

*Sunday 14 December 2025*  
*The Second Sunday of Advent*

*Welcome!*



### **Joy for those Waiting**

The **first candle** reminds us of those who find themselves in a season of waiting, resting in hopeful anticipation for God to act. The **second candle** is for anyone feeling weakened and wearied by the circumstances of life. The **third candle** awakens our spiritual senses, challenging us to embrace the glory of God, as we await our Savior's promised coming with joy.

Advent is a time to awaken our spiritual senses.

**We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

Grant us vision to behold your glory.

**We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

Quiet us so we may hear your still, soft voice.

**We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

Make us vessels of your mercy, compassion, and grace.

**We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

For all of us eagerly watching for your glory in our midst:

**Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act,  
and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

你們也該忍耐，堅固你們的心，因為主的來臨已接近了。雅各伯書 5:8

You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. James 5:8

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

# Come and See!

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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.

## *Come and See!*

Dear friends,

One of the beautiful ways by which our parish enters into Advent is through the annual Simbang Gabi. Simbang Gabi (Tagalog: [sɪmˌbaŋ ɡeˈbi]; Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional, nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas. It is similar to the nine dawn Masses leading to Christmas Eve practiced in Puerto Rico called *Misa de Aguinaldo*. Originally intended as a practical solution for farmers that started working in the fields before sunrise, this cherished Christmas custom eventually became a distinct feature of Philippine culture and became a symbol of sharing. On the last day of the Simbang Gabi, which is Christmas Eve, the service is called Misa de Gallo (Spanish for "Rooster's Mass"). In our Parish we will have our Simbang Gabi Masses at 5.30am each morning in our church from Tuesday 16 December to Wednesday 24 December.

There is a great deal happening in the weeks preparing for Christmas as we will see in our bulletin. A very significant occasion will be our second Carols on the Concourse, being staged on the steps of the Performing Arts Centre from 7.00pm. We pray for fine weather and that it will be very enjoyable evening. A very special thank you to Titus and our parish choir who will be joined by other members of our fellow Christian Churches.

One of the other activities we are undertaking is carol singing at our local aged care facilities: Our next occasion is Saturday 20 December 2:30pm at KOPWA Aged Care (Archibald House), 12-16 Trafalgar Avenue, Roseville. Everyone is invited to join with our choir members in the carol singing. Titus has prepared booklets for the choir, and we can prepare a few extra booklets in the hope that other parishioners will join us. Parishioners can either meet us outside the church at 2pm on the day (and we can travel together), or otherwise go directly to the aged care facility and meet there.

Then on Tuesday 23 December at 1.30pm our choristers will sing in Chatswood Chase on Level 2! Do come along whilst shopping and enjoy the beauty of our parish choir singing,

We think of our children this week for their last days of school this week. Our primary school was to enjoy a special Fiesta last Friday evening. However, due to inclement weather this has now been rescheduled for this coming Wednesday evening, the last day of school.



Access a digital copy of the  
Diocesan Advent Program here!



**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.**

# Communicants guide to receiving Holy Communion

## Preparing for Mass

In preparing to receive Christ in the Eucharist, you should consider:

- Have I interiorly prepared through prayer?
- Would the Sacrament of Reconciliation assist my preparation?
- Have I maintained the Eucharistic fast for one hour before receiving, except for water and medicine?\*

*\*The elderly and infirm, along with those who care for them, are not bound to the Eucharistic fast.*

## Communion Procession

The act of processing forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ is an important symbolic action, reminding us that we are a pilgrim people, while also uniting us as the one Body of Christ, journeying together. It is important, therefore, to remember that receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is not an isolated action, but rather part of a unifying ritual. In this regard, you should consider:

- Ensuring your actions allow the dignified and unifying pilgrimage as the Body of Christ, toward the Body of Christ. This includes singing the Communion Hymn, while processing.
- Being aware of your personal and valid choices as a communicant, that they do not disrupt the flow of the procession, or the ability of others to make their own choices.
- Leaving enough space between yourself and the person in front of you.
- As a sign of reverence to the Blessed Sacrament, gently bow – not genuflect – as you approach the Minister of Holy Communion.

## Receiving the Body of Christ

When receiving the Body of Christ, the common posture in Australia is to stand; however, the communicant can choose to kneel, as long as they are aware of their surroundings and do not impact the reverence and safety of others. As you come forward to receive and gently bow, the Minister holds the host up to your eye level and says the words, **“The Body of Christ”**, allowing you to reply **“Amen”** before receiving.

It is the communicant's choice whether to receive on the hand or on the tongue. Both are acceptable, and both should be done with reverence, respect and care.

### Receiving on the hand

Place your hands out in front of you, with your dominant hand under your less dominant hand. Hold your hands still and open. Keep your fingers out of the way, allowing the Minister of Communion to place the host on your hand. Do not pluck or grab the host.

Once you receive on the hand, step to the side and consume the host while in the presence of the Minister.



### Receiving on the tongue

After responding **“Amen”**, open your mouth and gently extend your tongue out towards the Minister of Communion, so that they may place the host on your tongue. Please do not lower or bow your head while receiving on the tongue.

