



# St Matthew's Catholic Parish



(Established 1831)

12 Tebbutt Street, Windsor, NSW 2756

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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*

*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

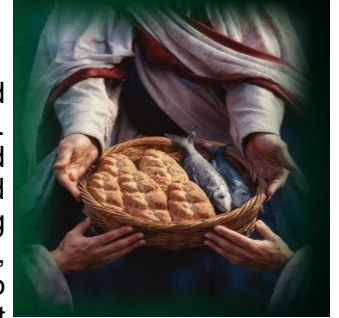
Chisholm Catholic Primary Phone: 4573 3200

Principal: Mr Michael Mifsud

Bede Polding College Phone: 4560 2900

Principal: Mr Greg Malone

## *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 2nd August, 2026*



The disciples must have really gulped when Jesus told them feed the crowds. They had so little in their hands and there were many, many people behind them. It must have felt like a long pause before Jesus took the food, blessed it and started handing it back to them to take around...and he just kept on handing it out....quietly, simply a loaf, a fish at a time. It would have taken some time to feed so many and then even more time to collect what was left over. How must the disciples have felt then. In that time of serving and collecting, they were being taught the most basic aspect of discipleship: trust in God.

We too often feel that God has placed us in situations that are beyond us. True, our miracles are not usually as extra-ordinary as the multiplication of the loaves but they are no less real. Virtually every person reading this can think of situations where they were challenged beyond their capabilities and where, with the grace of God, they rose to the occasion. Almost always, God's grace was given quietly in an undramatic way. Just as at the feeding of the multitude, there was no fanfare but in their heart of hearts they knew God's grace has carried them beyond their expectations.

It is important for us to recognise and remember these personal miracles. Many years ago, a wise man suggested that we carry these 'moments of grace' around with us, like stones in our pockets and in the spaces in our lives, the times of waiting, we can remember and ponder on them. I have found this an amazing exercise. What was one moment of God's grace, one experience in the past, has often been multiplied over and continued to feed my spirit. The remembrance has renewed the miracle and helped me to continue to trust in God.

### **REST IN GOD'S LOVE**

Giving people food at meal is such an ordinary part of life yet Jesus used such a situation for a miracle in which he showed his outstanding generosity.

As you do your simple, ordinary task this coming week, ask Jesus to bless each one and use them as a channel for his generous love. Mull over how God can use ordinary things to reveal the divine love.

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

Graphics: @CatholicHomiles

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 55 : 1-3  
*Hasten and eat.*

**RESPONSE:** The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8 : 35. 37-39  
*No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 14:13-21  
*They all ate and were satisfied.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Deceased:** Please pray for the recently deceased Roland Rodriguez as well as Andrew Ellis, Karen Bartolo, Antonia Sultana, 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, Bruno Franz, Gail Felice, Leo Stivala, Corinne Anderson, Fely Watkins, Maureena Drury, Joe Vella, Alya Oyon-Oyon and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

**THE MONDAY CLUB**

The Monday Club will be meeting this Monday 3rd August at 10am in the hall. All are welcome to join in for morning tea, lunch and good conversation for \$15- per person..



**HAWKESBURY HOSPITAL MASSES PLEASE NOTE**

There has been a date change. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the first Hospital Mass will be on Friday, 4th September at 11.30am in the Hospital Chapel. They will then be held on the first Friday of each month..

**PARISH SURVEY**

The Parish Pastoral Council is running a survey over the next three weeks to gain an understanding of your thoughts about what is working well in the Parish and what your ideas are about improving our faith community in the future. There are paper copies on the trolley at the back of the church for you to fill in and return to the box. However, we encourage you to do it on-line using this link <https://forms.gle/PfJdY4ovM2HapJmX8> or use this QR code.



**HOLY HOUR FOR CHILDREN AND FIRST FRIDAY MASS**

The monthly Holy Hour for children will be held this Friday, 7th August 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.

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL**

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children. At all Masses next weekend we will be holding our annual Mission Appeal. An envelope is attached to the bulletin for parishioners to complete and return next weekend. Your generosity will be appreciated. To learn more about Catholic Mission and their work, please go to [catholicmission.org.au/united](http://catholicmission.org.au/united).



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

The Feast of the Assumption falls on Saturday, 15th August. Because of this, the Feast Day Masses will be held on Friday, 14th August (vigil) at 7pm and Saturday, 15th August at 9am. The 6pm Mass on the Saturday evening will be the usual Sunday vigil Mass.

