

# **Parish Directory**

Winter 2023



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# **Welcome to Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood!**

Dear friends,

From my first days in our parish I have been excited by the richness of our parish community.

We are only truly urban, the most multicultural, and largest parish in our Diocese of Broken Bay. We are a regional hub, to which many people come and leave from wide and far, including over 2,000 students to the three schools in our precinct: Our Lady of Dolours Primary School, Mercy College, and Pius X College.

Consequently, we are a place of welcome for many people and we wish you to know that you, too, are welcome as part of our parish family.

We are entering an exciting period in the life of our parish community.

Established in 1910 we are now in our second century and there is great spirit of involvement. There is much to build upon! And there is great opportunity to develop our church, our community, and our pastoral and education precinct at the service of sharing the good news that Christ lives even now.

Do take a little time to consider all the various ways that are open for your engagement and nourishment through all the stages of life.

We know that our parish will be stronger by your participation.

May Mary, the mother of the Lord, to whom our church is dedicated embrace you with her tender welcome and hospitality, and lead you through the witness of our community to Jesus her Son.

Fr David Ranson PP VG

# **Contacting the Parish**

Street address: 94 Archer St, Chatswood

Postal address: PO Box 1446, Chatswood 2057

Phone: 9410 9000

After hours' emergency: 0473 046 906

Email: chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9.30 am to 4 pm (closed for lunch 1 to 1.30 pm)

# **Room Bookings**

To book Harrington Hall or a parish meeting room, please contact the Parish Office on 9410 9000.

# **Parish News & Updates**

**Bulletin:** bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/news-events/parish-bulletins

Facebook: facebook.com/ourlady.ofdolours.3

YouTube: youtube.com/channel/UCOuWB-xkzimV6TdjNbTbSnw

Fr David's Twitter: twitter.com/frdavidranson

Fr David's personal blog: davidranson.com.au

# **Weekend Masses**

### **Saturday**

5.30 pm Vigil Mass

# Sunday

**7.30 am** followed by Morning Tea on the 1st Sunday of the month

**9 am** includes Children's Liturgy of the Word on 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays

10.30 am

11 am St Peter's Green, Lane Cove for residents only

**5.30 pm** Youth Mass, hosted by Pius X College and Mercy College on 1st Sunday of the month during terms

# **Culture Masses**

# Filipino Culture Mass

12 pm, 1st Sunday of the month

### **Spanish Culture Mass**

12 pm, 3rd Sunday of the month

### **Indonesian Culture Mass**

7 pm, 3rd Sunday of the month

# **Weekday Masses**

Monday: 12.30 pm

Tuesday: 9 am and 12.30 pm

Wednesday: 9 am and 12.30 pm

Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated after Mass on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

Thursday: 9 am and 12.30 pm

Friday: 9 am and 12.30 pm

Saturday: 9 am

# **Votive Masses**

A votive Mass of the Sacred Heart is celebrated on the 1st Friday of the month if the liturgy allows. A votive Mass of Our Lady is celebrated each Saturday if the liturgy allows.

# **Confessions & Devotions**

# **Morning Prayer**

Tuesday to Saturday: 8.45 am

# Rosary

Monday: 11.45 am preceded by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11.30 am Tuesday to Saturday: 9.30 am

# **Thursday Adoration**

After 9 am Mass. Ends with Benediction at 12 pm.

# Thursday evening Holy Hour

7 - 8 pm, Reconciliation available

# Saturday Adoration and Novena

9.30 - 10.30 am, with Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 10 am with Benediction at 10.30 am. Reconciliation available

# **Healing Mass and Prayer**

1st Friday of the month: 6.30 - 8.30 pm conducted by the Divine Retreat Centre Team

# **Sacraments**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday: 7 - 8 pm

Saturday: 9.30 - 10.30 am

# Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

3rd Wednesday of each month after 12.30 pm Mass.

# Sacrament of Matrimony

By appointment, call 9410 9020.

# **Blessings**

If you are looking for a house or car blessing, or to arrange a blessing for your wedding anniversary, phone the Parish on 9410 9000 or email chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

# **Funerals**

Conducted Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

# **Altar Flowers**

You can reserve a date for Altar flowers.

Altar flower arrangements can be in memory of a loved one, or in honour of a special occasion such as birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, marriages, etc.

Donations can be made on a one-time basis or annually. The suggested donation for flower memorials is \$100.

