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> We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we gather, the Cammeraygal people, and pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as we continue the journey of Reconciliation.

# 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26 June 2022

This Sunday 26June at our 9.00am Mass and our 10.30am Mass We welcome our children receiving the Eucharist for the very first time

On the occasion of their First Holy Communion we congratulate them!

In welcoming them to the Table of the Lord we rejoice that their initiation into our Catholic Community is completed!

> May they treasure always the gift of Jesus's very life in the mystery of the Eucharist







The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia takes place from July 3-9.

Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney.

Find the livestreaming schedule and the portal for sending messages at: <u>www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au</u>

Flowers donated this weekend on behalf of Ivan Byak

## Parish Masses This Week

Monday	27 June	12.30pm Mass	Monday of the 13th Week of Ordinary Time
Tuesday	28 June	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Memorial of St Irenaeus
Wednesday	29 June	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul
Thursday	30 June	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Thursday of the 13th Week of Ordinary Time
Friday	1 July	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Friday of the 13th Week of Ordinary Time
Saturday	2 July	9am Mass	Saturday of the 13th Week of Ordinary Time
Sunday	3 July		14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Please Remember in your Prayers

SICK: Maria Chan, Susan Lee, Mrs Elizabeth Martin, Maria La Greca

#### ANNIVERSARY OF DECEASED: Eugenie Tai, Bernard Le, Bill Freeman



Congratulations and Welcome

Justin Raymond Manio, Dante Espinosa Claro, Ethan Ji Hong Ching

## Reflection on the Gospel this Sunday

Luke helps us understand that Jesus is resolute about doing God's will when he says that Jesus "set his face to go to Jerusalem" (9:51). For a devout Jew, Jerusalem symbolizes many things. Jerusalem is the sacred city, the place of the Temple with its holy of holies where the ark of the Covenant is kept. It is also the city selected by King David to be the capital of the kingdom. If any change is to take place, it would happen in Jerusalem.

In preparation for traveling to Jerusalem, Jesus has some of his disciples go ahead and acquire places of hospitality for rest on the journey. In a particular situation, his followers come to a Samaritan village, where they are not welcomed to stay because they are Jews who worship at Jerusalem. Historically, the Jews and Samaritans had a mutual dislike for each other.

When James and John suggest they punish this village for its inhospitality, Jesus rebukes them for harboring these feelings of prejudice and moves on to another village without doing anything.

The second part of the Gospel talks about the expectation that Jesus has of his followers. Jesus makes it clear that he wants resolute followers, ones that will not look back but rather will keep their eye on the goal. To emphasize this, Jesus uses a shocking statement in response to the comment, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father" (9:59). Jesus says, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God" (9:60). The most sacred duty of a Jew is to give honor to his or her parents by giving them a proper burial. This duty is connected to the fourth commandment, honor your father and mother. For Jesus, in this passage from Luke, there is an urgency to proclaim the Gospel that supersedes the duty of burying one's parents. Even Elijah, in First Kings, gives Elisha permission to say good-bye to his family (see 19:19–21). The emphasis in Luke's Gospel is that the call to proclaim the Kingdom of God is more urgent than burying a dead parent. Is Jesus telling his disciples to neglect this responsibility? No. Jesus is saying that as important as it is to honor the dead by burying them, the proclamation of the Gospel is even more important. Jesus is cautioning his disciples not to allow themselves to be derailed from their commitment to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Just as Jesus is willing to keep his focus on Jerusalem and make the ultimate sacrifice, being a follower of Jesus also has its costs.

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#### Love covers over all wrongs

## From Fr David

#### Dear friends,

As on last Sunday, we warmly congratulate all our children receiving the Eucharist for the very first time this Sunday! We thank them for their careful preparation and for all those who have assisted them—their families and especially Angela Hague our Children's Ministry Coordinator, along with Mona Souma her assistant. As our First Holy Communion completes our initiation into the Church this is an occasion of great joy for our entire community.

