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## August 20 — 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

We need to persist in prayer with trustful confidence. Although the essential parts of prayer are adoration and thanksgiving, the prayer of petition, like the prayer of contrition, plays a big part in our daily lives. Christ himself has told us to ask him for these needs: "Ask and you shall receive." Asking with fervor and perseverance proves that we have the "great Faith" we need to receive what Christ wants to grant us in response to our requests. We must realize, and remember, that we do not always get exactly what we ask for. Rather, God gives us what He knows we really need, what He wants us to have, and what is really best for us. As Christians, we also know that our particular request may not always be for our good, or for the final good of the person for whom we are praying. But if the prayer is sincere and persevering, we will always get an answer — one which is better than what we asked for. (frtonyhomilies)

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

Dio viene a noi, ma noi non sempre gli andiamo incontro. Si manifesta in molti modi diversi, ma non sempre viene riconosciuto e accolto dal suo popolo. A volte, tuttavia, viene accolto in luoghi e modi sorprendenti. Nel Vangelo di oggi, vediamo Gesù partire verso un luogo inatteso: la regione fra Tiro e Sidone, abitata da pagani. Il suo arrivo non passa inosservato: gli va incontro una donna cananea, qualcuno, dunque, che non apparteneva ad Israele.

La donna è spinta verso Gesù dai suoi bisogni, non dalla fede. Quali siano i suoi bisogni e quali quelli della figlia è chiaro, tanto più che la donna li esprime a gran voce, con una violenta insistenza: implora la pietà di Gesù, grida perché egli la aiuti e, soprattutto, non desiste. La donna, tuttavia, non esprime solo e soprattutto i propri bisogni: riconosce, infatti, Gesù come Signore, come figlio di Davide. Il suo grido di disperazione si purifica così diventando preghiera. Del resto, quando a Messa diciamo o cantiamo: "Signore, abbi pietà", non ripetiamo, in un certo senso, le parole e la venerazione della donna cananea?

(lachiesa.it)

### CatholicCare Victoria Appeal

**Next week (August 26/27th of August) there will be a special collection for CatholicCare Victoria.**

CatholicCare offers counselling and mental health programs, affordable housing, specialised supports for children and teens, pastoral care, support for separating families, refugee and asylum seeker support, crisis help, homelessness and advocacy support, and a variety of courses helping to strengthen relationships and wellbeing. The support received from our parish community will go towards funding a range of these programs, so that CatholicCare can continue to provide care and compassion to those in our communities.

**Please contribute to this appeal.**



### 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.

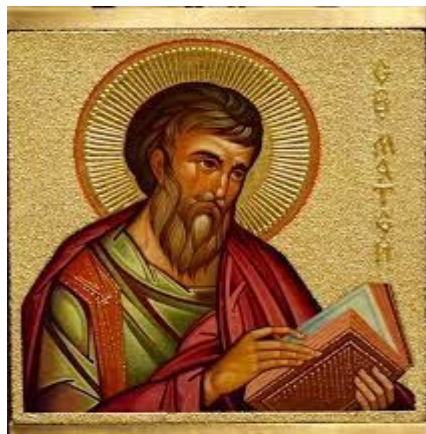
Banda Bellini will be playing music on the night.

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 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.

**Upcoming funerals:** **Annunziata Aloise**, Tuesday, 22nd August at 12.00. Rosary followed by mass.

**Recently deceased:** Bob Brown, Annunziata Aloise, Giuseppe Schiavello, Estrella Galdo, Joseph Carmucciano, Giovanni Noto, Francesco Galante, Giuseppe Raffa, Caterina Bulfone, Concetta Lo Nigro, Eduardo Morales

**Anniversaries:** Joe Medalle, Michele D'Apote, Yousef and Najibe Lebnan, Mario Siciliano, Luciana and Elio Raffaeli, Peppino and Bellina Butera, Gabriele Torchia, Paola Cutello, Maria Concetta Raco, Grazia and Domenico Malvindi, Filippo Lazzaro, Giuseppe and Carmela Bovezza, Vincenzo Strazzeri, Silvio Papile, Michele Malarbi, Rita Bono, Enza Tabacco, Laura and Dario Della Valle, Tina De Luca

*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 : 6.00 pm

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

**Reconciliation: Saturday:** 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office

#### 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 26/27)

#### Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm.: J. Manovella

Sunday 9.00 am: C. Schiavello

10.30 am: C. DiGiulio

**Bus driver:** P. Capasso

### 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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