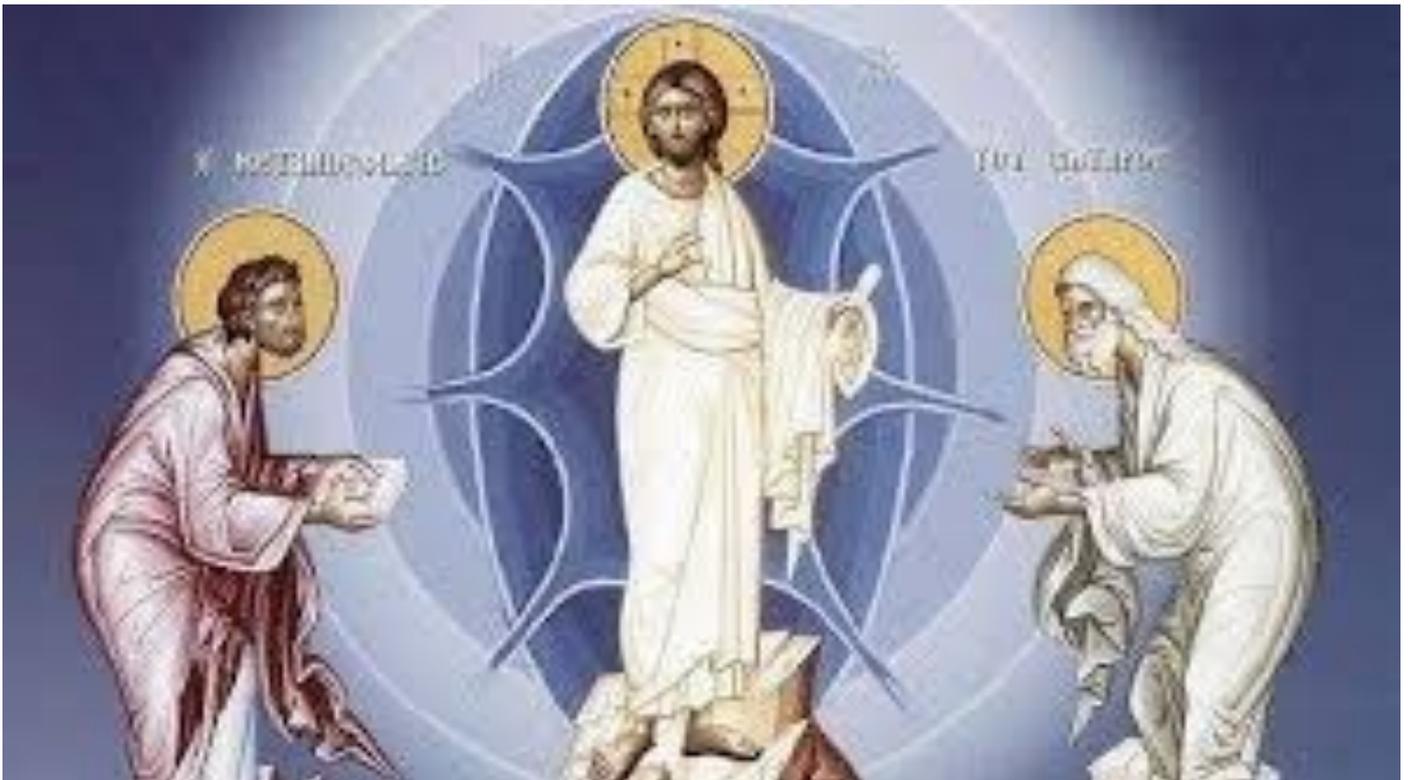


Sunday 1 March
2nd Sunday of Lent

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



Should we be approached for money by our friends Billy or Graham who often come to our church we should never give them this. Both are well supported by other means!
Respectfully and politely say "no"!



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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.

From Fr David

The account of the Transfiguration is given us each year on this the 2nd Sunday of Lent. Each year we hear a different version of the account. This year the version is from the gospel of Matthew. Though there are differences between the three accounts from each of the gospels, there are clear similarities as well. Jesus and his disciples are on a mountain. There is the sense of being in solitude. There is a cloud. The inner luminosity of Jesus becomes apparent. The figures of Moses and Elijah are in the heart of the experience. The essential filial identity of Jesus as Son of the Father is revealed. The disciples are summoned to listen. And then, everything returns to ordinariness at the end.

Each of these aspects of the story are highly charged with Jewish symbolism. In the Jewish mind the mountain is the place both of encounter with God and the place on which the Law has been given by God to his people. The cloud is a figure used throughout Scripture to designate an actual meeting with God. Moses is significant given that he is the one who receives the Law of Yahweh precisely atop the mountain. Elijah is important given that he is regarded as the greatest of the prophets. Thus the writers are seeking to convey that Jesus' true identity eclipses now the nature of the Law and that he fulfils the intent of the prophets of old. In Jesus, God has revealed something new. Both the ancient law and the ancient prophecy find their completion in this new revelation – the revelation of God in Jesus, himself, who experiences himself in a filial relationship with God. Thus, the text is a very dense theological narrative full of highly charged symbolism. Yet, not only is the account on its own fascinating. So also is the place in the gospels that it appears. For in all three gospels the account of Jesus' transfiguration is linked to his impending Passion and Death. For this reason we read the account in Lent which is our time of preparation to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter. It is this essential link between the Transfiguration with his Passion that is just as significant as the individual aspects of the account.