This week we open enrolments for our new cohort of Confirmation students, as they commence their journey towards the Eucharist. Confirmation is now offered to our children typically in Year 3, so that they celebrated Reconciliation and Eucharist in Year 4. **Continued page 3** 

## Upcoming Events

Monday 27 June	Confirmation enrolments open via our website. Close 18 July.
Sunday 3 July— Saturday 9 July	Fifth Plenary Council of the Church in Australia—Fr David present as a member and Secretary to the Council
Wednesday 20 July 7.30pm	60th Anniversary of Ordination cele- bration for Bishop David Walker
Sunday 24 July	Grandparents & Elderly Sunday
Sunday 28 August	Social Justice Sunday
Sunday 25 Sept	Bach Akademie Performance



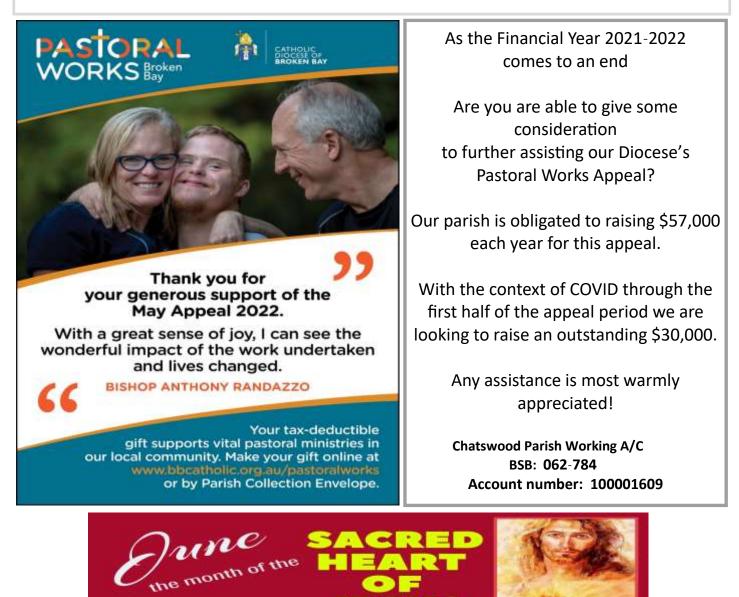
		This	Week in our Parish	
Sunday 26 June 9am & 10.30		9am & 10.30am	First Communions during Mass	
		10.00am-12noon	Youth Groups (Magnificat Room)	
		12noon-2.00pm	Youth Adults meeting (Magnificat Room)	
		4.00pm-9.00pm	Parish Community Action Group (Magnificat Room)	
Monday	27 June	9.45am-11.15am	Atrium for 3-6 years	
		9.00am-12.30pm	Catechists' Retreat (Magnificat Room)	
		11.30am-12noon	Divine Mercy Chaplet and then 11.45 am Rosary (MMP Cenacle)	
		11.30am-1.00pm	Atrium for 6-9 and 9-12 years	
		4.00pm-5.30pm	Atrium for all 3 age groups	
		7.00pm-9.00pm	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible (Magnificat Room)	
Tuesday	28 June	9.45am-12.15pm	Bible Discussion Group (St Paul Room)	
		4.00pm-5.30pm	Atrium for all 3 age groups	
		7.00pm-8.30pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul Room)	
		7.00pm-8.00pm	Filipino Choir practice (St Peter Room)	
		7.00pm, - 9.00pm	Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council (Magnificat Room)	
Wednesday	29 June	6.30pm-8.00pm	Indonesian Music practice (Church)	
		7.00pm-9.00pm	Parish Finance Committee (St Paul Room)	
Thursday	30 June	9.30am-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration.	
		9.45am-11.15am	Atrium for 3-6 years	
		5.30pm-7.30pm	Legion of Mary (English) (Magnificat Room)	
		7pm-8pm	Holy Hour with Reconciliation available	
Friday	1 July	10.00am-11.30am	Meditation (St Paul Room)	
		6.30pm-8.30pm	Divine Retreat Healing Mass & Prayer (Church)	
Saturday	2 July	9.30am-11.00am	Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Benediction/ Reconciliation available	
		11.30am-12.30pm	Baptism Preparation (Magnificat Room)	

## From Fr Davíd cont'd

Next weekend the Church in Australia commences the Second General (and final) Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. All the bishops in Australia along with nearly 300 other members of the Council, drawn from the people of God, will gather at St Mary's Cathedral College, Sydney from 3 –9 July. This will be the culmination of a 4 year long journey that has sought to be discern, "What is the Spirit of God saying to the Church in Australia?" The journey has result in a series of motions to be considered by the plenary assembly. These can be located on the Plenary Council website <u>https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/ keydocuments/</u>. Currently, amendments are being proposed to the motions. Both the amendments and the final motions will be resolved as the week of the Second General Assembly unfolds. This will be a most significant moment in the history of the Church in Australia. Though the outcomes of the Plenary will be limited, the event itself will be unique in the way that it brings together such a diverse cross section of the People of God in Australia in a shared discernment about the next steps forward in our life together.

