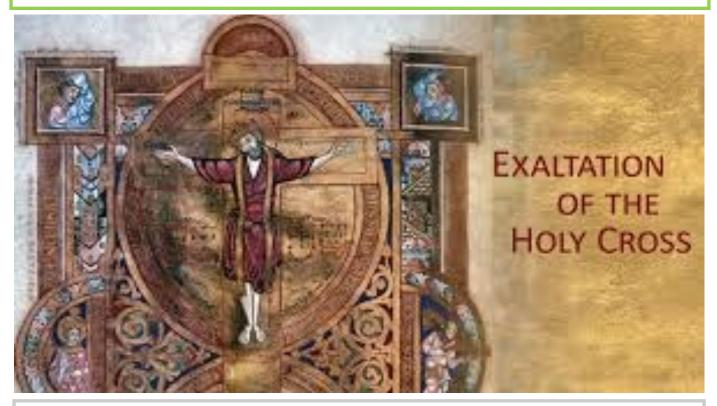


The Catholic Parish of Chatswood 94 Archer Street Chatswood NSW 2067

# Sunday 14 September 2025 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Welcome!



From 10pm Friday 12 September to Sunday 14 September there will be temporary impacts on Archer Street as the final tower crane that has supported redevelopment of Chatswood Chase is dismantled. During this time, the Archer Street pedestrian entrance will be closed. Access to the centre will be maintained via Victoria Avenue and Havilah Street.

Our parish carparks will be open as usual as church traffic will be permitted into Kirk St.

因為天主沒有派遣子到世界上來審判世界,而是為叫世界藉着他而獲救。 **若望福音 3:17** For God sent not his Son into the world, to judge the world, but that the world may be saved by him. **John 3:17** 



#### Masses This Week

Monday	15 September	12.30pm	Our Lady of Sorrows—Our parish Feast Day
Tuesday	16 September	9.00am and 12.30pm	Sts Cornelius and Cyprian
Wednesday	17 September	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 24
Thursday	18 September	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 24
Friday	19 September	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 24
Saturday	20 September	9.00am and 5.30pm	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, St Paul Chong Ha-sang
Sunday	21 September	Usual Times	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Please Remember in our Prayer

#### For those recently died:

Joe Woods; John Stanley Hedley; Dianne Brown; Yolandu Yu; Elizabeth Terry; Eileen Swinsburg; Marijan Mihaljevic; Joyce Sequiera; Ofelia Co (Anne Blayney's mother); Justine Straiton Elbourn; Michael de Dombal; Gregoria Cagoro; Jiennch Nones; Carmela Battaglia; Joseph Chow.

#### For those who are sick:

Terry Meagher; Deysi Villanueva; Ervita Wiroatmodjo; Elsa Omaira Rodriguez Caldas; Almira Aurora Sabulao; Ditas Naguit; Christina Chen; Mary Oakley; Maureen Potter; Eugenia San Gabriel; Jim Dennis; Jeremy Moon; Wai Ping Tan; Ley Peng Tan; Lody Herlianto; Chet Catapang; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Xu He Ooi; Carmel Villanueva; Mr Gurung; Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Ying Leong Fong; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Minnie Walshe; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlasic; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapria; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; 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:

Floricia Ruiz; ; Mark Esteban; Warren Farr; Haryl Daposala; Miranda Teresita Celedonio; Johanes Njo Tedjo Usmanto; Robert Playdon; Lydia & Jolan Moreno; Teresita Daposala; Rose Nanayakkara; Irene Ward; Peter Sardelic; Maria Sardelic; Marin Sardelic; Roland Patrick Riel; Hilary Coutinho; Yim Ling Wong; Shing Kam Yip; Vlaho Vlatko; Suk Hing Ip Olivia; Bartolo Paino; Atanasius Teno Tjung; Zele Cetinic Pensa; Frances Hung; Wah Chew Chan; Charles Shortis; Marie Keenan.

Recent Birthdays: Ditas Naguit, Peter Nguyen

Baptisms on Sunday 14 September: Paxton Joseph Ng, Antonio Venuto & Alessandro Venuto, Clara Isabel Dias

### Upcoming Events in our Parish

Saturday	13 September	Parish Bush Walk celebrating Season of Creation
Monday	15 September	Parish Feast Day
Friday	19—21 September	Inaugural Parish Festival of Beauty
Sunday	28 September	Jubilee of Catechists  Community Lunch after 10.30am Mass
Monday	29 September	Fr Hien on diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome
Sunday	5 October	Blessing of Community Garden to conclude Season of Creation
Wednesday	15 October	Annual Footprints Mass at 6.30pm
Saturday	25 October	Parish-in-Council
Thursday	30 October	Sacrament of Confirmation

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.

## From Fr David

Dear friends,

What a wonderful, joyous weekend we enjoyed last week! Our participation in the Chatswood Spring Fair, our 3rd film in our inaugural Parish Film Festival on Carlo Acutis on the Saturday evening, and then the celebration of the canonisations of Carlo Acutis and PierGiorgio Frassati on Sunday evening with Bishop Anthony! So many people to thank for making it all as special and as memorable!