Once the host has been placed on your tongue, slowly draw your tongue back into your mouth to consume the Body of Christ.



## Receiving the Blood of Christ

If the chalice is being offered at Mass, a communicant can choose if they wish to receive the Blood of Christ.

In the same manner which you approach the Body of Christ, bow gently as you approach the Minister, who will say **“The Blood of Christ”**, and you respond **“Amen.”**

Take the Chalice in your hands as you would normally take a cup, and raise the Chalice to drink as normal, one sip is sufficient. Then carefully hand the Chalice back to the Minister.



For further reflection in relation to our participation in the Celebration of the Eucharist, click the QR Code to read Bishop Anthony's 2025 Pastoral Letter to the Community of the Church in Broken Bay, **“The Mystery of Faith: Encountering Jesus Christ in the Eucharist”**



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# Come and See!

## Love God

Mark 12:30

### Worshipping together



Liturgy & Music

### Leading reflective lives



Prayer & Spirituality

### Growing in faith



Catechesis & Pathways

### Caring for one another



Support & Visitations

### Animating our future



Planning & Strategy

### Igniting young hearts



Inception & Formation

### Caring for our World



Ecology & Social Justice

### Sustaining our community



Administration & Stewardship

### Nurturing relationships



Community & Family

### Sharing the Good News



Mission & Evangelisation

## Love One Another

John 13:34

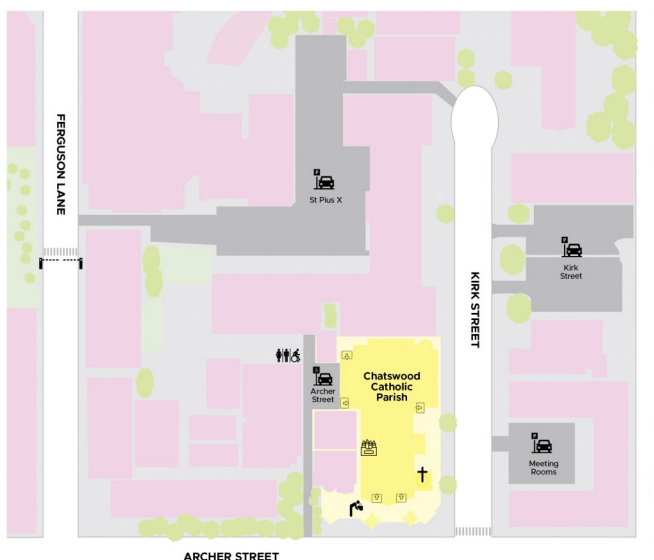
## Go Make Disciples

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

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## *Our Church Schedule This Week*

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Subject
15/12/2025	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	SC organ practice
	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	St Joseph's Gosford Staff Pilgrimage 65 staffs
	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
	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	OLOD YE Liturgy rehearsal
	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Organ Lesson- Bernadette
	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Christmas Eve Youth Choir practice
16/12/2025	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass
	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	OC Organ practice
	2:45 PM	4:00 PM	SC organ practice
	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	Organ practice: AH
	5:30 AM	6:30 AM	Dawn Mass by FCC
17/12/2025	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	11:15 AM	12:15 PM	OLD School End of Year Liturgy
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Mass
	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (3rd Wed of Month after Mass)
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	ROSARY & allow Mass to wrap up
	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	Mass set up
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Evening Mass of Hope
	5:30 AM	6:30 AM	Dawn Mass by FCC
	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	SC organ practice
18/12/2025	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Adoration and Exposition
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass
	2:45 PM	3:45 PM	Organ Lesson: SC
	3:45 PM	4:45 PM	Organ Lesson: TL
	4:45 PM	5:30 PM	Organ Lesson: AH
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Holy Hour Adoration
	5:30 AM	6:30 AM	Dawn Mass by FCC
19/12/2025	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12:30pm Mass
	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	SC organ practice
	5:30 AM	6:30 AM	Dawn Mass by FCC
20/12/2025	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
	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	SC organ practice
	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	BBVN Pilgrimage
	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Vigil Singer Bookings
	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	5:30 Vigil Mass
	5:30 AM	6:30 AM	Dawn Mass by FCC

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## Our Mass Schedule This Week

Monday	15 December	12.30pm	Monday of 3rd Week of Advent
Tuesday	16 December	9.00am, 12.30pm	Tuesday of 3rd Week of Advent
Wednesday	17 December	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm	Wednesday of 3rd Week of Advent
Thursday	18 December	9.00am and 12.30pm	Thursday of 3rd Week of Advent
Friday	19 December	9.00am and 12.30pm	Friday of 3rd Week of Advent
Saturday	20 December	9.00am	Saturday of 3rd week of Advent
Sunday	21 December	Usual Times	<b>Fouth Sunday of Advent</b>

