

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 4.30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

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 monthly 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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
25th October, 2026



Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 mitzvot (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 mitzvot governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about …?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – COMPASSION

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
FIRST READING:	Exodus 22 : 20-26 *If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*
RESPONSE:	I love you, Lord, my strength.
SECOND READING:	1 Thessalonians 1 : 5-10 *You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son*
ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!
GOSPEL:	Matthew 22 : 34-40 *You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:
Please pray for the recently deceased Ian Moss as well as Paul Farrugia, Frances Vella, 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, Kelly Gale Linda Kitching, Delina Galea and Estrella Alimboyoguen.

NOVEMBER MASSES

November is the month of Holy Souls and the 'Book of Life' and envelopes, will be available in the foyer of the Church. During the whole of November, Masses will be offered for our deceased loved ones.

FEAST OF ALL SAINT AND ALL SOULS



Next Sunday, 1st November is All Saints Day, and the usual weekend Masses will be held. Monday, 2nd November is All Souls Day and there will be special 9am and 7pm Masses. The 7pm Mass will be the annual Bereavement Mass which is dedicated to remembering our deceased family and friends. All parishioners, family and friends 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

There are still some planned giving envelopes available at the back of the Church. If you haven't already, please take your set home with you after Mass. If you would like to join the planned giving program, please contact the Parish Office.

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

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TALK

The next talk will be held this Thursday, 29th October at 7.30pm in the 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, please ring the Parish Office 4577 3073.



GENUINE DIALOGUE: A PATH TO PEACE

In a world that cries out for cohesion across our diverse communities, the Jubilee Year of St Francis deepens our Gospel call to be people of peace and fraternity. St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook is hosting Fr Patrick McInerney and members of the diocesan Interfaith Commission to share insights and reflections with us. It will be held on Tuesday 3rd November from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Centre, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook. Fr Patrick is Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and Consultor with the Vatican Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue. Please register your interest via secretary@stfinbars.org.au An opportunity not to be missed! All 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



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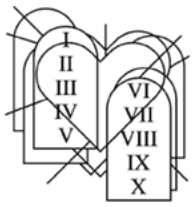
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THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

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TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

MIND
EXPERT
PHARISEES
HEART
QUESTION
NEIGHBOR
JESUS
YOURSELF
LOVE
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SOUL
GREATEST
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COMMANDMENT
HEARING



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ROSTERS: 31ST OCT/1ST NOVEMBER, 2026		**ALL SAINTS DAY YEAR A**		
Church Cleaning: J. Dimech.		**Sacristy:** B. and N. Duff.		
Masses	**6.00pm**	**7.30am**	**9.00am**	**5.00pm**
Commentator	M. Said	J. Wein	I. Willingham	A. Pennings
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