



St Matthew's Catholic Parish



(Established 1831)

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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 Robert William*
Assistant Priest: *Fr Ever Bernaldez MSP*
Sacramental Coordinator: *Ms Cita Adams*
Parish Secretary: *Ms Judy Rigg*
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www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au
Office hours
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday : 9.30am - 4.30pm

Schools:

St Matthew's Primary Phone: 4560 2300
Principal: Mr Tim Vane-Tempest
Chisholm Catholic Primary Phone: 4573 3200
Principal: Mr Michael Mifsud
Bede Polding College Phone: 4560 2900
Principal: Mr Mark Compton

Masses:

Weekend:
Sat. Vigil 5.00pm and 6.15pm
Sun. 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.00pm

Weekday:
Tuesday to Saturday 9am

Reconciliation:
Saturday 9.30am

Baptisms:
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays monthly 11am

Marriages:
By appointment

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
30th August, 2020
Social Justice Sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.
FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20 : 7-9
RESPONSE: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
SECOND READING: Romans 12 : 1-2
ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!
GOSPEL: Matthew 16 : 21-27
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE HOLY SOULS:

Deceased:



Please pray for the recently deceased Mary Grech, Regina Mass, Sarah Berg, Enrico Valentini as well as Jean Spice, John and Julie Karam, Paul Dimech, Anne and Paul Micallef, Flor Henning, Maria and Wilhelm Henning.

COVID SAFE PRACTICES FOR MASSES REMINDER

To stop the spread of the virus and for the safety of other parishioners and the wider community, the following practices have been implemented:

- ◆ There is no holy water at the doors of the Church,
- ◆ There will be no sign of the peace during Mass,
- ◆ Holy Communion will only be distributed by the priest and only on the hand,
- ◆ Communal response cards, mass books and hymn books are not to be used - you are welcome to bring your own and then take it home with you,
- ◆ Because of the social distancing restrictions, singing is prohibited,
- ◆ The wearing of masks is highly recommended to, from and during Masses.

We would like to thank everyone for following advices given so far. It's everyone's responsibility.

**STOP THE SPREAD - PLEASE MAINTAIN
SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES
WHILE IN AND OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.**

ROSTER 5TH/6TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Church Cleaning:

A. Tabone.

Sacristy:

B. and N. Duff.

PLEASE TAKE WITH YOU OR THROW OUT. DO NOT RETURN TO THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

A MESSAGE OF THANKS TO PARISHIONERS

It has been six months since all of us have made changes to how we worship. We thank you for the willingness and speed with which we have seen you embrace these changes, some of them difficult and possibly confusing. The positive response by the Catholic Community of Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains was recently reinforced by NSW Health who are working with us through our Diocese to make sure what we do at church keeps us safe.



Your efforts are noticed and appreciated.

Thank you for following the advice issued so far. We are sure you will have heard this pandemic referred to as a marathon rather than a sprint. The bottom line is our concern for everyone's safety, and your compliance means you are all playing an important role in keeping our community safe

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Today we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020.



SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

Join with people from across the Diocese to break down the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21 'To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia.' The online session will be held via Zoom on Monday 31st August from 7pm. Hear from the experts on mental health, learn mental health tools you can use in your life and ministry, what resources are available in the diocese and how we can work together. To RSVP, please contact Patrice Moriarty, Social Justice Coordinator on patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.



PASTORAL PLANNING OFFICE - SATURDAY SESSIONS

Please join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith before Saturday 11am and then join an online group discussion via Zoom between 11am - 12pm. Register in advance for this meeting to receive the links for the presentation and meeting: <https://dioceseofparramatta.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwudeCvpjsiGtP7mLN2akpCygpGy-IHSPuU> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about the presentation for this week and a link to join the meeting. For more details, contact lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

CELEBRATING AND SHARING OUR GIFTS

The Pastoral Planning Office are offering an opportunity for Gifts Discernment to affirm and explore the gifts God has given us to bring to life God's mission. Join us for prayerful discernment about our spiritual gifts over 3 evenings beginning on Wednesday 9th September from 7.30pm - 9pm. You can register at www.tinyurl.com/celebrate-and-discern. For more information, please see the poster at the back of the Church.



54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA FOR THE CORONAVIRUS

The National Rosary Crusade 54-Day Novena invites you to join them in prayer for a nation-wide 54-day rosary novena to Mary Help of Christians, the national patroness. The novenas will be run between 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption through to 7 October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page.

PRE-MARRIAGE WEEKEND

The Life, Marriage and Family Office will host another pre-marriage education course on the weekend of the 18th and 20th September 2020. Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place, with other arrangements to be made if government requirements change. To view course dates for the remainder of 2020 and to book and pay for your preferred pre-marriage course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.



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