

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*
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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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
18th October, 2026



We all know what it is like to be asked a seemingly innocent question, knowing that the questioner's intention is actually malicious and rude and that they are only wanting to humiliate us. This is what happened to Jesus but he didn't allow the malicious Pharisees to determine how the conversation ran. Jesus' answer to them concerning the tax was good, yes, very good yet I know I couldn't come up with an answer like that if I worked on it all week. Still I have had to work out how to deal with this type of person. The answer I'm trying to train myself to give is: 'I'd like some time to think about that.' In fact that is a good answer to many difficult questions thrown at us unexpectedly. If still pressured to answer, the further reply could be: 'Well, it isn't a matter of life or death.'

Why should people who are malicious and rude be allowed to determine how our conversations run? Whether in private or public conversation, in the family or at work, the arrogant and rude can tend to highjack the discourse. As Christians we need to take back the conversation to allow our language to build up people and not destroy them. Consider the current political landscape. I heard someone repeat recently an ugly violent remark, by a 'shock jock', concerning a politician and I was able to reply quietly; 'and how does that further any good discussion.' The point was taken. Unless our public and indeed personal conversations are to be further eroded, we Christians must make statements that stop the malice and allow our conversation to truly serve the good of the wider community.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

When you are relaxed, consider the complex situations you face in life: family issues, health challenges, personal issues, difficulties at work…the list could go on

Choose one of these and consider how you react when it flares up. How do you feel, what do you do…or not do? How do you feel being overwhelmed?

Bring your responses before God and ask God to sift through those responses showing you different ways to respond. Let your imagination go free. Let God show you how complexity can be a source of grace.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.
FIRST READING:	Isaiah 45 : 1, 4-6 *I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*
RESPONSE:	Give the Lord glory and honour.
SECOND READING:	1 Thessalonians 1 : 1-5 *We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*
ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!
GOSPEL:	Matthew 22 : 15-21 *Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	Behold the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:
Please pray for the recently deceased Ian Moss as well as (Anniversary of France Vella), Paul Farrugia, Keith Schembri, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Lela Vella, Jason Vella, 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, Delina Galea and Estrella Alimboyoguen.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – RECONCILIATION
At special liturgies this coming week, the children who have been preparing will receive the Sacrament of Penance. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers while they take this step in their faith journey.

ALLIANCE OF TWO HEARTS
This Friday, 23rd October, the Alliance of Two Hearts will he 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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SUPPORT FOR THOSE IN NEED
For some years the St Monica's Richmond conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society has been looking after Windsor parish, providing groceries, clothing and other items to those in need in our community. The conference thanks parishioners of St Matthew's who support this work through the donations box at the back of the church and is grateful for the generous involvement of schools in our parish in donating items. People needing help can contact Vinnies on 13 18 12.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE
The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held in February 2027. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on ofw@parracatholic.org or visit their website to enrol: www.parracatho lic.org/contribute /volunteer/liturgical-ministry You can also obtain an enrolment form from Father or the Parish Office. Enrolments close 21st January 2027 but to avoid disappointment and as spaces are limited, please enrol as soon as possible

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES
The next set of planned giving envelopes are available for collection at the back of the Church. Please take your set home with you after Mass.

2026 LIFTED LIVE IN THE FORECOURT

All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Saturday, 24th October for LIFTED Live in the Forecourt 2026. Join hundreds of young people and families for a Youth Mass at 6pm followed by festivities in the forecourt. Encounter the variety of talent and passion of Western Sydney and Blue Mountains, with live performances, inflatable games, small businesses, adoration and more. Register by visiting parracatholic.org/lifted-live

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.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC AT CATHOLIC CARE, SPRINGWOOD EVERY MONDAY (FORTNIGHTLY)

Access FREE legal advice on matters including Family Law, Care and Protection, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates, Traffic offences. Every second Monday from 11 am starting Monday, 7th Sept at Catholic Care, 3/163 Macquarie Rd, Springwood. To make a booking call 8843 2500 or 8843 2545. Walk-ins are also welcome.

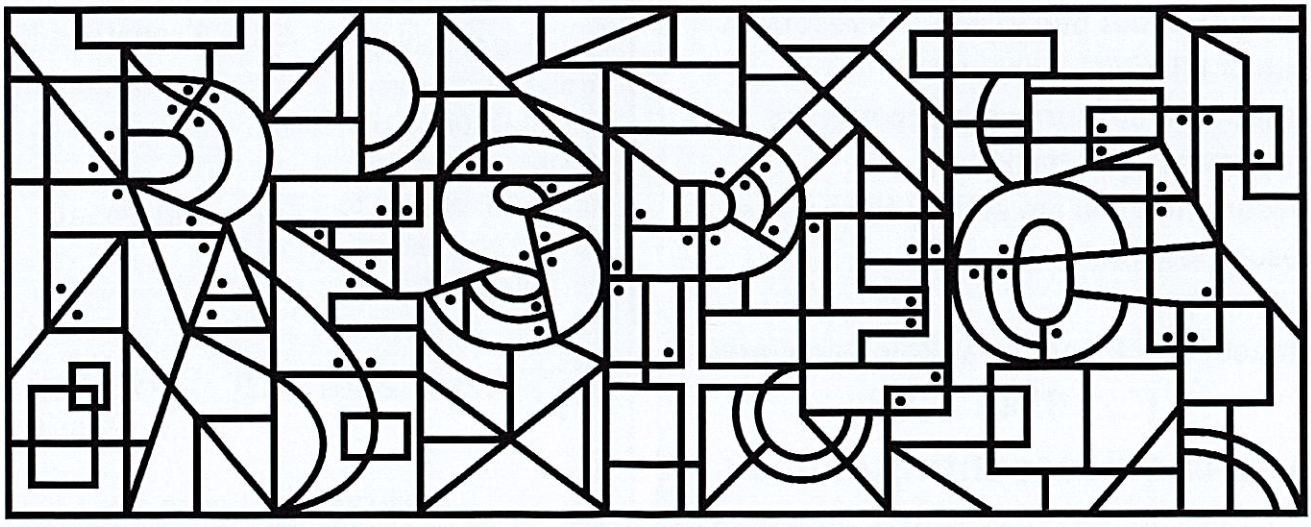
WYD27 SONGWRITING COMPETITION



Young people of the Diocese of Parramatta, we want your original song to inspire our pilgrims on their journey to World Youth Day! Open to individuals or groups aged 16–35. All musical genres welcome. Find out more and submit your song via our WYD27 website: parrawyd.org Submissions close 16 December

GIVE TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD

Color in the shapes that contain dots to reveal something that Jesus wants us to show others.



ROSTERS: 24TH/25TH OCTOBER, 2026			**30TH 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	T. Ripa	S. Mackenzie	L. Buchanan	C. Chalker
Reader	C. Bazouni	E. El Hindy	S. Touma	S. Tyler
Acolyte/Adult Server/s	T. Jordan	M. Hutchison	T. Victorino	D. Edgar
			S. Lowe-Bradford	

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Life changes.

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