



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*
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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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 6th September, 2026 Father's Day



This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' – community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships!

Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – FACING THE ISSUE

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING:

Ezekiel 33 : 7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

RESPONSE:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING:

Romans 13 : 8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Matthew 18 : 15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God, my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased as well as (Anniversaries of John Ripa, Valente Tan, Michael and Teresa Sultana), Paul Gauci, Josephine Galea, Kevin Lamond, John and Margaret Muscat, Carmen and Carmello Grima, Antonie Bazouni, Jesse Ripa, John and Veneranda Mifsud, Mary Stella Bonanno, Charles Bonanno, Francis Bonanno, Frank De Bono, John Ripa, Nicola and Antonia Ripa, Bonnie Farrugia, Pio Vella and Vella Family, Charlie and Joanne Vassallo, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana and family.

Sick: Please pray for Thelma Rays, Susitina Makasini, Lizella Sciberras, Sam Galea, Kevin and Julietta Hawkins, Sandra Vaughan, Patricia Donohue, Delina Galea, Bruno Franz, Joe Vella Gail Felice, Leo Stivala, Fely Watkins, Maureen Drury, Kelly Gale and Linda Hitching.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - PENANCE

The 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday Masses for the next two weekends, will be Commitment Masses for the children enrolled in the Reconciliation Program. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers during this special time.

**THE MONDAY CLUB**

We will be continuing our sessions with the students this Monday, 7th September so please meet at the hall for a 10.30am start. We will also have our usual monthly morning tea and lunch starting a little later at 11.15am in the hall.

For those going on the trip to Bowral for the Tulip Festival this coming Friday 11th September, please meet at 8am at the church.

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – Honour a lifetime of faithful service

We give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, mentors and spiritual fathers who have guided us with love, wisdom and faith. Among them are our priests, who have devoted their lives to serving God's people. They have celebrated the Sacraments with us, prayed with us, accompanied our families and helped bring us closer to Christ. After a lifetime of faithful service, many of our senior priests now need practical care and support as they face the challenges of ageing, illness and retirement. Your generous tax-deductible gift will help care for our retired and unwell priests and ensure they can live with the dignity, care and support they deserve. Please give generously during the third collection this weekend or go to parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal. Thank you for caring for those who have spent their lives caring for us.

**ALIYYAH WORSHIP AUSTRALIA**

We extend a warm invitation for you to join us at Aliyyah Worship Australia, also known as the Upper Room. They provide an hour of worship at the foot of the cross, offering a cherished opportunity for a heartfelt conversation with God. You are welcome to attend for a few minutes or for the entirety of the Common Prayer. They will next meet here at St Matthew's on Sunday, 13th September. Mass will be at 5pm in the Church and then Common Prayer at 6:15pm in the hall. All parishioners welcome.

ST MATTHEW'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Our Feast Day is fast approaching and all parishioners are invited to come and help celebrate on Sunday, 20th September. There will be Mass at 9am followed by a procession of the statue of St Matthew and then lunch in St Matthew's School grounds. We will have live music, activities and games for the whole family. Bring a chair or rug to sit on and a plate of food to share. We are also holding a colouring competition. The age group categories are ages 3-5, Kindy - Year 2 and Years 3 - 6. If you would like to take part, the page is available at the back of the Church. Entries need to be returned to the Office or Church no later than 4pm Thursday, 17th September. Winners will be announced at the festival and must be present to receive their prize.



INQUIRY EVENING- REMINDER

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.

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Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.			Sacristy: D. Marshall and M. Hutchison.	
Masses	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	L. Buchanan	C. Chalker
Reader	C. Bazouni	J. Wein	J. Braadford	M. Claravall
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