorded Eucharistic miracle. These miracles are moments of extraordinary grace, where Christ's real presence in the Sacred Host is manifested in some physical way. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition has since been made available for display in parishes throughout the world where people are able to spend time learning about these extraordinary events as a community of faith. Throughout this year, the Diocese of Parramatta is displaying the Exhibition at various parishes for people to come and see. Our Lady of the Rosary will be hosting this exhibit from Monday 13th to Sunday 26th July. All parishioners are invited to view this exhibit.



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.

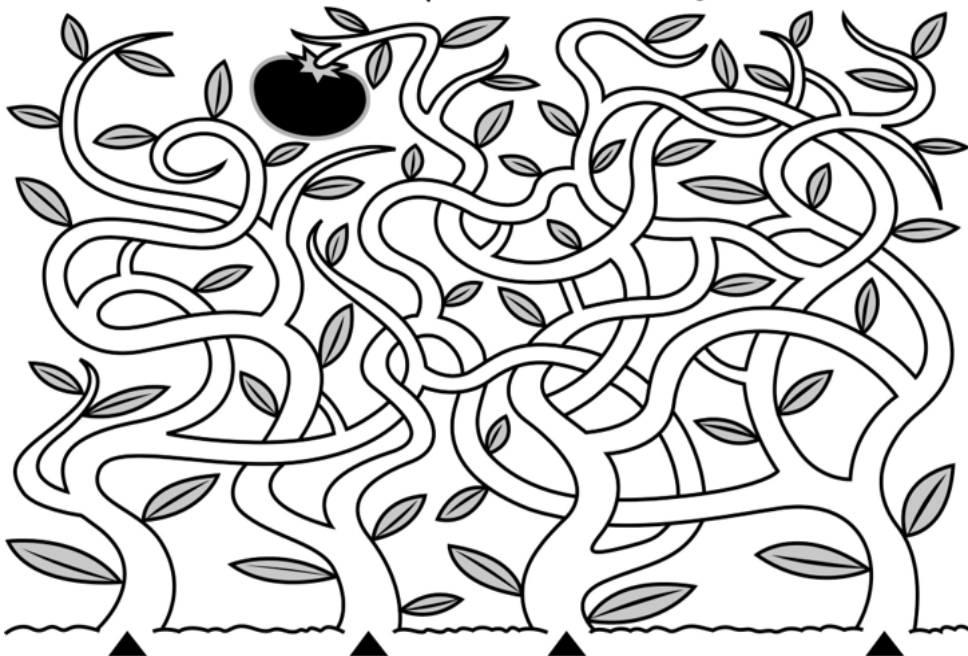
CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Join the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Saturday 8th August. Make a pilgrimage to Mary's tomb, spend time in prayer in the Chapel, and celebrate the Eucharist with us at one of our Feast Day Masses: 8am & 6pm in the Chapel or 10am & 1pm at Glen Roy Green (outdoors). The 10am and 1pm Masses will be AusLan interpreted, and the 10am Mass will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person. There will be a few activities happening on site and offsite for those who may not be able to join us on the day. For the full Feast Day program, information and more, visit www.marymackillopplace.org.au or contact ministries@mmp.org.au.



THE SEED FELL ON GOOD GROUND

Which of these four plants is the one bearing fruit?



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SURVEY: WORLDVIEWS AND WAYS OF LIFE IN AUSTRALIA

ANU researchers are exploring how perceptions and ways of thinking (i.e. worldviews) relate to experiences and ways of living (i.e. participation and inclusion) in Australia. To ensure our community is represented in this meaningful research, you are invited to complete the survey through the link (https://anu.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Ao5q9gu3ysrbVQ). There are \$100 vouchers to be won if you participate.

ROSTERS: 18TH/19TH JULY, 2026

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Church Cleaning: A. Tabone.

Sacristy: B. and N. Duff.

Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	T. Ripa	J. Wein	L. Buchanan	A. Pennings
Reader:	A. Sciberras	S. Mackenzie	R. Bigeni	R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server:	T. Jordan	M. Hutchison	P. Tran	D. Edgar



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