Is it simply that the Transfiguration acts as a re-assurance to the disciples so that whatever of the darkness they are about to experience they might have confirmation of his true identity? Or are the gospel writers seeking to demonstrate something far more profound? If the Transfiguration were simply an assurance to the apostles of Jesus' true identity then how do we explain their later reactions at his arrest and death? So, the rest of the gospel narrative forces us to consider that something more is being proposed in the Transfiguration. When we take into account the entire gospel narrative what seems to be proposed is a fundamental link between transfiguration and suffering. We think of suffering as entirely negative. And indeed suffering is a negative. It is not what we would want for ourselves or others. We are committed to the alleviation of suffering. And yet we are faced with the undeniable reality of suffering. To be human, to be incomplete, to be vulnerable, to be fragile means that we will never surpass the inevitability of suffering. It is this very vulnerability and fragility that Jesus himself takes on in his humanity. Yet, there is a possibility in the midst of suffering, and that possibility is something quite remarkable. There is a redemptive possibility in the midst of the experience of suffering, so that our suffering does not need to become simply a darkened tomb in which we are entrapped. In the midst of our journey into suffering something can shine forth out with a brilliance beyond expectation. I think this is one of the deepest meanings of the accounts of the Transfiguration when we set it within the gospel narrative as a whole.

How can I explain this redemptive possibility that shines forth a light with unmistakable in the midst of suffering? We have only to look at the face of someone who in the midst of their suffering has found through grace the foundation from which to continue to make decisions for faith, for love and for hope. I see them many times: faces etched with lines from many years of suffering, but faces which shine forth an unmistakable radiance because even in their suffering people have kept believing, kept loving, kept hoping.

There is nothing as beautiful as the face which demonstrates both suffering and love at one and the same time. This is the nature of genuine Christian beauty. Beauty from a Christian perspective is not merely aesthetic. Christian beauty is always redemptive. It is paschal in character. It is a beauty that emerges when light is affirmed in the midst of darkness, when life is affirmed in the face of death. In those beautiful faces, fashioned by both suffering and love at one and the same time I recognise what the accounts of Jesus' Transfiguration are seeking to teach us. Let us pause before such faces. Let us receive their revelation. And let us live, each in our own way, their possibility. These faces bear for us the meaning of Jesus' Transfiguration just as they indicate to us the means by which we too are transfigured in Jesus. We, like him, are transfigured when in the midst of our suffering, we continue to love.

**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.**

Come and See!



Our Lunar New Year celebrations continued last weekend with our parish's participation in the Chatswood Festival, including in the Lantern Parade along Victoria Ave on the evening of Saturday 21 February!
We can follow the action for the Twilight Lantern Parade: https://youtu.be/ioNZ_vH6ODY.

And our Lunar New Year 2026 videos:
Highlights: <https://youtu.be/zn5LI44iPz0>

Playlist (all videos):
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXhHyeUYj39EDPT-1qH0vrq4WKz9nNjgN>

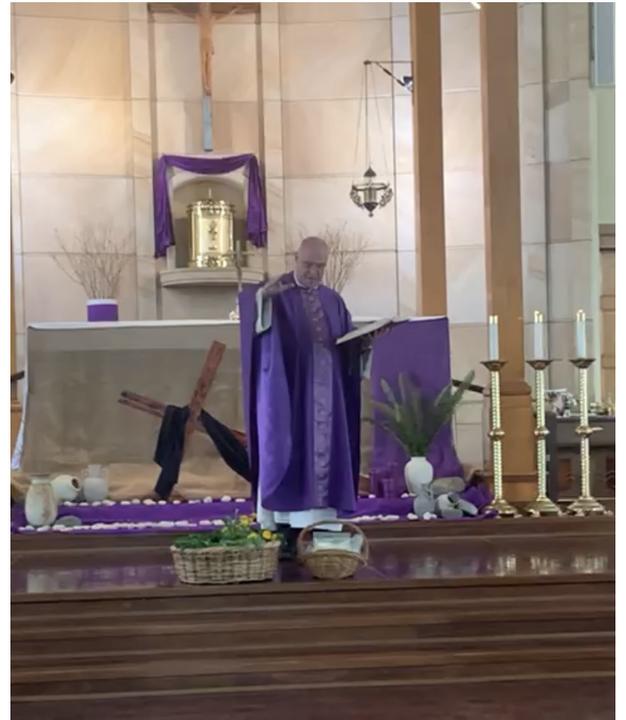
Come and See!



On Sunday 22 February, Fr David blesses Gerard Ryan on the occasion of his 50th anniversary in the ministry of altar serving. A remarkable milestone!

Later he blesses produce from our Community Garden!

Above: Photos of our parish stall at the Chatswood Lunar New Year Festival last weekend!



Come and See!



Our wonderful Youth Ministry Officer, Sienna celebrates a special birthday last week, and our great Community BBQ team in action!



