



# St Matthew's Catholic Parish



(Established 1831)

12 Tebbutt Street, Windsor, NSW 2756

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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*  
Parish email: [stmcc@tpg.com.au](mailto:stmcc@tpg.com.au)  
[www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au](http://www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au)  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and 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

#### Stations of the Cross

Friday 7pm

#### Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am

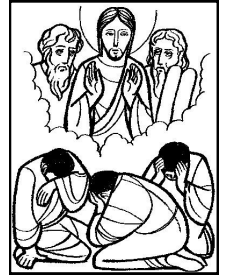
#### Baptisms:

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

#### Marriages:

By appointment

*Second Sunday of Lent Year B*  
*28th February, 2021*



If God put on a better show in church, the ratings would go through the roof. Imagine if at every Eucharist, our experience was like the Transfiguration – all of us stunned with the glory, filled with the most awesome fear, an experience so rich and wonderful that, like Peter, we want to stay permanently. Well, maybe not every week. With the assurance that it would happen once a year, many, many people would turn up each and every week. So why doesn't God put on a better show? Why are those insights into the reality of God's love so rare?

I don't know. I do know that if I, and many of us, were running a religion we would make it much more attractive than what it mostly is. Much as we tend to blame the preaching, the translation, the choice of hymns or whatever, God could still put on a fireworks display... and doesn't. What I've come to in my understanding is this. God wants us to:

Come freely offering the love of our hearts,  
Come freely, even in the midst of ordinary life,  
Come freely, in the midst of suffering,  
Come freely, even when the shadows of this world fall away and we see the true reality of God's love underpinning all reality.

True love is given freely and God treasures the true love of our hearts so much that he will not coerce our response in love.

### REST GENTLY IN THE LOVE OF GOD

Recall the significant moments in your life – the times when you saw your life as part of something greater. Amongst those moments, focus on one. Slowly recall what happened, where you were, what was happening, how the moment unfolded. As you recall this moment, ask the Spirit to show you what grace it has for you now. What happened then can enrich you now.

Sr Kym Harris osb [www.prayasyoucan.com.au](http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au)

### PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH IF YOU:

- ARE EXPERIENCING COLD OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS
- HAVE A TEMPERATURE
- HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE THAT IS EITHER A SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19
- FACE MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED
- THERE IS NO SINGING UNLESS YOU ARE WEARING A MASK

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 22 : 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

**RESPONSE:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8 : 31-34

*God did not spare his own Son.*

**ACCLAMATION:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL:** Mark 9 : 2-10

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased Bishop Bede Heather, Carmen Vella, Victor Teuma, Janet Drady, William Attard, (Anniversaries of Mary and Jeanine Dimech) as well as Jean Peare, Angela Fletcher Carmen and Joseph Teuma, Carmen and Loreto Xerri, Bernard Axiak, Rita & Christino Teuma, Charlie & Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut.

**Sick:**

Eileen Allen, Jessica Moloney, Laurie Mitchell and John Flint.



**MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL**

The next Monday Club lunch will be held on Monday, 1st March. Cost is \$10- per person which covers morning tea and lunch. The theme will be St Patrick so make sure you wear a splash of green. Bookings are required for catering and because of COVID, spots are limited. If you would like to attend, please contact Celine.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

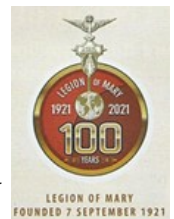
**CHURCH AND SACRISTY CLEANERS NEEDED**

We are in need of more Church and Sacristy cleaners. If you can spare one hour every 4 or 6 weeks to help clean the Sacristy or Church, it would be greatly appreciated. Maybe you can bring a friend or a family member and you can do it together. Cleaning can be done on a day and at a time that suits you but it is preferred they are cleaned before the Sunday Masses. At the moment groups come on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Please consider helping. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office during office hours.



**LEGION OF MARY INVITATION**

In celebration of 100 years of the Legion of Mary (founded 7 September 1921) the Sydney Senatus commissioned a statue of Our Lady to visit all parishes. The statue will be arriving here in our Parish on Saturday, 6th March. We would like to invite all parishioners and Legion of Mary members to come and welcome the statue at 4.30pm inside the church. After the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass, we will pray the rosary followed by the Legion of Mary prayer.



