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The Catholic Parish of Chatswood 94 A rcher Street Chatswood NSW 2067

Sunday 1 June 2025 - A scension of the Lord Welcome!



你們就是這些事的見證人。 路加福音 24:48 You are witnesses of these things. Luke 24:48

Dear friends

Please note that as from next Sunday, 8 June, the Fergusion Lane entrance into the Pius College 'carpark' will be kept closed on Sunday mornings to dissuade unauthorized use. Please use the Kirk St entrance only.

Do join us for Morning Tea this Sunday following our 7.30am and 9.00am Masses.

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

Masses This Week

Monday	2 June	12.30pm	Monday of Week 7 Easter
Tuesday	3 June	9.00am and 12.30pm	Sts Charles Lwanga and companions
Wednesday	4 June	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm	Wednesday of Week 7 Easter
Thursday	5 June	9.00am and 12.30pm	St Boniface
Friday	6 June	9.00am and 12.30pm	Friday of Week 7 Easter
Saturday	7 June	9.00am and 5.30pm	Saturday of Week 7 Easter
Sunday	8 June	Usual Times	Pentecost Sunday

Please Remember in our Prayer

For those recently died:

Editha Carder; Gim Keat Ooi; Santana D'souza; Tom Rowan; Maria La Greca; Maria Fernandez; Edith Paredes; Suany da Cruz Mariante; Giovanni & Fina Finocchiaro; Melissa Zeitouni; Chris Bekiaris; May Murphy; Krisnawati Tatang; Salvatore Vasile; Jose Maria Montelibano

For those who are sick:

Wai Ping Tan; Ley Peng Tan; Lody Herlianto; Ken Kennedy; Chet Catapang; Anne Avery; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Eileen Swinsburg; Xu He Ooi; Carmel Villanueva; Mr Gurung; Colleen Baker (sister of Margaret Day), Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Ying Leong Fong; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Minnie Walshe; 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; Frank Hallissy; Gerard de Leon; Carlos de Leon; Mary kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Curtin, Rolfe, Hughes and Egan families; Rital Lee: Keith Press: Michael Lee; Frances Fisher (sister of Pauline Larkins); Foong Yin Lee; Manel Gunasekara ; Maria Vu (Fr Hien's mother),; Jack Biviano; Michael Widjaja Tjong ; Franko Stanich; Marko & Mara Stanich; Siegfried & Michaela Korb; Maria & Hubert Gussnig; Diana Carson; Imelda Calanzo; Jesse James Tangaro; Angelita Calonzo; Alexander Go; Frederick Abenales; Nora Chan; Mary Elaine Manlangit; Rodolfo Dy; Brenda and Graham Ladd; Pietro & Nunzia Culicetta; Luigi & Nunzia Di Mauro; Pietro & Carmela Patane; Antonietta Aloisio;

Birthday Celebrations

Bernadette Jew, Margaret Day; Elizabeth Chung, Elizabeth Jung; Lourdes Davies

	Uμ	ocoming Events in our Parish
Sunday	1 June	Afternoon tea for our Piety Store/PEW volunteers
Monday	2 June	Our new Administration and Facilities Officer, Kristha Mangahas commences Hub of Hope meeting for students from our secondary schools
	9-13 June	Annual Clergy Conference—our clergy will be attending
Sunday	15 June	Frist Holy Communion Masses—Vigil, 9am and 10.30am
Wednesday	18 June	6.30pm Mass and Supper to Farewell Deacon Kevin Hale
Sunday	22 June	Frist Holy Communion Masses—Vigil, 9am and 10.30am
Sunday	29 June	Parish-in Council 7

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,

From Fr David

Dear friends,

I am very happy to share the outcomes of our recent May count of Mass Attendance. Our average over the month of May was 1438. In November 2024 it was 1353 and I May 2024 it was 1163. This is very encouraging for us all.

A huge thank you to everyone for the generosity towards our diocesan Pastoral Works Fund Appeal. We are now just over \$1500 from our target of \$73,000. If we can dig a little dipper over the next week or two we will have fulfilled our annual quota which will be most appreciated. Again, thankyou!

As a result of the receipt of a NSW Government Safer Communities grant we have been able to install security cameras on our parish site for the protection of our visitors and staff. These are very unobtrusive but provide us coverage of all the main areas of our church and adjoining carpark and office.

We have noticed an increasing unauthorized use of the Pius College 'carpark' of a Sunday—ie people other than parishioners using the facility for parking. To dissuade this, please note that as from next Sunday 8 June we will keep the Ferguson Lane gate closed for the time being. Please use the Kirk St Entrance. Do remember that if you find your car parked with the Kirk St entrance closed, the gate does open automatically on approach Cameras.