Volunteers will then beautifully and simply arrange the flowers for Sunday.

Please submit your donation at least one month prior to the date you would like to dedicate the flowers. This will give the parish office time to ensure your dedication is in the weekly bulletin.

To reserve a date on the Altar flower calendar, phone the Parish on 9410 9000 or email chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

# **Our Parish Team**

### **Parish Priest**

Very Rev Dr David Ranson VG

david.ranson@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9022

# **Assistant Priest Fr Joey Frez**

joey.frez@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9027

# **Assistant Priest**

Fr Marek Woldan

marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9028

# Manager of Parish Operations Olivia Lee

olivia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9030

# Administrative Assistant Chloe Aylward

chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9021

### **Parish Services Officer**

chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9000

# **Children's Ministry Coordinator Angela Hague**

angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9033

# Children's Ministry Assistant Mona Saouma

mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9024

# Catechist Coordinator Karen Forbes

karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9029

# Bookkeeper Amelia Lee

amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9032

# **Director of Music Titus Grenyer**

titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9034

# **Our Ministry Circles**

Our parish is blessed with ten ministry circles, forming a remarkably diverse kaleidoscope of pastoral life and each offering opportunities for people of all ages and groups to come together as a community of faith, as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We invite you to reflect over the coming pages on how you might participate in the many ministry opportunities available and deepen your relationships with other parishioners, our local community and with Jesus.



John 13:34

# **Worshipping Together**

# Liturgy & Music

"Address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart." Ephesians 5:19

# **Parish Liturgy Committee**

Our Liturgy Coordinators plus Hamish Lavery, Therese Allan, and Elizabeth Jung.

# **Our Music Ministries**

# **Director of Music**

Titus Grenyer: 9410 9034 or titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au

# **Organists**

Bernadette Jew: bjew@innovart.com.au and Sunny Chandra: chandrasunny@hotmail.com

### **Ensembles**

The music ministry comprises the following ensembles:

Parish Choir every Sunday 10:30 am. Led by Titus Grenyer: titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au

Children's Choir every 3rd Sunday 9:00 am. Angela Hague: angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

Teen's Choir every 2nd Sunday 9:00 am. To learn more contact Ashleigh Wan.

Filipino Choir every 4th Sunday 9:00am and every 1st Sunday 12:00 pm. Giselle Goloy: giselle.goloy@gmail.com

Indonesian Choir Florentia Fiona: florentia.fiona@gmail.com

Spanish Mass Music Thérèse Allan: allantherese@hotmail.com

We are always looking for more musicians to contribute their talents to our music ministry.

- The Parish Choir is open to all who are interested, and we have many opportunities for those who want to sing in church for weekend masses, in choirs or as cantors.
- If you play a keyboard instrument or another instrument (e.g. flute, violin, clarinet), we can definitely find a place for you.
- If you are interested in organ lessons, please contact our Director of Music, Titus Grenyer: titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au
- If you would like to be a part of the Musicians e-mailing list please contact our Director of Music: titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au

### **Mass Welcomers**

Welcoming people to weekend Masses. To join our friendly team, email Anthony Seeto at anthony@churchinthecity.com.au

### **Altar Servers**

We have both Junior and Senior Altar Servers who assist at the altar during Mass. Junior Servers: Open to girls and boys who have made their First Holy Communion. Senior Servers: Open to women and men, 17 years and over.

To learn more, contact Gerard Ryan on 9419 8310 or gerardryan@bigpond.com

# **Mass Readers**

Readers proclaim the Word of God at Mass. They prepare by studying and meditating on the readings at home. Readers are rostered on a regular basis.

For more information, contact Ditas Naguit at hnaguit@yahoo.com

# **Daily Mass Sheets**

For more information, contact Irene Cheung at mrsirenecheung@hotmail.com

# **Weekend Mass PowerPoint Presentations**

Irene Cheung: mrsirenecheung@hotmail.com, Livia Tan: liviamartha99@gmail.com, Meity Carroll: mcemail000@gmail.com

### **Mass Wardens**

Take up the collections at Mass.

