

Sunday 1 February 2026
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome!

Come and See! Come and Grow! Come and Serve!



為義而受迫害的人是有福的，因為天國是他們的。 瑪竇福音 5:10
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 5:10



Bringing the Light of Christ to the City: We Love; We Grow; We Serve

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Sunday Masses

5.30pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass

7.30am (followed by Morning Tea on 1st Sunday of the month at the PEW café)

9.00am (Includes Children's Liturgy of the Word on 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays, except on long weekends), followed by Morning Tea on the forecourt

10.30am, followed by Morning Tea on the 2nd Sunday of the month, and Community Lunch on the last Sunday.

11.00am at St Peter's Green Aged Care Facility, North Lane Cove (Note this is for residents only)

5.30pm

Filipino Culture Mass

12noon, 1st Sunday of the month

Indonesian Culture Mass

7.00pm, 2nd Saturday of the month

First Friday of the month: 6.30pm—8.30pm Divine Retreat Centre Healing Mass and Prayer

Weekday Masses and Devotions

Monday: 12.30pm
Tuesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm
Wednesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm
(The Sacrament of Anointing: after each Wednesday evening Mass and after 12.30pm the 3rd Wednesday of the month)
Thursday: 9.00am and 12.30pm
Friday: 9.00am and 12.30pm
Saturday: 9.00am

Morning Prayer: Tuesday to Saturday: 8.45am

Rosary

Monday: 11.45am (preceded by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11.30am); **Tuesday to Saturday:** 9.30am; **Monday to Fridays:** 1.00pm

Thursday Adoration After 9am Mass, followed by Rosary then Divine Mercy Chaplet ends at midday with Benediction.

Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and Reconciliation 7.00pm

Saturday Morning: Reconciliation from 9.30am.

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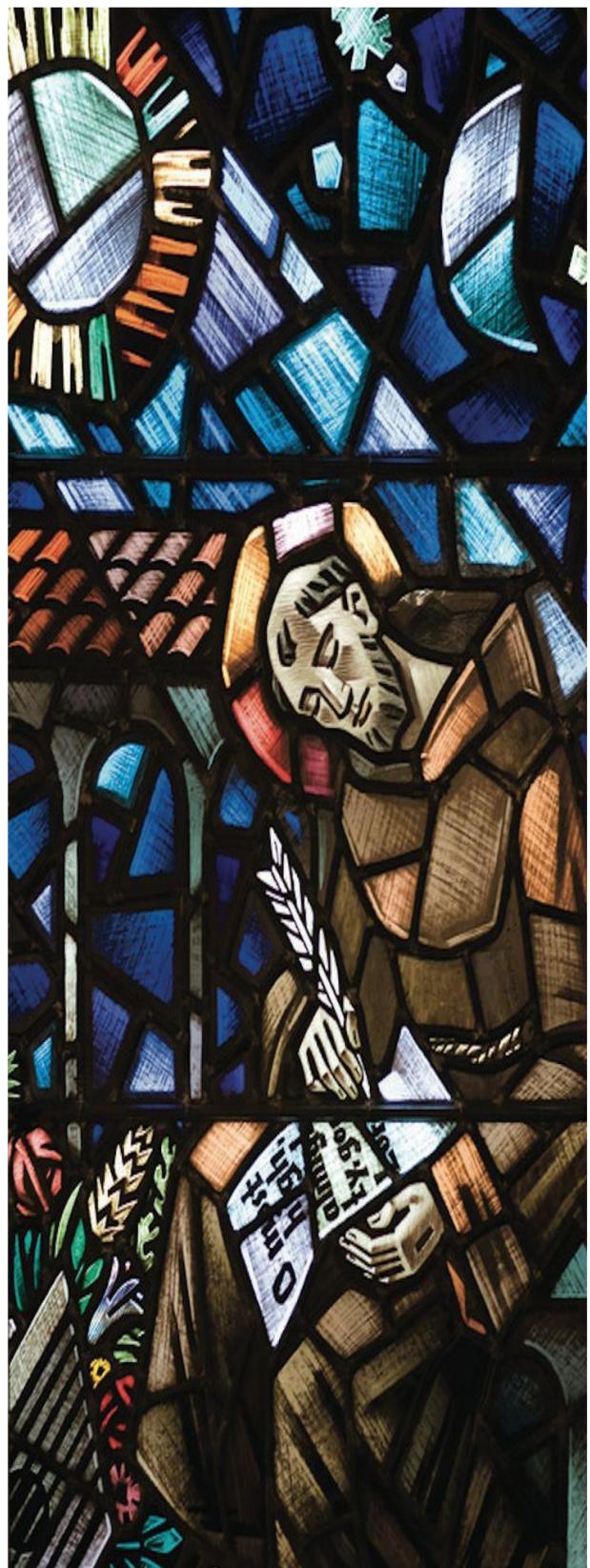
Pope Francis Declares 2026 as a Jubilee of St Francis for the 800th anniversary of his birth

St Francis of Assisi was born into wealth and privilege, yet his life was radically transformed after a series of encounters that drew him toward Christ and the poor. One defining moment came when he embraced and kissed a leper on the road outside Assisi — an act that shattered his fear and revealed Christ present in the suffering. Soon after, while praying before the crucifix at San Damiano, Francis heard Christ call him to “rebuild my Church.” Taking these words literally at first, he repaired ruined chapels with his own hands before realising God was calling him to renew the Church through a life of humility, poverty, and peace. He publicly renounced his inheritance before the Bishop of Assisi, choosing instead to depend entirely on God. Through these concrete acts, Francis became an instrument of God’s peace, restoring dignity to the outcast and calling hearts back to God.

Francis lived this peace boldly and practically in the wider world. During the Fifth Crusade, he crossed enemy lines unarmed to meet Sultan al-Kamil in Egypt, seeking dialogue rather than violence and witnessing to Christ through respect and gentleness. He reconciled feuding families and towns, often walking barefoot through villages preaching peace and penance. His love for creation — preaching to the birds, calling the sun and moon “brother” and “sister,” and composing the Canticle of the Creatures — flowed from his belief that all life is held together in God’s peace. Even in suffering, marked by illness and the wounds of the stigmata, Francis responded with joy and forgiveness. His life remains a powerful invitation to become instruments of God’s peace through concrete acts of love, reconciliation, and humble service.

