

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
11th October, 2026



How often Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding banquet – the ultimate of all parties in his own society and in ours. In these parables people are judged by their capacity to join in appropriately. A test for our fitness to enter the Kingdom of God is our party skills.

And what are great party skills? One, the freedom to leave our roles and work behind for a while and enjoy the gifts offered by our hosts. Secondly, the capacity to enter into the joy of other people. Our own pleasure is not the only way we become happy. Other people's joy can pleasure us too.

Those who refused to come to the wedding could not do this. They were simply wrapped up in their own affairs. Notice how they react when the king challenges them – with violence and anger. When we cannot enjoy and celebrate the lives of other people we often don't just remain neutral towards them. Resentment can twist our hearts and we can lash out with anger or criticism. And if we cannot enter into the joy of other people, how will we be able to enter the joy of God?

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

As you rest in the love of your God, recall your sense of disconnectedness and bring it before God. Allow the sense of unease to be present.
As you sit with this, ask God if there is something within you that is out of balance, which preoccupies you excessively.
– Maybe it is a habit of the heart – like feeding anger, or excessive pleasure, or thinking negatively of other people, or envy.
– Maybe it is attachment to work or self-image,
– Maybe it is fear.
Whatever it is God can deal with it in love. Hold it out to God and ask for healing and guidance…and the strength to do whatever needs to be done to allow you to live for the Kingdom of God.

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

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

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

Just a reminder that after the 9am Mass this 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. If you haven't already got a copy of the booklet about Gifts in Wills, please take a copy from the back of the Church.



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.

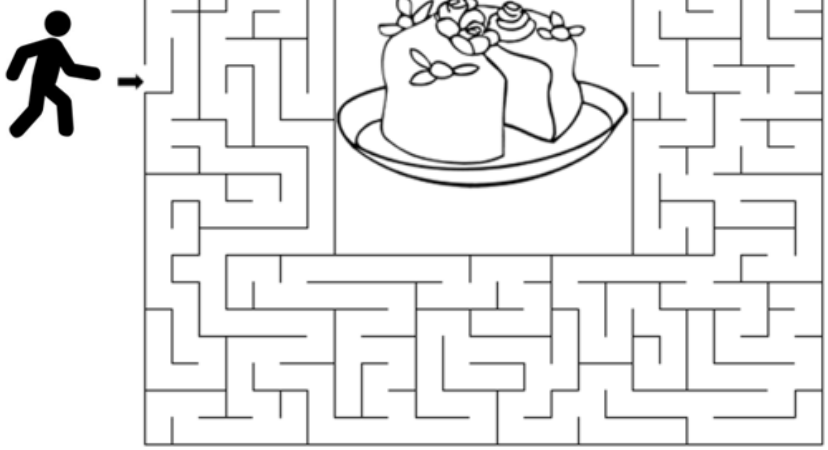


ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 15th November at 2:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your full names, years married, and numbers attending via parracatholic.org/events /wedding-anniversary-mass by 6th November.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE WEDDING FEAST!

Can you find your way to the wedding cake?



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CHURCHES CRICKET COMPETITION: STARTING 17TH OCTOBER

There are two Catholic teams in this year's Churches Cricket Competition – the Catholic Cricket Club (Papal Bulls) and the Sri Lankan / Indian Churches Team. All new players welcome. Standard is competitive but social played in a spirit of fellowship and fraternity. Games around Strathfield, Parramatta and Ryde, Saturdays 1-4pm (maximum 3 hours). Season starts 17th October.

EMAIL NOW for more information and to register at: papalbulls cricket @gmail.com



ROSTERS: 17TH/18TH OCTOBER, 2026		**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**		
Church Cleaning: K. and G. Moffitt.		**Sacristy:** M. Roth and C. Vella.		
Masses	**6.00pm**	**7.30am**	**9.00am**	**5.00pm**
Commentator	H. Sobiesiak	J. Wein	C. Conolly	A. Pennings
Reader	M. Said	S. Mackenzie	R. Bigeni	R. Xerri
Acolyte/Adult Server/s	J. Saliba	M. Hutchison	B. Braford	D. Edgar

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Have you reviewed your Will recently?

Life changes.

Grandchildren, buying or selling property, change in marital status, or losing a loved one can all be reasons to review your estate planning.

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