



St Matthew's Feast Day-27 Sept 2026

St Matthew's-Holland Park

Welcome to Bishop John Roundhill

St. Matthew was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus and the traditional author of the Gospel of Matthew, originally a tax collector called to follow Christ.

Identity and Background

St. Matthew, also known as Matthew the Apostle or Matthew the Evangelist, was a 1st-century Jewish man from Palestine. His Hebrew name, Mattityahu, means "gift of God," and the Greek form is Matthaïos, which became Matthew in English [Christian Today](#). Before following Jesus, he worked as a tax collector in Capernaum, a profession widely despised in Jewish society because it involved collecting taxes for the Roman authorities, often with corruption [Encyclopedia Britannica+1](#). In the Gospels, he is also identified with Levi, the son of Alphaeus, suggesting that Matthew may have received a new name after his calling by Jesus [GotQuestions.org](#).

Calling by Jesus

Matthew's calling is described in Matthew 9:9, where Jesus sees him sitting at the tax booth and says, "Follow me," prompting Matthew to immediately leave his work and become a disciple [bartehrman.com](#). This event highlights Jesus' mission to reach sinners and those marginalized by society, as Matthew's profession made him a social outcast [Encyclopedia Britannica](#).

Role as an Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew became one of the twelve apostles, accompanying Jesus during his ministry and witnessing his teachings and miracles [Wikipedia](#). He is traditionally credited with writing the Gospel of Matthew, the first of the Synoptic Gospels, aimed at a Jewish-Christian audience to present Jesus as the promised Messiah [GotQuestions.org](#). His symbol in Christian iconography is an angel, and he is considered the patron saint of tax collectors, accountants, bankers, and civil servants [Encyclopedia Britannica+1](#).

Later Life and Legacy

After Jesus' ascension, Matthew is said to have preached the Gospel in Judea and possibly in other regions, including areas near ancient Persia, and according to tradition, he died as a martyr [Wikipedia](#). His feast day is celebrated on September 21 in the Western Church and November 16 in the Eastern Church [Encyclopedia Britannica](#). Matthew's life exemplifies transformation from a socially marginalized profession to a devoted follower of Christ, and his Gospel remains a foundational text in Christianity [bartehrman.com](#).

St Matthew's Anglican Church in Holland Park has much to be thankful for regarding our patron saint. **Matthew, the former tax collector, demonstrates that nobody is beyond God's grace and redemption.** As the author of the first Gospel, Matthew gifted the church with a detailed account of Jesus' life and teachings. His meticulous nature as a former record keeper made him perfectly suited to document Christ's ministry. **Matthew's story reminds the congregation that God calls ordinary, flawed people to do extraordinary things, giving the church a truly wonderful foundation.**

Matthew 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." This verse emphasizes prioritising God's will and trusting Him for provision

Matthew 11:28 - "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." This verse offers comfort and assurance of Jesus' care for those who are struggling.

Matthew 28:19-20 - "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

This passage, called the **Great Commission**, highlights the mission of spreading the gospel.

Fund raising Luxury Brisbane River cruise on the MV Island Princess- 6-9 pm
7th October Tickets \$120 3 hours of Drinks and hot finger food included

Bible Study Lady Chapel Friday 10am

Ladies Study Wednesday Night see Janice E or Heather W

Wednesday Mid-week Service 10.30

Meditation Wednesday 30 September

Men's Breakfast 7am 1st Thursday of month

Praying for **Gardenvale Street**

Behind the scenes thx: Counters-Neil and Roy

19th Sunday aft Pentecost: 4 October 2026

Matthew 21.33-46

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3.4b-14

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