It was particularly memorable when Bishop Anthony announced that he would begin the formal process by which our church might be designated by the Holy Father as a minor-basilica! This is a lengthy process with a number of steps but certainly the combination of the vitality of our community and the grandeur of our building suggests that this is a most appropriate title for Our Lady of Dolours!

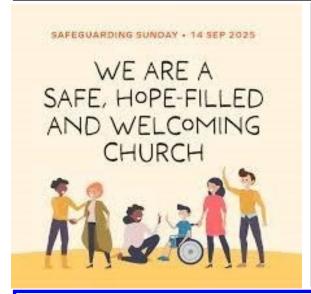
In this respect we continue in our journey to refresh our church as it enters its second century. In the pews we will see a survey sheet that seeks everyone's ideas in what they consider important and best for our church. The survey will be open for several weeks. Please leave the completed forms in one of the white boxes around the church. Or alternatively feel welcome to complete the survey online using the QR code here.

Bishop Anthony has written to us the most wonderful Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist: *The Mystery of Faith: Encountering Jesus Christ in the Eucharist*. I encourage us all to take a copy and to read the letter prayerfully. It is written in short sections, each with questions for reflection. It may be, too, that many of our parish groups would like to use it, taking a section each time they gather using it as an opening reflection to their gathering? In this way we will deepen our love for the Eucharist together.



This Monday, 15 September, we celebrate our Parish Feast Day! Join us for Mass on Monday at 12.30pm to give God thanks for the remarkable blessing he has given us under the care of Mary, our Mother.

Our Altar Flowers this week are donated by the Tang family for Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Sorrow for prayers answered



# Welcome!

Deacon Tan Nguyen ordained on Friday 12 September joins our parish from Sunday 21 September 2025 in preparation for his future Ordination to the Priesthood.



This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday: an important initiative of the Catholic Church in Australia and takes place at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week on 14 September. This Sunday provides an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to child safe practices, celebrate the presence of children and young people in our communities, and pray for those harmed by abuse. It is also a time to recognise the importance of ongoing change to ensure children grow up safe, supported, and valued within the Church.

## A Year of Jubilee

# JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



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

Friday 21 March 5.30pm—7pm Students from Central Coast Catholic Schools

Saturday 5 April 9am Mass 50 Young Adults from Hornsby Parish

Monday 7 April Parish group from Toukley-Lake Munmorah

Tuesday 8 April 10.30am - 1.00pm Parishioners from St John the Baptist Woy Woy

Thursday 10 April Parish group from St Monica's Parramatta Diocese

Saturday 26 April—afternoon Young Adults from Parish of Manly-Freshwater

Friday 9 May—11.50am-12.30pm 70 Students from Redfield College

Monday 12 May at 10.30am Students from Tangara School for Girls

Sunday 24 May—afternoon Young Adults from around our Diocese, walking from Lindfield

Friday 6 June 10am –11.30am 80 Staff from St Brigid's College, Lake Munmorah

6 June 1.00pm—2pm 120 Staff from St Peter's College, Tuggerah

Thursday 19 June, 11.30am—1.00pm 45 x Stage 3 Students from St Thomas and St Philip Neri, Willougby

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

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
Saturday 8 November 10.30am Parishioners from St Patrick's East Gosford

Saturday 22 November Catholic Indonesian Community



# Our Celebration of the Canonisations on 7 September









Last Sunday 7 September we were joined by Bishop Anthony as we celebrated the canonisations of Carlo Acutis and PierGiorgio Frassati by Pope Leo XIV in Rome. We also received a relic of PierGiorgio which now is installed in our beautiful Eucharistic Chapel.

THANKYOU to all who make our celebration as beautiful and as joyful!

## Our Inaugural Parish Festival of Beauty

#### Friday 19 September 2025

5.30pm Registration and Refreshments

7.00pm Formal Welcome by Fr David Ranson

7.15pm Keynote Presentation by Mr John O'Brien, "Aspects of Beauty"

John O'Brien is a registered architect, who has been practicing in Ecclesial Projects for over 30 years & has developed considerable expertise in the design & construction of new & existing cathedrals, churches, chapels & shrines in Australia, New Zealand & Papua New Guinea. He is currently working on two churches in the Diocese

of Broken Bay.

8.00pm Organ Recitals by Chatswood Parish senior junior organ scholars

Saturday 20 September 2025

10.00am Keynote Presentation 2 Mr Anthony Pitts "For Beauty's Sake"

Excelsia Ambassador and William Byrd Fellow at Excelsia University College, as well as Artistic Director of both

TONUS PEREGRINUS and The Song Company.

12 noon Lunch

1.00pm Keynote Presentation 3 Linda Klarfeld

Linda Klarfeld is one of Australia's leading figurative sculptors, renowned for her masterful bronze and stone works. Her striking portraits, monumental sculptures, and profound religious art capture the essence of her subjects and inspire reflection and connection. Linda's works have been exhibited in prominent galleries and collected by institutions and private buyers worldwide, earning her a reputation as a leader in contemporary

figurative sculpture.

