



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 4pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 13th September, 2026

Constantly, we are told in the Scriptures that God is merciful towards us and that we, in turn, should be merciful towards others. Given its centrality in our faith, it is important that we understand what mercy is. The Hebrew word for mercy – *_ruah_* – is based on the word for womb. It is not just a sense of common feeling with another or even of compassion. Rather is a deep relationship with a person, akin to the experience a mother has with her child, especially one in the womb. When we feel mercy towards another it is as though that person is carried under our heart, flesh of our flesh. We feel mercy like this towards others because God has been merciful to us.



Lack of mercy in our lives doesn't come about because we have closed our hearts to other people but rather because we don't recognise and appreciate the mercy shown to us by God. Maybe some reading this have not committed serious sin and do not have the experience of being forgiven by God in that situation. That does not mean they have not experienced God's mercy. In mercy, we have been created. Made in God's image and likeness to be children of God, we are carried under God's heart. God took on our human flesh in the person of Jesus that we may see how close and loving God wants to be to us. Simply by meditating on the wonder of our being we can realise the mercy in which we are immersed. This realisation lets the floodgates open in our hearts and lives and allowing mercy to flow to others. It is not a feeling we 'work up' in ourselves, judging the rights and wrongs in the situation, but rather a grace we allow to flow through us. As we allow it to flow, we become 'like God' giving salvation and hope to our broken world.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

When you are at rest, consider the times and ways that God has been merciful to you. Slowly reflect on practical personal moments when you have known God's mercy as well as more general experiences, like being alive and the beauty of creation, etc. Dive deep into that mercy and let it surround you.

Now consider a relationship where you know you are withholding love from a person, not being merciful. Held in God's mercy, ask God what you can do that is best for that person. Imagine different ways that you can do this. If you baulk, ask God to be merciful to you and give you strength and wisdom

Reflection: Sr Kym Harris osb <https://prayasyoucan.com.au>
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.	
FIRST READING:	Ecclesiasticus 27 : 30 – 28 : 7 <i>Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.</i>	
RESPONSE:	The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.	
SECOND READING:	Romans 14 : 7-9 <i>Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.</i>	
ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!	
GOSPEL:	Matthew 18 : 21-35 <i>I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.</i>	
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.	

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased: Please pray for the recently deceased Roy Agar, Lorraine Cassells as well as Valente Tan, Michael and Teresa Sultana, Paul Gauci, Josephine Galea, Kevin Lamond, Jesse Ripa, John and Veneranda Mifsud, 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 Kitching.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - PENANCE

The 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday Masses last weekend and this weekend are 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 PARISH SURVEY

The Parish Council would like to sincerely thank all those parishioners who took the time to respond to the recent survey. Many insightful opinions and suggestions were offered. Fr Raning and the Parish Council will analyse your responses and report the findings back to parishioners over the next few months.

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. If you were unable to donate at last weekends Appeal, there are still envelopes available at the back of the Church for you to use to donate this weekend.



PARISHIONERS PLEASE NOTE

We have been advised that one of our parishioners has been messaged by a person claiming to be Father Ranillo Creta in an attempt to obtain funds and/or gift cards. We would like to advise parishioners that Father would not contact parishioners with this type of request at all. Please remember to stop, check and protect yourself and your family.

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.



ST MATTHEW'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Our Feast Day is next weekend 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.



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Our Diocese offers a Healing and Support Service providing pastoral, therapeutic and spiritual care to anyone who has experienced harm in a Church context. We provide direct support, resources, and pathways to assist individuals in their process of healing and recovery. Our approach is person centred, assisting according to each person's individual needs and circumstances. If you, a loved one or someone you know has experiences abuse in a Church context, you are welcome to contact our Healing and Support Counsellor lorena.portocarrero@parracatholic.org, or for more information visit parracatholic.org/safeguarding/healing-and-support

AT THE WELL GATHERING – HALF DAY RETREAT

Will be held on Saturday, 19th September and will be centred on the theme “We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song,” we will explore the hope at the heart of our faith and what it means to carry that hope in our everyday lives. Whether you’re looking for community, creativity or formation, this Half Day Retreat has something for you. \$35 per person. Limited spots are available. Register at <https://parracatholic.org/events/at-the-well-retreat/>



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BROTHER	
JESUS	
LORD	
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ROSTERS: 19TH/20TH SEPTEMBER, 2026			25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	
Church Cleaning: C. Teuma and T. May.			Sacristy: D. Marshall and M. Hutchison.	
Masses	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	5.00pm
Commentator	M. Said	J. Wein	I. Willingham	A. Pennings
Reader	M. Williams	E. El Hindy	S. Touma	R. Xerri
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