A number of personal items have been left behind in the church and meeting rooms and are currently being held in the parish office. These include a **laptop**, a **Longchamp Le Pliage** bag, a portable **bladeless fan**, and several other belongings.

If you think you may have misplaced something, please contact Kristha at the parish office with a brief description of the item and the approximate date it was lost. While we would like to reunite these items with their owners, we are unable to store them indefinitely. Any unclaimed items after **22 March** will be donated or otherwise disposed of responsibly.

Come and See!



Call out for youth volunteers!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Actors, narrators and crew needed!

Calling all young people! We're hosting our annual Good Friday Stations of the Cross in the Concourse and we need your help!

This youth-led, prayerful event consists of a re-enactment of the 14 stations of Christ's passion. We need young people (**ages 10-35**) to act out the stations, narrate the script, be part of the crew, welcoming team and more!



REHEARSAL
SATURDAY, 28TH MARCH

GOOD FRIDAY
3RD APRIL

REGISTER BY
20th March

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

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**2PM SUNDAY
29 MARCH 2026**

OUR LADY
OF DOLOURS
CHATSWOOD

TICKETS \$40 - SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK



Come and Grow!



Gather and Grow Night

All young adults are welcome to join us as we reflect on this current season of Lent, and how we can make the most of it.

Come along for dinner, fellowship and faith!

6.30pm - 8.30pm w/
optional compline after

Harrington Hall

Sunday, 1st
March

Seniors and Grandparents Morning Tea Gathering

Magnificat Room • 5 March • 10am

Stroke Awareness Speaker Henry Ng

Prevent stroke. Save lives. Enhance recovery.

In Australia, a stroke occurs every 11 minutes. In 2023 more than 34,000 Australians, of all ages, experienced stroke for the first time... But the good news is that it doesn't have to be this way. Up to 80% of strokes are preventable.

Join us and Stroke Foundation to hear:

- › What stroke is and how to recognise the signs of stroke.
- › What to do if someone is having a stroke.
- › How to prevent stroke in you or the people you love.

DATE: **Thursday 5th March**

VENUE: **Parish Magnificat Room**

TIME: **10:00Am**

strokefoundation.org.au

UNITE AGAINST POVERTY this Lent

Caritas AUSTRALIA | THE LONG WALK FOR WATER

You are invited to be part of Team Chatswood Catholic Parish 'The Long Walk for Water' fundraiser this Lent. Walk 30mins a day for 40 days starting Ash Wednesday 18th February 2026.

You can sign up for FREE and get sponsors to donate to the fundraiser or you can donate any amount you wish yourself and do the challenge solo or join a group!

Sign up via link:
www.projectcompassion.org.au/join/ChatswoodCatholicParish87

or scan QR code

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OPEN DAY

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School

Tuesday 3 March 2026
9am - 10.30am

Come and experience first hand why Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood is a great choice for your children.

Ignite, Innovate, Include in the Spirit of Mercy

Marco Ianni, Principal
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School
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SHAPING TOMORROW TOGETHER WITH FAITH

Come and Grow!

Stations of the Cross during Lent

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 27 Feb, 13 Mar, 20 Mar, 27 Mar (Note 6 March will be the Divine Retreat Centre Mass)**

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.

With Mother Mary at the Foot of the Cross

A LENTEN WOMEN'S RETREAT

*"Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother,
his mother's sister, Mary the wife of
Clopas, and Mary Magdalene."
- John 19:25*

A quiet Lenten invitation to prayer,
silence, and faithful presence.

- Prayer and Reflection
- Marian Meditation
- Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation
- Journaling & Sacred Music
- Morning Tea & Lunch provided

Date: Saturday 7th March 2026

Time: 10:30am - 3pm

Location: Magnificat Room, Kirk St
Chatswood NSW 2067
(across from church)

Contact Charmaine for enquiries at
charmainewan@gmail.com

Please register by 4th March 2026

<https://www.trybooking.com/DJFIZ>

or via QR Code



 FIRE UP MINISTRIES

 Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

Lenten Parish Mission

with Simon Carrington



Thu, Mar 26 The Four Pillars of Lent:
Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Forgiveness

Fri, Mar 27 The Four Last Things:
Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell

Sat, Mar 28 True Repentance:
Avoiding the Three Nooses of Satan

 **Our Lady of Dolours,
Catholic Church**
96 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067

 **6:30pm** Rosary (Church)
7:00pm Talk (Meeting Room)

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Come and Grow!

Walking in the Wilderness:

A Lenten Journey of Communion, Participation, and Mission

Join us as we journey through the season of Lent starting on Tuesday 24th February 2026. Guided by Deacon Tan Nguyen and our Diocese resource 'Walking in the Wilderness: A Lenten Pilgrimage Towards Easter', we are invited to enter more deeply into the sacred mystery of our faith and to renew our encounter with Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, as we embrace this time of grace, repentance and renewal.

- **Date:** Every Tuesday during Lent (24 February; 3, 10, 17, and 24 March)
- **Time:** 10:00am or 7:00pm
- **Venue:** Magnificat Room, Kirk Street, Chatswood NSW 2067 (except on 24 February, 7:00pm in St Peter's Room)

All Welcome.