2.30pm Afternoon Tea

3.00pm Keynote Presentation by Dr David Larkin "The Beauty of Music – A Gift from God"

Dr David Larkin is a Senior Lecturer in musicology at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, where he is currently Program Leader for Musicology and for Analytical, Historical and Cultural Studies. He joined the University of Sydney in 2010, after two years as a postdoctoral research fellow attached to the School of Music, University College Dublin sponsored by the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences. His music education began at the Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin, where he studied piano, violin and organ. He graduated from University College Dublin in 1999 with a first-class honours B.Mus degree, and in 2002 was awarded the M.Litt degree with distinction for a thesis exploring the musical and personal connections between

Liszt and Wagner. In 2007, he gained his PhD from the University of Cambridge.

4.45pm Evening Prayer in the church with Chatswood Parish Schola

7.30pm Concert in Church: Chatswood Parish Choir with the Tim Li Orchestra, featuring Schubert's Mass in G.

Sunday 21 September 2025

10.30am Combined Choirs at Parish Mass

Chatswood Parish Choir, Indonesian Choir, Lanneke Jones' choir from St Michael's Lane Cove, and Children's

choir from Ku-ring-gai Parish

11.30am Light Lunch

1.00pm Keynote Presentation 5 by Fr Stephen Hackett "The Beauty of the Liturgy"

Reverend Dr Stephen Hackett MSC is the Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Australia. He was the inaugural Chairman of the National Liturgical Architect & Art Council of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference. He is currently the Chairman of the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

3.30pm Solemn Benediction

## Our Inaugural Parish Festival of Beauty

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church will host it's inaugural Festival of Beauty in 2025.

Join us for a weekend of Keynote Speakers and round table conversation on aspects of Beauty in our life of faith, along with wonderful occasions of sacred music.

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- John O'Brien (Architect)
- Linda Klarfeld (Sculptor)
- Dr David Larkin (Senior Lecturer in Musicology)
- Anthony Pitts (Artistic Director & Excelsia Ambassador)
- Fr Stephen Hackett (Chairman of the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Broken Bay)

Date: 19th to 21st September 2025

Register by 12th September via https://www.trybooking.com/DEWMH



Schedule of Event:





94 Archer St Chatswood NSW 2067



**Q** 02 9410 9000



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

Our event is without cost, and it is possible to come to all of it or just to segments or sessions over the days/ Please do register your interest, though, to provide us with an indication of numbers.

# Our Sharing the Good News Ministry Circle



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# **ZOOM ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2025**

PLEASE JOIN US IN HONOURING OUR BLESSED MOTHER BY PRAYING THE ROSARY TOGETHER VIA ZOOM



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER AT 8 PM

**ZOOM DETAILS:** 

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

Meeting ID: 891 2824 2753 NO Passcode



OUR LADY OF SORROWS (PATRONAL FEAST DAY)
MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER AT 8 PM

**ZOOM DETAILS:** 

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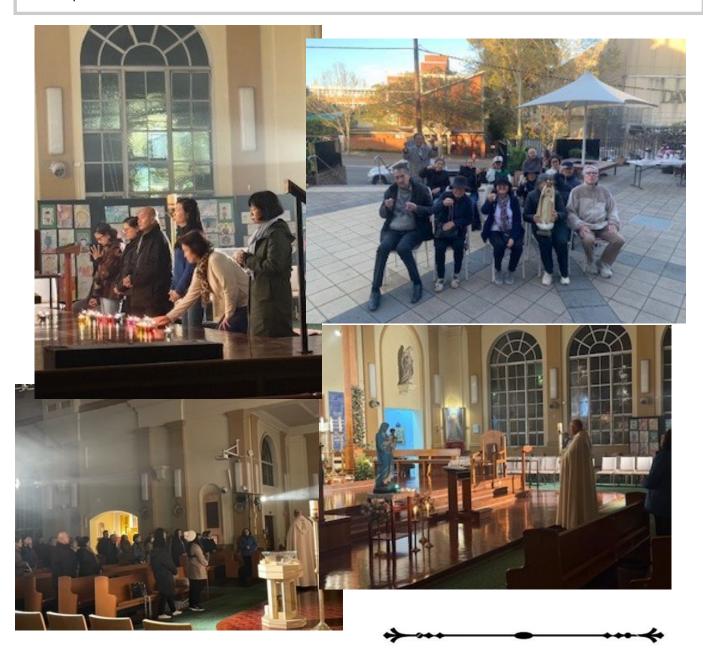
# Our Leading Reflective Lives Ministry Circle





Over this last week we have had a range of occasions on which people have gathered for prayer:

- Our first Saturday Rosary on our Forecourt
- \* An online Rosary on Monday 8 September for the Feast Day of the Birthday of Our Lady
- \* A beautiful Holy Hour on Thursday 11 September to pray for the men being ordained as Deacons on 12 September



# Footprints Mass

Pregnancy & Infant Loss
Remembrance Mass

Mednesday 15.10.2025 6:30 pm

Whether the death of a child happened recently or many years ago, parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to participate in a special Mass of Remembrance, to honour the brief life of the children who died too soon through miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death.

Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish 94 Archer Street Chatswood 2067







# YOUTH GROUP



Every **2<sup>nd</sup>** and **4<sup>th</sup>** Sunday during the **school term**, come join us for dinner, games and faith formation!