### GET #ACTIVE4VOCATIONS: SPUR ON BISHOP VINCENT AND OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS

This National Vocations Awareness Week, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and our Holy Spirit Seminarians will get #Active4Vocations in City2Surf on Sunday 9th August. Please pray for vocations and support our seminarians as they take on the 14km journey from Sydney to Bondi to promote priestly vocations. Spur them on with a donation at [tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations](http://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations). If you feel called to the priesthood, visit [parracatholic.org/contribute/discern-my-vocation/priesthood](http://parracatholic.org/contribute/discern-my-vocation/priesthood)



### BAULKHAM HILLS PARISH GROW IN FAITH PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

The Baulkham Hills Parish community will be hosting a new series of Catholic talks every Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm. starting Monday, 10th August. These evenings are open to everyone aged 14 and above—for those who have been practising their faith for years, those who have drifted away from the Church, and anyone simply curious about the Christian faith. Sessions will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Baulkham Hills in the Parish Hall (underneath the church). For more information, call Lucas 0428 813 256.

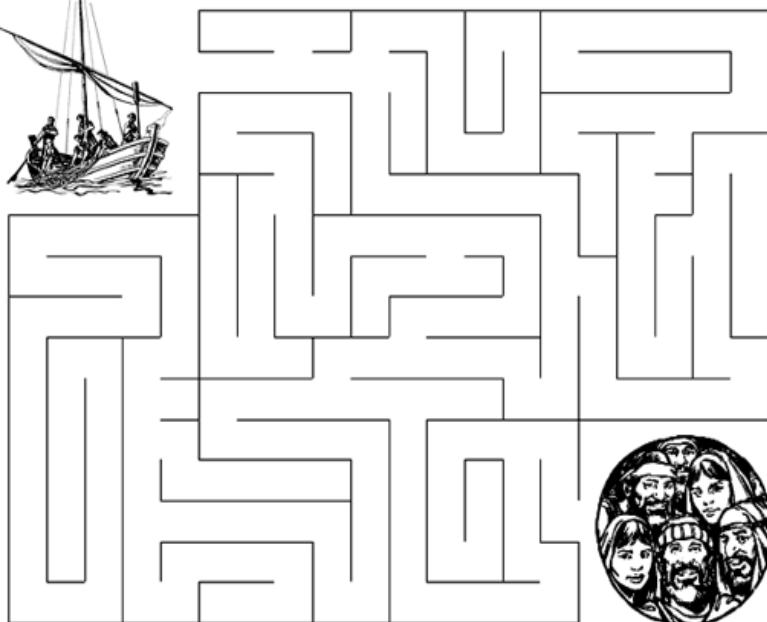
### DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 LAUNCH

Come and discover the pilgrimage to the 17th International World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea (26 July – 11 August 2027), themed "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Join us for an inspiring evening to learn about the pilgrimage, hear testimonies from past pilgrims, explore the faith and culture of the Korean Church, and enjoy fellowship with other young people. Date: 12th August 2026 Doors open at 6:30pm. Venue: Nagle College, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown Register today at [parracatholic.org/events/wyd27-launch/](http://parracatholic.org/events/wyd27-launch/) We look forward to welcoming you!



### FEEDING THE 5000

Help Jesus find his way to the crowd.



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### ANNUAL WALK ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Join the Annual pilgrimage walk on the Solemnity of the Assumption, beginning with 11:00am Mass at the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, followed by a 14km walk to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshment stops will be held at St Michael's, Baulkham Hills, and St Monica's, North Parramatta. The pilgrimage concludes with prayers at approx. 6pm. Banners and statues are welcome, and you may join the walk at any point. For enquiries, contact Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office on (02) 9629 2595.

#### ROSTERS: 8TH/9TH AUGUST, 2026

#### 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.

Sacristy: B. and. Duff.

| Masses:               | 6.00pm       | 7.30am       | 9.00am        | 5.00pm       |
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| Commentator:          | M. Said      | J. Wein      | I. Willingham | C. Chalker   |
| Reader:               | A. Sciberras | E. El Hindy  | L. Hampshire  | M. Claravall |
| Acolyte/Adult Server: | J. Saliba    | M. Hutchison | T. Victorino  | G. Claravall |



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