

*Sunday 15 March*  
*4th Sunday of Lent*

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



當我在世界上的時候，我是世界的光  
若望福音 9:5

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world Jn: 9:5



*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.

## *From Fr David*

Dear friends

We have lost two great parishioners recently. As we shared last week, God has called home, Binnie (Marianne) Tan. She will be farewelled at St Raphael's Catholic Church, 82 George St, South Hurstville at 11.30am on Thursday 26 March.

Last Sunday we received the news of the death of Peter Prior. Peter had been a gentle presence in our parish family for many years, and faithfully had exercised a ministry as one of our collection counters, diligently being present in our parish office of a Sunday morning even as his mobility diminished. We will greatly miss him! Eternal rest grant unto Peter, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Peter will be farewelled at Northern Suburbs Crematorium on Wednesday 18 March at 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend.



Some of us may have recently had problems receiving our bulletin by email. This is because Email providers are increasingly treating bulk emails with attachments as unsolicited or potentially unsafe content. Bulk newsletter emails to @hotmail, @outlook and @live accounts have already been blocked by Microsoft. We are now looking at sending our bulletin not by an attachment but rather by a link to overcome this problem. We may soon need to change how we communicate and may need everyone to register again to receive the Newsletter. Stay tuned whilst we work out the best way forward.

I am very happy to share that the final outcome of our recent Lunar New Year fundraising has been a \$12,307.57 contribution to our Pastoral Works Fund Appeal. This is a truly remarkable outcome and we are profoundly grateful to all our Catholic Chinese Association for their extraordinary work to enable the best celebration to date.

We may recall towards the end of 2025 we invited everyone to participate in a Parish Pulse Survey to provide us with feedback on a variety of experiences in our parish's life. This was a very significant undertaking which resulted in 408 contributions with some 15,000 responses to all the questions. This means that around 30% of our Mass attendees participated. Brendan Tertini has done a stunning job bringing the results of the survey together into a 64 page dossier. We will soon be in position to share this with everyone, and to invite engagement with the themes that have emerged. Again, we thank everyone for their involvement and we look forward to introducing the outcomes at a weekend shortly after Easter.

We are also in the process of introducing a new look Parish Bulletin –more professional and streamlined. We have been working on the template for this now for some weeks, and Duyen our Parish Engagement Officer, has been experimenting with its development. The 'new-look' bulletin may appear even next weekend or the one after! All our existing information will be found there albeit in a slightly different ordering.

May we continue to support each other with our prayer as our journey of Lent unfolds.



**We acknowledge the Cammeraygal People of the Eora Nation,  
custodians of the land on which our parish stands  
and we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of national reconciliation.**

**As a Parish of Catholic Faith we are committed  
to ensuring always a community of safety and care for all,  
especially for children, and those who are vulnerable.**

## *Come and See!*

### **From Japan to the PEW**

Our parishioners who joined the pilgrimage to Japan last month have returned bearing some religious mementos from places they visited. Most items are from local churches in Nagasaki Prefecture, known as the “Rome of the Orient”, that survived centuries of persecution, and where St Paul Miki and his 26 companions were martyred.

The items include Japanese-made rosaries from the Immaculate Conception (Urakami) Cathedral, and carvings ornaments from churches in Hirado and Hiroshima. These very limited items are available for sale at the PEW Gift Shop this weekend after each Mass or after the 12:30pm Mass on weekdays.



Refurbishment on our Reconciliation Room has commenced. For a long time it has had challenges in respect to the Confessor being able to hear and interact with the Penitent. We hope that its new design will overcome this problem and make the room a more pleasant experience for the celebration of the Sacrament.

Thank you for your patience whilst the works are being undertaken.

## Come and See!



Our topic at our Seniors Morning Tea this week was How to Prevent a Stroke, presented by Henry Ng from the Stroke Foundation.



### Congratulations Jo Karaolis!

The Ku-ring-gai Council Women's Leadership and Inspiration Award celebrates local women who are making a real difference in our community. It recognises those who show leadership, speak up for others and are committed to creating a more equal and inclusive society.

This award is part of Council's ongoing commitment to gender equality and women's empowerment. It recognises and celebrates the achievements of women in our community who are driving positive change, whether through their work, volunteering, or everyday actions that inspire others.



Anny Widagdo and Gillian Hawkings recently celebrated milestone birthdays! They received a special blessing at our 10.30am Mass last Sunday!

Come and See!

WILLOUGHBY SYMPHONY CHOIR  
WILLOUGHBY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

# OUT OF DARKNESS ...LIGHT

WA Mozart  
**REQUIEM**  
Ola Gjeilo  
**SUNRISE MASS**

PETER ELLIS  
CONDUCTOR

LUCY VALLELY  
SOPRANO  
AMELIA BLAND  
MEZZO

LOUIS VINCIGUERRA  
TENOR  
MATTHEW AVERY  
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2PM SUNDAY  
29 MARCH 2026

OUR LADY  
OF DOLOURS  
CHATSWOOD



TICKETS \$40 - SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK



Our Lady  
OF DOLOURS



Call out for youth volunteers!

