

# 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

## *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*
## *4th October, 2026*



This parable was directed at the religious leaders of Jesus' time and can be said to be directed to the religious leaders of our time, that is virtually anyone reading this. Yes, I can see your head popping up: 'Me? But I'm only… (insert whatever you were going to say)'. Yes, but you are educated enough to be reading this. While you probably dismissed yourself as only a parent, a catechist, a St Vincent de Paul member yet, … you, in some way, lead people.

God has gifted you and this Sunday's parable is a warning, a wake-up call to assess how you are using your gifts. In stressing the mercy of God, we can be mistaken in thinking this lets us off the hook concerning our call to serve seriously with our gifts.

And what is the primary service that God desires us to reveal but the divine love and compassion in the world. We are the only face of God that most people will ever see. All around us the harvest is there: family members, neighbours, workmates. Now is the time to stop and consider: 'In this coming week, what is a way that I can show God's compassion to another person?' It may be as simple as a phone call or a visit to a lonely person, the offer of lift to the doctor for a person with mobility problems, a meal to a sick neighbour. If you have trouble thinking of something simple that you could do, stop, pray and God will reveal an opportunity!

**REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.**

When you are at rest, consider the gifts and talents that God has bestowed on you….as many as you can think of. Amongst those gifts, consider the ones that you neglect, or do not use in some way in service of others.

Resting in God's love, recognise that God desires from you the use of these gifts. Imagine how you could bring them into use, in a way that does not make your life overly busy. What could you let go of to develop that gift? Can you think of practical steps you could take to realise some of those gifts.

Reflection: Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au
Graphics: https://catholicsstrivingforholiness.org/

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| **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** | Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all. |
| **FIRST READING:** | Isaiah 5 : 1-7 |
| | *The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.* |
| **RESPONSE:** | The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel. |
| **SECOND READING:** | Philippians 4 : 6-9 |
| | *Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.* |
| **ACCLAMATION:** | Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia! |
| **GOSPEL:** | Matthew 21 : 33-43 |
| | *He leased his vineyard to other farmers.* |
| **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** | The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him. |



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**




**Deceased:**
Please pray for the recently deceased as well as Peter McDonald, Peter Farrugia, Keith Schembri, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Chris, John, Maryann Sultana and family.

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

**THE MONDAY CLUB**

The Monday Club won't meet this coming Monday due to the public holiday, but will meet the following Monday, 12th October. All are invited to come for lunch at 12pm at the Boathouse Cafe in Macquarie Park.

**PARISH SURVEY FEEDBACK – AN INITIAL OVERVIEW**



We received 42 completed surveys from parishioners. Of these the vast majority, unsurprisingly, were from regular Mass attenders and almost two thirds were from people who had been parishioners here for more than 15 years. About 70% of responses were from people over 55; and a similar proportion had been born in Australia.

Around 90% of respondents agreed that our parish provides welcoming and hospitable Masses, and that these are prayerful and well prepared. About 80% felt that communication is clear and helpful, yet about half also said that the parish needs to improve communication with parishioners.

More than 75% agreed that the parish does a good job of building community. Around 70% believe that opportunities to be involved in ministries are well promoted, while just over 60% agreed that the parish supports people in times of need.

More than 75% see a need to better engage with young adults, with almost 70% saying the same in relation to children and youth. Over 60% see a need to offer more opportunities for spiritual growth.

The Parish Pastoral Council will continue to examine, reflect upon and discuss all the responses to the survey, including the questions about the role of the parish council and answers to the open-ended questions which are additional to these observations. More feedback will be provided as these responses are considered.

**DESIGN THE CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE FRONT COVER FOR CHRISTMAS 2026!**

We're inviting you to design the front cover of the Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas and Summer 2026 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. Submit your entry by Friday 6th November 2026 – with a short description of your artwork – via parracatholic.org/artcomp

**MAKING A GIFT TO THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL: MEETING ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 11**

After the 9am Mass next Sunday 11th October there will be a meeting in the parish hall to explain how parishioners can leave a gift in their Will to St Matthew's parish. Kyle McCabe, a solicitor from KM Legal, which specialises in wills and estate matters, will be present to give generic advice and answer general questions. Members of the Parish Finance Committee will also be present and able to answer questions about our fundraising efforts and church restoration program. Please collect a copy of the booklet about Gifts in Wills which is being distributed this weekend.




**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, 11th September. Mass will be at 5pm in the Church and then Common Prayer at 6:15pm in the hall. All parishioners welcome.

**WORLD ROSARY HOUR AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA PROCESSION, WINSTON HILLS**

The parish of Saint Paul the Apostle invite you to join us as we pray the Holy Rosary on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00pm. This also includes Our Lady of Fatima procession around the Church grounds (40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills) and will be livestreamed. To know more visit worldrosaryhour.com or contact their parish office on 9639 6516.



**REMINDER: PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH OR ATTEND MASS IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL,**

## THE PARABLE OF THE TENANTS

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*TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:*

LISTEN
SENT
BUILT
DUG
PARABLE
HARVEST
REJECTED
KILLED
VINEYARD
SEVANTS
COLLECT
FARMERS
JOURNEY
WATCHTOWER
WALL
LANDOWNER
FRUIT
SON
LAST
TIME

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| **ROSTERS: 10TH/11TH OCTOBER, 2026** | | | **28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A** | |
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| **Church Cleaning:** A. Tabone. | | | **Sacristy:** B. and N. Duff. | |
| **Masses** | **6.00pm** | **7.30am** | **9.00am** | **5.00pm** |
| **Commentator** | T. Ripa | S. Mackenzie | I. Willingham | C. Chalker |
| **Reader** | A. Sciberras | J. Wein | J. Bradford | M. Claravall |
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