As you may be aware, last November I was appointed by the Australian Bishops Conference to be Secretary of the Plenary Council for the conduct of the Second General Assembly. This has been a much larger undertaking than I had envisaged! And as the weeks, and days leading to July become fewer and fewer, the work commitment for the Plenary Council has increased. There has been a great deal to consider for the operation of the event. My role as Secretary has meant oversight of a team of 9 people who will be responsible for ensuring that all the records of the Council are as they need be. This has also involved developing procedures for the conduct of the meeting—from considering attendance registers to ballot papers and everything in between. Thankfully, things are now taking shape though there is much more to do in the coming days.

My work at the Plenary Council begins next Saturday 2 July when I will take up residence in the city, and extends to Monday 11 July. Hopefully, I will then take a few days leave for some recuperation, returning home on the weekend of 16/17 July. My sincere gratitude to Fr Joey and Fr Marek, and our parish team, who will continue to provide their great pastoral support during this time. Please keep the Plenary Council in your prayer, and also say a prayer for me!



## General Notices

# Confirmation 2022 **Enrolments** Open

Enrolment for preparation and reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation will open via Our Lady of Dolours parish website on Monday 27 June 2022.



In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for Confirmation once they have been baptised and have reached 8 years of age or older. Please see the 'Children's Sacraments' page on our parish website for further details.

## To enrol your child

Go the parish website: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood From the home page: Click on Sacraments Click on Children's Sacraments Click on Confirmation

This page includes information you will need to enrol including all the dates for the program.

When you are ready to enrol, Click on Enrol Here button at the bottom of this page. And complete all the details as instructed.

Enrolments close on Friday 22 July For queries, contact Angela or Mona in the parish office

The Piety Stall has a range of **First Communion gifts** and greeting cards in stock. Below are just a few.







#### **NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

New Planned Giving envelopes for 2022/2023 are available for pick up in the Church foyer. The boxes of envelopes are in alpha- Envelope betical order.



Please note that your Planned Giving Envelope no. might be different from last year. Thank you for collecting them this way as it saves a considerable amount on postage costs for the parish.

#### Peter's Pence Collection – 3 July 2022

On 3 July 2022, we join with many Parishes across the world in taking up the annual Peter's Pence Collection. The Peter's Pence Collection provides for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by His Holiness, Pope Francis.

Your donations express solidarity with those most in need. With your support, the whole Church can continue – in the words of Pope Francis - "to walk, to search for, visit, meet, listen to, share with and stop at those most in need". Funds assist projects including emergency help to those in need due to natural disasters, communities impacted by COVID, war, oppression and disease. Our generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion. Thank you for your generosity.

## Feast Day of Our Mother of Perpetual Help



June 27 is the feast day of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, who is known for miracles and answers to prayer. The tradition of Our Mother of Perpetual Help is traced back to 1495. Stolen from a Cretan monastery by a wine merchant a few years after its creation, it was brought to the church of St. Matthew in Rome. For 300 years, it resided at the church, and even survived the church's destruction by Napoleon's army in 1798. Eighty eight years later in 1886, Pope Pius IX gave the icon to the Redemptorist congregation at the Church of Saint Alphonsus, where it remains today. Tradition says he told the Redemptorist Superior General, **"Make her known throughout the world**."

To honour Our Mother of Perpetual Help, parishioners are invited to light a candle on Monday 27 June before her image. Each candle represents the faith of the supplicants and their fervent prayers entrusted to the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Here in our parish we have a Novena devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help every Saturday morning at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Next Saturday 25 June following the Novena devotion, we will have morning tea in St Paul's meeting at around 10.45 am to celebrate the feast day Our Mother of Perpetual Help. This year the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is also celebrated on 25 June. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration. Please bring a plate to share if you can.

