



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*

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:

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 16th August, 2026



This Gospel story witnesses to a tension in the life of Jesus, and one that we experience in our own: we can't do everything. Being human involves being limited in time and in place. While our desires and hopes, not only for ourselves but for others may be as wide as the world, the reality is that we live one day at a time in our own particular body. Jesus, too, experienced that. He had moved out of Jewish territory because he needed space. On one hand, he had the religious authorities hounding him, picking up on his every word. On the other hand, he had the crowds clamouring for miracles – understandably, he was healing their sick. While miracles were a part of Jesus' mission, they were not the core. The core of his mission was to call people to faith in God and his promises. Given the way everyone seemed to be missing the point, both he and the disciples needed space. So for the only time in his ministry, he leaves the land of Israel.

Then out comes this pagan woman, almost hysterically wanting a miracle. Jesus states that his personal calling is to the lost of the house of Israel. She has no problem with that, she is more than ready to acknowledge the primacy of his Jewish mission, but she still wants her daughter healed. Her passionate love for her daughter opens her to the possibilities within this person of Jesus: three times she calls him 'Lord'; she names him 'Son of David'; and she kneels to worship. No wonder Jesus seems blown away. This is the very faith that he was wanting – not even the disciples had come to see what she had recognised. Her commitment to her particular calling as mother, when brought before the person of Jesus, enhanced her faith. She returned home, just as Jesus returned to his land. In later life, how she must have wondered about this person, Jesus, who she had so exceptionally understood. A few moments in her life at the service of her daughter and her vision of reality was changed forever. Yes, our lives can seem to be confined by the particular, but with faith, they can reach beyond our imaginings!

REST QUIETLY IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

– Over this coming week, mull on how God uses your love for people as a means for building up your faith.

– Notice the times when you are prepared to go beyond yourself in service of others. When this happens, thank and praise God.

– As you go through this week, consciously pray for those you are serving.

Reflection: Sr Kym Harris osb <https://prayasyoucan.com.au>

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56 : 1.6-7
I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

RESPONSE: O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Romans 11 : 13-15. 29-32
The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 15 :21-28
Woman, you have great faith.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Fr Eugene Stockton as well as (Anniversary of Presentacion Perez), Antonie Bazouni, Eddie Bailey, Francis Bugeja, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, 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

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

PARISH SURVEY

The Parish Pastoral Council is still running the survey 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. If you haven't already completed a survey, 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



ST CARLO ACUTIS'S EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

Designed by St Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, this exhibition documents reported Eucharistic miracles from around the world, and it is touring parishes right across our Diocese. Next, it comes to Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill, from 9-23 August. Students, teachers and parishioners are invited, entry is free and no bookings are required. To see where the exhibition is heading next across the Diocese, visit parracatholic.org/iec2028/

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

At all Sunday Masses last weekend we held our Annual Mission Appeal. Since it wasn't held at the Saturday vigil Mass, it will be held at that Mass this weekend. If you were unable to donate last weekend, you can still donate using the envelopes available on the seats of the Church. 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.

PEW PLAQUES

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Pew Plaque to commemorate their family or deceased family/friends. All the orders have now been completed and plaques placed on the pews. There are still some spots available so if you would like to arrange a plaque, details and an order form are available at the back of the Church.



BEDE POLDING 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Since 1986, the College has been a place of growth, learning and excellence. The Principal and staff invite past and present families, alumni and parishioners to join them for a commemorative afternoon as they honour their history and toast the future on Friday, 11th September from 3.30pm to 6pm in the College grounds. Please RSVP by 1st September via link <http://forms.gle/K8e2z1RRVLAbMKPR7>

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.



HOMECOMING SILENT RETREAT: CARMEL HOUSE VARROVILLE

"His father saw him, ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." Lk 15: 20. Your heavenly Father waits for you to come away with him for a weekend of silently soaking in his great love for you from Friday, 28th August until Sunday, 30th August. Embrace this opportunity for encountering deep peace and serenity. This retreat is for men and women aged 18+. Hosted by the MGL Sisters. Choose from a weekend retreat or extend your time with a 5 day retreat option. w/e: trybooking.com/DIDBK extended: trybooking.com/DIDBU

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TABLE CRUMBS
FALL LOST
ISRAEL SUFFERING
MERCY
JESUS
WOMEN
KNELT



ROSTERS: 22ND/23RD AUGUST, 2026			21ST 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	J. Wein	L. Buchanan	C. Chalker
Reader	M. Williams	E. El Hindy	S. Kavanagh	S. Tyler
Acolyte/Adult Server	J. Saliba	M. Hutchison	T. Victorino	G. Claravall

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