Thank you for your interest in joining our Parish Pilgrimage to the Diocesan Shrines of Hope on 14 June 2025. As our bus allocation has now reached full capacity, we are unfortunately unable to offer additional seats on the bus. However, more are very welcome to still join us by travelling in your own car or arranging carpooling with others. **Date:** Saturday, 14 June 2025

Time: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Locations: Diocesan Shrines of Hope - Manly, Gosford, Waitara

For those driving, we will send you the final itinerary and Meeting points and times

Contact details for coordination on the day. If you would like assistance in arranging carpooling or have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Deacon Kevin Hale, having been with us for the past seven years, has now come to the discernment to retire fully form his parish engagement with us. As we appreciate, Deacon Kevin's formal appointment ceased some time ago. However, he has continued to be engaged in a number of way, including the coordination of one of our RCIA programs. Kevin has made a most remarkable contribution to our Parish over many years. Though we will be leaving us, we assure him that he will always a welcome figure at Chatswood and we do hope that he will come from time to time to various parish events. We will farewell Deacon Kevin with a Mass at 6.30pm and Supper on Wednesday 18 June.



Altar flowers are donated by Theresa, Josef, Johana, Maria and Martina Widjaja in loving memory of Michael Widjaja Tjong (2nd anniversary).

Our Lady's Shrine flowers are donated by Pauline Larkins in loving memory of Frances Mary Fisher (2nd anniversary).



Our Parish church is designated by Bishop Randazzo as a Shrine of Hope for Young People during the Year of Jubilee.

Friday	21 March 5.30pm—7pm	Students from Central Coast Catholic Schools
Saturday	5 April 9am Mass	50 Young Adults from Hornsby Parish
Monday	7 April	Parish group from Toukley-Lake Munmorah
Tuesday	8 April 10.30am - 1.00pm	Parishioners from St John the Baptist Woy Woy
Thursday	10 April	Parish group from St Monica's Parramatta Diocese
Saturday	26 April—afternoon	Young Adults from Parish of Manly-Freshwater
Friday	9 May—11.50am-12.30pm	70 Students from Redfield College
Monday	12 May at 10.30am	Students from Tangara School for Girls
Sunday	24 May—afternoon	Young Adults from around our Diocese, walking from Lindfield
Friday	6 June 10am –11.30am	80 Staff from St Brigid's College, Lake Munmorah
	6 June 1.00pm—2pm	120 Staff from St Peter's College, Tuggerah
Saturday	14 June 1.00pm	Parishioners from St Mary MacKillop, Warnervale
Thursday	19 June, 11.30am—1.00pm	45 x Stage 3 Students from St Thomas and St Philip Neri, Willougby
Sunday	10 August—2pm	Ryde Network of Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney

The following is the step-by-step guideline for the Broken Bay Pilgrim Passports

1. Jubilee Passports can be stamped at each Shrine and the Cathedral to acknowledge visit and time of prayer within. A special downloadable <u>Broken Bay Jubilee Passport for Kids</u> for children to use when visiting the Shrines with their families/caregivers.

2. Once all three Shrines and Cathedral, with respective stamps, have been visited a Pilgrim's passport is "complete".

3. Pilgrims then have their passports verified at their own Parish office.

4. Each Parish will notify Mission Broken Bay with the names of those pilgrims who have completed their passports so that they may receive a special commemorative certificate signed by Bishop Anthony. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the Jubilee by presenting these certificates at the end of a Sunday Mass.

A live Tally on the <u>www.bbjubilee.com.au</u> website will add a further joyful essence, noting how many pilgrims have completed the Jubilee Shrines of Hope Pilgrimage and which parishes they are from.

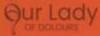
Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly 30 May – 1 June

This Jubilee celebrates the importance of the family unit, recognising the unique roles played by children and grandparents; and also honours the elderly members of our communities, some of whom are without family members of their own.

For the Church, that throughout the world she may be able to proclaim and bear strong witness to the beauty of God's plan for the family and to value it as a gift and a vocation.

We pray to the Lord.

Chatswood Catholic Parish



JUBILIEE 2025

"Hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5)



Parish Pilgrimage to Our Diocesan Shrines of Hope Chatswood → Manly → Gosford → Waitara → Chatswood

SATURDAY, 14 JUNE 2025 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM





- Registration closed!
- Bus Fully Booked 54 Seats Confirmed
- F&B: BYO snacks and drinks

Waitlisted? You can still join us!

- 🚗 Travel by your own car
 - Carpooling offer or request a lift?
- Final details will be sent to all registered pilgrims

We look forward to a joyful pilgrimage -day-trip together!