After 5.30pm youth mass, **6.30pm - 8.30pm** 

Meet at the Church forecourt Sunday 14th of September Cornerstone: Grades 5-8 Keystone: Grades 9-12

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





# **Our Lady of Sorrows**

The 7 swords of sorrow Our Lady suffered and how they can affect our spiritual life

With Liam Aquilina

Join our young adults group this week and dive into this fascinating topic, along with a free dinner and fellowship

© 6.30pm - 8.30pm w/ optional compline after

Harrington Hall

Sunday 21st September

Email Sienna for more info: foundationyouth@bbcatholic.org.au





At our recent Mass celebrating the canonisations of Carlo Acutis and PierGiorgio Frassati we were treated by a magnificent student choir made of students from Pius X College and Mercy Catholic College, under the direction of Titus Grenyer, our Parish Director of Music!

As part of our celebrations our Year 3 students assisted in the creation of a display in our church of the two saints. The display comprises that art work that many students in our primary school made for the occasion.

#### Father Hien and Year 8 Class

On Wednesday, 10 September, Father Hien visited Mr. Dumas' and Mr. Allum's Year 8 Religious Education class. The students showed great respect and genuine curiosity as they learned about the true presence of the Eucharist from Father Hien. Father Hein introduced them to the deep insights of Thomas Aquinas' theology alongside the philosophy of Plato. He reminded the students that faith in the Eucharist is not something we can fully grasp through reason or knowledge alone, it is ultimately something we are called to experience. The following day, the Year 8 class joined the parish community of Our Lady of Dolours for the 12:30 pm daily Mass with Father Hien. The girls sang joyfully, participated with reverence, and were deeply moved by the celebration. Afterward, a sense of excitement and joy filled the group, with many asking, "When can we go back and celebrate Mass again?" It was clear that something beyond words had touched their hearts. For many, it felt as though Jesus had entered their lives in a new and powerful way. Thank you Father Hein for your many efforts in leading our year 8 students.







An opportunity for the children to socialise and play, while the parents can come together in fellowship. To register, please email mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au or call Mona on 9410 9000



## **PARENT & INFANT MASS**

Child friendly weekday Mass every Thursday 12:30pm

Attending Mass can often be stressful for a parent, particularly while juggling the needs of your child. This Mass is an opportunity to gather with other parents, without judgement, with the support of the Priest and parishioners.





The Catholic community of Chatswood invites all

Year 5 children and their families to our

9am Family Mass

# Sunday 21 September

If your Year 5 child would like to read a prayer at Mass or for any other enquiries please contact Angela via email:

<u>angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au</u>

Mass will be followed by morning tea in the school playground. Please bring a plate of food to share.

All are Welcome!



# DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE

SAT 29 NOV- WED 3 DEC

FLIGHTS + 4 NIGHTS ACCOMODATION + REGO

\$1,645 PER PERSON, INCL GST

Limited opportunity for \$500 subsidy

Reducing cost to \$1,145

Day 1 Sat 29 Nov Departure (Travel Day)

Day 2 Sun 30 Nov ACYF

Day 3 Mon 1 Dec ACYF

Day 4 Tue 2 Dec ACYF

Day 5 Wed 3 Dec Return (Travel Day)

TO REGISTER INTEREST TO ATTEND ACYF - PLEASE SCAN



# BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE ONLINE INFORMATION EVENING

7PM MON 11 AUGUST 2025 TO REGISTER VIA EMAIL -PLEASE SCAN



#### **INCLUSIONS**

- Economy class return airfare from Sydney
- 4 nights' Accommodation Holiday Inn Express
- Breakfast daily
- Broken Bay Group dinner 29 November
- Return airport coach transfers
- ACYF Melbourne Registration fee
- Broken Bay Pilgrim T-Shirt

#### Not included:

- Travel insurance
- Lunches and dinners on festival days

Pilgrimage is open to young people in Year 9 at school, through to the age of 25, and their leaders and clergy.



# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS / C

14 September 2025

HEALING FROM THE CROSS. The bronze serpent on a standard is a well known symbol of the medical profession. Its origins go back to the time when God healed the repentant Israelites in the wilderness through a bronze serpent that Moses fashioned and placed on a standard. In today's Gospel, Jesus applies this image to his own crucifixion. By being lifted up on the cross he will bring healing and eternal life to all who believe in him.

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

<sup>o</sup>s 65:

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, / in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, / through whom we are saved and delivered.

#### **GREETING**

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

#### R. Amen.

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

#### R. And with your spirit.

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

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

#### R. Lord, have mercy.

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

#### R. Christ, have mercy.

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

#### R. Lord, have mercy.

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

#### R. Amen.

#### **GLORIA**

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

#### COLLECT

P. O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. 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**

Num 21: 4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers. When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here: we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

#### The word of the Lord.

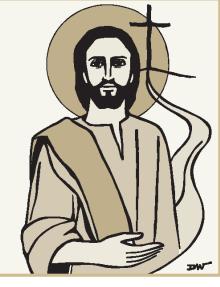
#### R. Thanks be to God.

