



**The Parish of St Matthew's North Fawkner**  
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### August 13 – 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

We all need to call Jesus in the storms facing us in the Church and in our lives. Let us approach Jesus with strong Faith in his ability and willing availability to calm the storms in the life of the Church and in our own lives. Church history shows us how Jesus saved his Church from the storms of persecution in the first three centuries, from the storms of heresies in the 5th and 6th centuries, from the storms of moral degradation and the Protestant reformation movement (later resulting in hundreds of denominations), in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and the storms of sex abuse scandals of the clergy in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. We need to realize that it is the presence of Jesus which gives us peace even in the wildest storms of life: the storms of anxiety and worries about the future we are suffering now in the ongoing Corona Virus Pandemic (Corvid-19), storms of sorrow, storms of doubt, tension and uncertainty, storms of anger and despair, storms of temptations, and storms in family relationships. But this peace flows only from a personal relationship with God, with Jesus, enhanced through prayer, meditative reading of Scripture and active participation in the Holy Mass and reception of the Sacraments when these are available to us.

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#### XIX Domenica del tempo ordinario (ANNO A)

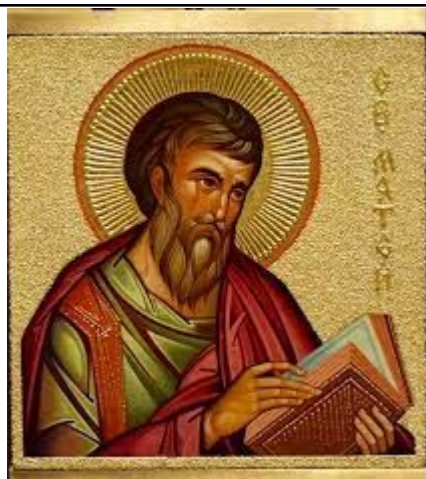
La paura e la mancanza di coraggio rappresentano un notevole ostacolo ad una vita di fede e d'amore. Anche noi, proprio come gli apostoli sulla barca, possiamo lasciarci paralizzare dalla paura, che ci impedisce di vedere quanto Cristo ci sia vicino.

Egli è l'Emmanuele, il Dio-con-noi, ed è anche il Dio della natura, che comanda alle tempeste e a tutte le forze distruttrici: "Egli annunzia la pace... La sua salvezza è vicina a chi lo teme" (Sal 85,9-10); anche quando ci sembra di essere su una barca a "qualche miglio da terra e... agitata dalle onde, a causa del vento contrario", egli non è mai lontano da ognuno di noi.

Come san Pietro, dobbiamo essere pronti a rischiare la nostra sicurezza e l'eccessiva preoccupazione per noi stessi, se vogliamo che la nostra fede si rafforzi. Cristo dice ad ognuno di noi: "Vieni". Per rispondere e per andare a lui, a volte, dobbiamo attraversare le acque della sofferenza.

Che cosa succede, allora, quando, sentendo la forza del vento, cominciamo ad avere paura e ad affondare? Per superare la paura si deve seguire l'esempio di Gesù: "Sali sul monte, solo, a pregare". La fede si rafforza solo con una pratica regolare della preghiera.

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#### St. Matthew's Feast Day

Please note that the Parish will be celebrating the Feast Day of our patron saint St. Matthew on Friday the 22nd of September in the Parish Hall from 7.00 pm onwards.

Banda Bellini will be playing music on the night.  
 Tickets will be available before and after weekend masses, or, from the Parish Office.  
 (Adults \$25.00, Children under 12 years of age \$10.00)

There will also be a Parish Raffle up to the to feast day celebrations on September 22. Tickets will be available before and after weekend masses, or, from the Parish Office. Tickets will be \$2.00 each.

**Please support the Parish in these activities.**

**The sick in our parish:** Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Rita Paladino, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Nina Garoffolo, Josie, George, Lori, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Catarina Calvi, Aiden Agius, Maryanne, John Busuttill, Concetta Ioffrida, Adam Peric.

**Recently deceased:** Bob Brown, Giuseppe Schiavello, Estrella Galdo, Joseph Carmucciano, Giovanni Noto, Francesco Galante, Giuseppe Raffa, Vincenzo Di Cecco, Caterina Bulfone, Bruna Zando, Giovanni Miglino, Luisa Zauri, Assunta Mariani, Concetta Lo Nigro

**Anniversaries:** Joe Medale, Michele D'Apote, Yousef and Najibe Lebnan, Mario Siciliano, Luciana and Elio Raffaelli, Peppino and Bellina Butera, Gabriele Torchia, Paola Cutello, Maria Concetta Raco, Grazia Malvindi, Domenico Malvindi, Filippo Lazzaro, Giuseppe and Carmela Bovezza

*We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.*

#### Mass times

**Weekday:** Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am Wednesday: Novena mass will not be held this week (June 14)

**Weekend:** Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential.

#### Mass times

**St. Marks, Fawkner (Leo Street, Fawkner)**

**Weekday:** Monday-Saturday: 9.00 am

**Weekend:** Saturday: 6.00 pm ; Sunday: 10.00 am ; 6.00 pm  
 Hope Café: Thursday: 5.30 pm (free dinner for the needy)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 9.30 am and 5.30 pm or phone Fr. Colin (9359 3111)

#### Rosters for weekend masses (August 19/20)

##### Lectors:

**Saturday 5.30 pm:** J. George

**Sunday 9.00 am:** M. Raymond

**10.30 am:** M. Costa

**Bus driver:** B. Tjahtono

#### St Vincent de Paul, Fawkner Conference

##### Donation basket

There is a basket in the church for those wishing to donate food items (non-perishables).

These items will be passed on to the Fawkner Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

#### Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro

Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volonta' in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.

Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.

Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perche' diventiamo una famiglia piu' fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici.  
 Amen.

#### St. Matthew's Prayer

God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.

Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.

Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind.  
 Amen

**St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.**

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