St Francis did not witness through power or force, but through a life lived simply, joyfully, and courageously for others — becoming a living sign of holiness and peace in a divided world. His example calls us to be a witness not only in words, but in actions: choosing kindness over conflict, inclusion over exclusion, and care for creation and one another.

Daniel Petrie (Pius X College)



We acknowledge the Cammeraygal People of the Eora Nation,
custodians of the land on which our parish stands
and we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of national reconciliation.

As a Parish of Catholic Faith we are committed
to ensuring always a community of safety and care for all,
especially for children, and those who are vulnerable.

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Catholic Faith in Malaysia, Singapore - Context and Development

**Our approach of Lunar New Year is a great opportunity
to learn about the Faith in various Asian countries!**

The history of Malaysia and Singapore are closely linked, including the development of Catholic faith in a context of multi-ethnic, multi-lingual, multi-religious environment.

The Malay Archipelago was situated prominently on the sea routes between China and India, Europe, and Africa. Traders from China, India frequented its ports from first century AD, while traders from the Middle East came from the 13th century onward. Coastal city-states were part of a trade network encompassing the Indochinese Peninsula, Malay Archipelago, and Indonesian Archipelago.

Hindu-Buddhism from India arrived in the Malay Archipelago as early as third century BC and flourished in Malay kingdoms in the Malaya Peninsula for more than a Millenium. Later, various maritime empires from the neighbouring regions (e.g., Sumatra, Siam) competed for power over the Malay Peninsula, which weakened these kingdoms. Islam (introduced by Indian and Middle East traders) then took root, influencing court elites, converting Malay kings to establish sultanates.

In 1404, the first official trade envoy from Ming China arrived in Malacca. Later envoys followed with fleets, including the famed Admiral Zheng He. Malaka sought protection from Ming China against attacks from Siam and Java. Chinese immigrants came and settled in Malaka.

The mid-15th century to mid-16th century were a period of fierce competitions among European maritime powers to secure sea routes to China and obtain commodities for trade. In the Malay Archipelago, the competing European powers were initially Portuguese, then Dutch (for a brief period) and finally, British gained control of the Malay Archipelago.

In each wave of European conquest, Catholic clergy followed to serve the European administrators and settlers, and later to evangelise the local population. These missionary efforts bore fruit among ethnic Chinese and Indians, and Indigenous peoples. Muslims were prohibited by their religious laws from conversion to another faith.

Missionary Endeavours Malaka

After the Portuguese conquest of Malaka, St Francis Xavier made 5 visits (1545-1552) to Malaka, establishing schools and spreading the faith. Malaka was the base for his apostolic journey to other parts of Asia. Missionary efforts continued in the 16th century, gaining thousands of converts among ethnic Chinese and Indians. This early momentum was set back when the Dutch took over Malaka, placing severe restrictions on Catholic activities.

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Singapore

It is probable that Portuguese missionaries came to Singapore from Malaka (during its Portuguese period). It did not take root, however. The Paris Foreign Missions Society (MEP) sent a priest on a reconnaissance journey and landed in Singapore (1821). He reported only a tiny number of Catholics there with no resident priest. The MEP mission thenceforth played a key role to establish faith on the island. They built a church, Church of the Good Shepherd (1847), and later, a school for boys run by religious brothers and a school for girls run by religious sisters.

Malay Peninsula

MEP religious sisters and brothers sailed from Singapore to found Christian schools in major towns on the Malay Peninsula (1852). Orphanages started later.

North Borneo (Sabah and Sarawak)

MEP established Mill Hill Missionaries in Sabah (1882). They focused on serving Chinese and Indigenous communities. MEP also came to Sarawak at invitation of its ruler, to help establish peace and stability among the Indigenous peoples. MEP lay the groundwork for a flourishing Catholic community in North Borneo, through education and social engagement.

Success and Challenges

The Church has navigated persecution, wars, and political shifts while nurturing faith, education, and community, with remarkable resilience and adaptability.

The Church continues to manage sensitive issues in a multi-lingual, multi-ethnic, multi-religious society; externally with inter-religious dialogue, cooperative social engagement; internally with ministries, events, and catechism to serve the diverse groups.

New challenges relate to the rising number of foreign nationals in the work force and expat professionals from all over the world. Among them are Catholics who come to local parishes for worship. This challenge also presents an opportunity for a parish to consider how to integrate them into local parish life, and how to reach out and serve them.