#### RESP PSALM

Ps 77: 1-2, 34-38. R. v. 7

#### R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

- 1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching; / turn your ear to the words of my mouth / I will open my mouth in a parable / and reveal hidden lessons of the past. R.
- 2. When he slew them then they would seek him, / return and seek him in earnest. / They would remember that God was their rock, / God the Most High their redeemer. R.
- 3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery; / they lied to him with their lips. / For their hearts were not truly with him; / they were not faithful to his covenant. R.



4. Yet he who is full of compassion / forgave their sin and spared them. / So often he held back his anger / when he might have stirred up his rage. R.

#### SECOND READING

Phil 2: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

He humbled himself, therefore God has exalted him.

The state of Jesus Christ was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

R. Thanks be to God

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

In 3: 13-17

P. The Lord be with you.

#### R. And with your spirit.

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

#### R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The Son of Man must be lifted up. Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

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 oblation, O Lord, which on the altar of the Cross cancelled the offence of the whole world, cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins. 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 THE VICTORY OF THE GLORIOUS CROSS

After the Preface, we sing or say:

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

#### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

#### COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

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

All exchange a sign of peace

#### LAMB OF GOD

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

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

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 12: 32

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Having been nourished by your holy banquet, we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ, to bring those you have redeemed by the wood of your life-giving Cross to the glory of the resurrection. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

#### R. Amen.

#### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

#### **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

#### LIFTED UP

Today's Feast moves us away from our usual journey through Luke's Gospel. Instead, our focus is with John's Gospel. We are in a different world. John 3 concerns the engagement which Jesus has with Nicodemus, a Jewish leader and, as we learn at the Gospel's end, a potential disciple. In this chapter, the evangelist seeks to reflect upon Jesus' origins. John affirms that Jesus, God's Word and source of Wisdom, is from God. He 'came down from Heaven'. Jesus is God's exalted heavenly and human presence. He will be 'lifted up', that is, in John's story of Jesus' passion and death, he will be 'lifted up' on the cross and will be 'lifted up' in exaltation by the Father in resurrection. Jesus' death is also his exaltation.

In today's Gospel, the evangelist draws on the imagery of the fashioned bronze serpent that Moses 'lifts up', that we hear today in the first reading from the *Book of Numbers*. The serpent figure rescues the suffering Israelites. For John, this, too, is Jesus' quest: to rescue and bring eternal life to suffering humanity. John's passage exudes hope and divine communion with humanity and creation. God loves the 'cosmos' so much that God's very being and expression in the Word, Jesus, suffers for it. This word, 'cosmos', comprises the whole of creation, including humanity.

Palpable optimism permeates this Gospel passage. For John, God wants nothing or anyone to be 'lost'. All are found in the Word enfleshed in Jesus. God's community with creation and humanity is sealed and eternal. This is such a rich Gospel for today's Feast. Every line deserves meditation.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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#### What is the Atrium?

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Christian formation process for children between the ages of 3 and 12 years. The central aim of this faith formation program is to enable the child to experience and form an authentic relationship with God. This happens in a specially prepared room called the atrium.

The Catechesis is grounded in scripture and the liturgy of the church, then framed by Montessori principles of education. This allows children to hear the Gospels through the use of sensorially rich materials. The children are free to work with these materials that represent essential proclamations of the Christian message.

#### Our Parish Atrium

Since August 2007 we have been welcoming children from our parish and beyond to the atrium so that they can spend time with God and explore their relationship with him.

#### Join our Atrium Team!

We would love to have others joins us and discover the joy of working with children in this beautiful ministry.

If you are a parent, grandparent or someone who loves to support children come to know God, please contact Angela to discuss how you can get involved.

#### **Upcoming Course Details**

This course is like a retreat where participants listen to and explore the Word of God and deepen their ability to observe and learn from the children, the joy of the Gospel!

If you are a parent, grandparent or someone who loves to support children in their relationship God, we recommend joining this course.

In the course we will explore the general developmental characteristics, religious nature and religious needs of the 3 to 6 year old child. We will also explore how we as adults can support the relgious potential of the child as well as how the environment we place the child in is also an important factor in developing this potential.

The full cost for this course is \$400.

OLD Chatswood parishioners may be eligible for a scholarship.

Contact Angela for details.



Course Dates - 7 full days 9:00am - 5:00pm each day:

Tuesday 7 - Friday 10 October, then Fridays 7, 14 and 28 November 2025



Our Lady of Dolours Children's Atrium Corner of Kirk and Archer Sts, Chatswood NSW 2067

TO REGISTER for this course Scan the Barcode:



for any enquiries contact Angela Hague at old.childrens.atrium@gmail.com | 0411 441 289



The Catholic community of Chatswood invites
all State School children and their families
to a special

Catechist and Family Mass on

# Sunday 28 September

at our 9am Mass

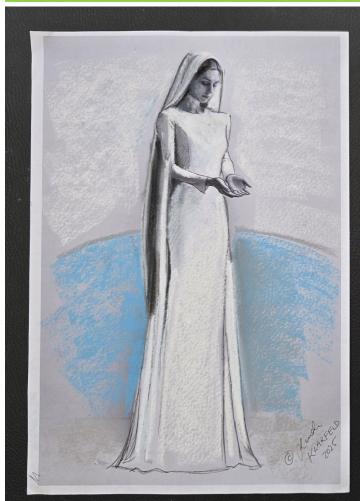
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If your child would like to read a prayer or be included in the Mass or for any other enquiries please contact Angela in the parish office via email: <a href="mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au">angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au</a>

Mass will be followed by morning tea outside the church.