## Unlocking the Bible Series

Our Parish's Alpha Journey ended on Monday last 30 May. To continue together we will be offering Alpha guests a Bible Study over 8 weeks commencing on 20 June. Like Alpha, we will watch a video for 30 minutes and then have a discussion about what we have seen. There are Workbooks (see below) which we can purchase which will also include the time line and a mini timeline/bookmark. We think we would finish at 8:30 or 9:00 pm – really depending what suits everyone.

20 June 2022 at 7:00 pm	Week 1	(Magnificat Room – as with Alpha)
27 June 2022 at 7:00 pm	Week 2	ű
4 July 2022 at 7:00 pm	Week 3	ű
11 July 2022 at 7:00 pm	Week 4	ű
18 July 2022 at 7:00 pm	Week 5	ű
25 July 2022 at 7:00 pm	Week 6	ű
1 August 2022 at 7:00 pm	Week 7	ű
8 August 2022 at 7:00 pm	Week 8	ú

Coffee and tea will be available - those who are able could "bring a plate to share" (preferably with something on it). We are happy to offer an invitation to this course to anyone else who would like to join. Apologies for the late notice! If anyone is interested in joining this program and/or would like to order a Workbook please let me know and I can organise to order through Parousia – they cost \$29.99, say \$30. Please contact Gillian Hawkins (0412 373 324) or <u>gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com</u> to advise if you would like to join us/require me to order a Workbook for you.

#### **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**

- Jeff Cavins & Sarah Christmyer - Ascension Press

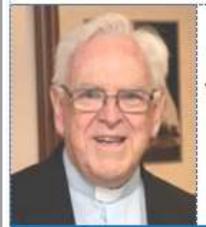
(Student Workbook)

The Student Workbook is essential for each

participant of Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.

It includes lesson summaries, talk outlines, engaging study questions, the fold-out *Bible Timeline* Chart, and *The Bible Timeline* Bookmark.

## Opportunities for prayer and action



An Invitation from Bishop David

Bishop David has a new website for lectio divina. You are invited to come to the website <u>https://lectiodivina.org.au/</u> for a weekly interactive reflection on the Gospel reading of the coming Sunday.

Subscribe to a Newsletter for weekly updates Explore the YouTube channel Join the Facebook group Share the videos with family and friends Integrate the videos into your Scripture and/or your prayer groups

#### LECTIO DIVINA ZOOM MEETING

Bishop David also invites you to participate in a zoom meeting that will give you the opportunity to appreciate the process of *lectio divina* and the benefits it brings to faith life. The session will be recorded for further reflection and sharing.

SATURDAY 23 JULY 1 - 2pm zoom link https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83048240094

## Celebrating110 years of St Vincent De Paul Conference in Chatswood

A reminder that next weekend the local Conference will be seeking to augment its thinning ranks so that the Parish may be able to celebrate more anniversaries. Enquiries may be made to Bob-94192824 or John 94195838



# CHANGE LIVES Volunteer now

Volunteering with Vinnies Shops is a chance to give back to the community, share your skills, develop new ones and make new friends.

We have roles to suit everyone.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: EMAIL: retailvolunteering@vinnies.org.au VISIT: vinnies.org.au/shopvolunteernsw or SCAN the QR code





# Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Catholic Parish PARISH CENSUS RESULTS

#### Our 2022 Parish Census

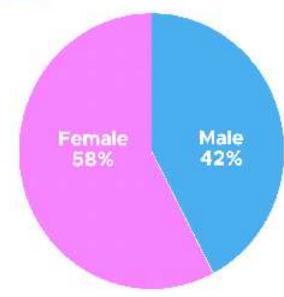
During May, 384 parishioners and families completed a census card. The census is a very important way by which we can ensure we are able to keep in contact with you, and it is a significant moment in our journey together: Being Church in the City.

Communication is the key to a strong and vibrant community, and we wish to keep you in contact with all the developments of our journey and with all the many wonderful opportunities that are available in our parish.

The census also helps us learn how you would like to become more involved in the life of our community. We want everyone to experience a sense of inclusion and participation, and the census is a very helpful means for us to realise this. If you haven't yet completed a census card, you'll find cards in the pews during Mass. Once you have filled out the card, drop it in the collection boxes or with the parish office.