For more information, contact Deacon Kevin Hale at kevin.hale@bbcatholic.org.au

# **Altar Society Flowers**

Irene Cheung: mrsirenecheung@hotmail.com

# **Vestments and Linen**

Elizabeth Jung: elizabeth.jung@protonmail.com

# **Leading Reflective Lives**

# **Prayer & Spirituality**

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Psalm 95:8



# **Meditation Group**

Meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays each month at 10 am in the St Paul Meeting Room and the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 10 am online.

For more information, email Jon Nurman at jnnurman@yahoo.com

# Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests (MMP)

An international movement bound in fraternal love for the Lord. The Cenacle of the MMP meets every Monday at 11.45 am near Our Lady's shrine, preceded by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11.30 am.

# **Association of Our Lady Help of Christians**

Emphasises the means towards salvation given at Fatima and spreads devotion to the Divine Mercy. Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm via Zoom. To learn more contact Michael and Cecilia on 0466 961 240 or email aikimtan10@gmail.com

# Home Visit of Our Lady of Fatima Statue

Contact Michael and Cecilia O'Connell on 0466 961 240 or email aikimtan10@gmail.com

# **Online Rosary**

Nightly via Zoom. To join, contact Cecilia O'Connell on 0466 961 240.

# **Spiritual Direction**

Fr Joey Frez: available on appointment, 9410 9027 or joey.frez@bbcatholic.org.au

# **Growing in Faith**

# Catechesis & Pathways



"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5

# **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

A process for welcoming new Catholics. For more information, phone the Parish on 9410 9000 or email chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

# Chinese RCIA

For more information, email Grace at gracetai@lacoriumhealth.com

# **Korean RCIA**

Meets each Sunday after the 9am Mass. For more information, call Elizabeth on 0422 755 926.

# **Exploring the Faith Series**

A 30 week course that explores the Catholic Faith in a comprehensive and systematic manner. For more information, email Anthony at anthony@churchinthecity.com.au

# **Alpha**

An excellent way to welcome newcomers to the Christian faith. To learn more, email Gillian at chatswoodalpha@bbcatholic.org.au

### Beta

Be taken back 2,000 years to the dusty roads of Galilee, to meet Jesus and discover who He really was on earth. To find out more, email Brendan at brendan@churchinthecity.com.au

# **Korean Bible Reading & Discussion Group**

Meets the 3rd Saturday of every month at 6.30 pm. Phone Elizabeth on 0422 755 926.

# **Bible Discussion Group**

Meets each Tuesday at 9.45 am in the St Paul Room. Call Madelyn on 9427 5204.

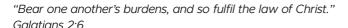
# Even more opportunities to grow your faith

We also offer many further opportunities to grow our faith, through occasional seminars, workshops, and retreat days. Details are available through our parish bulletin and website.



# **Caring for One Another**

# **Support & Visitations**





# **Communion to the Sick**

Assist with distribution of communion at Mass and take communion to the sick and housebound.

For more information, phone Gerard on 9419 8310 or email gerardryan@bigpond.com

# St Vincent de Paul Society

Assists people in material need. To learn more, call Bob on 9419 2824.

### **Vinnies Youth**

Vinnies Youth is the term given to Young Adult members and volunteers of St Vincent de Paul Society. Getting involved in Vinnies Youth is about putting faith in action – we offer a number of opportunities to serve people in your local community.

These include: Kids Days Out, Buddy Camps, Home Visitation, Tutoring and Mentoring, Vinnies Shops, Soup Vans and even school's engagement.

To find out more, contact the Parish Office on 9410 9000.

# **Lifestyle English Conversation Program**

Giving people of all backgrounds who are not comfortable with the use of everyday English, the opportunity to improve their language skills and build confidence in a friendly and supportive environment. Meets Wednesday mornings during school terms from 9:30am - 11am.

To learn more, email Anthony at anthony@churchinthecity.com.au

# **Aged Care Facilities**

- St Peter's Green (Catholic HealthCare facility with Catholic Chapel)
- Archbold House
- Dougherty Centre
- Willowood Nursing Home
- Windsor Gardens

To find out the details of when each facility is visited, contact the Parish on 9410 9000.

# **Igniting Young Hearts**

# Inception & Formation



"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14

# **Infant Baptism Program (0-5 years)**

A 3-step program for parents and their babies to be baptised.

Preparation Session: 1st Saturday of the month at 11.30 am.

For more information, call Fr Marek on 9410 9028, email marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au or visit bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/sacraments/baptism/infant-baptism

# School Children's Baptism Program (6-12 years)

Welcomes the families of children to be baptised, held twice a year.