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

This year the Uniting Church has the pleasure of hosting the 2021 World Day of Prayer on Friday, 5th March. It will be a wonderful day where we can all come together to support and pray for the people of Vanuatu. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, numbers are limited from every Church in the Hawkesbury so they can't invite everyone. They do ask however that the people of Vanuatu are kept in your prayers especially on that day.

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**WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF MORE HELP**

Our Parish currently has 19 Primary State schools in it's boundary. Each school has classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 that need Catholic Scripture lessons. At the moment, because of a number of reasons, we only have 10 volunteers to teach these children about God's love and many Catechists already teach a number of classes at various schools. Unfortunately there are not enough teachers to do it all. So, many children miss out. If you can spare just half an hour a week to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Full training and support is given to all volunteers. Please consider helping or maybe you could ask someone you know who would be interested. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.



**CATECHISTS (SRE) COMMISSIONING MASS**

During the 6.15pm Mass next Saturday, 6th March we will be commissioning our wonderful Catechists. We do request that all Catechists attend if possible so that you can feel supported and strengthened for the year ahead.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO LET PARISHIONERS KNOW THAT THE LENT AND EASTER EDITION OF THE DIOCESAN MAGAZINE 'CATHOLIC OUTLOOK' IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. FEEL FREE TO TAKE A COPY HOME WITH YOU AND FIND OUT WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN YOUR DIOCESE.**

**CARTAS - PROJECT COMPASSION**

Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



**PROJECT COMPASSION – VIRTUAL IMMERSIONS**

Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishioners and groups via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff. Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au).

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**

Did you know that each year the Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need, supports the training of 12,000 seminarians and provides ongoing formation for 8,000 priests. Could you help support a priest or seminarian? Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/formation](http://www.aidtochurch.org/formation)

**PALMS AUSTRALIA REACH BEYOND - The Need Is Acute!**

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now. Visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au) , call Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



ROSTERS	6TH/7TH MARCH 2021		THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B		
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	C. Melinz and C. Teuma.		<b>Sacristy</b>	M. Roth and C. Vella.	
<b>MASSES</b>	<b>5PM</b>	<b>6.15PM</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9AM</b>	<b>5PM</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	K. Apap	M. Grosvenor	J. O'Neill	L. Buchanan	M. Claravall
<b>Reader</b>	H. Sobiesiak	M. Williams	G. O'Neill	T. Victorino	F. Watkins
<b>Acolyte/Adult Server</b>			S. Kelly	T. McMahon	G. Claravall
<b>Altar Servers</b>	E. Rijke	N. Xerri		A. Portelli	E. Sultana
	J. Bond	O. Thompson		M. Portelli	P. Sultana

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# COVID SAFETY REMINDERS AND HOUSEKEEPING

## PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ

- ◆ Please maintain social distancing at all times in and around the Church.
- ◆ You can now register your attendance at Mass either via the paper form or via the QR code. Both are available at the back of the Church. If you are registering on paper, please record one person per line. That way it is easier to ensure numbers allowed are not exceeded.
- ◆ While sitting in the pews, please ensure you are 1.5 metres from the person in front, behind and next to you. (You are only exempt if you are from the same household)
- ◆ Face masks are no longer mandatory but they are still recommended.
- ◆ There is to be NO congregational singing at all during the Mass unless you wear a mask.
- ◆ Please form one line when receiving Holy Communion and keep 1.5 metres from the person in front and behind you.
- ◆ Parishioners sitting at the right of the Church are to receive communion on the right and those sitting on the left are to receive on the left. That way social distancing is easier to maintain.
- ◆ Please take your bulletin with you and dispose of the seat wipes in the bin available at the back of the Church. If you don't do this then someone else has to clean up after you.
- ◆ Please leave the Church immediately after Mass and do not congregate inside or outside the doors of the Church. If you wish to chat, please move to the driveway or street but please still maintain social distancing.
- ◆ If we are inspected and found not to be complying with regulations for Places of Worship, the Parish, as well as any individual found not to be complying, can be issued an on the spot fine.
- ◆ We would like to thank everyone for their patience and help in trying to keep our Parish and community safe.



The Parish Team.

### Take Up Your Cross

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| SAVE    | CROSS     |
| WHOLE   | LOSE      |
| GOOD    | DISCIPLES |
| GAIN    | FOLLOW    |
| HIMSELF | LIFE      |
| DENY    |           |
| GOSPEL  |           |
| SOUL    |           |
| CROWD   |           |



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