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Actors, narrators and crew needed!

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

This youth-led, prayerful event consists of a re-enactment of the 14 stations of Christ's passion. We need young people (ages 15-35) to act out the stations, narrate the script, be part of the crew, welcoming team and more!



REHEARSAL  
SATURDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

GOOD FRIDAY  
3RD APRIL

REGISTER BY  
20th March

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

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Scan here to be part of this special event:



**Matthew French**

## CANDIDACY FOR SACRED ORDERS

Resolve to form your mind and heart in such a way that you will be able faithfully to serve Christ the Lord and his Body, the Church!

**MARCH 14, 2026 5 PM**  
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL  
23 Yardley Ave, Waitara



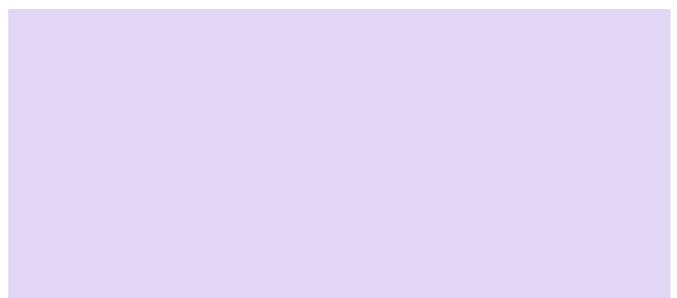
Institution for the Ministries of  
**Lector & Acolyte**

**Victor Atuhura**  
March 14, 2026 at 5PM

**Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral**  
23 Yardley Ave, Waitara

Be faithful in handling the Word of God so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people.

Make your life worthy of service at the table of the Lord and of His Church.



## *Come and Grow!*

### **Stations of the Cross during Lent**

We will pray "**The Station of the Cross**" every Friday at our church. We will gather together to join in the suffering of Christ on the hill of Golgotha that the Lord walked, and meditate on the "Passion and Death of Jesus", while as we preparing for the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus,

Dates : **20 March, 27 March**

Time : **11:30 AM and 7:00 PM**

### **Our Lady of Dolours Parish Book Club 2026**

You are warmly invited to come along to Our Lady of Dolours Parish Book Club. We meet once a month, and the next meeting for 2026 is at **7.30pm on Friday 10 April**. It's a great opportunity to meet other parishioners, and to share and deepen our understanding of Catholic spirituality under the guidance of Father David.

This year we will focus on St. John Henry Newman who is the most recent Doctor of the Universal Church - declared by Pope Leo XIV on All Saints Day in November 2025. Newman is the 38th Doctor of the Church, and sits alongside Augustine, Aquinas and Thérèse of Lisieux. His religious story is one of immense interior struggle as he converted from Anglicanism to Catholicism. Those struggles continued long after his conversion, as he was viewed with suspicion for some time by both Anglicans and Catholics. He was a prolific writer with remarkable foresight – and many of his theological ideas were subsequently taken up by Vatican II, particularly in relation to the role of the laity in the Church. While he died in 1890, his writings remain as relevant today as ever.

As we delve into the spirituality of Newman, we will read **Newman: The Heart of Holiness** by Roderick Strange. It is available to purchase online (including via e-book and audiobook, whichever version you prefer). We will develop a more detailed plan for the year at our first meeting: 6.45pm on Wednesday 4 March in the Magnificat Room.

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



*Join us for an online*

*Rosary via Zoom*

*on Wednesday, 25 March 2026 at 8 pm*

*to celebrate the Solemnity of the*

***Annunciation of the Lord***

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

Meeting ID 89128242753

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

## Come and Grow!

# Walking in the Wilderness:

A Lenten Journey of Communion, Participation, and Mission

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

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

All Welcome.



 FIRE UP MINISTRIES



# Lenten Parish Mission

with Simon Carrington



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

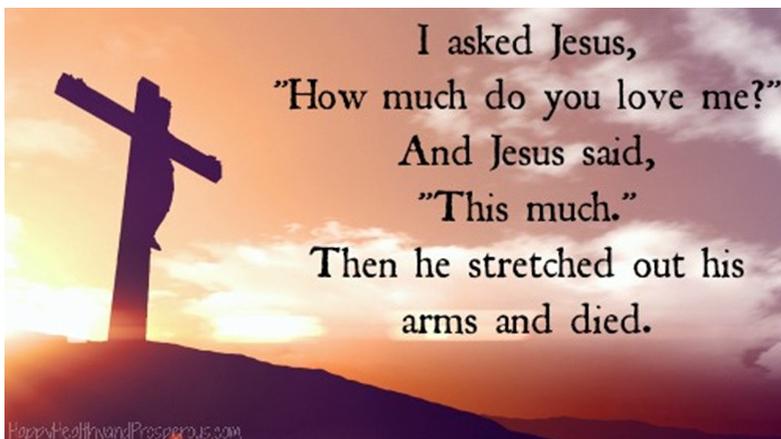
**Fri, Mar 27** The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell

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

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

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

SCAN THE QR TO REGISTER



*Lent is not just a time for fasting but is a time for Feasting on the Infinite Love of our Redeemer.*

*Come to feast on the Love of this Tremendous Lover*

Date: Saturday 21 March 2026  
Time: 3-4:30pm

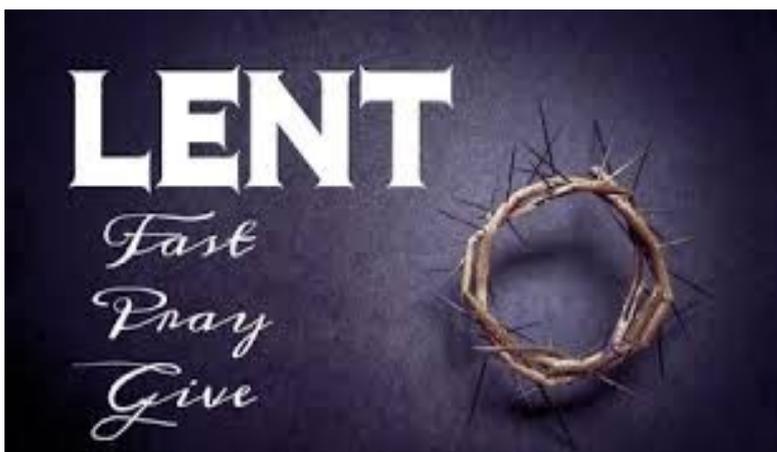
Venue: Magnificat Room  
(Enter by Kirk Street.)

Language Medium—English

Pls. reply by email to

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or phone message (0410002270) to facilitate the arrangement of seats. Thank you.



## Come and Grow!

Over the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of Lent, our Elect (those who are to be baptised at Easter) gather at our 10.30am Mass for the celebration of "The Scrutinies" - ancient prayers for deliverance and protection.

We continue to keep our catechumens in our heart and prayer in these weeks at the end of their long period of preparation and as they prepare to become Christians in our Catholic Tradition.



**Our Lady OF DOLOURS**

**PRAISE and WORSHIP**

**6PM, FRIDAY, 22ND MAY, 2026**  
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
94 ARCHER ST, CHATSWOOD NSW 2067

Our next Praise and Worship Night is coming up and we'd like your help! We are looking for **volunteers** to assist on the night. If you are over the age of 18, have a Working With Childrens Check, and are keen to lend a hand - please email Sienna at [Sienna.Klarica@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Sienna.Klarica@bbcatholic.org.au)

**On 7 March, our parish was blessed to hold its first Women's Retreat, themed "With Mary at the Foot of the Cross."**

About 50 women gathered during Lent to reflect on John 19:25-27, pray the Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows, and spend time in Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation.

It was a grace-filled day of quiet prayer, walking with Mary in her sorrow and trust, and preparing our hearts for the hope of Easter.

We are grateful to Fr David and all who made this day possible.

Thankyou  
Kind regards,

Charmaine Wan



Our First Saturday Public Rosary Team following the Rosary prayed on Saturday 7 March.

## *Come and Grow!*

### **Reflections on St Patrick's Day 2026**

Gerard Ryan

On Tuesday 17 March we celebrate St Patrick's Day – celebrated by the Australian Catholic Church as a solemnity (our highest-ranking feast day).

St Patrick was born Maewyn Succat in Britain of Roman parents and, when about 16 years of age, he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave. He worked there as a shepherd for around 6 years, giving him time to deepen his relationship with God, despite it being a land of druids and pagans. In St Patrick's words "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused ... I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn". St Patrick escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain, where he reunited with his family. He studied for the priesthood in Europe, was ordained by St Germanus, took the name Patrick (Patricus in Latin) and was made a Bishop. He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more". So St Patrick returned to Ireland as a missionary and spent his life travelling through Ireland where, with the help of his followers (and despite the risk of starvation, death or imprisonment), he converted the pagan population to Catholicism (hence the legend of driving the snakes out of Ireland) – baptising thousands, ordaining priests, and building many churches and monasteries. He is the patron saint of Ireland. His life is known from his *Confessions* (a spiritual autobiography which reveals his love of God and trust in Him throughout the challenges of his life) and his *Letter to Coroticus* (a denunciation of British mistreatment of Irish Christians). He is believed to have used the three-leafed Shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). The words of the Christian hymn St Patrick's Breastplate (also known as the Deer's Cry) are attributed to St Patrick. This was a prayer for protection on a journey – legend has it that when the druids sent bandits to kill St Patrick that all they could see were deer.