Start Date	Start	End Time	Subject	Location
16/12/2025	6:30 AM	7:30 AM	Fellowship after Dawn Mass	Pew Garden, Magnificat
	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Advent Reflection	Magnificat
	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Bible Discussion group	St Paul;
	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Breathe- Prayer & Support Group (St Pius)	PEW Garden
	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Indonesian Legion of Mary [AET=7 pm]	St Peter;
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Advent Reflection	Magnificat
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Filipino Choir	Harrington Hall
17/12/2025	6:30 AM	7:30 AM	Fellowship after Dawn Mass	Pew Garden, Magnificat
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Parish Team Meeting (Wednesdays @9.30am)	St Paul;
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Lifestyle English Conversation Programme	Magnificat;
	11:15 AM	2:45 PM	Chinese ALPHA @1pm	St Peter, Magnificat;
	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	CIC Indo Instrument practice	Harrington Hall
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Canceled: Exploring the Faith	St Peter
18/12/2025	6:30 AM	7:30 AM	Fellowship after Dawn Mass	Pew Garden, Magnificat
	11:00 AM	4:00 PM	Playgroup Chatswood Parish [AET= 1-3 pm]	Magnificat;
	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Rehearsal- Christmas Eve Youth Choir	St Paul;
19/12/2025	6:30 AM	7:30 AM	Fellowship after Dawn Mass	Pew Garden, Magnificat
	9:30 AM	11:15 AM	Meditation Group [AET 10am-11.15am]	St Paul
	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Choir practice	St Peter
20/12/2025	6:30 AM	7:30 AM	Fellowship after Dawn Mass	Pew Garden, Magnificat
	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	TG Music lessons	St Paul
	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Legion of Mary @10.30am	St Peter
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Parish Choir Birthday Party	Magnificat
	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	BBVN Pilgrimage	Magnificat
	3:00 PM	5:30 PM	Rehearsal- Christmas Eve Youth Choir	St Paul
	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Indo Choir- Christmas Practice	St Paul
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Korean Bible Class	St Peter
21/12/2025	6:30 AM	7:30 AM	Fellowship after Dawn Mass	Pew Garden, Magnificat
	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	TG's Choir Practice	St Paul;
	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Capstone Young Adults at 6:30pm	St Peter; St Paul; Magnificat





# PARISH-IN-COUNCIL VIII

## Finding Hope & Belonging in our City

**On 25 October 2025, we gathered for our eighth Chatswood Parish-in-Council (PiC VIII), bringing together 157 participants, including observers from parishes near and far who came to experience synodality in action - encountering, listening, and discerning.**

With 'Serving the Community' as one of our five parish mission priorities, PiC VIII centred on the theme **Finding Hope and Belonging in our City.**

From the moment the day began, Harrington Hall was alive with conversation and connection.

Participants settled in over an icebreaker, a shared buffet lunch, and a beautiful Liturgy that gently prepared our hearts for what lay ahead.

The keynote presentation by Marte Tagle challenged us to build relationships that foster hope, to offer practical support and advocacy, and to stand in solidarity with those who feel marginalised in our local community.

This led us into the heart of the afternoon: the Conversation in the Spirit. Around each table, participants listened deeply and discerned how God may be calling our parish to grow as a place of hope and belonging in our city.

At the same time, our children were gathered in the Magnificat Room for a fun Kids-in-Council, where a thoughtfully selected movie, crafts, stories and games helped them explore the same theme as PiC, in their own engaging and creative way.

As the day drew to a close, the sense of shared purpose was palpable. We ended with gratitude, and a renewed commitment to serve with courage and compassion.

Our Parish-in-Council journey continues in 2026 with...

**PiC IX** on Saturday 16 May 2026

**PiC X** on Saturday 15 August 2026

**PiC XI** on Sunday 15 November 2026

We look forward to seeing you at PiC in 2026!





# Called to solidarity

Jesus invites us into solidarity - to not only help from a distance, but to walk alongside those who feel marginalised. Jesus is calling our parish to become a place of hope and belonging in the city.

We will...

**Open our Eyes:** Who around us is overlooked?

**Open our Ears:** Whose voice has been silenced?

**Open our Hands:** Who needs our friendship more than our charity?

**Open our Hearts:** Where is Christ waiting for us in the marginalised?

## 1. Solidarity starts with me

Solidarity with those who feel marginalised is not optional, it's at the very heart of what it means to follow Jesus.

I will...

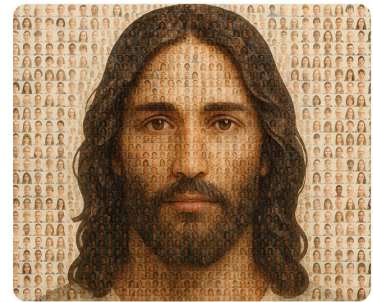
- Pray for an open heart, eyes, ears and hands - to be attentive and present - noticing and responding to those who may feel marginalised around me, in our parish and the local community.
- Invite and encourage people to come along to our monthly community BBQ lunches and Morning Teas after Mass.
- Make eye contact, smile and say hello to people I don't know in our parish.
- Take opportunities to mingle, start conversations and genuinely connect with others.
- Wear my name badge and get to know the names of other parishioners.
- Be open to opportunities to be of service, reflecting on my charisms and connecting them to ministries.
- Join our Parish Welcoming Ministry Team.