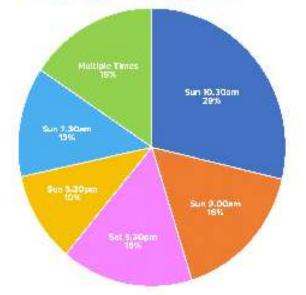
Over the next two weeks we will share the results of the 2022 census, starting below, with some insights into our wonderfully diverse parish.

Thank you for your contribution and with our appreciation for your assistance with this important project.



#### Gender

Mass most often attended



#### Top suburbs we live in

45%
11%
9%
6%
3%
3%
2%
2%

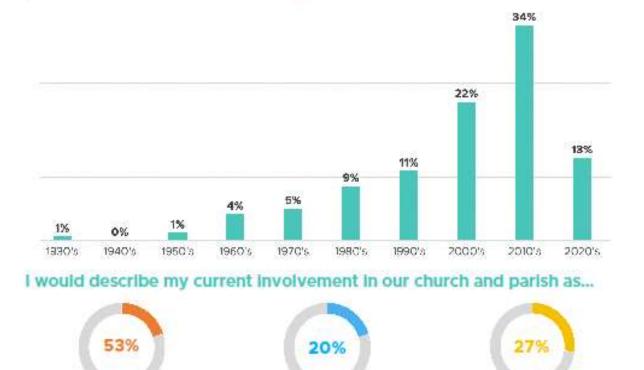
#### Most common language(s) spoken at home

English	56%
Cantonese	7%
English & Filipino	6%
English & Tagalog	5%
English & Cantonese	4%
Indonesian	3%
Filipino	3%
English & Indonesian	3%

#### **Our occupations**



I/we have been members of this parish since



My involvement is limited to participating in Mass

I am somewhat involved In parish life I am actively involved in one or more aspects of parish life e.g., a ministry, part of a parish group etc

Over the next year, I would like to be involved in parish life...



## Letter from Bishop Anthony on the Cathedral



Monday 20 June 2022

Dear Fathers, Deacons, my sisters and brothers of the Diocese of Broken Bay,

Through my term as Bishop, I have been provided with insight into the character and potential of our local Church. We have developed a range of initiatives and projects over this time. At the heart of the Diocese, however, is our Cathedral, the most important symbol of our identity. It is here that our whole local Church is brought together under the unity of the Bishop, together with my clergy, and the entire people of God entrusted to my care. It is the first church amongst others, the one from which the life of the Diocese radiates and returns.

The Church of Our Lady of the Rosary in the Parish of Hornsby was created the Cathedral of our Diocese on 10 February 2008. As you appreciate, our current Cathedral was translated from the Parish of St lves which had been designated as the Cathedral Parish by my predecessor, Bishop Patrick Murphy upon the establishment of the Diocese in 1986.

After multiple conversations and suggestions from both the laity and the clergy. I have thought that now is the time to envisage how we might best develop our identity as the Cathedral Parish in the years to come. This will take time: it will involve consideration of our Cathedral parish community and its pastoral life, our Cathedral church and its suitability, the precinct and its potential. Yet, through our journey together I am confident that we might develop an opportunity both for the Cathedral parish community itself and also for our entire Diocese. Through this I wish to develop our Cathedral as a genuine and living statement of our identity and mission.

To begin this journey, I am to spend time in the coming weeks attending to the experience of the Cathedral parish community itself, listening to its history and its hopes. In due time, I wish to broaden the discussion to include our clergy and all our communities of faith that comprise our Diocese and for whom the Cathedral church has such significance.

I ask that you pray that this endeavor as it unfolds in various stages over the coming weeks and months will be the source of new blessing for our Diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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## A round and A bout



Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world.

In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: A vocation and a path to holiness.

All families are invited to celebrate Mass for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families with Bishop Anthony Randazzo **on Sunday 26 June 2022 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara at 2pm**.

This will be followed by food, formation, and fun games for kids in the Light of Christ Centre. Simon Carrington from Fire Up Ministries will be talking about 'The Joy of Married Love' while the kids are entertained outdoors with a Giant Bubble Artist and exciting activities like Tug of War, Parachute Games and Soccer, with slap band prizes for the winners. There's something for everyone!