Few would deny that the history of the Australian Catholic Church in its first 2 centuries since the arrival of the first fleet in January 1788 is very much built on Irish Catholicism given the large percentage of Australian parishioners, priests, nuns and brothers of Irish birth or ancestry. The history of Chatswood parish very much reflects that. Chatswood was initially part of Pymble parish and became its own parish in 1910. Before that, the Sisters of Mercy (founded by Catherine McAuley in Dublin) started Our Lady of Dolours school in 1890 in a combined church/school building and started a second school (St Catherine's) in 1905. They would later merge and then much later subdivide into the schools we now know as Our Lady of Dolours primary school and Mercy Catholic College. Our first parish priest was Fr William Barry from County Cork in Ireland who had studied at All Hallows seminary. He would later become Archbishop of Hobart. He was succeeded by his brother Fr Thomas Barry (later Monsignor) who had also studied at All Hallows. (Their brother Fr John Barry, who studied at St Patrick's College Maynooth, became Bishop of Goulburn.) A new church/school building dedicated to Our Lady of Dolours was built in Chatswood in 1895 and extended in 1901 but it was soon outgrown. It would later be partly demolished and then used as a school hall (including for Irish Dancing classes) and later a library until 2001 (when it was fully demolished). Fr William Barry planned the building of our current church and Fr Thomas Barry oversaw the building work – with the church opening to much fanfare in 1921. The Barry brothers were educated by the Christian Brothers in Ireland (founded by Edmund Rice in Waterford) and they remained close. So it was only natural that when the need arose to build a high school for the then working-class boys of Chatswood that Fr Thomas Barry approached the Christian Brothers. The new school opened in 1937 as Christian Brothers College with Br Richard Baptist Quirke from County Cork as its first principal. In 1954 it was renamed St Pius X College, following the canonisation of Pope Pius X. My Dad Phil Ryan was a foundation student. Fr Thomas Barry was succeeded by Fr Joseph Bowers from Dublin. He was succeeded by Irishmen Fr William O'Flynn and then Fr Leo Murphy. In 1953, Fr Thomas Harrington (later Monsignor) became our first Australian born parish priest (albeit carrying a fine Irish name). He retired in 1973 and died in 1979. As an Altar Boy at his funeral on 14 March 1979, I recall being driven in the funeral car through his guard of honour which stretched all the way up Archer Street and around the corner into Ashley Street. Monsignor Harrington would complete the vision of the Barry brothers by building the current sanctuary and transepts in our church, which opened in December 1961. Modern Chatswood reflects the fact that in recent decades Australia has welcomed people from all around the world. However, we still have a number of families with Irish surnames or ancestry, with some having been here for more than 100 years.

## *Come and Grow!*

There was a time when Catholic schools closed on St Patrick's Day and the children attended a sports carnival. Some decades ago, our parishioners and school members would fill Willoughby Town Hall for the Annual St Patrick's Day concert, complete with Irish music and dancing. Many Sydneysiders will gather this year for the annual St Patrick's Day parade on Sunday 15 March at 11 am in the city (with dancers, musicians and others marching from Martin Place to the St Patrick's Day festival at Circular Quay and the Rocks) and the annual St Patrick's Day Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 17 March at 10 am (which is usually live-streamed). Many churches will sing "Hail Glorious St Patrick" as one of the hymns at their Mass on St Patrick's Day.

Whether you celebrate St Patrick's Day because you are Catholic, have Irish ancestors or both, have a very Happy St Patrick's Day (and don't forget to wear something green). (St Patrick was originally associated with the colour St Patrick's blue, but this later changed to green). Let us all celebrate and give thanks for the enormous contribution which people of Irish heritage and/or Catholic faith have made to the Australia that we live in today



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SATURDAY AT 7.30 PM  
TO PRAY THE ROSARY  
FOR VOCATIONS.**

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Meeting ID: 8034195601  
No passcode required**

**Enquiries: 0466 961 240**

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

15 MARCH 2026

'NOW I CAN SEE!' In today's Gospel it is the man born blind who gradually comes to see that Jesus is Lord. Meanwhile the Pharisees, the custodians of the traditional faith, fall steadily into blindness. Self-confident in their own knowledge, the Pharisees refuse to see the workings of God in Jesus. Let us humbly ask Christ to open our eyes that we may see his presence in our Eucharistic community and in our world.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Isa 66:10-11

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

## GREETING

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

**R. Amen.**

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

**R. And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

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

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

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

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

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

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

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

**R. Amen.**

*The Gloria is not said during Lent.*

## COLLECT

P. O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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** 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

**A reading from the first book of Samuel**  
*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he

caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 22. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**
2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Eph 5:8-14

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try



to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

**The word of the Lord.**

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 8:12

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL** Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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 blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man

who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him'. The man himself said, 'I am the man'.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see'. Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you'. The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

*Longer form, 9:1-41*

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary; / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

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

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The Mystery of Faith

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

## COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

**R. Amen.**

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

**R. And with your spirit.**

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

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

## LAMB OF GOD

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

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Jn 9:11, 38

**The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy

and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### 'WE ARE NOT BLIND!'