CHATSWOOD: SHRINE OF HOPE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE Relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis

MANLY: SHRINE OF HOPE FOR VOCATIONS Relics of St John Maria Vianney

GOSFORD: SHRINE OF HOPE FOR FAMILIES Relics of St John Paul II

WAITARA: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Cathedral of Broken Bay

Pilgrimage Plan



9:00 AM Mass @ OLD - Shrine for Young Hearts - Chatswood



10:30 AM | Shrine for Vocations -St Mary's - Manly



12:30 PM | Shrine of Families St Patrick's - East Gosford



2:30 PM | Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral - Waitara



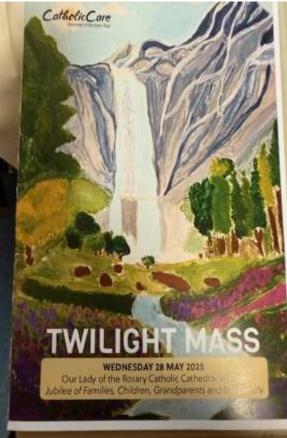
4:30 PM | Return to Chatswood

Parish News



Last Sunday, Fr Hien celebrated the first anniversary of his dear mother's death in Mercy College Chaple along with many friends.

On Wednesday evening, CatholicCare Broken Bay celebrated the Jubilee of Families, Children and Grandparents and Ben Day's artwork adorned the front page of the Mass Booklet at Waitara Cathedral!



In this Holy Jubilee Year, our hope is to connect to the mission of Jesus Christ each day. Please support our upcoming Pastoral Works May 2025 Appeal

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)

Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care







Your gift to MAY 2025 APPEAL is taxdeductible. Donate via QR Code or at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks



Animating our Future Ministry Circle

Parish-in-Council VII

On Sunday 29 June, we will come together once more as a community, to encounter one another, listen to each other, and help to discern and shape the future of our parish at our seventh Parish-in-Council meeting.

The afternoon, like our previous Parish-in-Councils, will feature lunch, thought-provoking presentations, conversations and the opportunity for each and every one of our diverse voices to be heard.

When: Sunday 29 June at 12.10 pm (with catered lunch & afternoon tea)

Where: Harrington Hall

Register Now: visit https://form.jotform.com/chatswoodparish/pic-vii, scan the QR code, or speak with our parish office.



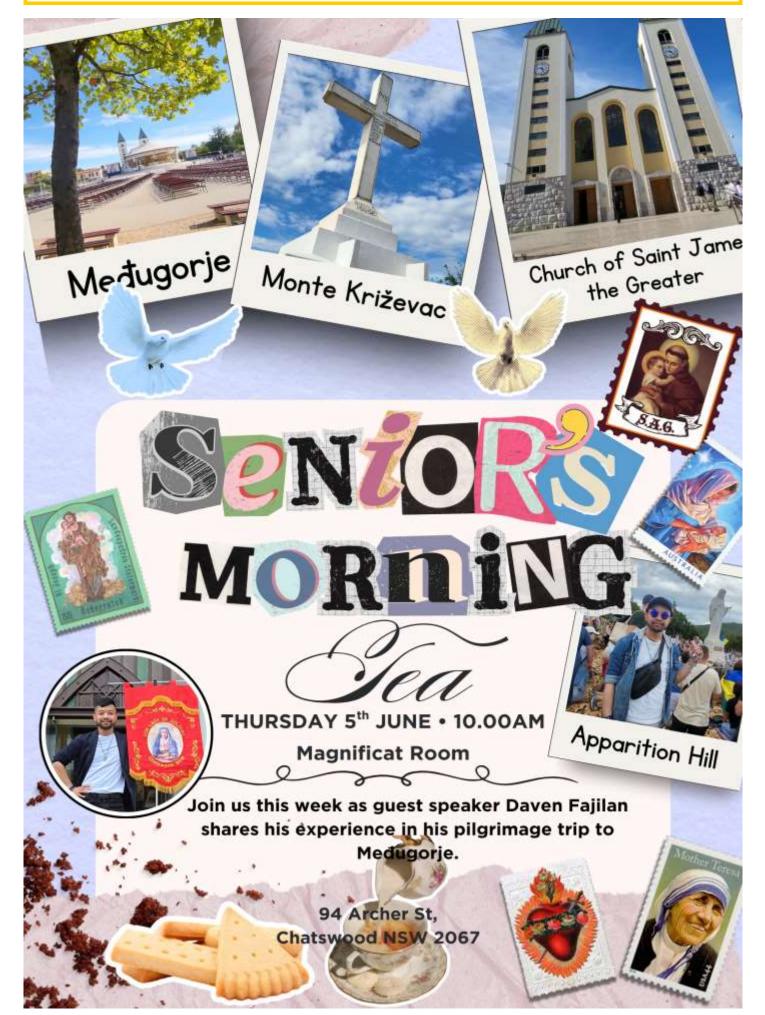
Registration is essential to help us plan for catering and table seating.

KIDS-IN-COUNCIL VII

We want Parish-in-Council to be accessible for all families with children of any age. That's why we created Kids-in-Council, for toddlers through to teens, running in parallel to Parish-in-Council, with catered lunch and tailored fun activities.