For more information, call Angela on 9410 9033, email angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au or visit bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/sacraments/baptism/kids-baptism

# **Children's Sacramental Program**

Family centred, parish program to prepare children for Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion. To learn more, contact Angela on 9410 9033 or angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

# **Children's Atrium (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd)**

A place for children to explore their relationship with God. Sessions available for 3-6, 6-9 and 9-12 year olds, held during school terms.

To learn more, contact Angela Hague or Rose Aung-Thein at old.childrens.atrium@gmail.com

# Children's Liturgy of the Word for ages 3 - 10

Meets in the Church at 9 am every 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, except during school holidays. For more information, email Branka at branka\_111@hotmail.com

# **SRE Catechists**

Teaching Special Religious Education (SRE) at Mowbray PS, Roseville PS, Castle Cove PS, Artarmon PS, Chatswood PS and Chatswood HS.

For more information, contact Karen Forbes on 9410 9029 or karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au



# **Catholic Schools in our Parish**

# **Our Lady of Dolours Primary School**

Principal: Mr Marco Ianni - 9419 2645

# **Mercy College**

Principal: Mrs Brenda Timp - 9419 2890

### St Pius X College (An EREA School)

Principal: Mr Michael Ronchetti - 9411 4733

# **Foundation Youth Ministry**

Cornerstone and Keystone meet fortnightly on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month during school terms from 10 am to 12 pm and Capstone meets from 12 pm to 2 pm, in the Magnificat Room.

For more information, email Fr. Marek at marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au

### Cornerstone: for Year 6-9

Chaplain: Fr Joey Frez

Cornerstone aims to provide attendees with foundational knowledge of their faith whilst contributing to the development of strong friendships.

### **Keystone: for Year 10-12**

Chaplain: Fr Marek Woldan

Keystone aims to build on the knowledge instilled in the attendees younger years of formation by centring presentations and discussions around more sophisticated theological doctrines.

### Capstone: For young adults 18+

Chaplain: Fr Marek Woldan

Capstone meet fortnightly on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

### **Foundation Youth Ministry Website**

To find out more, visit bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/foundation-youth-ministry

# **Caring for our World**

# **Ecology & Social Justice**

"It is the love of Christ that urges us on." 2 Corinthians 5:14



# **Marian Catholic Action Group**

Promoting the practice of Catholic faith and action particularly in moral and social conscience.

For more information, phone Michael and Cecilia O'Connell on 9967 2601 or email mctan@optusnet.com.au

# **Our Lady of Dolours Community Action**

Our Parish initiative, which acts in practical ways to transform suffering and to stand in fraternity with the marginalised in the Chatswood area: the homeless, those struggling with dementia, young adults with disabilities and youth whose lives have derailed.

For more information, email Gillian: gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com, Ditas: hnaguit@yahoo.com or Jo: jokaraolis1@bigpond.com

# **StreetWork**

A non-denominational, community organisation working with 'at risk' young people affected by crime, mental health issues and violence. Our parish conducts regular sausage sizzles at Chatswood Bunnings to raise money for StreetWork.

To learn more visit streetwork.org.au or contact our BBQ coordinator, Gillian by emailing gillianhawkins@bigpond.com

# **Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)**

JRS accompanies, serves, and advocates for the rights of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. To learn more, visit aus.irs.net/en/jesuit-refugee-service

# The Maubara Orphanage

The Carmelite Sisters care for around 27 girls ranging in ages from 6 to 16 at Maubara in Timor Leste. Our parish funds have provided new furniture and furnishings for their new dormitory.

# The Sydney Alliance

Our Parish is a member of The Sydney Alliance. To learn more, visit sydneyalliance.org.au

# **Sustaining our Future**

# Administration & Stewardship



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

# **Parish Finance Committee**

Fr David Ranson (Chair), Fr Joey Frez, Fr Marek Woldan, Martin Teulan, Chrystal DeCroos, Brendan Tertini and Ditas Naguit.

# **Collection Counters**

Processes envelopes and Sunday collections. For more information, email Susanna Siu at sansusanna@gmail.com

# **Church Piety Store**

For more information, email Jeanette Cowell at jmcowell@live.com.au

# **Planned Giving**

Individual communities in the Church, such as a Parish, are responsible for their own financial situation and responsibilities. It is your weekly contributions that enable us to have a Parish.