The rich theological symbolism evident from last Sunday's Gospel of John continues in today's drama between light and darkness. Jesus meets a man born blind and tells him to wash in the sanctified pool of Siloam south of the temple. The blind man returns able to see. Over several scenes in one of the most dramatic and engaging stories in all the Gospels, the man who now has vision is consistently interrogated by the religious authorities who, though they are supposed 'to see', move into spiritual blindness.

The dynamic evident in the story is that each time the man is interrogated, he goes back to his experience of being healed by Jesus. Each reflection moves him to a deeper realisation of what has happened and who Jesus is: at first he calls Jesus simply 'a man', then later, that Jesus is 'from God', until finally, the man worships him. This movement of faith into light is accompanied by a similar movement into darkness by the religious leaders. They fail to see that they have become blind to Jesus and his deeds of healing (which John calls 'signs'). 'We are not blind, surely?' they retort.

This drama is acted out in our day. Jesus' final words to his antagonists and John's audience are forever relevant. 'Blind?' questions Jesus, 'If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.' This clarity of understanding and insight is important in a world where truth is camouflaged as falsehood and lies proclaimed as truth. We need to journey with the man born blind, to reflect on our experiences, to be with Jesus and 'see'.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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*Come and Grow!*

Jesus was born 2000 years ago... So what?

explore

life  
faith  
meaning

#TryAlpha



ALPHA



20 APR 2026

Every Monday 7:00PM



KIRK STREET

MEETING ROOMS



Every year at Christmas we celebrate the Birth of Jesus and the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. But why? What makes Jesus so special that we remember him year after year – for over 2000 years?

Come and explore this question and other big questions about life, faith and meaning, as we journey in Alpha together in 2026 at **Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Parish of Chatswood**.

Alpha is an introduction to Christian faith, which assumes nothing. If you've never read the Bible, never prayed, never been to church before – then Alpha is for you.

But it's also for you if you've been coming to church for a long time, maybe your whole life – but you've still got questions.

In each Alpha session we have a meal, watch a video and then we have a conversation about what we've watched. We ask questions and together we work out the answers.

**We'll be offering Alpha once a week on Mondays commencing on 20 April 2026 – we meet at 7:00pm (for dinner) and finish by 9:15 pm**

We'd love you to come! Please feel free to bring a friend who might also like to know more about Jesus!

Let's explore life, faith and meaning together in 2026!

**Registration is essential (for catering purposes).**

**For more details – and to register – go to:**

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/alpha>

Any queries? Please contact: Gillian 0412 373 324; Email: [gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com](mailto:gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com)

*Come and Serve!*



### **NORTH SHORE DEANERY SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM**

Next Thursday our parish will host the first North Shore Social Justice Deanery forum at 7.00 p.m. in Harrington Hall. All are welcome. This is an opportunity to meet people from neighbouring parishes who like us are seeking to be the face of Jesus in their communities. There will be a time of sharing what each parish is doing and a time for simply getting to know each other and making friends with other parishes. Parishes from North Sydney to Waitara are invited so tell your friends in other parishes to join you at this social justice event. If social justice is your interest or your charism, do come along.



**Above:** Last weekend a group of parishioners travelled to Regent Park for a Trivia afternoon in support of ATLAS, Australia Timor– Leste Advancement Society with whom our parish has partnership in the support of education of young women in Timor.

**Right:** Our parish Catechists last Sunday receive a blessing at our 9.00am Mass and rededicate them to the ministry of catechesis as the new year gets underway.



*Come and Serve!*

**UNITE  
AGAINST  
POVERTY**  
this Lent



**THE LONG WALK  
FOR WATER** 

**UPDATE FROM 13TH MARCH 2026:**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TEAM CHATSWOOD CATHOLIC PARISH!**

**CURRENT AMOUNT RAISED: \$1120.00**

**THANK YOU TO THE 9 PARISHIONERS ACTIVELY  
INVOLVED!**

**YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP FOR FREE AND GET SPONSORS TO DONATE TO THE FUNDRAISER  
OR YOU CAN DONATE ANY AMOUNT YOU WISH YOURSELF AND DO THE CHALLENGE SOLO  
OR JOIN A GROUP!**

**SIGN UP VIA LINK:**

**[WWW.PROJECTCOMPASSION.ORG.AU/JOIN/CHATSWOODCATHOLICPARISH87](http://WWW.PROJECTCOMPASSION.ORG.AU/JOIN/CHATSWOODCATHOLICPARISH87)**

**OR SCAN QR CODE**



**CONTACT DEE:**

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## **Life Is For Everyone**

For everyone life begins at the moment of conception when a unique individual comes into being in the mother's womb. This new life is destined to grow and developed in the mother's womb in that most special bond between mother and baby until it is born and enters into a new stage of life. For many however life will be ended just after only some weeks as a result of the pernicious and barbaric procedure of abortion which deliberately and intentionally invades the womb of the mother to kill the unborn baby.