We would love your children to participate in our upcoming Kids-in-Council VII on Sunday 29 June from 11.45 am. To register your child(ren), visit https://form.jotform.com/chatswoodparish/pic-vii or scan the QR code above.











Our Parish Choir recently celebrated May birthdays; last Sunday following our 10.30am Mass we enjoyed our third community lunch; on Wednesday our priests all caught up with Fr Joey for dinner.

Great opportunities to enjoy the bonds between us!









Our Indonesian Community recently celebrated the Silver Anniversary of Ordination of Fr Petrus Suto msc, our previous chaplain.



Our amazing Filipino Choir having sung at our 9.00am Family Mass last Sunday!







Last Saturday 24 May, many of our Indonesian Community made a pilgrimage to Penrose Park. A day of faith and friendship enjoyed by all who could participate!





Our Sustaining our Future Ministry Circle



With a State Government Safe Communities Grant to the value of \$22,000 received this year by our parish, we have been able to install much needed security cameras around our parish office and one in our church that takes into its scope the main nave. In the coming weeks we will also install a new electronic gate into the parish office carpark to provide us with greater management of unauthorized parking there. Do be assured that our parishioners who need



Planned Giving Envelopes July 2025 - June 2026

For parishioners who give weekly via Planned Giving Envelopes, your new envelopes will be available to collect from the church foyer during June 2025.

In July, they will be moved to the parish office and can be collected from Reception Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm. If you have any questions about your envelopes, or Planned Giving, please email <u>chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au</u> Thank you for supporting our beautiful parish – God bless!

Our Sustaining our Future Ministry Circle



REFESHING OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

MEET OUR ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

At our Parish-in-Council on 5 April 2025, we began a conversation about what matters most in the future of our church space. Now, we're invited to take the next steps together.

These sessions are a chance to hear from the people helping us explore what's possible - and to understand the practical considerations behind any changes.

Following our evenings of awareness building and information gathering we will have the opportunity to participate further in the journey through a survey process.

We hope you'll be part of the journey!

29 MAY 7PM HARRINGTON HALL

Designing churches

that inspire worship Architects John O'Brien and Miguel Paredes share insights into liturgical design

and examples from other church renewal projects.

HARRINGTON HALL Creating Comfort Through Climate

Control

29 JUNE 7PM

Rodney Jacome from Englec Consulting explores options for effective climate control in our church. Bectrical engineer Omer Ulas from Ulas Engineering outlines what's needed for upgraded lighting, audio-visual, and power systems.

I JULY 7PM

TBC

Lighting the Way

Forward

Last Thursday evening a number of us were able to gather with our two consultant church architects, Miguel Parades and John O'Brien. Miguel shared with us the link between beauty and evangelisation, and John shared with us the principles of designing church architecture using his experience especially at Mt Hagan in PNG. The Seminar enabled us to continue to consider how we might progress with our own journey to renew our beautiful church in its 2nd century.

Next we meet our consultant engineers! Please note that this opportunity will now be combined to **the one** occasion of Tuesday 1 July in Harrington Hall.









OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / C

THE LORD WILL RETURN. The Ascension of Jesus, whereby he is glorified at the Father's right hand and made 'ruler of everything', does not signal his departure from our midst. It points rather to a new mode of presence that will endure 'until the end of the world'. In the meantime, it is our vocation, as his Church, to reveal him.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Acts 1:11 Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, allcluia.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you. 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. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. Your are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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. Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. 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 Acts 1:1-11 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem. but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6 R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (*or* Alleluia!)

1. All peoples, clap your hands, / cry to God with shouts of joyl / For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, / great king over all the earth. **R**.

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; / the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. / Sing praise for God, sing praise, / sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**.

3. God is king of all the earth. / Sing praise with all your skill. / God is king over the nations; / God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

SECOND READING Eph 1:17-23 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the

Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

1 JUNE 2025

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 28:19, 20 Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 24:4

P. The Lord be with you. **R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according

to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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. We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord,
- to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son:
- grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms.

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 OR II OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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 ANTIPHON Mt 28:20 Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION P. Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you.

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 forth. the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

AN ETERNAL BLESSING

During Easter our focus has been on John's Gospel. Today we come to the final chapter of Luke and its last scene. Jesus has gathered with his disciples on the day of Easter, dispelled their fears, encouraged them on mission to be his witnesses thus setting up Luke's second volume, the *Acts of the Apostles* and Pentecost with its gift of the Spirit—and now brings them to Jerusalem's outskirts, to Bethany.

Here, as the Gospel comes to its conclusion, Jesus blesses his disciples (thus completing the priestly blessing which Zechariah was unable to do in the Gospel's beginning) and 'withdraws' from them as he is carried up to heaven. The passive voice of the verb 'carried up' indicates that this is God's act and brings Jesus into the heavenly realm of God's presence. The visual imagery which Luke uses here is not intended as a literal description of a divine elevator that brings Jesus into the heavenly realm. Rather, it is a theology which reminds Luke's audience that Jesus is ultimately and eternally with God and continues, in a priestly gesture, to bless his disciples.