All are Welcome!

# Our Sustaining our Future Ministry Circle





Following a very fruitful conversation with a number of our parishioners on Sunday 17 August 2015, our sculptor, Linda Klarfeld has designed two new versions of an image of Our Lady that she hopes reflects the discussion. The image would be made in white granite as an outdoor sculpture. **Please keep in mind that these are concepts only!** However, if you would like to send Fr David your thoughts on this new idea, do share these with him. In this way our journey of alighting on the most appropriate image will continue to unfold.



# LOVE SYDNEY - WALK FOR LIFE

Walk for Life to help bring an end to abortion with help, hope and healing.

LOVE THE NEXT GENERATION

Saturday 20th of September 2025

2pm - 4pm **Hyde Park** 

Opposite St Mary's Cathedral

PLEASE WEAR A WHITE SHIRT

Join us for a peaceful family friendly event with speakers, prayer and a 1km walk around the park.

Free Entry Tickets

trybooking.com/DBZSU lovesydney.org.au



# Please follow the event guidelines.

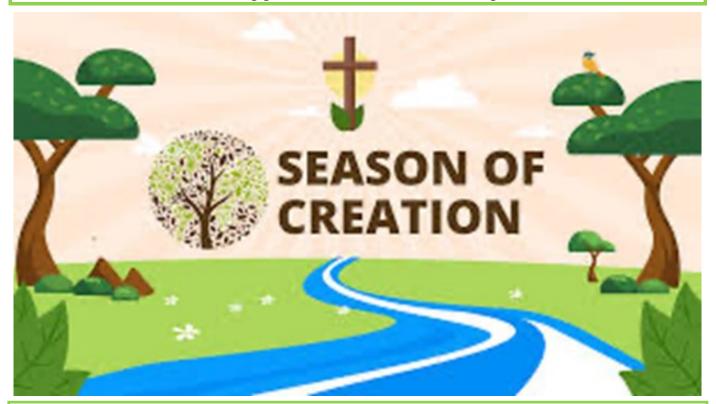
NO megaphones or personal signs, Love Sydney will provide official signs. Please follow the direction of the marshals & police and walk peacefully with love.







# Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle



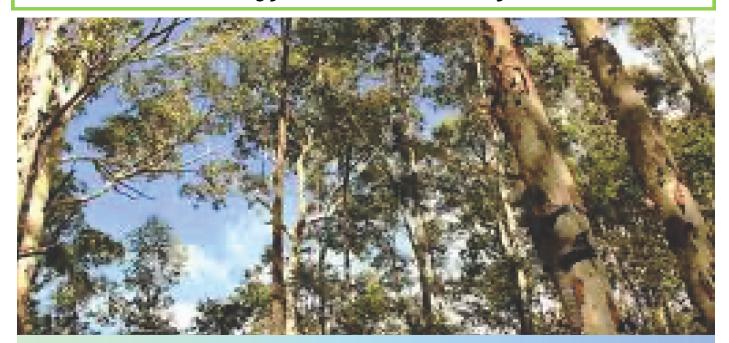
# Invitation To Lend your Pot Plant in Gratitude to God

During the Season of Creation you are invited to add your pot plant to our display of gratitude to God for the gifts of His creation. Bring it along and find a position for it on the ledges of the Church. It will remain there as an offering throughout the Season of Creation and be cared for by our Earthcare team until after the Feast of St Francis when on 5 October it will be blessed along with our parish Community Garden. This is one of the ways that we will acknowledge during this Season of Creation that we are all part of the interconnected creation of God and that our well-being depends on the well-being of all.





# Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle



# **OUR BUSHWALK & LITURGY THIS SATURDAY**

Bring water bottle, strong shoes, hat and nibbles

Be ready on the church forecourt at 10.30 for a blessing by Fr David

Set off up Archer St, turn left at Ashley St, cross Pacific Highway, find path between high-rise and follow to Dulwich Rd.

On Dulwich Rd find the entrance to Blue Gum Reserve. Walk through bushland to the Chatswood Scout Hut where you will find a simple morning tea ready for you

Gather under the trees for a Liturgy of Gratitude for God's Creation

Make return walk to the Church, arriving at approximately 12.00 noon

A Last Minute Change

Because of the slippery ground caused by the recent heavy rais, the bushwalk will take place in Beauchamp Park, Nicholson St, Chatswood.

# Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle

# Two Evenings in September to Inspire and Challenge.

Join the parish Laudato Si' group as we host 4 speakers over two evenings who will open our hearts and minds to the invitation and theology of Laudato Si'

Event Dates: 9 & 23 September

Time: 7:30-9pm

Venue: St Leonards Catholic Church

Naremburn

Cnr of Donnelly Rd and Willoughby Rd

# **Tuesday 9 September**



Fr Chima's academic background and research are rooted in ecological theology, with a focus on the relationship between faith, creation, and the moral call to care for our common home. His areas of interest include ecological spirituality, creation theology, and virtue ethics—fields that explore how Christian tradition and moral imagination can inspire deeper environmental responsibility and hope."