EVERY ABORTION KILLS AN UNBORN BABY. The destruction of the unborn must end.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT AND HELP PROTECT THE UNBORN FROM ABORTION.

Prayer daily for the unborn:

*Heavenly Father, we come before You with hearts full of hope, trusting in Your divine plan for every unborn child. May Your love and protection surround them, guiding their journey from the very beginning. Grant wisdom to parents and caregivers and let Your light shine upon those who advocate for the voiceless. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son. Amen.*

You can also join our Rosary for the Unborn every Thursday at 8 pm via Zoom, meeting ID 8034195601.

By supporting only those politicians who will support policies that will protect the unborn and defend the right to life. Please write to the Premier, Hon Chris Minns, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000. Sample letter: *Dear Premier, I/we am/are appalled by the laws supported by you that allow for the ending of the life of the innocent and helpless unborn baby without regard to its dignity and the human right to which it should be entitled. I/We request that you act with haste to amend our laws to ensure that the life of the unborn is protected and that their mothers are provided assistance to meet the demands imposed on them by bringing a child to birth and caring for it.*

Using the same words (or your own words if you prefer), write to the NSW Leader of the Opposition, Kellie Sloane, also care of Parliament House.

Provide financial or practical support to women who are facing an unexpected pregnancy and experiencing difficulty after childbirth – <https://teresacentre.com.au>

Join in rallies and processions that give public expression to the dignity of the unborn babies and their mothers. The next rally will be the procession for *The Day of the Unborn Child* on Sunday 22 March at 12 noon from St Mary's Cathedral.

For those suffering post abortion trauma, you can get help from Rachel's Vineyard:  
Confidential line 0400 092 555 or email [rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com)

By becoming a member of the Dignity Pro-Life Alliance you can help us overcome the assault on the life of the unborn by engaging in one or more of the activities listed above. In this way you can also extend support to those women suffering or grieving as a result of the decision of having an abortion.

To sign up as a member of Dignity Pro-Life Alliance, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/contactprolife> and fill out the form or forward your name and contact details to [aikimtan10@gmail.com](mailto:aikimtan10@gmail.com) or contact us on 0466 961 240.

## Come and Serve!



*Dignity Pro-Life Alliance*

Psalm 139:13-14

### PRO LIFE = PRO LOVE

Possibly the most quoted passage from the bible is that taken from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of St John's Gospel "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." In this passage God tells us that life flows from love, so it is that the pro-life movement arises from love, that love which God calls us to in the great commandment "Love God and love your neighbour".

The pro-life movement seeks to overturn those laws that we presently have that allow for the killing of the unborn baby by the horrendous act of abortion. It also seeks to overturn the pro-abortion mentality that places the self-interest of fathers and mothers above the expression of love in the begetting and raising of a child. Behind these actions is the concern of love that seeks to convert hearts from self-serving to self-giving. Pro-creation and motherhood have been so denigrated in our society yet it is in the giving of life that we have the greatest expression of human love.

We are currently at a pivotal time with the *40 Days for Life*, praying outside Parliament House (7am – 7 pm) extending throughout the duration of Lent and the Day of the Unborn procession on Sunday 22 March which involves a peaceful and prayerful procession from St Mary's Cathedral to Parliament House in Macquarie Street. Both events are organised by *Family Life International*. All parishioners who are able to do so are encouraged to participate in these activities. We are invited to do so as a demonstration of our concern for love, particularly a love that extends to parents and their children.

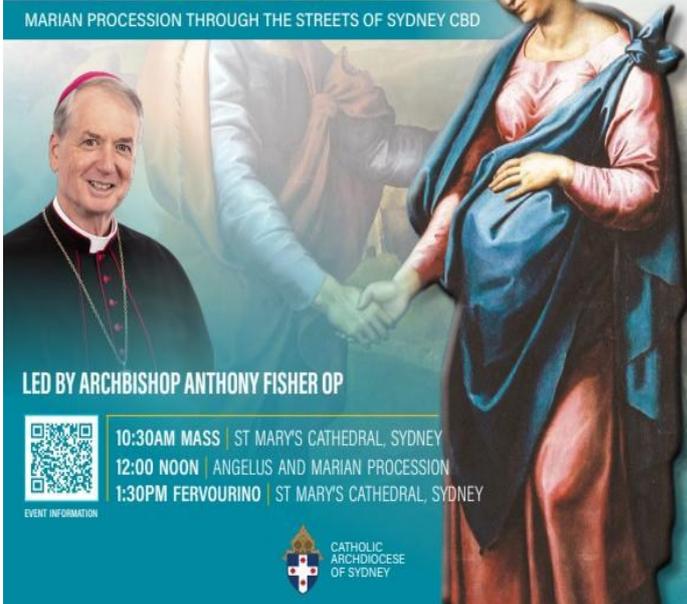
On Friday 20 March at the Light of Christ Centre at Waitara Cathedral at 7.30 pm, Australia's most prominent pro-life advocate, Dr Joanna Howe, will be giving a talk on "How Do We Make Abortion Unthinkable in Australia". If you value life and wish to see the attack on the unborn cease, you will find this talk educational and informative, and hopefully this will lead you to becoming active in the pro-life ministry. Please visit [\(308\) Dr Joanna Howe - YouTube](#)