## 2. Build Relationships

Building on all the good things we are already doing to create a true sense of belonging for all.

We will...

- Grow our monthly Community BBQ's and Morning Teas after Mass, reaching out further and inviting the local community.
- Strengthen our Welcoming Ministry Team, including Welcomers at each church entrance.
- Consider how we might form a Social Ministry to further develop our parish social activities.
- Host a Community Dinner in 2026, inviting people from our local area to come, get to know one another, and build new friendships.
- Create and promote more opportunities for companionship, conversation and connection, such as in the PEW Garden after Mass and over coffee on weekdays.
- Launch a bi-annual Welcome Morning Tea for newcomers to our parish community.





### 3. Offer a 'hand up'

More than personal relationships, solidarity also means standing with the marginalised, equipping ourselves with knowledge, offering practical support and advocating for those without a voice.

We will...

- Inform and educate on fostering hope and belonging through solidarity - not just charity - with regular articles in our parish bulletin and website.
- Develop a directory of services and resources, connecting those in need with care and support e.g., Catholic Care, Vinnies, crisis hotlines.
- Work within each of our Ministry Circles to identify and eliminate any barriers to belonging that those feeling marginalised may experience.
- Consider how we might develop a Ministry of Accompaniment for those who are housebound or isolated.
- Encourage the formation of a Support Group for families who have children with special needs and offer sensory friendly sacramental programs.
- Continue to advocate on hard social issues via existing and new parish groups such as our Community Action Group, Marian Catholic Action Group, Legion of Mary and Dignity Pro-Life Alliance.



### We are called to act now

In standing with those who feel marginalised, we will find ourselves standing with Christ.

Let us rise to His calling - not tomorrow, not someday, but now.

The kingdom of God is breaking in, and the Spirit is already at work among "the least of these."

May we not miss Him when He comes.



**Let us become a place of hope and belonging in our city of Chatswood!**





## *Come and See!*

### 🔍 Find the Perfect Christmas Gift at Our Parish PEW Gift Shop Sale! 🔍

#### LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

All Christmas stock **must go!**

If you're still searching for a meaningful Christmas gift for someone you love, don't miss your **final chance** at our Parish PEW Christmas Gift Sale after the 9am and 10:30am Masses this weekend, **14th December**.

We have a beautiful range of faith-filled Christmas items, including:

- **Devotional items and Rosaries**
- **Nativity sets and Christmas décor**
- **Religious medals, plaques and crucifixes**
- **Children's books and children's gifts**
- **Christmas baubles, wreaths and more!**

Every purchase supports our parish and helps share the spirit of the season within our community.

**Give a gift that inspires. Visit the FINAL PEW Christmas Gift Sale**



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**Our Parish church is designated 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
Thursday	19 June, 11.30am—1.00pm	45 x Stage 3 Students from St Thomas and St Philip Neri, Willoughby
Saturday	28 June, 11.30am	Parishioners from Parish of Wyoming
Tuesday	5 August 11.30am,	30-50 Homeschool children
Thursday	14 August at 10.30am	School leaders from St Mary's Manly
Saturday	30 August at 3.00pm	Parish group from Warringah Parish (Dee Why)
Saturday	13 September 12.30pm	Parish Group from Hornsby Cathedral Parish
Saturday	27 September 2.00pm	Youth Group from St Agatha's Parish Pennant Hills
		Western Sydney Catholic Chinese Community Youth Group
Tuesday	30 September 11.30am	Diocesan Parent Engagement Coordinators
Thursday	9 October 12.30pm	Parish group from French's Forest Parish
Wednesday	15 October, 9.30am	Wyong Parishioners
Friday	24 October 11.30am	Staff of Schools of Lower North Shore Parish
Tuesday	28 October 10.00am	Students from Holy Spirit Primary School, North Ryde
Saturday	8 November	Parishioners from St Patrick's East Gosford, 10.30am
		Parishioners from Epping/Carlingford at 2.00pm
Sunday	9 November, 2pm	Parish group at St Felix's, Bankstown
Thursday	13 November, 1.30pm	Parishioners from the Parish of Pittwater
Friday	14 November	Students from Holy Family Primary School Lindfield, 10.30am-11.15pm
Monday	15 November	Parishioners from Parish of Manly-Freshwater, 9.00am
		Parishioners from the Parish of The Lakes, 10.30am
		St Joseph's College, Gosford 11.00am
Saturday	22 November	Catholic Indonesian Community
		Youth and parents from Wyong parish
Saturday	29 November	Legion of Mary 4.15pm
Saturday	6 December	Molinaro Family Pilgrimage
		Youth Group at 2.30pm
Monday	15 December at 10am	65 Staff from St Joseph's Catholic College, East Gosford



## *Come and See!*



Pilgrims join us last Saturday in the intense heat!

On Tuesday last, our parish staff gathered at Canisius Centre, Pymble for a day retreat facilitated by members of the Focolare Community.