Without your continuing support we cannot undertake the array of activities that make our Parish a welcoming and developing community.

There are many ways to give including filling out a Pledge Form...

- 1. Online Planned Giving at brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au
- 2. Set up a regular gift via Electronic Funds Transfer/Internet banking

For more information visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/giving

# **Nurturing Relationships**

# Community & Family



"You are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple." 1 Peter 2:5

# **Morning Teas**

### 7.30 am Mass Sunday Morning Tea

For more information, contact Jan Hunter at gfiadino@bigpond.net.au

# 9 am Mass Sunday Morning Tea

For more information, contact Margaret Chan at margaret.chan@internode.on.net

# **Cultural Communities**

### **Indonesian Community**

Support, friendship and community for immigrant families and students from Indonesia. Mass at 7 pm, 3rd Sunday of each month.

For more information, contact Anny Widagdo at annylwidagdo@yahoo.com

### Chinese Catholic Association

Seeking ways of inclusion of our people with Chinese heritage.

For more information, contact Amelia Lee at amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au

### **Spanish Mass**

Mass at 12 noon on 3rd Sunday of each month.

For more information, contact Aida Moore at aida.danielmoore@gmail.com

### Filipino Catholic Chatswood Parish (FCCP)

Social activities and Mass in English at 12 noon on the 1st Sunday of each month.

For more information, contact Giselle Goloy at giselle.goloy@gmail.com

### **Seniors**

Providing a social opportunity for our seniors with various activities and speakers. Meets 1st Thursday of each month at 10 am in the Magnificat meeting room for coffee and a chat.

For more information, contact Jan Hunter at gfiadino@bigpond.net.au



# **MenAlive**

Fellowship, prayer and reflection for men. Meets every fortnight on Wednesday evenings in the Magnificat Room.

For more information, contact Peter Woo on 0433 030 016 or email pwoo2010@gmail.com

# **Family Groups**

Families meeting for a social gathering, usually once a month.

For more information, phone Stanley and Beryl D'Cruz on 9411 5107 or email indwater@bigpond.com

### The PEW Crew

Volunteer team, contributing their time and talent to transform and maintain spaces in the Parish Precinct including the PEW Cafe. The PEW Gift stall also provides wonderful gifts available for purchase and can be found in the PEW cafe at the side of the church.

# **Sharing the Good News**

# Mission & Evangelisation

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:1-11



Our Parish supports the following local, national and international endeavours...

# **Legion of Mary**

Meets on Saturdays at 11 am in the Magnificat Room. For more information, email Elizabeth at info@legionofmary.org.au

# **Indonesian Legion of Mary**

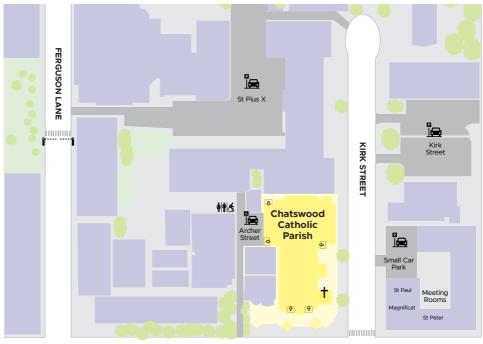
Meets Tuesdays 7 - 8 pm. To learn more, email Petty at petty.bahramali@suncorp.com.au

# The Willoughby Christian Ministry Association

Our Parish is a member of The Willoughby Christian Ministry Association.

Our Parish contributes annually to the Chatswood Street Fair.

# Where to park and parish facilities



ARCHER STREET

# **Parking**

## **Kirk Street**

Large carpark.

### St Pius X

Entry through Kirk Street.

### **Small Carpark**

Adjacent to the parish meeting rooms. Open for morning Masses and closes at 8 pm.

### **Archer Street**

A few parking spots are available to the rear of the parish office and reserved for people with mobility needs. This parking should not be used during the Sunday 9 am Mass for the safety of children.

Both the Kirk Street large carpark and St Pius X carpark are open only for weekend masses and are closed after evening Mass.

# Toilets

Toilets, including a disabled access toilet, are located in the area behind the Parish Office, at the end of the Archer Street driveway.

### **Parish News**

Please take a copy of the Parish bulletin home each week.

# **Questions**

If you have any questions, one of our friendly Mass Welcomers will be very happy to assist.