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

# DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026

MARIAN PROCESSION THROUGH THE STREETS OF SYDNEY CBD



LED BY ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP

10:30AM MASS | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY  
12:00 NOON | ANGELUS AND MARIAN PROCESSION  
1:30PM FERVOURINO | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

EVENT INFORMATION

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In order to give practical expression to our love, parishioners are invited to provide financial support to Teresa's Centre to assist those women confronted by the difficulties arising from a pregnancy and the raising of children. Visit [Teresa's Centre – Compassionate Guidance for Pregnancy Choices](#) or see poster details in the church foyer near the electronic board. So great was Jesus' love for us that he gave up his human life in order that we might obtain eternal life. By participating in the pro-life movement you can make a sacrificial act of love to give life to the unborn and support their parents, and in so doing, turn our society away from self-serving to self-giving which involves the most noble expression of the human heart.

To join our Dignity Pro-Life Alliance, please ring us on 0466 961 240 or visit <https://prolife.gotomary.com>

## Around and About

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

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

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

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

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



## SIENA CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

### Senior Campus, Pymble

**WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH | 4:00PM – 7:00PM**

**TUESDAY 24 MARCH | 9:00AM – 10:30AM**

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

### Junior Campus, West Pymble

**TUESDAY 17 MARCH | 9:00AM – 10:30AM**

**THURSDAY 26 MARCH | 6:00PM – 7:00PM**

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

#### Discover Siena

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

DON'T MISS OUT - REGISTER TODAY

**REGISTER NOW**



[NorthShoreOpenDays.com.au](http://NorthShoreOpenDays.com.au)



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

## SYDNEY 2026 18 February to 29 March

40 Days for Life is a world-wide pro-life campaign to pray for an end to abortion. Over half a million people have prayed peacefully outside abortuaries to change hearts and save lives.

**Will you join us in 2026** as we pray for both mother and child, as well as all those involved in the abortion industry?

**REGISTER NOW!**  
[www.fli.org.au](http://www.fli.org.au)

**PRAY TO END ABORTION**

**17 February** Shrove Tuesday  
**LAUNCH EVENT**  
6pm to 9:30pm  
St Thomas of Canterbury,  
3 Thomas St, Lewisham  
(right near the train station)  
BBQ, Pancakes & Refreshments  
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"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."  
Matthew 11:28

**March 2026**

**6<sup>th</sup> March (1<sup>st</sup> Friday)**  
**Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm-8:30pm**  
at Our Lady of Dolours Church, CHATSWOOD

**20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**PREPARATION FOR THE HOLY WEEK RETREAT - SOMERSBY**  
Guided by Fr Sam Samuel VC & Fr Judy Varghese VC  
Commencing on Friday 5.30pm & conclude on Sunday 4.00pm  
For bookings: 02 4372 1598 or email: [drcetretrato@gmail.com](mailto:drcetretrato@gmail.com)

**16<sup>th</sup> March (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)**  
**Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm-9:00pm**  
at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie Street, WALLSEND

**20<sup>th</sup> March (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**  
**Holy Mass & Adoration, 6:00pm-8:30pm**  
at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 31 Oxford St, EPPING

**29<sup>th</sup> March, 9:00pm onwards (Last Sunday)**  
**ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE - SOMERSBY**  
Praise and Worship, Preaching the Word, Eucharistic Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Mass  
**ALL ARE WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED, BYO LUNCH**

**Divine Retreat Centre**  
160 Hensons Road, SOMERSBY, NSW 2250  
Tel: 02 4372 1598, email: [drcsydney@gmail.com](mailto:drcsydney@gmail.com)  
• [www.divineretreatcentre.org](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org) • Find us on Facebook

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

## *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 March 2026**

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



**SERRA VOCATIONS MINISTRY  
OUR VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
AT OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH 94 ARCHER STREET CHATSWOOD  
COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM**

**OUR MASS CELEBRANT WILL BE FATHER DAVID RANSON VICAR GENERAL AND PARISH PRIEST OF CHATSWOOD.  
AFTER DINNER FATHER WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER.  
THE TEACHING OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING”.**