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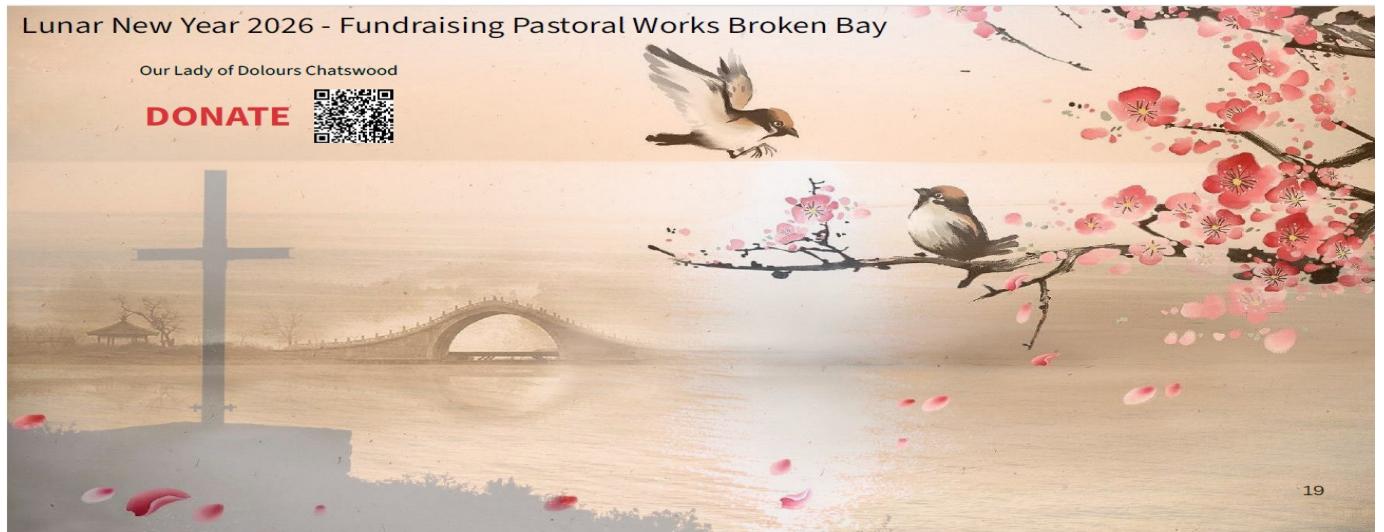
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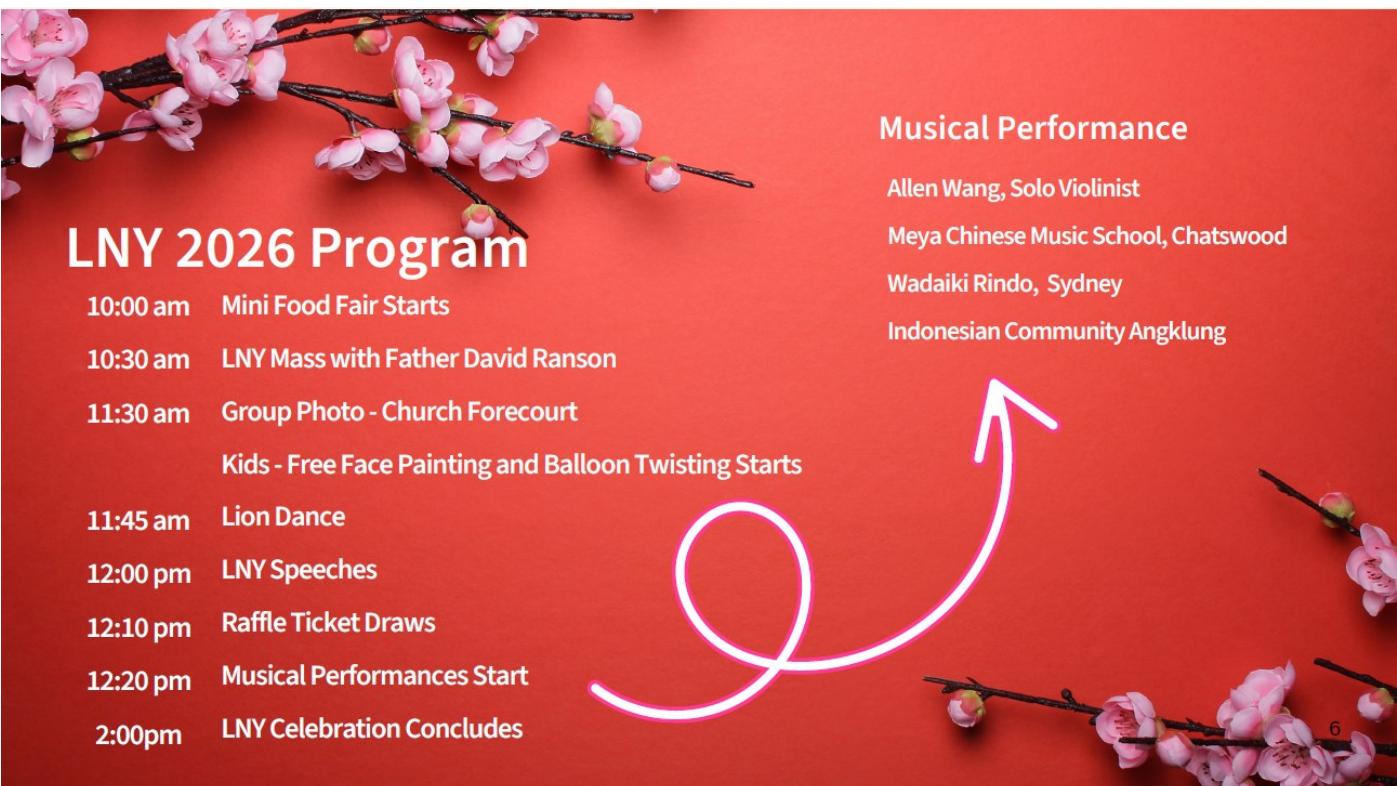
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LNY 2026 Program

10:00 am	Mini Food Fair Starts
10:30 am	LNY Mass with Father David Ranson
11:30 am	Group Photo - Church Forecourt
	Kids - Free Face Painting and Balloon Twisting Starts
11:45 am	Lion Dance
12:00 pm	LNY Speeches
12:10 pm	Raffle Ticket Draws
12:20 pm	Musical Performances Start
2:00pm	LNY Celebration Concludes

Musical Performance

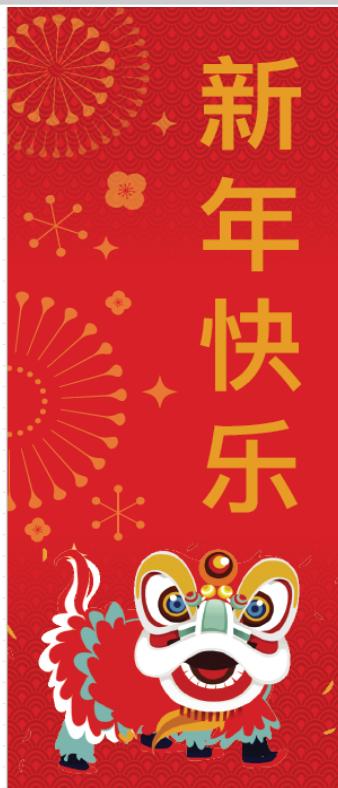
Allen Wang, Solo Violinist
Meya Chinese Music School, Chatswood
Wadaiki Rindo, Sydney
Indonesian Community Angklung



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What do our Forecourt Banners mean?



Happy New Year!