It also identifies that definitive moment when Jesus' earthly presence ceases, but not his divine presence. This presence continues and inspires the disciples' future mission which will unfold in Acts. His blessing continues among us today as we, too, await the coming of his Spirit at our Pentecost, celebrated next Sunday.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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Lk 24:46-53

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church

Your Side

AGED CARE INFORMATION SESSION & MORNING TEA

Did you know? If you are aged 65 years or older you can receive **aged** care services in your own home to help you live safely and independently as you get older.

Support at Home is the new system of government funding you can access for clinical and personal care, mobility, and daily tasks around your home. It can help with services like:

- Nursing, mental health and allied health supports
- Personal care for grooming, hygiene, mobility and eating
- Respite care; transport and community connection
- Domestic assistance for housework and the garden

There are also funds to help with purchasing or installing safety and mobility equipment and home modifications.

Whether you are starting to consider getting help at home, or are worried about your elderly loved ones, our Aged Care Support Specialists can explain how it all works and give you advice and guidance to apply.

AGED CARE INFORMATION SESSION REGISTRATION REQUIRED VIA QR CODE



for seniors, grandparents & families 10.00am, Thursday 19 June 2025

Magnificat Meeting Room Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Parish

Our Leading Reflective Lives Ministry Circle

You are invited to join us pray the rosary nightly via Zoom, without leaving the comfort of your home, if you are not able to join us in person in the church. Our Zoom rosary schedule is as follows:

Monday8.00 pmTuesday7.30 pmWednesday8.00 pmThursday8.00 pm (Pro-Life Rosary)Friday8.00 pmSaturday7.30 pm (Rosary for Vocations)Sunday8.00 pm

Zoom Details: Link - <u>https://Zoom.us/j/8034195601</u> or ID Number – 8034195601 (no passcode required)

Please join us if you can especially during this month of May which is dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary.

The following Youtube videos might inspire you to start praying the rosary daily if you have not already done:

Fr Chris Alar, a very articulate speaker and Marian priest never had devotion to Our Lady until a testimony from another priest changed him: <u>https://youtu.be/EPkDQUUyYKM?si=yY0dqphtL5R4s8MY</u> (16 mins)

T K Coleman's powerful rosary testimony - did not believe in the rosary and said he will never become Catholic but he now says 4 sets (20 decades) of the rosary everyday.





Explore your Faith with the Legion Of Mary Praesidium Mothers Of Divine Mercy

Join us at Our Lady Of Dolours Parish for fellowship, Prayer, and Community Service.

discover how you can make a difference.

All Welcome !

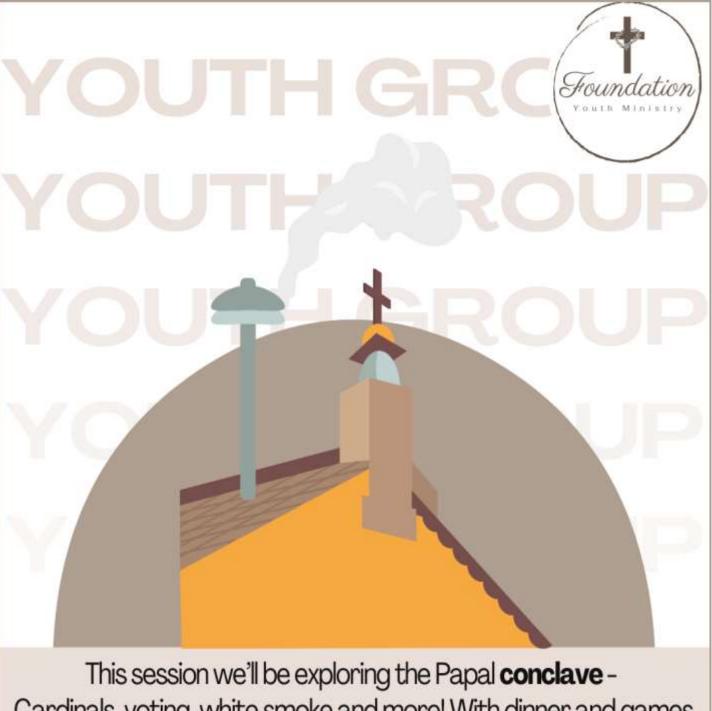
Every Tuesday at 7:00pm In The St Peter Room

Contact : Caroline Lim : 0430 888 598





Last Saturday evening, 24 May, nearly 70 people joined together for an online Rosary in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians. Our next parish online Rosary will be on 15 August, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle



Cardinals, voting, white smoke and more! With dinner and games

After 5.30pm youth mass, 6.30pm -8.30pm

Meet at the Church forecourt



Cornerstone:

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

Contact Sienna for more info: siennaklarica@bbcatholic.org.au

Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle





...supports parents in helping their child nurture their relationship with God and with their Catholic friends.

