



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

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 23rd August, 2026

The question that Jesus asked of his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' is an important question for each of us. Faith is a close personal relationship with Jesus. When Jesus asked the question, 'Who do people say I am?', the disciples had a variety of ready answers, but when he has asked, 'Who do you say I am?', they had to look deep within their hearts to find the answer. It was right that one alone answered, for even though we are immersed in the community of the Church, our response in faith is personal and intimate, heart speaking to heart. The Father gave to Peter recognition of who Jesus was so that he might respond in love.



Each of us has to hear Jesus ask this question. At first, it can be a difficult one to face as it is so personal and intimate. It is easier to think of 'faith' in terms of ritual or doctrine, but essentially it is a relationship and the role of ritual and doctrine is to help that relationship grow. We may struggle to find the words or images with which to express our personal recognition of who Jesus is to us, but it bears rich insight.

The conversation is not only one way. As we answer Jesus' question, we will find him responding to us with who he says we are. It is in relationship with him that we come to our truest and best selves. Peter well knew he was no "rock" but with the love of Jesus he was able to deal beyond his personal liabilities and witness to God's love beyond his wildest dreams. We each have our own weakness and failure but that is no impediment to the love of Jesus shining within our lives.

REST QUIETLY IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

As you rest there, ask Jesus to come to you. Tell him who he is to you.

Ask him if there is anything more that he wants to be for you.

Sit with his response.

When you are at rest in his love, listen to who he says you are. His words will be words of love. Open your hands and heart and receive his gift.

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

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22 : 19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

RESPONSE: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 11 : 33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16 : 13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Fr Eugene Stockton as well as (Anniversaries of Antonie Bazouni, John & Margaret Muscat, Carmen & Carmello Grima), Presentacion Perez, Francis Bugeja, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Eddie Bailey, Josephine Galea, Veneranda Mifsud, John Mifsud, Charles Bonanno, Mary Stella Bonanno, Francis Bonanno, Frank De Bono, John Ripa, 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, Joe Vella, Corinne Anderson, Fely Watkins, Maureena Drury, Alya and Riley Oyon-Oyon.

THE MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club will be catching the train and ferry to Manly for lunch this coming Monday 24th August. All are welcome to join us. Be at Windsor station at 8.50am and don't forget to bring your Opal card and money for lunch.

PARISH SURVEY

The Parish Council has so far only received 24 completed surveys. If you want your voice heard, you need to let the Council know your concerns and ideas by filling out a survey. Each individual is encouraged to either take a paper copy today or use the QR code to do it on-line.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves. The Parish raised \$3455- and because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future.

BAPTISM PREPARATION TALK

The next talk will be held at 7.30pm this Thursday, 27th August in the Parish Hall. Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of each month and bookings for the Baptism are made at the talk. Bookings are also required for the talk and can be made by contacting the Parish Office.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - PENANCE

If you have a child in Year 3 who has been Baptised Catholic, they are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Penance. The program will start with a Parent Information Session which will be held at 7pm in the Church on Tuesday, 1st September and Wednesday, 2nd September. Only one parent is required to attend one of the meetings. There are also Enrolment Forms for the program available at the back of the Church that you are required to complete and return at the parent session. If you have any questions, please contact Cita at the Parish Office.

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 spots available. Details and an order form are at the back of the Church.



ALLIANCE OF TWO HEARTS

This Friday, 28th August, 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.



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>

THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Is hosting a GP Mini-Expo on Saturday 12th September in Bishop Bede Heather Centre at Blacktown. During the Expo, there will be a panel discussion and Deacon Michael will be part of the panel. This Expo would suit parishioners interested in learning how to identify a good Catholic GP. Also, any of our Youth or Senior High School students interested in the Healthcare Professions as a career are also welcome to attend.



EMERGENCY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL – COLUMBIA

The Salesian Missions Australia have launched an appeal to support the relief efforts being carried out by the Salesians as there has been significant damage to a number of schools and community programs, disrupting services that support thousands of people every day. To donate go to www.givenow.com.au/emergency or use the QR code on the flyer at the back of the Church.

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION – SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

They are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in their Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2026. Send an enquiry to – www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.



PETER'S CONFESSION OF CHRIST

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PROPHETS	GATES
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JEREMIAH	



ROSTERS: 29TH/30TH AUGUST, 2026			22ND 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	H. Sobiesiak	S. Mackenzie	I. Willingham	C. Chalker
Reader	C. Bazouni	J. Wein	S. Touma	M. Claravall
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