> Click <u>here</u> to register. Please RSVP by Monday 20 June. Contact <u>Tomasz.Juszczak@bbcatholic.org.au</u> for more information

## **CatholicCare Broken Bay**

Men's Health Week is here, and this year's theme is building healthy environments for men and boys. Many Australian males do not access professional support when they need it. A recent<u>study</u> showed that only a quarter of men would be likely to seek help from a mental health professional if they experienced an emotional or personal problem. CatholicCare provides some transformative programs for men, and in this <u>article</u> we hear from Peter Lear who works in our Men's Behaviour Change Program. For more information, call us today on 1800 324 924 or visit <u>www.catholiccaredbb.org.au</u>



www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/about-us/careers

## A round and A bout



# **NEW HOMELESSNESS HUB IN HORNSBY**

Dom's Place is a wonderful new initiative of the CatholicCare Broken Bay Homelessness Unit; it was opened in May. Rebecca from CatholicCare sees Dom's Place as a response to the needs of the people the Homelessness Unit serves. "We have seen that some of our clients are quite socially isolated," she says. "Dom's place will help them feel part of something, to connect with others in a safe space where they can drop in for a cup of tea or engage with some of our other services."

#### A 'ONE-STOP-SHOP'

Dom's Place operates as a 'one-stop-shop,' an inclusive space where people can feel safe and connected. Someone might pop in to get a meal, wash their clothes and chat with a social worker to address housing needs. A vulnerable young person could come and play a game of pool with their friends. Another might access cooking classes and connect with volunteer and employment pathways.

Case management, counselling, groups and mental health supports are available, as well as referrals to other services as needed. Other local services will also operate from Dom's Place including legal, housing, cultural, financial and medical services. People can drop in whenever they like, no appointment is needed.

Dom's Place is located at 9 Leonard Street, Hornsby and is open between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

## HOW TO SUPPORT DOM'S PLACE

#### VOLUNTEERING

Dom's Place needs volunteers who can engage with the guests and assist with organising activities, such as the Thursday BBQs. You will need to have a criminal check done by Catholic-Care and have a current Working with Children Check. For more information call 1800 324 924 and speak to Ella.

#### SOME CURRENT NEEDS

At the moment there is a need for men and women's underwear, socks and jumpers. If you can assist with this, please let Gail know gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au Please note that there is no current need for any other items of clothing

> The Diocese of Broken Bay appreciates all our strong Leaders and Workers who help keep our Children safe.

> > Working with Children Week 20-26 June 2022

## A round and A bout



## **PraiseFest: Welcome to Mercy**

Catholic Youth Broken Bay together with Glorious, a group of enthusiastic and creative young adults, invite young people across the diocese to

'Praisefest: Welcome to Mercy.' Date: Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish at The Entrance.

The theme, 'Welcome to Mercy', invites each young person to delve into Christ's fountain of life regardless of past, failures, or current relationship with Christ. It also aims to connect the merciful and social justice work which students currently participate in through their schools, to the mercy that flows from Christ.

The evening will include outdoor games, live music, Q&A panel, testimony and of course, a Praise Party! More information will be announced over the coming weeks.

Young Adults are invited to join the Catholic Youth Broken Bay team for a bush walk on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> July. We will be walking part of the Crosslands to Berowra Waters track, following 10:00am Mass at St Patrick's Church, Asquith.

This return walk starts from the Crosslands Reserve and follows the Great North Walk along Berowra creek, a beautiful place of natural flora and fauna. The walk is relatively flat, with the final part of the hike leading to Naa Badu Lookout, offering magnificent views over Berowra Creek, as well as Sams and Calna Creeks.

Bring your own snacks/lunch and water for the hike, as well as a water bottle, hat and sunscreen. Contact Jen for more information: jen.healey@bbcatholic.org.au



Putting Rungs on the Ladder Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening

The Annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening will this year be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta on 20 July 2022, in partnership with the Diocese of Broken Bay and the Archdiocese of Sydney.

All Social Justice teams of the Diocese, as well as interested parishioners are warmly invited.