We need parents to support this important ministry by becoming a parent volunteer.

Please consider joining our team of parents who support each other in this role and grow you own faith friendships at the same time.

Volunteers are rostered on once per month during the school terms.

If you can help or would like to know more about what's involved, please contact Angela at the parish office on 9410 9033 or <u>angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au</u>





Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle

Gather

CAPSTON Young Adults Gro

Join us for an evening of open discussion as we learn about Bl Pier Giorgio Frassati and how we too can reach the heights of our faith

Sunday,

June 1st

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6.30pm - 8.30pm w/ optional compline after

Harrington Hall



Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle

Presented by Charbel Raish CUESDAY 20 May to 1 July 2025 (7 weeks) 7pm - 9pm

PAROUSIA

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY

in the Magnificat Room, Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood 94 Archer Street Chatswood (02) 9410 9000



parousiamedia.com

Growing in faith + Catechesis & Pathways

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. Aided by a unique color-coded Bible Timeline[™] Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan.

Our Lady of Dolours will begin the Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study on Tuesday 20th May 2025 (7 pm to 9 pm – doors open at 6.45 pm) in the Magnificat Room, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood. Participants will meet every week for 7 weeks to hear Charbel Rais from Parousia Media present, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.



TIME TO BOOK YOUR SEATS 3 WEEKS TO GO

Tickets for our Hope for Freedom Feast are now on sale. This is one of our parish's biggest nights of the year, made possible by the loving generosity of parishioners who cook, donate prizes, buy tickets and come along. Don't miss out. Buy your tickets now. Invite friends, join others from your parish group or come alone and we will find you a great table of people to be part of.

FREEDOM FEAST SATURDAY 21 JUNE AT 6.30 PM

In Harrington Hall

Tickets \$70 available from Humanitix <u>https://events.humanitix.com/olod-hope-feast</u>



St Vincent de Paul Society good works

Vinnes April Report

OLOS's Vinnies received 8 calls for help in April of which 2 were new. We were grateful that the numbers were down (20 in March) and problems fairly straightforward. Five needed food assistance, one had washing machine problems, one had need of white-goods to move into new public housing whilst another is struggling with DV and living in unaffordable digs (Catholic Care is also helping this lady). Over \$1000 was expended on assistance.

Please note that our Winter Appeal will be on 19/20 July. We rely on Appeals and Poor Box donations to maintain our ability to help. While we used to be self supporting , in recent years with increasing calls for help OLOS Vinnies as been supposed by Vinnies elsewhere. Our latest budget indicates \$15000 income against \$32000 expenditure. We hope for your continuing support in the Appeal.

Our little group is also short on numbers and still seeking new members , particularly males. Anyone interested could contact El, El.Herlianto@vinnies.org.au or John 0439783956.



On Sunday 25th May, some friends of the local Vinnies and their children, even little Princess (a friendly Chihuahua) joined our parish Community BBQ to have a hot meal and enjoy the company of each other and parishioners alike. It was a joyous occasion for all.

Since the Christmas Appeal, over 40 households (about 80 people) in the Chatswood area have been helped by the local Vinnies.

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Our Caring for ourWorld Ministry Circle

Father David Ranson, PP VG Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Parish 94 Acher Street Chatswood NSW 2067

Dear Father David

On behalf of the Board and Members of the Australia Timor-Leste Advancement Society (ATLAS) we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful support we received in presenting our Trivia Event on May 4, 2025, at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood, in your Harrington Hall

Seeing the parish community come together to support the people of Timor-Leste through education and job creation, reinforced the words "Your Friends Do Not Forget You".

The day raised \$4,107.30, which will support our work in Timor-Leste.

Again, thank you for the support we received May God Bless you and your parish community

Yours sincerely

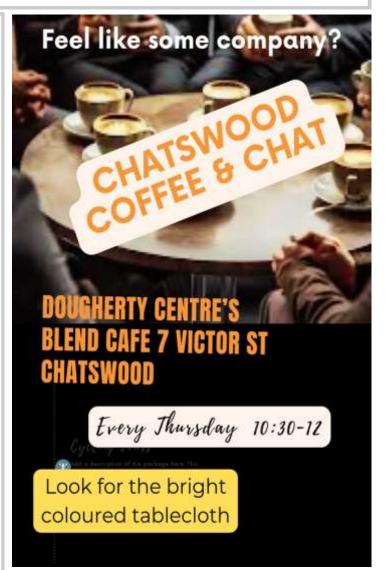
Gerald Kenneally Chairman AUSTRALIA TIMOR-LESTE ADVANCEMENT SOCIETY

JOIN THE FIGHT TO PROTECT LIFE!

