



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*

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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 (Hospital) 11.30am

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

19th July, 2026



Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like.

Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat.

The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is Chametz, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption.

To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – AGENTS OF CHANGE

We often hear that to fully live out the kingdom message of Jesus is to be counter-cultural. These parables are a perfect example of that call. Jesus himself acted in contrast to his cultural context and often used examples in his teaching that flew in the face of cultural expectation. What does it mean to be counter-cultural today? Our world is driven by an emphasis on the individual; an emphasis on acquisition; an emphasis on consuming. The kingdom parables of today's gospel call us to be the agents of change that 'irritate' in our own small way to make a difference in the world.

Reflection: Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name,
O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 12 : 13. 16-19
In the place of sin, you give repentance.

RESPONSE: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING: Romans 8 : 26-27
The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

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 13 : 24-43
Let them grow together until the harvest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

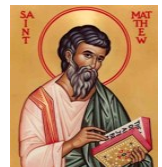


Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Roland Rodriguez, Andrew Russek, Colin Wilson, Antonia Sultana, Mijo Grahovac as well as (Anniversary of Andrew Ellis), Joseph Camilleri, Loretto and Carmen Xerri, Carmen and Julian Felice, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana and family.

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, Maureen Drury, Joe Vella, Alya Oyon-Oyon and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

ST MATTHEW'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

We are still looking for more volunteers to help in the organisation of our St Matthew's Feast Day celebration on Sunday, 20th September. If you are able to help, please write your name on the sheet at the back of the Church, speak to Terry Victorino or contact the Parish Office. Any assistance you can give will be appreciated.



THE MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club is visiting the Hawkesbury Museum this coming Wednesday, 22nd of July. Everyone is welcome to join us for a free tour of the museum. Meet at 10:30am in the museum foyer at Baker Street, Windsor.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM — CONFIRMATION

We would like to remind parents who have children enrolled in the Confirmation Program, that there will be a workshop at 7pm on Tuesday, 21st July and 7pm on Wednesday 22nd July in the Church. Your child is required to attend only one of the workshops.



ALLIANCE OF TWO HEARTS

This Friday, 24th July, the Alliance of Two Hearts will be holding the Vigils of Reparation again 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.

HAWKESBURY HOSPITAL MASSES

Mass will again be celebrated in the Hospital Chapel at 11.30am on the first Friday of every month for patients, visitors and staff. The first Mass will be held at 11.30am on Friday, 7th August.

If you are a patient in the hospital and would like communion, please speak to the Hospital Pastoral Care team and they will arrange it for you. For privacy reasons, requests can not be made for family members or friends. It must be made by the individual concerned.



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.

INQUIRY EVENING– SAVE THE DATE

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, learning more about the Catholic faith, or know of someone who is, we will be holding our Inquiry Evening at 7pm on Monday, 5th October in the Parish hall. If you are interested or want more information, please contact the Parish office 4577 3073.



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.

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 PARABLE OF THE WEEDS

M	A	V	W	H	F	Q	B	B	E	W	G	Q	I	S
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TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

SOW	WHEAT
PARABLE	FIELD
ENEMY	HEAVEN
GOOD	PULL
BURN	UPROOT
KINGDOM	GROW
HARVEST	
SEED	
WEEDS	



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ROSTERS: 25TH/26TH JULY, 2026

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Church Cleaning: K. and G. Moffitt

Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.

Masses:	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator:	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	S. Kavanagh	C. Chalker
Reader:	M. Williams	J. Wein	S. Touma	S. Tyler
Acolyte/Adult Server:	J. Saliba	M. Hutchison	P. Tran	G. Claravall



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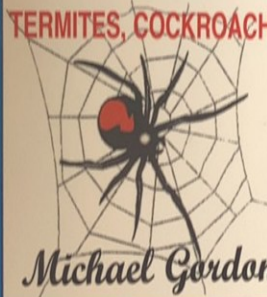
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