Date: Wednesday 20 July 2022, 6:00pm – 9:00pm (includes dinner) Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills Register at <u>https://parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan/</u>

Enquiries: Pina Bernard <u>pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au</u> 0432 682 239



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

#### FAMILIES

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

## A great review of our church from the recent concert

#### THE ART OF GOOD CONVERSATION - CLASSIKON

A wise choice was made to change our tickets for the sunny Sunday afternoon concert in a previously unknown church in Chatswood. Bach always sounds better in a church, and Our Lady of Dolours was exceptional. We sat under the awesome dome with the latin words above as "Introibo ad altare dei, Ad deum qui laetificat juventutem meam" ("I will go up to the altar of God, The God of my youth and my joy.") Most apt for a concert featuring the highly spiritual and God-fearing Johann Sebastian Bach.

The Weapons of Rhetoric concert, presented by the Bach Akademie Australia and their formidable leader Madeline Easton, delved into the notion of which came first – speech or music? Which is more persuasive? How do they influence each other? JS Bach is a well-known master of rhetoric, using heavenly compositional techniques to move his listeners. Who doesn't get a little something in the eye when listening to his Passions, the B Minor Mass or immense joy hearing the Brandenburg concertos? Chamber music is the art of conversation between musicians, with listening and respecting each other the foremost quality. The excellent program notes by writer Judy Tarling are highlights from her book The Weapons of Rhetoric and detail this art of persuasion in music: *"For centuries, musicians and orators have recognised and encouraged the use of accent and rhythm as essential for perfect communication. To 'make music speak' is the ultimate aim of both composers and performers alike, and in the words of Quantz were 'essential to becoming masters of the hearts of their listeners."* 

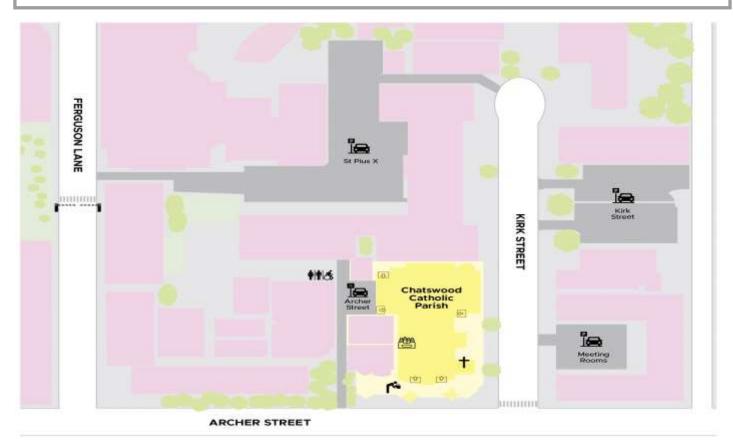
The concert began with a soulful viola da gamba and harpsichord sonata demonstrating that a good conversation needs active listening. The conversation developed to a stunning climax in the fourth movement. To add to the theme of conversation and rhetoric, the concert was compered by the brilliant orators Jonathan Biggins AM and Jonathan Horton QC, who deftly debated the work of Bach and how he influenced his musicians and audience. Biggins discussed Bach's use of counterpoint and harmonic modulations in his manipulation of the listener with some great quotes by Cicero and Whitlam, masters of rhetoric. Next our first treat from the Musical Offering BWV 1079 – Bach's famous *Ricercar a 6*. This was the most balanced conversation of the concert. Six equal instruments, no one yelling over the other when offering their opinion or the theme. To quote Biggins, "the good persuader does not make himself the focus of the conversation." To finish the first half of the concert, Bach's sixth Brandenburg Concerto, unusually with no violins and instead two violas and two viola da gambas, and an outstanding basso continuo section. A joy to hear Karina Schmitz and John Ma on violas and to enjoy their excellent rhetoric and sparring against each other and then against the ensemble. Balance was a little muddy here in the big church acoustic and the two viola da gambas had to work hard, but the cello adding to the trio of soloists in the second movement was sublime. The gigue gave us a rollicking finish to the first half of the concert.