The Lord's Love Endures
Forever



Enjoy Everlasting Peace



Anointed in Heaven's
Grace



Isla and friends enjoy our Parish Playgroup
this last week!



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SENIORS & GRANDPARENTS MORNING TEA
Lunar New Year celebration

5 Feb 10 am

Parish Magnificat room

Come along for a joyful gathering, hosted by the Indonesian community learn more about the event, and enjoy delicious bites with tea and coffee.

For any queries contact Mona mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au

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You are invited to join:
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHOIR!

Make new friends, improve confidence, learn to sing hymns, join in being part of making our mass sound harmonious and beautiful whilst praising our Lord!

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PARISH CHOIR Every Sunday for 10:30am mass

FAMILY CHOIR 2nd Sunday of the month, 9am mass

CHILDREN'S CHOIR 3rd Sunday of the month, 9am mass



Last Sunday, following our 10.30am Mass, we celebrated two recent birthdays of wonderful and much loved parishioners: Irene Margaret and Michael O'Connell.

Fr Hien continues on his annual leave celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving in Vietnam for Fr Joseph Nguyen, recently ordained for the Diocese of Wollongong.



The Children's Atrium

of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
At Chatswood Parish



Since August 2007, we have been welcoming children to this wonderful place called the Atrium, so that they can spend time to nurture their relationship with God. The CGS Atrium is based on Scripture and Liturgy and framed by Montessori principles of Education.

The Atrium is offered in three age groups and there is a separate room for each age group.

The sessions times are:



3-6 year olds

Mondays 10am-11:30am
Mondays 3:45-5:45pm
Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm
Thursdays 10am-11:30am



6-9 & 9-12 year olds

Mondays 3:45-5:45pm
Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm

Enrolments for 2026
are now open and we
would love to welcome
your child to the atrium.



To find out more
about the Atrium
watch this video



To speak with someone or to
enrol your child, contact
Angela or Rose at:
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First Reconciliation 2026

Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood

Enrolments for preparation and reception of First Reconciliation are now open via our parish website.

In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for Reconciliation once they have been Baptised and Confirmed and have reached 8 years of age or older.

To enrol your child

From our Parish website Home page (link below):

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

Click on the "Reconciliation Enrolments" Tile. From here, you will find all the dates and other details of the program. Scroll to the bottom of this page and click "**Enrol Here**" then complete the enrolment form.

For queries about sacraments for your child, contact Angela or Mona at: chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au

Enrolments close Tuesday 10 February

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

1 FEBRUARY 2026

BLESSED ARE YOU. The Beatitudes are among the best known verses of the Gospel of Matthew. They offer an assurance of God's care for those who mourn or suffer persecution. They contain promises that God will bless the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers and those who work for justice. Ultimately, all who put their trust in God and do what is right will rejoice in God's kingdom.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 105: 47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Zeph 2: 3; 3: 12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah
In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord

all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands.

Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek

refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong,

will tell no lies;

and the perfused tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145: 7-10

R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (or Alleluia!)

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

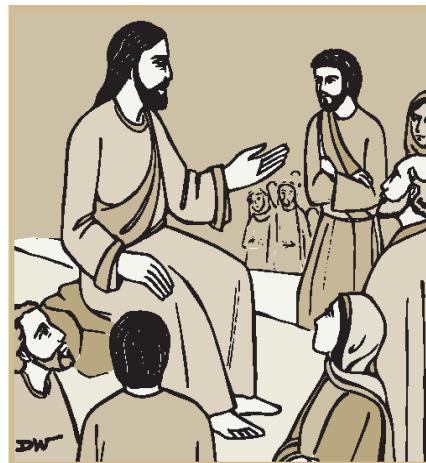
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down, / the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

3. It is the Lord who loves the just / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1: 26-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.



Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning: those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5: 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad:

your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:1-12

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

How happy are the poor in spirit;

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for
what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the
cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and
persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny
against you on my account. Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, /
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, /
born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under
Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and
was buried; / he descended into hell; /
on the third day he rose again from
the dead; / he ascended into heaven, /
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty; / from there he
will come to judge the living and the
dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the
holy catholic Church, / the communion
of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, /
the resurrection of the body, / and life
everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread
and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to
each prayer:*

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that
my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to
God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all
his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O Lord, we bring to your altar these
offerings of our service: be pleased to receive
them, we pray, and transform them into
the Sacrament of our redemption. Through
Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.
**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by
divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who
takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are
those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIOPHON cf. Ps 30: 17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

**O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished by these redeeming gifts,
we pray, O Lord, that through this help
to eternal salvation true faith may ever
increase. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son,  and the Holy
Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Go in peace.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

TRUE BLESSEDNESS

What is discipleship about? This becomes the focus of Matthew's Gospel over the next few Sundays as we turn to Jesus' first major moment of teaching, what we know as the 'Sermon on the Mount'. Jesus, like Moses in the Old Testament, gathers with his disciples on a mountain. They surround him and listen to his teaching. He teaches them about blessedness in eight 'Beatitudes'. Each Beatitude begins with 'Blessed are those...' and then names those who are blessed by God.

Some translations unhelpfully have 'Happy are those...' There is a theological distinction between being 'blessed' and 'happy'. Being happy relies on one's self-referential internal disposition. The focus of 'blessedness' is different. It is God. The Greek (*makrios*) is about God's action to those who are without status ('poor in spirit'), know their own humble status ('gentle'), seek comfort amidst life's sadness ('mourn'), are passionate for justice ('hunger and thirst for what is right'), show compassion to others ('merciful'), are thoughtfully genuine and authentic ('pure of heart'), seek to bring about peace where there is division ('peacemakers') and who suffer for their conviction to act justly with integrity ('persecuted in the cause of right').

Those named as blessed have an ultimate openness to God in all life's experiences. God will respond to them, will bless them and will allow the Kingdom (rather 'Kin-dom') to be revealed in them. The Beatitudes are framed with the promise, 'the kin-dom of God is theirs'. A final Beatitude is tacked on to the original eight. It acknowledges the suffering and persecution now experienced by Matthew's community. A lingering contemplation of any of these Beatitudes can remind us how much we are blessed by God now.