JORDAN & THE HOLY LAND

13
DAYS

Footsteps of Jesus Pilgrimage

Watch the Gospels come alive as we set out on this true pilgrimage of faith and follow the life of Jesus in a deeply personal way. From his younger days in Nazareth and his public ministry in the Galilee, to his passion, death and resurrection in Jerusalem, prepare to be deeply moved, as we create memories for a lifetime.



Accompanied by
Fr David Ranson

DEPARTS MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2026 • 13 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

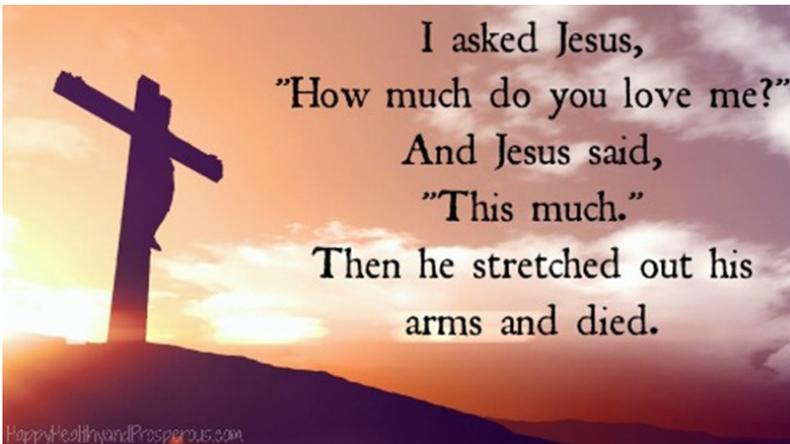
Dead Sea (2 nights) • Sea of Galilee (3 nights) • Jerusalem (5 nights)



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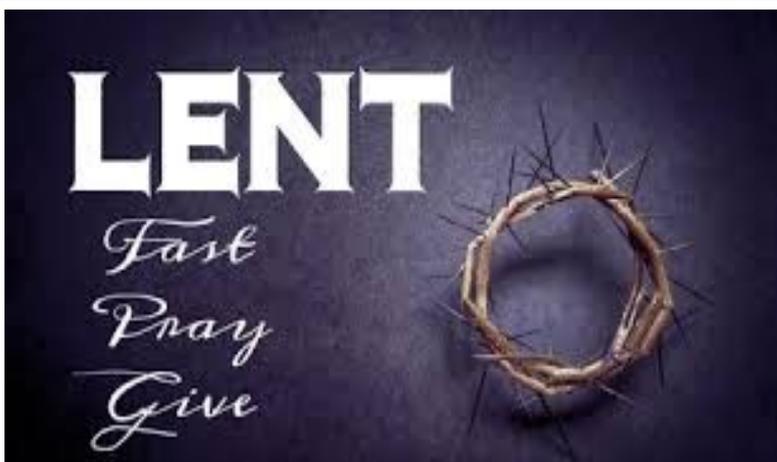
**Lent is not just a time for fasting
but is a
time for Feasting on the Infinite
Love of our Redeemer.
Come to feast on the Love of this
Tremendous Lover.**

**A Seminar by Sr Damian Lai, Sister of St
Paul de Chartres**

Date: Saturday 21 March Time: 3-4:30pm

Venue: Magnificat Room (Enter by Kirk
Street.)

Pls. reply not later than 16.3.2026 (email to
srdamianspc@gmail.com or phone message
0410002270)



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / A

1 MARCH 2026

OASES ON THE JOURNEY. As followers of Jesus, we have nowhere to pitch our tents. We must journey with Jesus through the hardships of life to glory. There will be oases along the way – moments of consolation which reveal the presence of God among us. We cannot remain in these moments for ever, but they give us refreshment. Remembering them will sustain us on our pilgrim way.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26:8-9

**Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide
not your face from me.**

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

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.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, who have commanded us to listen
to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to
nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with
spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to
behold your glory. 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 Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country,
your family and your father's house, for the

land I will show you. I will make you a great
nation; I will bless you and make your name
so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful / and
all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves
justice and right / and fills the earth with
his love. **R.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere
him, / on those who hope in his love, / to
rescue their souls from death, / to keep them
alive in famine. **R.**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The
Lord is our help and our shield. / May your
love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our
hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Tim 1:8-10

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy**

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of
the Good News, relying on the power of God
who has saved us and called us to be holy –
not because of anything we ourselves have
done but for his own purpose and by his own
grace. This grace had already been granted
to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning
of time, but it has only been revealed by the
Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He
abolished death, and he has proclaimed life
and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice
is heard:**

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Mt 17:1-9

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.

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and
his brother John and led them up a high
mountain where they could be alone. There
in their presence he was transfigured; his face
shone like the sun and his clothes became
as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and
Elijah appeared to them; they were talking
with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,'
he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if
you wish, I will make three tents here, one
for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'
He was still speaking when suddenly a bright
cloud covered them with shadow, and from
the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This
is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.
Listen to him.' When they heard this, the
disciples fell on their faces, overcome with

fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order: 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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. May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray; cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. 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 OF 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

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, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

GOD'S BELOVED

On the Second Sunday of Lent the focus is on Jesus' transfiguration. This speaks into the experience in Matthew's audience of suffering and even death. With Jerusalem and Jesus' imminent suffering looming, he takes Peter, James and John on to a 'high' mountain, the place of divine encounter. The reference to 'high' celebrates the mountains' divine closeness. Here, alone, they are in the presence of God who comforts Jesus before what will shortly unfold in the Sacred City.