Eco-Spirituality: Becoming Who You Are



True transformation begins when our actions reflect our deepest beliefs. Eco-spirituality invites us to rediscover our sacred bond with creation—our native home—and to live in a way that honours both the Earth and the Creator. This conversation calls us to embody our faith through lives of reverence, simplicity, and solidarity, becoming who we truly are: stewards of grace, co-creators of hope, and witnesses to God's glory in the world.

Anne Lanyon is the Co-ordinator of the Faith Ecology Network, a network of people from diverse faiths and the ecological sciences who share faith with ecological awareness and care.

Earth is speaking to us. Are we listening? How can we learn to listen?" In Laudato Si' Pope Francis wrote about dialogue; Religion in dialogue with Science and Religions in dialogue with each other.

# **Tuesday 23 September**



Andy Nguyen SJ is currently an assistant priest at Our Lady of the Way Parish North Sydney. He studied architecture at the University of Houston and coordinated the construction of houses, schools and clinics in east Timor.

Laudato 5i' invites us to encounter God's presence in every aspect of creation, echoing one of the spiritual insights of 5t Ignatius of Loyola, "finding God in all things." From this perspective, creation is not as a resource to exploit but as a sacred gift, reflecting God's love. With this profound encounter, we can recognise our intrinsic connection with all living beings and the Earth, and from which, we are called to a renewed sense of solidarity and responsibility. Ultimately, Laudato 5i' is a call to ecological conversion—a transformation of hearts and lifestyles formed in compassion, justice, reconciliation, and care for our common home. This message challenges us to change not only our actions but our way of seeing the world and others.



Patricia Gemmell is the Coordinator of the Lower North Shore Parish Laudato Si' Action Group. Through a process of group discernment thi local iniative has set about living laudato si' and taking it beyond the confines of the church in small practical ways.

Living Laudato Si' Laudato Si' is a call to conversion of mind and heart. In the words of Pope Francis, "A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal. What might that mean for us in practical terms, in our daily lives? How does one live Laudato Si'?



# Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle



At Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church Chatswood 車士活慈悲聖母天主堂

日期 I Date

2025年9月17日 (總共十三節) 時間 | Time

下午12:15至2:30

地點 I Venue

Magnificat Room Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church Crn of Kirk and Archer Sts Chatswood 車士活 聯絡電話 | Contact No.

堂區辦公室 I Parish Office

(02) 9419 9000





# Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle



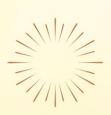
# RCIA

# Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

A journey in faith, a place to belong

If you are...

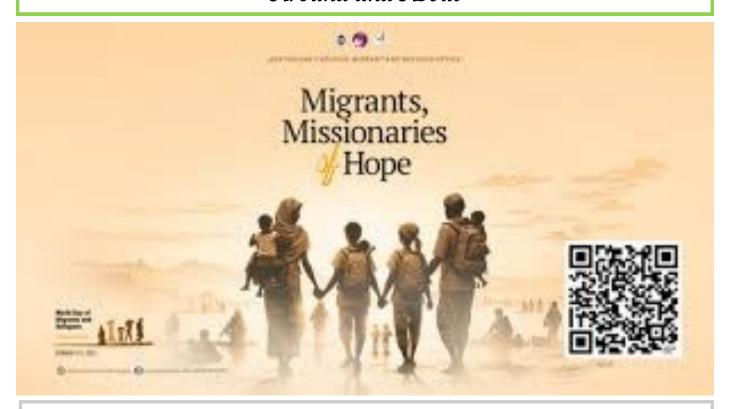
- **P** Discovering the Catholic faith for the first time
- Searching for a deeper understanding of what Catholics believe
- 🙏 **Thinking** about becoming Catholic
- \* RCIA is the perfect place to begin!





Program begins mid-September (exact date TBA)

Contact Fr David, Fr Hien, or the Parish Office: chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au
(02) 9410 9027



As the global Church prepares to celebrate the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday, 5 October, the Bishops' Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry invites all Australians to pause and reflect on the stories of resilience and faith that migrants and refugees bring to our communities.

This year's theme, "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope", reminds us that even in the face of conflict, displacement, and uncertainty, migrants carry within them a powerful witness of hope that enriches both the Church and society

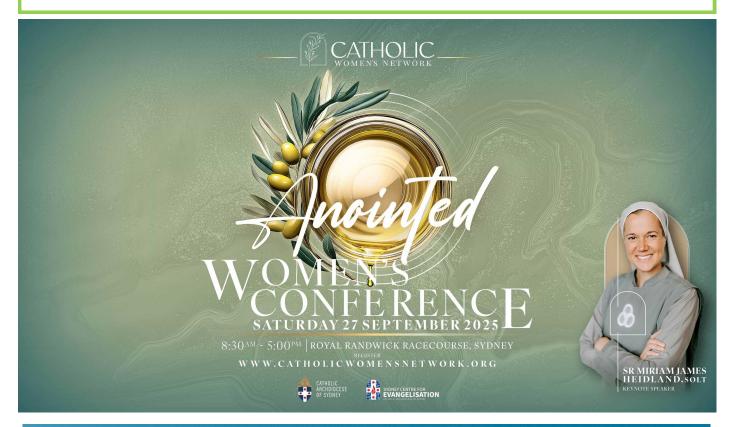


# POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

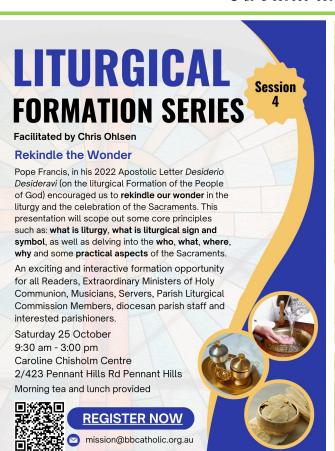
FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF CREATION