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Come and Grow!

Come along and hear Father Robert Rieger from Medjugorje – Lenten Reflection on Eucharistic Adoration



Father Robert Rieger from Medjugorje will be visiting Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood parish on 23 February. Come along and hear Father Robert's Lenten reflection on Eucharistic Adoration.

Father Robert is a Kiwi priest who first visited Medjugorje some 36 years ago – and it changed his life forever. Father Robert now welcomes thousands of pilgrims to Medjugorje every year from all around the world – including our own pilgrims from across the Broken Bay Diocese. Father Robert leads the Oasis of Peace community in Medjugorje, and their chapel offers Adoration around the clock, 24 hours a day. But as Father Robert will tell us, Adoration is not about the hours. It's about opening our hearts to the Lord and letting Him do something within us and for us – rather than just assuming that it's all about us doing something for him. It's His work within us that will truly change our lives.

7pm, Monday 23 February: Please join us to meet Father Robert and hear him speak in the Magnificat Room at Our Lady of Dolours in Kirk Street Chatswood.

Beach Rosary – 7pm, Friday 20 February: You are also invited to join Father Robert and Father Marek for a rosary along the beach promenade at Manly Beach, followed by gelato and Compline. Meet outside St Mary's Church, 6 Raglan Street Manly at 7pm.

Our Lady of Dolours Parish Book Club

You are warmly invited to come along to Our Lady of Dolours Parish Book Club. We meet once a month, and the first meeting for 2026 is at 6.45pm on Wednesday 4 March. It's a great opportunity to meet other parishioners, and to share and deepen our understanding of Catholic spirituality under the guidance of Father David.

This year we will focus on St. John Henry Newman who is the most recent Doctor of the Universal Church – declared by Pope Leo XIV on All Saints Day in November 2025. Newman is the 38th Doctor of the Church, and sits alongside Augustine, Aquinas and Thérèse of Lisieux. His religious story is one of immense interior struggle as he converted from Anglicanism to Catholicism. Those struggles continued long after his conversion, as he was viewed with suspicion for some time by both Anglicans and Catholics. He was a prolific writer with remarkable foresight – and many of his theological ideas were subsequently taken up by Vatican II, particularly in relation to the role of the laity in the Church. While he died in 1890, his writings remain as relevant today as ever.

As we delve into the spirituality of Newman, we will read Newman: The Heart of Holiness by Roderick Strange. It is available to purchase online (including via e-book and audiobook, whichever version you prefer). We will develop a more detailed plan for the year at our first meeting: 6.45pm on Wednesday 4 March in the Magnificat Room.

Come and Grow!

CAPSTONE
Young Adults Group



Finding God in the Present Moment

Hear Capstone member Hazel discuss mental prayer, as well as how to truly be attentive, open and receptive to God.

All young adults are welcome to join us as we spend time learning and growing together, with dinner and fellowship!

⌚ 6.30pm – 8.30pm w/
optional compline after
📍 Harrington Hall

**Sunday
1st
February**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 18 February

We will pray "**The Station of the Cross**" every Friday at our church. We will gather together to join in the suffering of Christ on the hill of Golgotha that the Lord walked, and meditate on the "Passion and Death of Jesus", while as we preparing for the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus,

Dates : Friday **20 Feb, 27 Feb, 6 Mar, 13 Mar, 20 Mar, 27 Mar**

Time : **11:30 AM and 7:00 PM**

If there is anyone who would like to lead the "Station of the Cross" prayer every Friday during Lent, please let our parish office know. It would be wonderful In particular if each community or group in our community could lead one of the "Station of the Cross" prayer on a Friday from 20 February at 7:00 PM.



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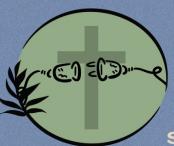
CAPSTONE

Unplugged

Disconnect to Connect



1ST MEETING:
14 Feb 10AM - 12NN
 MAGNIFICAT MEETING ROOM



A reading and listening gathering for young adults to encounter **words, silence, and beauty**, together

CONTACT SIENNA FOR MORE INFO:
SIENNA.KLARICA@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU



YOUTH GROUP



All youth are welcome to join for our first week back!

After 5.30pm youth mass,
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Meet at the Church forecourt

Sunday 8th February

Cornerstone:
 Grades 5-8
Keystone:
 Grades 9-12



First Saturday Devotion

Where: Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood
 When: Every first Saturday of the month

- 3:00 pm Reconciliation and Afternoon Tea
- 3:45 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 4:00 pm Rosary



Growing in our love of Jesus



FR ROBERT RIEGER
 Leader of the Oasis of Peace Community
 in Medjugorje,
 Bosnia Hercegovina

SUNDAY 22 FEB

- 7:00pm - dinner
- 7:30pm - talk

Harrington Hall
 Chatswood Catholic Parish, 100 Archer St

Come and Serve!

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST to the city



Nothing eases loneliness like sharing a coffee together

We are bringing a coffee and chat once a week to Community Housing residents in Artarmon. Can you volunteer to join a roster one Tuesday a month, 10.30-12.00? All that's required is a warm heart, an unjudging attitude and 1½ hours per month.

If you would like to be part of a team to bring some laughter and a listening ear to lonely residents please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the church entrance or email :
jokaraolis1@bigpond.com

In order to fashion a society that adheres first and foremost to respect for the dignity of each person, whatever their ethnicity, culture or language, we need to begin with the unborn. We need to reject the belief system that says the unborn are valuable only to the extent that they meet my desires and expectations. We need to respect the dignity of motherhood, the family and life itself.

Your support for the Dignity Pro-Life group will help us promote an appreciation of the culture of life and the dignity of each and every person. Please join us in promoting a society that respects the dignity of every person and adheres to Christian values by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/contactprolife> and fill out the form or use the QR code below:



Or phone 0466 961 240 for further information.

Ornella Byak is the granddaughter of our beloved parishioner Sandra Byak - and at only 26 years old, Ornella has already established a school in Timor-Leste. Ornella will be visiting us in the last week of February to tell us more about this wonderful work.