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

14 DECEMBER 2025

THE BLIND SEE AGAIN. Many of the Jewish people did not expect a Messiah like Jesus. Many wondered: 'Are you the one who is to come?' Jesus came not to exercise sovereignty and power over the people but to bring blessing to the poor and needy. Let us celebrate his birth this Christmas by being good news for the poor.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Phil 4: 4-5

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.**

## GREETING

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

**R. Amen.**

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

**R. And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P: Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**R. For we have sinned against you.**

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

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

**R. Amen.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

V. Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

*The Gloria is not said during Advent.*

## COLLECT

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's

Nativity,

enable us, we pray,

to attain the joys of so great a salvation

and to celebrate them always

with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

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

Isa 35:1-6, 10

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*God himself will come and save us.*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy in their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESP PSALM

Ps 145:6-10. R. cf. Isa 35:4

**R. Lord, come and save us. (or Alleluia!)**

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

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

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

### SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

**A reading from the letter of St James**

*You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isa 61:1; Lk 4:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!**





## GOSPEL

Mt 11:2-11

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.**

*Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,

be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.

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 ADVENT

*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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

## 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

cf. Isa 35:4

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults

and prepare us for the coming feasts. 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

### THE ONE WHO IS TO COME

Today's Gospel focus continues with John the Baptist, introduced to us last Sunday. From prison he sends his followers to Jesus to find out if he is the 'one who is to come or have we to wait for someone else?' This question picks up an early memory that some thought John might have been the Messiah. Jesus explicates his Messianic credentials to John's enquirers: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear and the dead raised to life. In other words, Jesus affirms that he is the one who brings restoration, community and healing. Jesus' self-identification further affirms the blessedness of those who remain faithful to him.

In the biblical world, 'faith' was another way of affirming fidelity and commitment to another. This leads Jesus to attest, in this spirit of fidelity and commitment, John's prophetic mission of desert asceticism and preparation for the coming of the Messiah. As we come into these final days before Christmas, our role becomes like John: we align ourselves in fidelity and faith to the one who is to be born, who will bring healing and hope to our world that struggles to know this.

But we also hear Jesus' affirming words – the final sentence in today's Gospel passage addressed to us. Despite John's greatness as the one who prepares for the coming of Jesus, 'yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he'. The Gospel's audience, including us, are affirmed. We have unique status in the eyes of God. This divine promise accompanies us in the days ahead.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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*Come and See!*



# Carols

**at the Concourse**



**7PM Sunday**

**14 December, 2025**



**Chatswood Concourse**

409 Victoria Ave,  
Chatswood NSW

Building off the success of the inaugural *Carols on the Concourse* in 2024, Carols will return this year at 7:00pm on Sunday 14th December 2025.

There will be one joint choir rehearsal on Saturday 13th from 1-4pm at Our Lady of Dolours Church.

For those who are keen to join: please register through this link: <https://form.jotform.com/252998901634873> or QR code below.

The music can be collected from the Parish Office.

More Information:

[titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au)





*Come and See!*

Our Lady of Dolours

# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**DECEMBER**

**Sunday  
14TH**

**CAROLS AT THE  
CONCOURSE 7PM**

**Sunday  
21ST**

**SANTA VISIT  
9AM MASS AT CHURCH**

**Wednesday  
24TH**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES  
5:30PM, 8PM,  
CAROLS 11:30PM FOLLOWED  
BY MIDNIGHT MASS**

**Thursday  
25TH**

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
MASSES 7:30AM, 9AM,  
10:30AM**

Enquiries, please contact  
02 9410 9000 or  
[chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au)

 **Our Lady**  
OF DOLOURS



## *Come and See!*



Many celebrations recently! Our Seniors enjoy a festive morning tea with carols  
Our Men Alive group enjoy a wonderful evening of food and friendship, following its end of year Mass.



*Come and See!*

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JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS NOVENA  
MASSES THIS DECEMBER 2025

# Simbang Gabi

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Vilma Tolosa - 0411 250 593



Filipino Chaplaincy Broken Bay

*Chatswood*

**OUR LADY OF DOLOURS**

94 Archer St, Chatswood

16 - 24 Dec | 5:30 AM

Contacts:

Giselle Goloy

Dei Pagunuran

*Hornsby*

**OUR LADY OF THE  
ROSARY CATHEDRAL**

23 Yardley Ave, Waitara

15 - 23 Dec | 7:00 PM

Contacts:

Deacon Roberto

Vilma Tolosa

*Dee Why*

**ST. KEVIN'S CHURCH**

50 Oaks Ave, Dee Why

15 - 23 Dec | 7:30 PM

Contact:

Marlon Cabilao

*Wyong*

**ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH**

**Triduum Mass**

23 Byron St, Wyong

21, 22 & 23 Dec | 7:00 pm

Contact:

Mona Santos





*Come and See!*



# Christmas Eve Childrens Mass

All children who would like to be in the **Nativity play** at the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass, Please come to the room where we hold Children's Liturgy after the 9:00am Family Mass on **Sunday 14th December**

We will allocate roles and have a quick first practise at this meeting.

