



St Matthew's Catholic Parish

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(Established 1831)

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*
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Office hours 9.30am to 4.30pm
Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday
9.3am to 4pm Wednesday

Masses:

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 7.00pm

Legion of Mary (in hall):

Every Thursday 6.00pm (youth)
Every Saturday 3.30pm (adult)

Divine Mercy Prayer Group (in hall):

Saturday fortnightly 10.00am

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 9th August, 2026



I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

LIVING THE GOSPEL – CHRISTIAN

What does it mean to describe oneself as a Christian today? A common understanding might be 'one who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ'. Perhaps, based on the understanding of what it meant to be a disciple, we might better describe a Christian as one who learns from the teachings of Jesus and seeks to emulate the work of Jesus. That is, a Christian is someone who models their life on the example of Jesus and is the face of Jesus to others. That's a tougher job description than just turning up to church once a week or putting a bumper sticker on your car.

Reflection: Greg Sunter www.liturgyhelp.com
Graphics: <https://www.sjbny.org/>

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19 : 9.11-13
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

RESPONSE: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: Romans 9 : 1-5
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 14 : 22-33
Command me to come to you over the water.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Fr Eugene Stockton as well as (Anniversary of Eddie Bailey), Karen Bartolo, Francis Bugeja. Antonia Sultana, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, 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.

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.

PARISH SURVEY

The Parish Pastoral Council is running a survey over the next few 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 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. Please take the Bulletin home so that you can use the link or QR code.



THE MONDAY CLUB

Our Conversation with Students from St Matthew's Primary start this Monday. Please meet at the hall for a 10.30am start.

THANK YOU

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank all those who donated money to support the running of St Matthew's Feast Day celebrations. \$1,024 was raised and this will be used to buy plates, cutlery, drinks etc and extra food. Thank you for helping to make this a special day for our parish community.



BE THE WITNESS

Has now partnered with Aid to the Church in Need to bring you the Holy Shroud Exhibition as part of the incredible Be The Witness Experience. This remarkable exhibition detailing the intricacies of the Shroud of Turin will be on display at St Patrick's Cathedral from Sunday 6th September to Sunday 13th September. So come and see the show, and then continue the journey as a witness by visiting the exhibition and marvelling at the incredible wonders of the burial cloth of our Lord.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Because Bishop Vincent will be saying the 6pm Saturday Mass, we will be only holding this Appeal at all Masses on Sunday and then again at the 6pm vigil Mass next Saturday, 15th August. Envelopes are available on the seats for you to complete and place in the special collection. Your generosity will be appreciated. To learn more about Catholic Mission and their work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.



ADULT CONFIRMATIONS 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Held on Saturday 29th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7:30pm at the St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18 August 2026. For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



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 at Nagle College, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown Register parracatholic.org/events/wyd27-launch/



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.

JESUS WILL HELP US

Help Jesus find his way across the water and onto the boat. Be sure to pick up St Peter along the way!



MARRIED COUPLES' RETREAT – REFLECT, RENEW & RECONNECT

Married couples are invited to a special retreat day on



Saturday 5th September at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The day runs from 8:30am–4.30pm and includes Mass with Bishop Vincent, light refreshments, and lunch. Cost is \$45 per couple. Places are strictly limited. Bookings are essential. Register now at parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/

ROSTERS: 15TH/16TH AUGUST, 2026

20TH 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
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