Ornella Byak founded BETTER Timor to respond to the urgent need for quality education in Timor-Leste. It is one of our closest neighbours, yet many children and young people lack basic learning opportunities. Ornella has established a school in the regional area of Same, Manufahi, where she lives full-time and leads local teams delivering free, high-quality schooling and English education. The school now serves around 200 students with 21+ local staff, and it achieves over 90% attendance (compared to a national average near 36%). The school provides thousands of meals to students each year, since Timor-Leste has one of the highest rates of severe child malnutrition in the world. Ornella has also opened the Bakhita English Institute to provide youth and adults with English skills that will equip them for employment, mobility, and new opportunities.

Come along and hear Ornella tell her story:

- **Daytime:** Monday 23 February at 1.00pm (after the 12.30pm mass) in the Magnificat Room
- **Evening:** Tuesday 24 February at 7.00pm in the Magnificat Room

And you can read more about Ornella's work in Timor-Leste at <http://bettertimor.org/>



Around and About

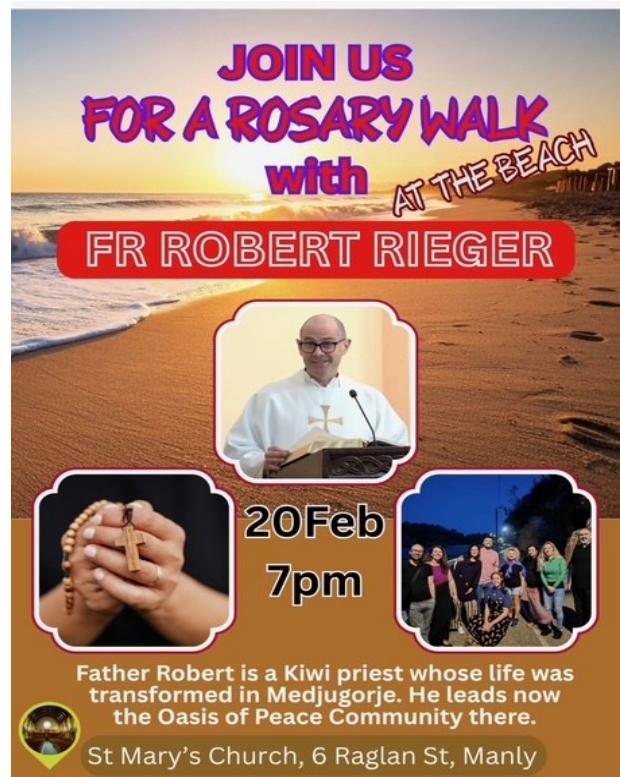
Our Serra Association invite us to remember one of the bishops, priests and deacons in our Diocese in our prayer each day during January 2026

February 2026						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 Fr Roger Delmonte
2 Fr Vitalis Oguh	3 Fr Hien Vu	4 Fr Lucious Choi	5 Fr Peter DeSouza	6 Fr Peter Dowd Fr Stephen Hume	7 Fr Biju Matthew Koikatil	8 Fr Jose Philip OSH
9 Fr Vincent Nguyen	10 Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB	11 Fr Sam French	12 Fr David Ranson VG	13 Fr Anselam Lakra HGN	14 Fr Joey Frez	15 Fr Joshi Naduppu- ra Fr John Puliparam- bil
16 Fr Biju Jose OSH	17 Fr Joy Thomas OSH	18 Fr Satheesh An- THONY OSH	19 Fr Biju Mathew	20 Fr Joseph Methanath OSH	21 Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ	22 Fr Vincent Musin- dalo AJ
23 Fr Stephen Wayoyi AJ	24 Father Rosan Mathew	25 Brother John Verhoeven	26 Fr Tomy Kuruvelil Ouseph CFIC	27 Fr Baby Thomas CFIC	28 Fr Raul Balute SOLT	

Position Vacant - Pymble Parish Catechist Coordinator Casual Position

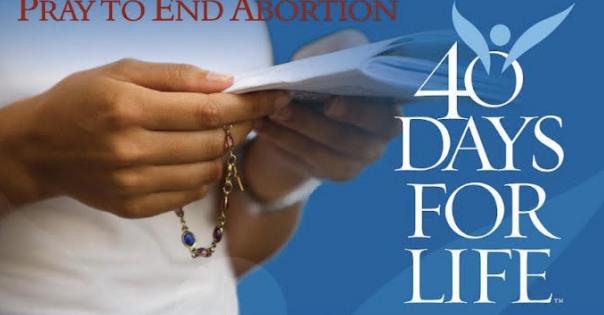
Our Parish is looking for a new Catechist Coordinator. The primary purpose of the Catechist Coordinator (CC) is to lead and support the catechists of the Pymble Parish (Parish) who provide Special Religious Education (SRE) to the Catholic Students in State Schools within the Parish. To achieve this, the CC works under the direction of the Parish Priest and with the Parish team to lead the Catechist program and provide coordinated support services to enhance the SRE ministry within the Parish. If you are interested in supporting the faith development of children in the public schools in our Parish, please contact the Parish Office for a copy of the Position Description. The appointment is subject to a satisfactory Working with Children Check and National Police Check.

To apply, please email your current CV and cover letter to claudia@pymblecatholicparish.org.au by 6 February 2026. Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and the closing date may be adjusted if a suitable candidate is identified.



Around and About

PRAY TO END ABORTION



17 February Shrove Tuesday
KICK-OFF RALLY

18 February Ash Wednesday
40 DAYS BEGINS!
Daily prayer vigils outside
NSW Parliament House
6 Macquarie St, Sydney
Every Day 7am - 7pm
All Night Adoration for Life
Every Fri & Sat 7pm - 7am

29 March Palm Sunday
THE FINAL HOUR
Candle lit procession
to Parliament House
followed by Benediction and
Victory Celebration.

Hosted by
Family Life International (Aust)
ph: 02 9519 9111
mail@fli.org.au
www.fli.org.au



Sydney 2026
18 February to 29 March

REGISTER NOW! www.fli.org.au

40 Days for Life is a world-wide pro-life campaign to pray for an end to abortion. Over half a million people have prayed peacefully outside abortionaries to change hearts and save lives. **Will you join us in 2026** as we pray for both mother and child, as well as all those involved in the abortion industry?