There will be two further practises as follows:

**Sunday 21st December** after 9:00am Mass

**Tuesday 23rd December** in the Church at 2:30pm

**Questions?**

Contact Angela at: [angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)



## *Come and Grow!*

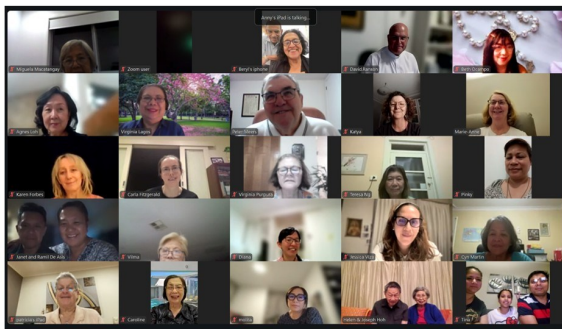


Left: Our Tuesday evening Advent Reflection Group

Below: A wonderful turn out of people for our Young Adult Capstone evening with Simon Harrington last Sunday

Below left: Our online Rosary for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception last Monday evening, 8 December

Below right: Our recent playgroup!





## Come and Grow!

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS

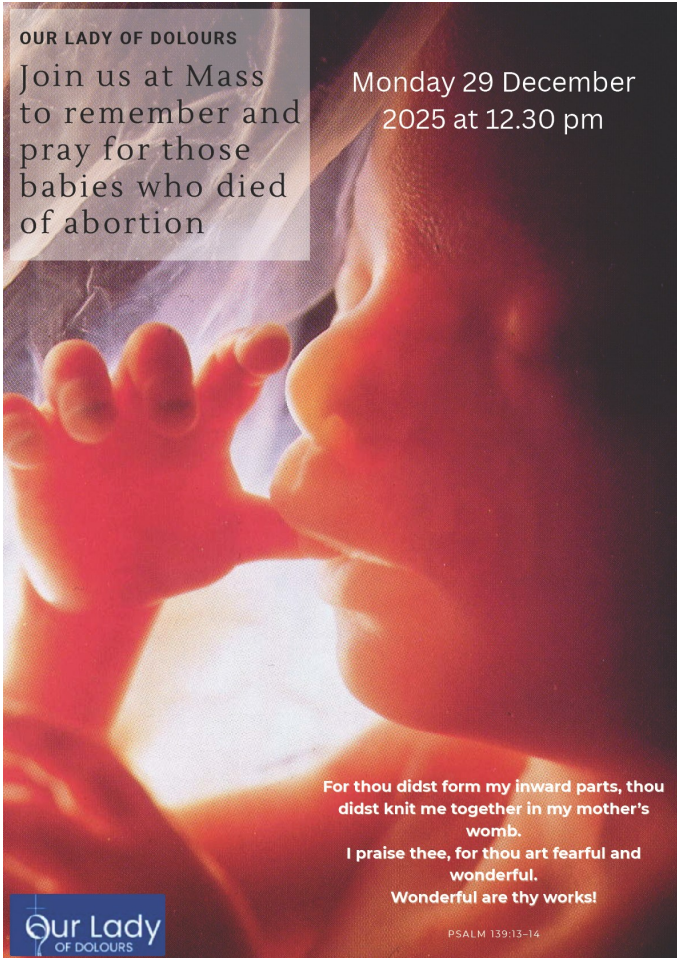
Join us at Mass to remember and pray for those babies who died of abortion

Monday 29 December 2025 at 12.30 pm

For thou didst form my inward parts, thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise thee, for thou art fearful and wonderful.  
Wonderful are thy works!

PSALM 139:13-14


Our Lady OF DOLOURS



Our Lady OF DOLOURS

Join us for a  
*Rosary*  
via Zoom  
on Thursday, 1 January 2026 at 8 pm  
to honour  
Mary, Mother of God  
(Solemnity)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82215493002>  
ID 822 1549 3002  
(no passcode required)



### Children for Parish Rosary via online Zoom

We are looking for children to participate in our Parish Rosary via Zoom on Thursday 1 January 2026 at 8 pm in honour of Mary, Mother of God. The rosary is a Catholic Tradition and is a devotional practice that focuses on prayer and meditation on the life of Jesus and the Virgin Mary. If you child or children are interested, please ring Cecilia on 0466961240 before Christmas. If your child has previously taken part and is interested, she/he is most welcome to join again.

**Joseph House was established by Bishop Anthony to foster an environment where young men can deepen their relationship with Christ and discern their baptismal vocation.**

Joseph House provides a structured environment of daily prayer, community life, spiritual direction, and personal formation, all while allowing residents to continue with their work or studies. As a call to action, I kindly ask you to consider promoting Joseph House in the following ways:

- Sharing the opportunity with youth or young adult ministry groups
- Personally referring individuals who may benefit from this experience

**Promotional video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPdlfsLXfEE>

If you'd like more information or would like me to speak further with your parish team, I'd be more than happy to assist: [Stephen.WayoyiOmwanda@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Stephen.WayoyiOmwanda@bbcatholic.org.au).