"....That night, atrocities were being committed by civilised Germans all over Leipzig, all over the country. Nearly every Jewish home and business in my city was vandalised, burned or otherwise destroyed, as were our synagogues. As were our people . . .; When I think of those Germans relishing our pain, I want to ask them, 'Have you got a soul? Have you got a heart?' It was madness, *in the true sense of the word – otherwise civilised people* lost all ability to tell right from wrong. They committed terrible atrocities, and worse, they enjoyed it. They thought they were doing the right thing. And even those who could not fool themselves that we Jews were the enemy did nothing to stop the mob. If enough people had stood up then, on Kristallnacht, and said, 'Enough! What are you doing? What is wrong with you?' then the course of history would have been different. But they did not. They were scared. They were weak".

By Eddie Jaku, Auschwitz survivor <u>The Happiest Man on Earth</u> (Page 20 chapter 2)

Today in our own time and in our own society unborn children are killed by abortion Our parish pro-life group has been formed to stand up against this affliction in our society. We can help turn this situation around if a sufficient number of persons are willing to stand up and exercise the life and freedom they enjoy Please ring Michael/Cecilia 0466961240 if you are interested or leave your details with the parish office.



A round and A bout



The wait is finally over! Applications are now open for Catholic Schools Broken Bay's coveted teaching scholarships, designed to form outstanding educators.

- Generous Financial Assistance: Ease your financial burden while you study
- Expert Mentoring: Receive dedicated guidance and support by an expert teacher
- Paid Part-Time Employment: Gain hands-on experience in the classroom while you complete your degree
- Guaranteed Full-Time Teaching Position: Secure a permanent teaching role upon completion of study
- Targeted Professional Learning: Exclusive access to targeted professional learning and collaborative coaching programs

Thriving Community: Connect with fellow aspiring educators and enjoy regular networking and debriefing opportunities with peers as a member of CSBB's ETIP Community of Practice

There are 3 scholarships on offer within CSBB's Exemplary Teacher Incentive Program (ETIP):

1. Young Achievers Teacher Training Scholarship (YATTS) - for current Year 12 students aspiring to enrol in a teacher education degree in 2026.

2. Targeted Teacher Internship (TTI) - for current mid-degree teacher education students

3. Exemplary (new) Teacher Grants (ETG) – for pre-service teachers currently in their penultimate (second-last) or final year of study.

Visit <u>https://bit.ly/3YxThl4</u> to find out more and apply today. Recruiting now for commencement in 2026.

A round and A bout



CatholicCare's Commitment to Reconciliation – Bridging Now to Next

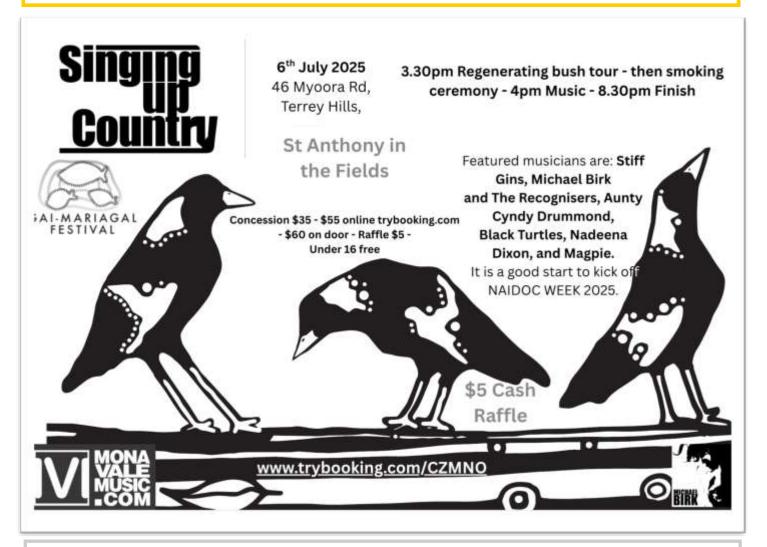
As we celebrate National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June), CatholicCare reaffirms its dedication to reconciliation with the theme *Bridging Now to Next*. This theme invites all Australians to reflect on our shared histories and work towards a united future. Judith Murray, Aboriginal Community Engagement Manager at CatholicCare, highlights the significance of this year's theme, noting that it reflects the ongoing connection between past, present, and future. She emphasises the importance of reflecting on past actions, building on achievements, and strengthening approaches for the future.

In line with this commitment, CatholicCare has launched a cultural awareness training video, now mandatory for all new staff. This initiative aims to provide foundational learning about the history, experiences, and cultural richness of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples, fostering understanding in service delivery. Additionally, CatholicCare recently hosted a 'Listen & Learn Yarn' workshop where Aboriginal leaders and Elders shared their stories and insights with staff. CatholicCare's Children's Services teams are also actively engaged in reconciliation efforts. Recently, children from the OSHC program at St Kieran's in Manly Vale participated in a collaborative art project inspired by the sounds and spirit of the didgeridoo.