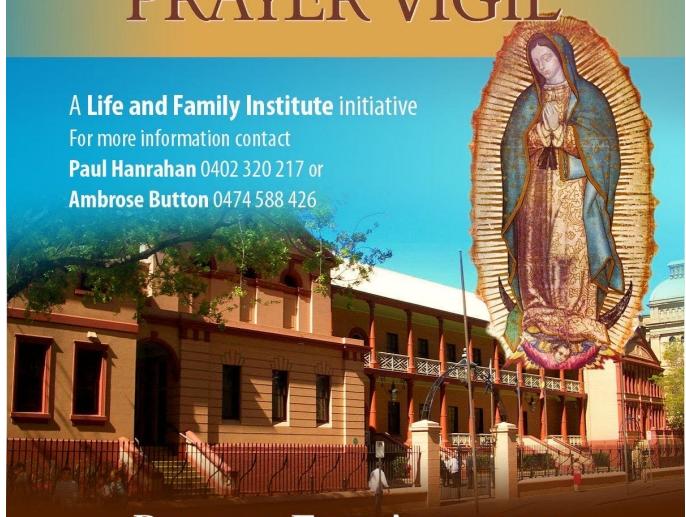
Join the 40 DAY challenge
The 40-day campaign tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities, and the entire world! From Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Christ's resurrection.

“... Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” Romans 12:11.12

Please join us
3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
8.30 TO 10.30AM

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS
PARLIAMENTARY PRAYER VIGIL

A Life and Family Institute initiative
For more information contact
Paul Hanrahan 0402 320 217 or
Ambrose Button 0474 588 426



PRAY TO END ABORTION



Sapientia

Single adults, 18-35 years of age, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for this weekend retreat of prayer, formation, and fellowship.

13-15 February 2026
St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre
Douglas Park

For more information or to register:
www.trybooking.com/DHJBL
or email the Sisters at
sydney@op-tn.org.



ST LEO'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, WAHROONGA

70TH
Anniversary
CELEBRATIONS

THANKSGIVING MASS

WED 11 FEBRUARY 10.30AM

Save the Dates!

'BACK TO LEO'S DAY'

SUN 11 OCTOBER 11.00AM

All welcome

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

More information soon




Around and About

 NEW SOUTH WALES
CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

OPENING MASS

with blessing of the hands ceremony
Wednesday, 11 February 2026, 7pm

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**
"The compassion of the Samaritan: Loving by bearing the pain of the other."

**Sacred Heart Darlinghurst
Notre Dame University
Cnr Darlinghurst Rd and Oxford St**

**Fr Lam Vu (OFM Cap)
Chaplain to Notre Dame University
Presiding**

Refreshments afterwards

Welcome to 2026!
The year is shaping up to be a special year with a number of special CMA events and projects planned for this year. It's only right that we call upon God's grace. Please come to this special event. See you soon!

Rsvp by 10th February 2026 to Mike McHugh: 0416 449 082

 **Vinnies**

GOOD GOES FURTHER AT VANNIES

VOLUNTEER TODAY CHATSWOOD

HELP US CREATE A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AND PLANET

Volunteering with Vinnies is a chance to give back to the community, share your skills, develop new ones and make new friends. We have roles for everyone.

EMAIL retailvolunteering@vinnies.org.au
VISIT vinnies.org.au/shopvolunteernsw
ASK instore or **SCAN** the QR code below



Join our Kirk St Community Garden Group!



Caring for our World
Ecology & Social Justice

Meet every Thursdays 1-2pm and
Saturdays 10-11am

Call: 02 9410 9000
Email: jokaraolis1@bigpond.com

Parish Information

Love God

Mark 12:30



Love One Another

John 13:34

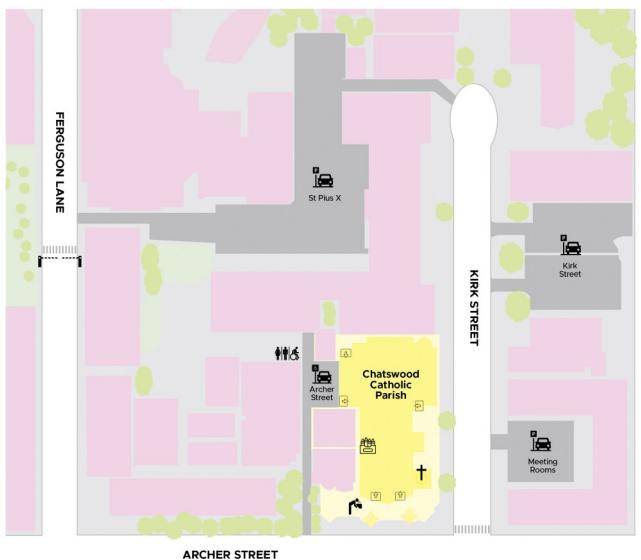
Go Make Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20

Supporting our Parish Financially

Donation for	Description	BSB	Account Number
Clergy Giving (First collection) (support for Clergy)	Chatswood Parish Pastoral Revenue A/C	062-784	100001606
Parish Giving (2nd collection) Planned Giving by EFT & general donation to Parish (support for Parish operation)	Chatswood Parish Working A/C	062-784	100001609

Parking at our Parish



Sustaining our community



Administration & Stewardship

Parish Information

Our Meeting Room Schedule This Week

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Location	Subject
3/02/2026	10:00 AM	12:00	St Paul	Bible Discussion group
4/02/2026	9:30 AM	11:00	Magnificat	Practice Language & Conversation English (PLACE)
	6:30 PM	20:00	Harrington Hall	CIC Indo Instrument practice
	7:00PM	21:00	St Peter	Exploring The Faith
5/02/2026	10:00 AM	11:30	Magnificat	Seniors Morning Tea
	1:00PM	15:00	Magnificat	Playgroup Chatswood Parish [AET= 1-3 pm]
6/02/2026	10:00 AM	11:15	St Paul	Meditation Group
	11:15AM	12:30	St Paul	Meditation Group Morning Tea
	8:30AM	17:30	Magnificat	CGS Atrium L1P2 Formation
	6:30PM	20:30	St Paul	Choir Practice
7/02/2026	10:00AM	11:00	St Paul	TG's Choir Practice
	10:30AM	12:30	St Peter	Legion of Mary
	11:30AM	13:00	Magnificat	Infant Baptism Preparation
8/02/2026	9:00AM	10:30	St Paul	TG's Choir Practice
	6:30PM	20:30	Magnificat	Cornerstone Youth Group 6:30-8:30 pm

Please note that there may be last minute additions to this table.