With gratitude in Christ,  
Fr Stephen Wayoyi Omwanda AJ  
Director of Joseph House



*Come and Serve!*



## Ready to make a difference?

Join our various ministry teams and help create a positive impact in our parish community! We have a number of volunteering opportunities depending on your availability and interests whether it be once a week, once a month or even once a year!



### Areas to volunteer:

- Flower Arranging
- Gardening Group
- Catechists
- Mass Readers
- Morning Tea servers
- Welcomers
- Mass Announcers
- Visiting Elderly in Nursing Homes & Home-bound
- Library Maintenance
- Community Action Group
- Events set up crew
- Transport to mass



**CONTACT DEE :**



02 9410 9035



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*Come and Serve!*

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**ASK** instore or **SCAN** the QR code below



**VINNIES CHATSWOOD CHRISTMAS  
HAMPERS  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Can you help us spread the joy of Christmas  
by delivering Christmas hampers to our local  
households in need?**

**Are you available for a few hours any day(s)  
between Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Monday  
22<sup>nd</sup> December?**

**Please put your name down on the sign-up  
sheet found at the back of the church or  
email [el.herlianto@vinnies.org.au](mailto:el.herlianto@vinnies.org.au)**

**Ability to safely carry up to 10kg useful**



**Chatswood Parish St Vincent de Paul Society  
November Report**

Chatswood OLD Vinnies received 10 calls for help in November. Most of the calls resulted from impacts of bills /energy costs on the limited incomes, particularly Job Seeker, on people who may have particular difficulties with budgeting resulting in requests for food, and furniture and other essentials.

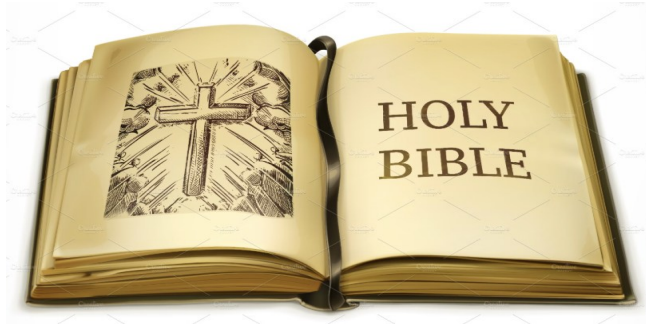
Some we refer for budget counselling. Several suffer from mental disorders as well as DV and illness. We have a number of particularly difficult cases, concerning families who have no regular income except from casual work such as cleaning.

We are keeping these afloat in expectation of improvements to their circumstances. Catholic Care asked for assistance in setting up a homeless single parent family in accommodation they had arranged. Another family, thrust into sudden unemployment and need for relocation, asked for help in setting up in a barely affordable rental. Resources expended were \$2400.

We hope with help from parishioners to distribute some 50 donated hampers and to hold a party for residents at a major public housing complex before Christmas



## *Come and Serve!*



*When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to His people, and Christ, present in His own Word, proclaims the Gospel.*

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*GIRM # 29*

**Each time God's Word is proclaimed, we touch hearts  
and help community strengthen its faith.**

**Our Parish invites you to join this beautiful ministry of proclaiming Scripture  
during our liturgies at daily and Sunday Masses.**

If you have a clear voice and a love for Scripture, you are warmly welcome to be part of this ministry.  
Training and guidance will be provided, so you can proclaim with confidence and reverence.

Please contact Ditas Naguit at [bhnaguit@gmail.com](mailto:bhnaguit@gmail.com) or send her a text message at 0405999510.

### **Dignity Pro-Life Alliance**

#### **WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

It sometimes happens that a baby survives an attempted abortion and is born alive. What do you think should be done to the baby??

Existing health regulations prescribe that no aid or care is to be extended to this baby and it is simply to be left aside until it dies. There is a cruel logic in this procedure for the intention was that the baby be killed by abortion. So leaving the baby to die is a result that satisfies that intention. Yet this only serves to highlight the ugly and evil nature of abortion. When the baby is born alive we see the living human being that was the intended victim of abortion. Every abortion follows the same path – the destruction of the unborn baby and its disposal as medical waste even if in vast majority of cases we do not see it as we would if it survived the attempted abortion and was born. This is the horrendous nature of abortion which we seek to overcome.

Please assist us in this endeavour by joining our Dignity Pro-life Alliance and supporting efforts to uphold both the dignity of the unborn baby and of the mother. To register your support email [prolife@gotomary.com](mailto:prolife@gotomary.com) or phone Cecilia on 0466961240 or Peter on 0413270261. Also you might like to join the Pro-life Rosary via Zoom every Thursday at 8 pm, ID 8034195601 to add your prayers for the intention of life.




## 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 December**

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 Bro-gan	19 Fr Geoff Bugden	20 Sr Marea Ross rsj	21 Sr Josefa Mabini OSA
22 Seminarians Shayne D'Cunha	23 Seminarians Matthew French Tan Nguyen	24 Seminarians Victor Atuhura Huy Tran	25 Fr Robert Craw-ford	26 Sr Ann Duncan rsj	27 Fr Carmelo Sci-beras	28 Fr Jim Tierney
29 Fr Clem Hill	30 Fr Terry Johns	31 Sister Damian Lai				



CATHOLIC  
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## Healing Mass

**Fr. Justin Torres, OATH**  
Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary


In honour of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**Father Justin** will lead us in a grace-filled celebration of the Holy Eucharist, followed by prayers of healing, discernment, and blessing through the loving intercession of Our Lady.

