



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, Thursday and Friday
9.30am 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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 27th September, 2026



This week's gospel passage is one of many within Matthew's gospel that show Jesus at odds with the religious authorities of his day. The picture of the religious leaders that comes through Matthew's gospel is one of hypocrisy. Jesus is frequently portrayed as criticising the leaders for holding too strongly to the letter of the law and ignoring the spirit of the law and the call to compassion. This week's passage has Jesus seeking the opinion of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (a common style of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first says 'No' but later does his father's bidding. The second says 'Yes' but doesn't follow through on his commitment.

Jesus is criticising the religious leaders of his time who, with their words, said 'Yes' to God but by their actions said 'No'. He most certainly would have upset the leaders by telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. Whilst these tax collectors and prostitutes were regarded by the religious authorities as 'sinners' beyond redemption, Jesus holds them up in the image of the first son of the story. Although they may have said 'No' to God through their poor choices, ultimately they are saying 'Yes' to God in their acceptance of Jesus and the message of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the leaders have said 'Yes' to God publicly through abiding by all the religious laws and maintaining a 'religious profile' but in their hearts and actions they have not truly said 'Yes!'

LIVING THE GOSPEL – SAYING 'YES!'

In many ways, it is easy to say 'Yes' and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say 'Yes' when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It's easy to say 'Yes' and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. It's pretty easy to turn up at Church on a Sunday and be seen to be doing the 'right' thing. But if our faith doesn't change the way we live, then maybe we're really saying 'No' to God.

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

**THE NEXT HOSPITAL MASS WILL BE HELD THIS FRIDAY,
2ND OCTOBER AT 11.30AM IN THE HOSPITAL CHAPEL.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**FIRST READING:**

Ezekiel 18 : 25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

RESPONSE:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING:

Philippians 2 : 1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Matthew 21 : 28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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, Peter McDonald, 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, Linda Kitching and Delina Galea..

ST MATTHEWS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

We would like to thank everyone who came and enjoyed our Feast Day last Sunday. A wonderful day was had by everyone who attended. We would like to thank the organisers for their amazing work to make the day such a success and we would like to thank everyone who brought food or donated money for the day.

HOLY HOUR FOR CHILDREN AND FIRST MASS

The monthly Holy Hour for children will be held this Friday, 2nd October at 6pm in the Church and all parishioners are invited to attend especially children. The Holy Hour will conclude with Mass at 7pm and again all parishioners are welcome.

**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.

LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TODAY... PRESERVE ST MATTHEW'S FOR TOMORROW

A gift in your Will to St Matthew's is a lasting expression of faith, gratitude and love for your parish.

St Matthew's Parish has been a place of faith, prayer and community for generations. Established in 1832, it is the oldest parish in the Diocese of Parramatta, and our historic church has been handed on to us through the generosity and sacrifice of those who came before us.

As we look to the future, parishioners are invited to prayerfully consider leaving a gift in their Will to St Matthew's Parish. A gift in your Will is a lasting expression of faith and love, helping preserve our parish, our church, and our Catholic heritage for future generations.

As Pope Francis reminds us: "An authentic faith always involves a deep desire to leave this earth a better place than we found it." For more information, please take a brochure from the back of the church or visit <https://stmatthewswindsor.org.au/gift-in-wills/>



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



THE PARABLE OF TWO SONS

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T A K G D W M X V H N K T N W
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TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

MAN THINK
SONS GOD
TODAY FATHER
JOHN WAY
KINGDOM WORK
TRUTH BELIEVE
VINEYARD
SHOW
TWO



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ROSTERS: 3RD/4TH OCTOBER, 2026

27TH 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	A. Pennings
Reader	A. Dimech	E. El Hindy	L. Hampshire	E. Sultana
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can all be reasons to
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