Upcoming Events in our Parish

Day	Date	Occasion	Time	Location
Sunday	1 February	Lunch and Seminar for Mass Readers		Magnificat Meeting Room
Monday	2 February	Start of Term 1		
Sunday	15 February	Lunar New Year Celebration	10.30asm Multilingual Mass Forecourt Celebrations	
Wednesday	18 February	ASH WEDNESDAY	Masses at 7am, 9am, 12.30pm, 7.00pm	
Saturday	21 February	Lunar New Year	Chatwood Fair and Parade	Concourse
		Vespers for 1st Sunday of Lent	5.00pm	Church
Sunday	22 February	Lunar New Year	Chatswood Fair	Concourse
		Capstone Talk by Fr Robert Reiger	7.00pm	Harrington Hall
Monday	23 February	Parish Talk by Fr Robert Reiger	7.00pm	Magnificat Meeting Room
Wednesday	4 March	Start of 2026 Book Club		Magnificat Meeting Room

Parish Information

Our Mass Schedule and church Schedule this Week

Monday	2 February	12.30pm	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Blessing of Candles)
Tuesday	3 February	9.00am, 12.30pm	St Blaise (Blessing of Throats)
Wednesday	4 February	9.00am., 12.30pm and 6.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 4
Thursday	5 February	9.00am, 12.30pm	St Agatha
Friday	6 February	9.00am, 12.30pm	St Paul Miki and companions
Saturday	7 February	9.00am	Weekday Ordinary Time 4
Sunday	8 February	Usual Times	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2/02/2026	10:00AM	11:30AM	Mercy High Achievers Assembly
	11:30AM	12:00PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	11:45AM	12:15PM	Rosary (Cenacle MMP)
	12:30PM	1:00 PM	12:30pm Mass
	5:00PM	6:00PM	St Pius Y5/7/New Families Mass
3/02/2026	9:00AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	10:30AM	12:00PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
	12:30PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass
	2:00PM	2:45 PM	OC Organ practice
	5:30PM	7:00PM	Mercy Y11 Information Evening
4/02/2026	9:00AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	12:30PM	1:00 PM	Mass
	6:30PM	7:30 PM	Evening Mass of Hope/Serra Vocations Mass
	7:30PM	9:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
5/02/2026	9:00AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30AM	12:00PM	Adoration and Exposition
	12:30PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass
	7:00PM	8:00 PM	Holy Hour Adoration
6/02/2026	9:00AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	12:30PM	1:00 PM	12:30pm Mass
	1:30PM	3:00PM	Mercy Opening School Mass Rehearsal
	2:00PM	4:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
7/02/2026	9:00AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30AM	10:30AM	Exposition, Reconciliation, Rosary, Benediction.
	4:30PM	5:30 PM	Vigil Singer Bookings
	5:30PM	6:30 PM	5:30 Vigil Mass
8/02/2026	7:30AM	8:30 AM	7:30am Mass
	9:00AM	10:00AM	9:00am Mass
	10:30AM	11:30AM	10:30am Mass
	12:00PM	1:30 PM	Infant Baptism
	5:30PM	6:30 PM	5:30pm Mass

Please Remember in our Prayer

For those recently deceased:

Eva Barion (Marte Tagle's sister); Kenny Tsang; Francesca Di Mento; Andre Hariman; Janet Namey; George Lo (husband of Binnie Tan); Lina (Ng) Sing (sister of Elaine Wong); Tjioe Giok Tjoe; Apung Darma Sugandi; Mable Savage; Pamela Crampton; Violet Joyce.

For those who are sick:

Binnie (Marianne) Tan; Bruce Meppem; Ely Herft; Augustine D'silva; Catherine M Chan, Mirjana Marinovic; Mellita Jones; Daniel West; Ying Leong Fong; Rosetta Lo Presti; Celine Robinson; Rafael Senedrin; Gina Marotta; Deysi Villanueva; Ervita Wiroatmodjo; Almira Christina Chen; Mary Oakley; Eugenia San Gabriel; Jim Dennis; Jeremy Moon; Ley Peng Tan; Lody Herlianto; Chet Catapang; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Carmel Villanueva; Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlasic; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapria; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; Gerard de Leon; Carlos de Leon; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Denise Suplina; Francis Ward; Manuel Antonio Gaspar; John Luxton; Carmen Yaptinchay; Antonio Yaptinchay; Romeo Ramos Robles; Juliana Chee; Earle Deitz; Jean-Marie Ta; Lisa McKee; Angela Ryan; Rodolfo Dy; Ljubica Bacic Fratric; Tricia Batongbacal; John Keenan; Rodolfo Dy, Felix Lodero Jnr, Felix Lodero; Remedios Lodero; Siplicio Sabillo; Paul Hung; Tess Fitzgerald; Max Fowler; Theodore Cowell.



FLOWER DONATIONS

Would you like to donate flowers to adorn
our church?

Honour a special occasion or remember a loved one with altar flower arrangements

Donations can be one-time or annual.



Suggested donations: \$130+ for standard arrangements, \$150-\$200 for fuller or specific flowers like roses.



Our volunteers, Irene, Cynthia, and Teresa, will beautifully arrange and place them by the tabernacle for Sunday.



Submit your donation at least one month in advance.
To reserve a date, contact Chloe at Chloe.Aylward@bbcatholic.org.au.

Our Altar Flowers this Week

Our Altar Flowers this week are donated
In celebration of the 74th birthday of
Deacon Roberto Corpuz.



The compassion
of the Samaritan
loving by
bearing
the pain of
the other
POPE LEO XIV