Two Old Testament figures appear, Moses (the traditional author of the Torah—the first five books of the Bible) and Elijah (the first recognised prophet of the Old Testament). Their appearance confirms that what is about to take place for Jesus will reveal God's protective presence. That presence is confirmed by the 'cloud [that] covered them with shadow' and the heavenly voice that attests that Jesus will always be God's Beloved and delightful One. The disciples' response to this experience is palpable. They are overcome with 'fear' – a deep sense of reverential awe in what they have just witnessed and experienced with Jesus, even though Peter earlier wanted to capture it by building three tents.

The scene is not a literal 'twitter-feed' of what actually or historically happened to Jesus. It is a story of theology and religious meaning for disciples aligned with Jesus who know the experience of suffering and death in their own day. At those times, we, too, must go up on to our 'high' mountain, accompanied by faithful friends, and allow God's presence and word to accompany us. We, too, need to hear that we are God's Beloved and delightful Ones.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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Come and Grow!

Our Lady of Dolours Parish Book Club 2026

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 **7.30pm 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.

**Please note participants will need to purchase the book prior to 4 March.
Copies wont be available from the parish office.**



Join us for an online

Rosary via Zoom

on Wednesday, 25 March 2026 at 8 pm

to celebrate the Solemnity of the

Annunciation of the Lord

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89128242753>

Meeting ID 89128242753

**(If using mobile or landline phone,
ring (02) 8015 2088 and follow the prompt by
entering meeting ID 89128242753# and #.)**

Come and Grow!



Fr Robert Reiger from the Marian Community of Oasis of Peace, Medjugorje, visited us last weekend, speaking to our Capstone Young Adult group last Sunday and then on Monday speaking to almost 120 people who came to hear him. Following the talk many gathered in our church for a guided meditation on Eucharistic Adoration by Fr Robert.

Come and Grow!



Last Sunday our 28 parish catechumens to be baptised this Easter gathered for the Rite of Election at our Cathedral in Waitara with Bishop Anthony.

The names of the catechumens were read out and inscribed in the Book of the Elect. With our Elect we also have 9 people who, already baptised, are to be received into full Communion with the Church at Easter time.

We give God thanks for the remarkable way the Spirit is alive and active!

Come and Serve!



Onrella Byak, (grand-daughter of Sandra), visited us last Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening to share with us the impressive work she does in Timor Leste in the education of young children. There she has initiated a school that continues to grow year by year.. It is inspiring to learn how young people from our parish are making such a difference in the world.

Latest ATLAS Quarterly Newsletter I
s available now in the foyer.

Keep up-to- date with what's happening in Timor Leste
with the work of our partnership with ATLAS.



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

Come and Serve!

Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) is delighted to announce that a new K-12 Co-educational College is being established in Pymble from 2027.

The setting for the proposed new College, Siena Catholic College, is the existing school sites of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School, West Pymble, and Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Pymble. Students in Kindy-Year 4 will be located on the West Pymble site, and students in Years 5-12 will be located on the Pymble site.

While Siena Catholic College will be a K-12 school, there will be an annual intake of new Year 7 students, with the first intake commencing in January 2027. This means that students completing Year 6 in any of our CSBB primary schools will be given preferential consideration for enrolment at Siena in Years 7-12.

Families are warmly invited to attend the Siena Catholic College Open Days in March 2026 to meet key staff, hear about the vision for the new College, and explore the facilities and programs that will be available.

For further information visit the Siena website <https://www.sienadbb.catholic.edu.au> or email us at sienacatholiccollege@dbb.catholic.edu.au



SIENA CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Senior Campus, Pymble

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH | 4:00PM – 7:00PM

TUESDAY 24 MARCH | 9:00AM – 10:30AM

Campus address: 1 Bobbin Head Road, Pymble
Enrolling for Year 7 2027 & 2028

Junior Campus, West Pymble

TUESDAY 17 MARCH | 9:00AM – 10:30AM

THURSDAY 26 MARCH | 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Campus address: 64 Kendall Street, West Pymble
Enrolling for Kindergarten 2027 & 2028

Discover Siena

A new Kindergarten to Year 12 co-educational, multi-campus Catholic college in Sydney.