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

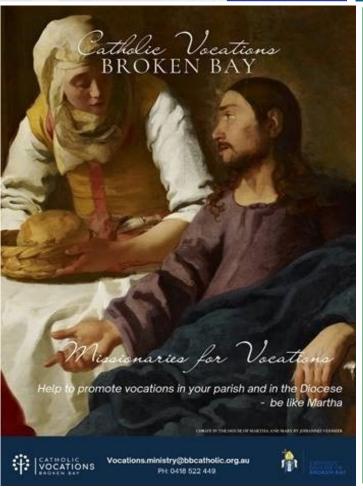


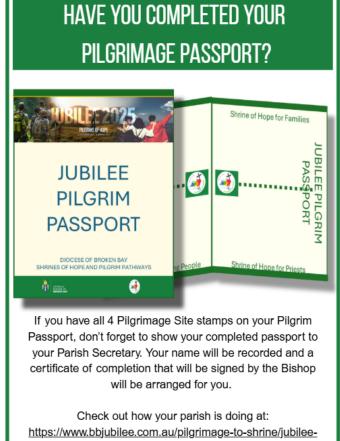












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The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.



# IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY? SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT SACRED HEART CHURCH PYMBLE COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM

# OUR MASS CELEBRANT WILL BE OUR DIOCESAN VOCATIONS DIRECTOR FATHER JOEY FREZ. AFTER DINNER FATHER WILL PROVIDE A VOCATIONS UPDATE AND SHARE HIS VOCATION JOURNEY.

#### EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

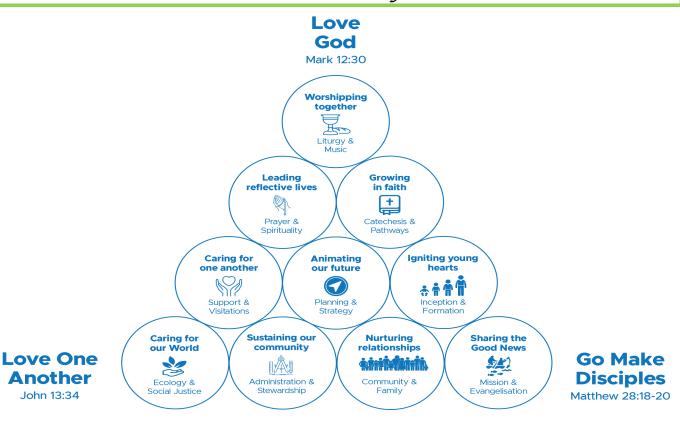
Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email annayytleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry\_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Fr Paul Finucane	2 Fr Paul Durkin	3 Fr Bogdan Skupien Fr Eliseus Shin	4 Fr Chima Ofor	5 Marek Woldan	6 Fr Joshi Nadup- pura	7 Fr Philip Thottam MSFS
8 Fr Grzegorz (Greg) Skulski SDS	9 Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pie- trusewicz SDS	10 Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sa- dowski SDS	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 Mabine OSA Sr Jenifer Canil- las OSA
22 Seminarians ShayneD'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 Fr Terry Johns	30 Sister Damian Lai					

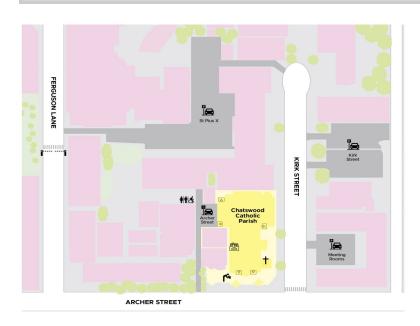
# Our Parish Ministry Circles



# Supporting our Parish Financially

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

# Parking at our Parish



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

# Parish Contact Information

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Tuesday to Sunday

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Hien Vu hien.vu@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9027

Tuesday to Sunday

Deacon (Transitional): Rev Mr Tan Nguyen

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**Administration and Facilities Officer: Kristha Mangahas** 

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Monday to Thursday

Pastoral Support Worker: Mona Saouma

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Our Lady of Dolours Primary Parent Engagement Coordinator

Rebecca Molinaro: rebecca.molinaro@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Monday and Thursday

**Mercy College Parent Engagement Coordinator** 

Annette Leahy: annette.leahy1@dbb.catholic.edu.au

#### **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. Ends with Divine Mercy Chaplet at midday followed by Benediction.

Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and Reconciliation 7.00pm

Saturday Morning: Reconciliation from 9.30am.