**12th December 2025**  
**Friday, at 9:00 AM**  
**St Thomas' Church, Willoughby**

Come with an open heart and bring your intentions, your loved ones, and all who need the tender mercy of Christ, the Divine Healer.

May this feast day be an encounter with hope, healing, and the maternal care of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

"Am I not here, I who am your Mother?"  
— Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego





**THURSDAY 11 - SUNDAY 14**  
**DECEMBER 2025**  
**COBBITTY, NSW**



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**ACTS 1:8**

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## Around and About

# Witness for Life

A talk by Archbishop Julian Porteous

**Sat 6 December**  
**St Brendan's Church**  
**34 Collins St, Annandale**

Archbishop Julian Porteous is the Emeritus Catholic Archbishop of Hobart, Tasmania. He is a patron of Family Life International and long time courageous defender of the rights of the unborn.

6pm to 9.30pm

6.00 Adoration

6.50 Benediction

7.00 Refreshments

7.30 Mother's Stories

8.00 Archbishop Porteous

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Matthew 11:28



**December 2025**

5th Dec (1st Friday)

**Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm-8:30pm**  
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, Chatswood

**ADVENT RETREAT, 12th-14th Dec**

Guided by Fr Sam Samuel VC & Fr Judy Varghese VC

Starts on Friday 5.30pm & ends on Sunday 4.00pm

For bookings: 02 43721598 or email: drcrettreatreg@gmail.com

15th Dec (3rd Monday)

**Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm-9:00pm**  
at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie street, WALLSEND

19th Dec (3rd Friday)

**Holy Mass & Adoration, 6:00pm-9:00pm**  
at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 31 Oxford St, EPPING

31st Dec, 8:30pm onwards

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

• 8.30 pm Silent Adoration, Rosary & Confession

• 9.30 pm Thanksgiving Adoration • 10.30 pm Holy Mass

**ALL ARE WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED**



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PRAY TO END ABORTION

40  
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FOR  
LIFE

17 February Shrove Tuesday  
**KICK-OFF RALLY**

18 February Ash Wednesday

**40 DAYS BEGINS!**

Daily prayer vigils outside

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Every Day 7am - 7pm

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Every Fri & Sat 7pm - 7am

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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 abortion clinics to change hearts and save lives. **Will you join us in 2026** as we pray for both mother and child, as well as all those involved in the abortion industry?

**Join the 40 DAY challenge**

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

"... Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:11,12

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

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS  
**PARLIAMENTARY  
PRAYER VIGIL**

A Life and Family Institute initiative

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**PRAY TO END ABORTION**



## *Please Remember in our Prayer*

### **For those recently deceased:**

Rogelio Torres; Tania Witts; Zhongyuan Jiang; Helen Orban; Tranquilla Stranges; Fong Wang; Gerard Say; Albert Wong; Fulvio Cogrossi; Victoria Balcanao; Braulio Dela Fuente; Almira Aurora Sabulao; Tom Rowan; Aljoša Žuvela.

### **For those who are sick:**

Bruce Meppem; Ely Herft; Augustine D'silva; George Lo; 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; Mr Gurung; Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlasic; Helen Coutts -Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapria; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; Gerard de Leon; Carlos de Leon; Mary kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

### **For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Christopher Dignam; Mate Bacic Fratric; Maria Vlatko Rulo; Mario Tan; Fausto and Sayone Enad; Dale Dazo; Lin Chunguang; Weng Haosong; Shi Ting; Agnes Press; Lydia Tan; Manuel Tan; John Kohr; Philip Ryan; Dayton family members; Vinko Cetinic; John Cetinic; Anthony Raffaele; Teresa Wang; James Biddell; Ellen Sunjaya.

**Deceased Birthday:** .Maria Cristina "Tina" Robinson

**Infant Baptism** on Sunday, 14 December 2025 at 12pm: Jacob Shiloh Bonifacio, Evelyn Chelsea Shen, Sydney Bern Ang & Maverick Khayam Gutierrez.

**Birthday:** Kristha Mangahas

### *Our Altar Flowers this Week*

.Our Altar Flowers this week are donated by Celine, Shaun, Lilah & Leo, in loving memory of Maria Cristina "Tina" Robinson.

Flowers at Our Lady's Shrine are in loving memory of Agnes Press on her 5<sup>th</sup> death anniversary (12.12.2020).



## FLOWER DONATIONS

*Would you like to donate flowers to adorn our church?*

Honour a special occasion or remember a loved one with altar flower arrangements  
Donations can be one-time or annual.



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



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



Submit your donation at least one month in advance.  
To reserve a date, contact Chloe at [Chloe.Aylward@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Chloe.Aylward@bbcatholic.org.au).

### **Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2025**

#### **For Christians in areas of conflict**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.