DON'T MISS OUT - REGISTER TODAY

REGISTER NOW



NorthShoreOpenDays.com.au



ENROLLING NOW FOR YEAR 7, 2028



ST PIUS X COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD

OPEN DAY SATURDAY 14 MARCH

CHATSWOOD CAMPUS 9AM - 2PM
35 Anderson Street Chatswood

OXFORD FALLS CAMPUS 8AM - 12NOON
1 Dreadnought Road, Oxford Falls

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
at www.spx.nsw.edu.au



A CATHOLIC BOYS' COLLEGE IN THE EDMUND RICE TRADITION • YEARS 5 – 12



OPEN DAY SAT 28 MAR 10-1PM TUE 25 AUG 9-11AM

Discover a Catholic education for girls in Years 7-12



RANKED 6TH IN NSW | Top Performing Affordable Schools* by The Daily Telegraph, Year 7 fees starting from just \$8,080**



QUALITY EDUCATION | Established for more than 135 years, we set the standard for quality education with outstanding academic results - **Ranked 101 in SMH HSC Ranking 2025**



OVERALL WELBEING | Safe, supportive environment with structured Pastoral Care and Wellbeing programs



SUBJECT CHOICE | A broad selection of electives from Year 7 through to HSC supported by a dynamic, responsive, and diverse approach to learning



CO-CURRICULAR | Over 30 programs, including Creative Arts, Debating & Public Speaking, special interest clubs, Sport programs extended to weekend sport with specialised coaches and academies



TRANSPORT | Centrally located in Chatswood, minutes from Chatswood Interchange (Bus, Train & Metro)



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY | As part of Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) families benefit from sibling discounts

mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au



REGISTER NOW

*The Daily Telegraph 2024-2025 Year 7 Affordability Schools Ranking
**Based on 2024-2025 Year 7 fees. Fees vary by program and location.
*Based on 2024-2025 Year 7 HSC Ranking. **Based on 2024-2025 Year 7 HSC Ranking.

Around and About

Lower North Shore Volunteer Expo

11.30AM - 1.30PM
 THURSDAY 12 MARCH, 2026
 DOUGHERTY COMMUNITY CENTRE
 7 VICTOR ST, CHATSWOOD

Enjoy the many benefits of volunteering - make friends, learn new skills and make a real difference.

Come along to find out about how to get involved with a range of organisations from delivering Meals on Wheels, helping on bus outings and assisting with community lunches.

FREE EVENT*



Contact Jackie Playle 9777 7826 or Jackie.Playle@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

The Commonwealth Home Support Programme provides funding for these services.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

SYDNEY 2026

18 February to 29 March

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 abortuaries 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?

REGISTER NOW!

www.fli.org.au

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

PRAY TO END ABORTION

17 February Shrove Tuesday
LAUNCH EVENT
 6pm to 9.30pm
 St Thomas of Canterbury, 3 Thomas St, Lewisham (right near the train station)
 BBO, Pancakes & Refreshments followed by THE ELEPHANT IN THE ABORTION ROOM a talk by Anouska Firth

18 February Ash Wednesday
40 DAYS BEGINS!
 Daily prayer vigils outside NSW Parliament House 6 Macquarie St, Sydney Every Day 7am - 7pm

29 March Palm Sunday
FINAL HOLY HOUR
 followed by Victory Celebration

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Launch Event

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ABORTION ROOM

A talk by Anouska Firth

"Anouska Firth has been Education Director at Right To Life WA since 2021. She has campaigned and shared her own abortion story across the country at ProLife marches and events. Her personal testimony to the power of the truth about abortion and the Gospel has provoked many to rethink their own perspectives and to act against Australia's Killing Fields. I enthusiastically endorse Anouska and her powerful message."

Paul Hanrahan, Director FLI (Aust) Ltd

Tues 17 February
 6pm to 9.30pm

St Thomas of Canterbury,
 3 Thomas St, Lewisham
 (right near the train station)
 6.00 Adoration
 6.50 Benediction
 7.00 BBO, Pancakes
 & Refreshments
 8.00 Anouska Firth

FREE EVENT



Please book with QR code to assist with planning
 Hosted by FLI (Aust) 02 9519 9111
 mail@fli.org.au www.fli.org.au

We live in time such that what we achieve in life depends upon the manner in which we use the time given to us before we enter into eternity. Sadly thousands of unborn babies have their lives ended by abortion even before they have the opportunity which life would afford them. The Church gives us certain periods of time to focus our attention and actions on those matters that are important for our salvation. One of those periods is Lent in which we prepare for the celebration of Easter and Jesus' sacrifice that opened up to us the promise of eternal, unending life of heaven.

The pro-life apostolate having regard for the special nature of this period has adopted what it terms 40 DAYS FOR LIFE. In these 40 days we are asked to make a special effort to stand up and defend the lives of those who are yet unborn. Knowing that as things stand, hundreds of unborn babies will lose their lives by abortion during this time. To counter this the pro-life movement asks you to take part in the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE campaign. Join the other people praying for the unborn and their mothers outside Parliament House, Macquarie Street, between 7 am to 7 pm on any day from 18 February to 29 March. For more details please see <https://prolife.getotomary.com>