The art of rhetoric shone in the second half of the concert with artistic director Madeline Easton beginning with the formidable *G minor Sonata No. 1*, featuring one violin playing four lines of music – quite the internal dialogue. What I love about the BAA is the educational side of these concerts. Maddie uses her mastery of rhetoric to introduce the music to the audience with such a warm and inspiring tone giving us just enough back story to have context for the piece without it becoming an academic lecture. This piece was suggested as a contemplative work after the death of Bach's wife Anna Magdalena. Maddie's playing was soulful, exquisite, she was an expert mediator for the four voices debating, trying to find peace throughout the sonata. Next, we were treated to ten puzzles from the Musical Offering, which were great to hear again after the BAA performed them in 2018 in St Mary's Cathedral Crypt. These are based on a theme presented to Bach by Frederic the Great, to which Bach made many variations involving canons played straight, backwards, upside down, inside out and one causing an acoustic illusion with the basso continuo adding a whole tone scale. Maddie split the ten puzzles into groups and explained how each puzzle was composed – fantastic audience engagement.

Just as the sun went down, the cold crept into the magnificent church, the lights came on and the full ensemble began one of my favourite pieces – the *Concerto for 2 Violins in D Minor*. Our two soloists – Madeline Easton and Julia Fredersdorff – were exceptional and the piece finished this remarkable concert with gusto and joy. Bach truly is the master of rhetoric and the Bach Akademie Australia the masters of persuasion and joy.

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## Parking at Our Lady of Dolours



#### Requests for Mass Intentions

It is a privilege for one of our priests to be able to offer Mass for a special intention, especially at the time someone has died or on the occasion of their anniversary. We welcome such requests. It is important to note, however, that a priest can only received one intention per Mass. Therefore, it may not be possible to have a Mass offered on a specific day and at a particular time, given that the priest may already have allocated an intention for the Mass. Do be assured that if a Mass cannot be offered on a specific occasion it will be offered by a priest at the first available opportunity. Notwithstanding, if you would like a Mass for a specific purpose at a particular time, please contact a priest directly to seek to arrange this. All emails are on the back page of this bulletin.

### A Itar Flower Signup 2022

If you would like to reserve a date for Altar flowers, please contact Nicole in the Parish Office on 9410 9020 or nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au Altar flower arrangements can be in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion; birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, marriages, etc,. The suggested donation for flower memorials is \$100. Volunteers will then beautifully and simply arrange the flowers for Sunday.

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

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

#### Supporting our Parish Financially

## Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

#### Welcome! A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Our Lady of Dolours please visit our parish website at https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood Do be sure to take a copy home of "Our Sunday Celebration" available at the entrances to our church. Inside there is much wonderful reading for our spiritual nourishment. Would you like to receive our Parish Bulletin by email? Please contact our Parish Secretary : chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au 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 Twitter: @FrDavidRanson Children's Ministry Assistant: Mona Saouma **Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Joey Frez** mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au joey.frez@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9027 **Catechist Coordinator: Maricel Malapira** maricel.malapira@bbcatholic.org.au Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Marek Woldan 9410 9029 marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9028 Justice, Ecology and Peace Ministry and Faith Formation: Gail Gill: gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au/ 9410 9021 **Deacon: Rev Kevin Hale** kevin.hale@bbcatholic.org.au Facilities and Finance Manager: Michael Mercer 9410 9026 michael.mercer@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9030 **Parish Secretary: Nicole Gorman** nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au Book-keeper: Amelia Lee 9410 9020/9000 amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9032 **Sunday Masses** Weekday Masses and Devotions 5.30pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass Monday: 12.30pm Tuesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm 7.30am (followed by Morning Tea on 1st Sunday of the Wednesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm month) (Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated after Mass on the 3rd Wednesday of 9.00am (Includes Children's Liturgy of the Word on 1st, 2nd & the month) 4th Sundays, except on long weekends). 9.00am and 12.30pm Thursday: 9.00am and 12.30pm Fridav: 10.30am Saturday: 9.00am 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 **Filipino Culture Mass** 12noon, 1st Sunday of the month Thursday Adoration After 9am Mass. Ends with Divine Mercy Chaplet at midday followed by Benediction. **Spanish Culture Mass** 12noon, 3rd Sunday of the month Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and Reconciliation 7.00pm **Indonesian Culture Mass** First Friday of the month: 6.30pm Divine Retreat Centre Heal-7.00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month ing Mass and Prayer