



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 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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 20th September, 2026



On a first reading of this gospel story, the reader is probably struck by the unfairness of the situation. The landowner has employed day labourers at different times throughout the day to work in his vineyard. However, come the end of the day, the landowner pays all the day labourers the same amount. Not surprisingly, the labourers employed at daybreak to work the whole day are upset that those who have only worked the last hour of the day are paid the same amount. The landowner reminds them that he is paying them what they agreed at the start of the day, and yet the reader is left uncomfortable about the whole arrangement.

Of course, this is the purpose of Jesus' story! The key to the story is in the introduction. Most of the kingdom parables told by Jesus begin with a formulaic statement, 'The kingdom is like ...' and this one is no different. What follows is almost always a description of an everyday event that is turned on its head. In all of the kingdom parables recorded in the gospels, Jesus describes a world order in which people respond in unexpected and sometimes confusing ways. His message is that the kingdom, or reign, of God turns expectations upside down. In the kingdom, people who are treated badly in this world are held in great esteem; the balance of power is turned upside down; and the usual order of things is challenged. The landowner's final comment in the parable, 'the last will be first, and the first, last', is a perfect example of the challenging nature of Jesus' kingdom parables. In the kingdom, those who hold themselves to be first in this world will be brought down, and those who are treated as least in this world will be exalted

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT – KINGDOM PARABLES

A feature of the kingdom parables that Jesus used is a challenging 'shift' to the unexpected. Jesus only ever uses parables to describe what the kingdom is like, and never says exactly what it is or isn't. In each parable he compares the kingdom of God to something that would be familiar to a 1st century audience but then he twists the familiar and makes the challenging shift by making the familiar, unfamiliar. Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God disrupts our normal way of thinking, it turns our expectations upside down and it completely challenges our 'normal' relationships.

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

Graphics: <https://breakingopentheword.org/>

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55 : 6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

RESPONSE: The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1 : 20-24. 27

For me to live is Christ.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 20 : 1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



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, Maureena Drury, Kelly Gale and Linda Kitching.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next Baptismal Preparation Talk will be held this Thursday, 24th September 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 45773073.



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

We would like to thank parishioners for their generosity with our recent Father's Day Appeal. We raised just under \$2,500- to support the retired priests in the Diocese. If you would still like to donate please visit <https://parracatholic.org/donate/clergy-support-foundation>.



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.

ALLIANCE OF TWO HEARTS

This Friday, 25th September, the Alliance of Two Hearts will be holding the Vigils of Reparation here at St Matthew's. The schedule will be Mass at 7pm followed by Adoration and concluding with Mass at midnight. All parishioners are invited



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 Ranning and the Parish Council will analyse your responses and report the findings back to parishioners over the next few months.

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.



CATHOLIC CARE WSBM – PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS MEMORIAL DAY

Catholic Care and White Lady Funerals will be holding a memorial service followed by the opportunity to place a plant in memory of your lost loved one in our Garden of Remembrance. It will be held at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills and is free to attend, please RSVP by 8th October to Lisa 0439 917 129 or Christy 4731 4385.

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST TO BE A STALL HOLDER OR PERFORMER AT LIFTED LIVE IN THE FORECOURT 2026!

Be part of a vibrant evening filled with music, dance, activities, food, and community fun hosted by Catholic Youth Parramatta on Saturday, 24th October, within the precinct of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. We invite local performers, small business and organisations to express their interest via the links below! Expressions of Interest close Sunday 20th 11:59pm. Stall Holder EOI:

<https://forms.gle/9cbyafAiumdgWW1dA> Performer EOI: <https://forms.gle/cza7pTd48eNL9MxM6>



ENGAGING YOUR FAITH (EYF) IS BACK IN OCTOBER!

Catholic Theological College invites you to our EYF online presentation series. The series features nine stand-alone sessions on a range of themes, presented by CTC staff. For further details, please see the attached flyer or our website. These sessions would be an ideal opportunity to explore the possibilities offered at CTC. Interested participants may register via Humanitix.

MGL SISTERS CREATIVE HEALING RETREAT

Handmade: Creative Healing Retreat 16th – 18th October, Carmel House, Varroville. In his hand is the life of every creature” Job 12:10 Come away for a weekend of reflection on how carefully God has made and upheld your life through different creative prayer experiences. This retreat is for both men and women. Hosted by the MGL Sisters. Registration link: www.trybooking.com/DIDCB



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ROSTERS: 26TH/27TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

26TH 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
Commentator	H. Sobiesiak	S. Mackenzie	C. Conolly	C. Chalker
Reader	A. Sciberras	J. Wein	R. Bigeni	S. Tyler
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