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 February 2026**

◀ February	March 2026						April ▶
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
						1 Fr Teody Medina SOLT	
2 Fr Brian Moloney	3 Fr Paul Finucane Fr Paul Durkin	4 Fr Bogdan Skupien Fr Eliseus Shin	5 Fr Chima Ofor Fr Marek Woldan	6 Sister Agnes Dinh	7 Fr Philip Thottam MSFS	8 Fr Grzegorz (Greg) Skulski	
9) Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pietrusewicz SDS	10 Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sa- dowski SDS	11 Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS	12 Fr Bill Stephens	13 Fr Harry Kennedy	14 Fr Stephen Hamil- ton	15 Fr Rex Curry	
16 Fr Jack Robson	17 Fr Stan Skibicki	18 Fr Robert Brogan	19 Fr Geoff Bugden	20 Sister Marea Ross rsj Sister Ann Duncan rsj	21 Sister Josefa Ma- bini OSA	22 Sister Jennifer Canillas OSA	
23 Deacon Shayne D'Cunha	24 Seminarian Matthew French Deacon Tan Ngu- yen	25 Seminarian Victor Atuhura Deacon Huy Tran	26 Fr Robert Craw- ford	27 Fr Carmelo Scibe- ras	28 Fr Jim Tierney	29 Fr Clem Hill	
30 Fr Terry Johns	31 Sister Damian Lai						

THANK YOU! Because of your stamps we now can help many poor and under privileged people.

Your used stamps enabled Mary MacKillop Today (MMT) to:

- Give disabled children an education in Papua New Guinea;
- Fund training programs for poor women to learn life-skills in Peru;
- Provide vital health care to poor communities in Timor-Leste.

Your stamps were sold at auctions in Sydney, as well as to collectors. The money raised was sent directly to Mary MacKillop Today (MMT) in Sydney.

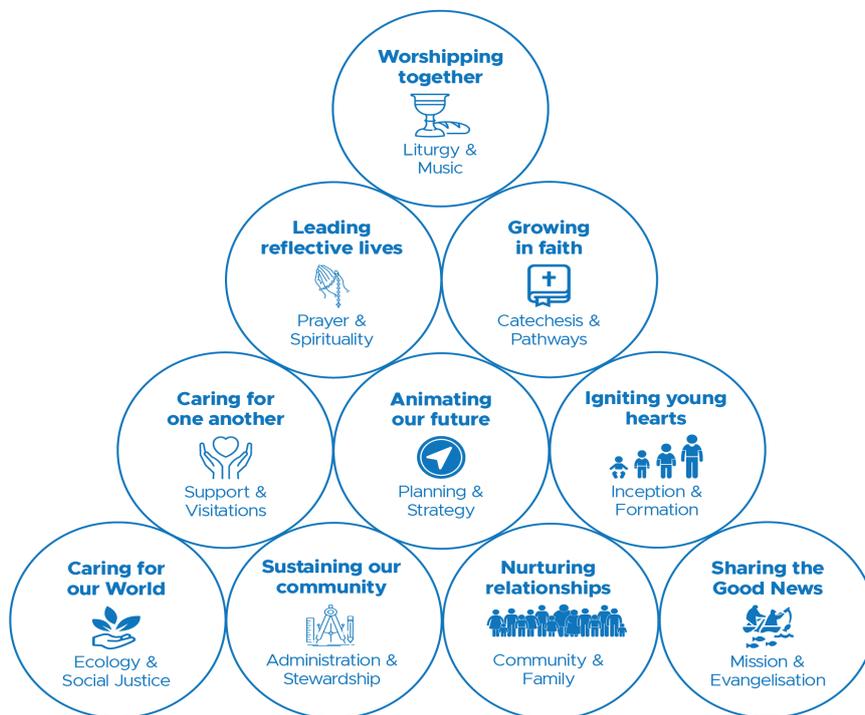
We do this as volunteers, so there are no overhead costs, no wages, no waste. Every dollar we raise makes a big difference in the lives of the poor and disadvantaged.