This National Reconciliation Week, we honour the voices of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples and continue our journey of *Bridging Now to Next*.



A round and A bout



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

In this month	of June, we reme	mber the following:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 Fr Paul Finucane
2 Fr Paul Durkin	3 Fr Bogdan Skupien	4 Fr Chima Ofor	5 Fr Marek Wol- dan	6 Fr Joshi Nadup- pura	7 Fr Philip Thottam MSFS	8 Fr Grzegorz (Greg) Skulski
9 Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pie-	10 Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sa-	11 Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS	12 Fr Bill Stevens	13 Fr Harry Kenne- dy	14 Fr Stephen Ham- ilton	15 Fr Rex Curry
16 Fr Jack Robson	17 Fr Stan Skibicki	18 Fr Robert Brogan	19 Fr Geoff Bugden	20 Sr Maria Ross rsj Sr Ann Duncan rsj	21 Sr Josefa Mabini OSA	22 Sr Jenifer Canil- Ias OSA
23 Seminarians Shayne D'Cunha	24 Seminarians Matthew French Tan Nguyen	25 Seminarians Victor Atuhura Huy Tran	26 Fr Robert Craw- ford	27 Fr Jim Tierney	28 Fr Carmelo Sci- beras	29 Fr Clem Hill Sr Damian Lai
30 Fr Terry Johns						

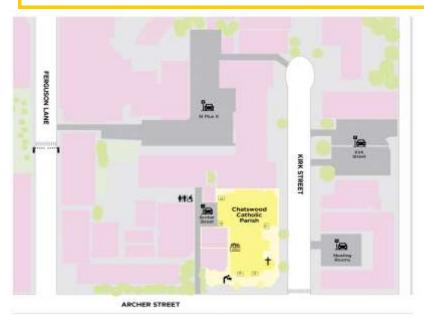
Our Parish Ministry Circles



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



After our weekend evening Masses the Pius Carpark is closed about one hour after Mass for the security of the College. Please move your car to the parish car park on Kirk St if you are going to be longer than an hour following Mass.

Parish Contact Information

PO Box 1446 Chatswood NSW 2057

Office Hours Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm

Office Phone: 9410 9000 Emergency Calls: 0473 046 906

Parish Priest: Very Rev Dr David Ranson VG Children's Ministry Coordinator: Angela Hague david.ranson@bbcatholic.org.au angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au Personal blog: davidranson.com.au 9410 9033 **Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Anselam Lakra** Pastoral Support Worker: Mona Saouma anselam.lakra@bbcatholic.org.au mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9028 9410 9024 **Catechist Coordinator: Karen Forbes** Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Hien Vu karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au hien.vu@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9029 9410 9027 Youth Ministry Officer: Sienna Klarica **Receptionist: Diana Tinambun** sienna.klarica@bbcatholic.org.au chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9026 9410 9000 Book-keeper: Amelia Lee Administration and Facilities Officer: Kristha Mangahas amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au ristha.mangahas@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9032 9410 9030 **Our Lady of Dolours Primary Parent Engagement Coordinator Project Officer: Chloe Aylward** Rebecca Molinaro chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au rebecca.molinaro@dbb.catholic.edu.au 9410 9021 **Mercy College Parent Engagement Coordinator Director of Music: Titus Grenyer** Annette Leahy titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au annette.leahy1@dbb.catholic.edu.au 9410 9034 **Sunday Masses** Weekday Masses and Devotions 5.30pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass Monday: 12.30pm 7.30am (followed by Morning Tea on 1st Sunday of the month Tuesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm at the PEW café) Wednesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm (The Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated 9.00am (Includes Children's Liturgy of the Word on 1st, 2nd & after Mass each Wednesday evening 4th Sundays, except on long weekends), followed by Morning Mass and on the 3rd Wednesday of the Tea on the forecourt month) Thursday: 9.00am and 12.30pm 10.30am, followed by Morning Tea on the 2nd Sunday of the Fridav: 9.00am and 12.30pm month, and Community Lunch on the last Sunday. 9.00am Saturday: 11.00am at St Peter's Green Aged Care Facility, North Lane Morning Prayer: Tuesday to Saturday: 8.45am **Cove** (Note this is for residents only) Rosary 5.30pm Monday: 11.45am (preceded by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11.30am); Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am; Monday to Fridays: **Filipino Culture Mass** 1.00pm 12noon, 1st Sunday of the month Thursday Adoration After 9am Mass. Ends with Divine Mercy **Indonesian Culture Mass** Chaplet at midday followed by Benediction. 7.00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and Reconciliation 7.00pm First Friday of the month: 6.30pm—8.30pm Divine Retreat Centre Healing Mass and Prayer

Saturday Morning: Reconciliation from 9.30am.