Parish Information

Love God

Mark 12:30



Love One Another

John 13:34

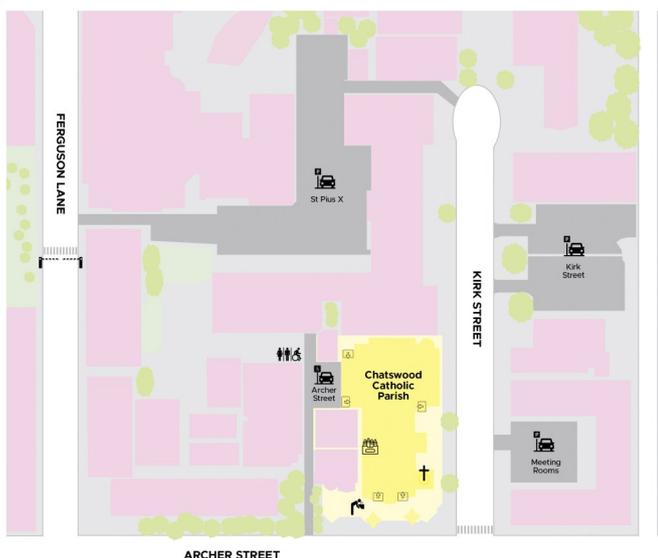
Go Make Disciples

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	Subject	Location
2/03/2026	3:00 PM	6:00 PM	Hub of Hope 4:00 - 5:30pm	Magnificat
3/03/2026	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Bible Discussion group	St Paul
	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Dcn Tan Lenten Reflection Group	Magnificat
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Filipino Choir Practice	Harrington Hall
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Indonesian Legion of Mary	St Peter
4/03/2026	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	PLACE - Practise Language and Conversational English (weekly)	Magnificat;
	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	CIC Indo Instrument practice	Harrington Hall
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Exploring the Faith	St Peter
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Book Club	Magnificat
5/03/2026	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Seniors Morning Tea @10am & Talk by Henry Ng (Stroke Founda-	Magnificat
	11:00 AM	4:00 PM	Playgroup Chatswood Parish [AET= 1-3 pm]	Magnificat
6/03/2026	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	Meditation Group [AET 10am-11.15am]	St Paul
	11:15 AM	12:30 PM	Meditation- Morning Tea monthly	St Paul
7/03/2026	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Legion of Mary @10.30am	St Peter
	10:00 AM	4:00 PM	Womens Retreat Day	Magnificat Room
8/03/2026	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	TG's Choir Practice	St Paul
	12:00 PM	3:00 PM	CCA AGM & Celebration	Magnificat;
	4:00 PM	9:30 PM	Cornerstone and Keystone Youth Group - 6:30-8:30pm	Magnificat; St

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

Upcoming Events in our Parish

Day	Date	Occasion	Time	Location
Sat/Sunday	1 March	First Reconciliation Preparation Program begins		
Wednesday	4 March	Start of 2026 Book Club	7.30pm	Magnificat Meeting Room
Saturday	7 March	Parish Women's Lenten Retreat Day		Magnificat Meeting Room
Sunday	8 March	Blessing of Catechists Catechists Awards	9.00am Mass	Chruch
Wednesday	18 March	Serra Association Mass, Dinner and Talk	6.30pm	Magnificat Meeting Room
Thursday	19 March	North Shore Social Justice Forum	7.00pm	Harrington Hall
Saturday	21 March	Lenten Seminar by Sr Damian Lai	3.00pm	Magnificat Meeting Room
Monday	23 March	Primary School Retreat Day		
Thursday— Saturday	26-28 March	Simon Carrington Lenten Retreat	7.00pm	Magnificat Meeting Room

Parish Information

Our Mass Schedule and church Schedule this Week

Monday	2 March	12.30pm	Monday of 2nd Week of Lent
Tuesday	3 March	9.00am, 12.30pm	Tuesday of 2nd Week of Lent
Wednesday	4 March	9.00am,,12.30pm, 6.30pm	Wednesday of 2nd Week of Lent
Thursday	5 March	9.00am, 12.30pm	Thursday of 2nd Week of Lent
Friday	6 March	9.00am, 12.30pm	Friday of 2nd Week of Lent
Saturday	7 March	9.00am	Saturday of 2nd Week of Lent
Sunday	8 March	Usual Times	3rd Sunday of Lent

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Subject
2/03/2026	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Organ practice - EC (silent)
	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	11:45 AM	12:15 PM	Rosary (Cenacle MMP)
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12:30pm Mass
3/03/2026	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
4/03/2026	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass
	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	OC Organ practice
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Mass
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	ROSARY & allow Mass to wrap up
	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	Mass set up
5/03/2026	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Evening Mass of Hope/ Serra Vocation Mass
	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Adoration and Exposition
6/03/2026	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	ROSARY & allow Mass to wrap up
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Holy Hour Adoration
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Stations of the Cross @11.30am
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12:30pm Mass
7/03/2026	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
	6:00 PM	10:00 PM	First Friday Mass & Devotions - DRC
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Exposition, Reconciliation, Rosary, Benediction.
	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	TG's Choir Practice
	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Reconciliation First Saturday Rosary
	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Vigil Singer Bookings

Please Remember in our Prayer

For those recently deceased:

Pui Yee Yeung; Francis Moe; Darren Eng; Joe Salgado; Reynaldo Alovera; Margaret Fernandes; Phillip Rochfort Fiet Marie Widyasurya; Eva Barion (Marte Tagle's sister); Kenny Tsang; Francesca Di Mento

For those who are sick:

Alexander Papandrea; Leo Papa: Evelyn Azar; Peter Charles Prior; 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 Vlastic; 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:

John Luxton; Aida Freeman; Edward Mendes; Moh Har Yip; Magdalena Bolingot Shirley Greathead; Elizabeth Shin' John William Arblaster; Jakica Bacic; Ivan Bacic; Franko Stanich Marko; Mara Stanich; Siegfried Korb; Michaela Korb; Maria Gussnig ; Hubert Gussnig ; Diana Carson Alphonso Le; Denise Suplina; Francis Ward; Manuel Antonio Gaspar; Carmen Yaptinchay; Antonio Yaptinchay; Romeo Ramos Robles; Juliana Chee; Earle Deitz; Jean-Marie Ta.

Birthday: Anny Widagdo

Anniversary: Opening of Parish Office 1912 (114th anniversary), Tuesday 3 March.

Upcoming First Saturday Public Rosary: Saturday, 7 March 2026 at 4pm



Suggested donations: \$130 for a standard arrangement with your choice of flower colours. \$200+ for fuller or specific flowers like roses.

Email Chloe at chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au, at least 1 month prior with your preferred date/colours.

Our Volunteers, Irene and Cynthia, will beautifully arrange your flowers and place them by the tabernacle for the weekend.



Our Altar Flowers this Week

Flowers at Our Lady's Shrine have been donated in Thanksgiving by the Di Mauro family.