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

**For catering purposes kindly telephone Anna Leung on 0478 083 116 or email [annaytleung@yahoo.com.au](mailto:annaytleung@yahoo.com.au) or telephone  
Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or  
email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you are planning to attend.**

# Parish Information

## Love God

Mark 12:30



## Love One Another

John 13:34

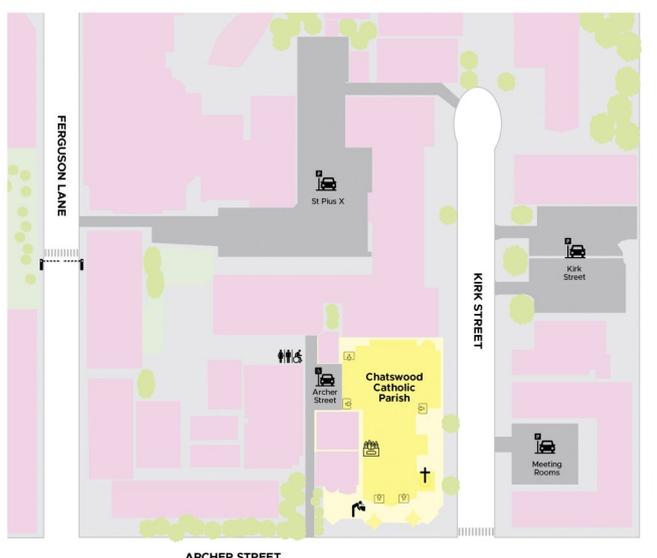
## Go Make Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20

### Supporting our Parish Financially

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

### Parking at our Parish



## Sustaining our community



## Administration & Stewardship

## *Parish Information*

### *Our Meeting Room Schedule This Week*

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Subject	Location
16/03/2026	3:00 PM	6:00 PM	Hub of Hope 4:00 - 5:30pm	Magnificat
17/03/2026	10:00 AM	12:00	Bible Discussion group	St Paul
	10:00 AM	12:00	Lenten Reflection with Deacon Tan	Magnificat
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Website ReVamp Meeting	St Peter
	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Lenten Reflection with Deacon Tan	Magnificat
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Filipino Choir Practice	Harrington Hall
18/03/2026	9:30 AM	11:00 A	Practise Language and Conversational English (	Magnificat;
	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Serra Mass, Dinner and Talk	Magnificat Room
	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	CIC Indo Instrument practice	Harrington Hall
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Exploring the Faith	St Peter
19/03/2026	11:00 AM	4:00 PM	Playgroup Chatswood Parish	Magnificat
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	North Shore Deanery Social Justice Event	Harrington Hall
20/03/2026	8:30 AM	3:30 PM	CCD-BB Reflection/Spirituality Day	St Paul; Magnificat
	9:30 AM	11:30	Meditation Group [AET 10am-11.15am]	St Peter
	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Website ReVamp Meeting	St Peter
	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Choir practice	St Peter
	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Indonesian Religious Night Gathering	St Paul
	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	Family Group gathering	Magnificat
21/03/2026	8:30 AM	11:30	Private Booking	Harrington Hall
	10:00 AM	12:30	Legion of Mary @10.30am	St Peter
	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Sr Damian Lai's Lent Seminar @3pm	Magnificat
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Korean Bible Class	St Peter
22/03/2026	9:00 AM	10:30	TG's Choir Practice	St Paul
	9:00 AM	11:30	Children's Baptism Session 10-11am [In-person]	St Peter
	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Christian Meditation group	St Peter
	4:30 PM	9:00 PM	Cornerstone and Keystone Youth Group @6.30-8.30p	Magnificat

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

### *Upcoming Events in our Parish*

Day	Date	Occasion	Time	Location
Wednesday	18 March	Serra Association Mass, Dinner and Talk	6.30pm	Magnificat Meeting Room
Thursday	19 March	North Shore Social Justice Forum	7.00pm	Harrington Hall
Saturday	21 March	Lenten Seminar by Sr Damian Lai	3.00pm	Magnificat Meeting Room
Monday	23 March	Primary School Retreat Day		
Thursday— Saturday	26-28 March	Simon Carrington Lenten Retreat	7.00pm	Magnificat Meeting Room
Saturday	28 March	Visit of St Mary's Canossian School Orchestra Hong Kong	5.30pm	Church
Sunday	29 March	Palm Sunday		

# Parish Information

## Our Mass Schedule and church Schedule this Week

Monday	16 March	12.30pm	Monday of 5th Week of Lent
Tuesday	17 March	9.00am, 12.30pm	<b>St Patrick, Solemnity</b>
Wednesday	18 March	9.00am,,12.30pm, 6.30pm	Wednesday of 5th Week of Lent
Thursday	19 March	9.00am, 12.30pm	<b>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Friday	20 March	9.00am, 12.30pm	Friday of 4th Week of Lent
Saturday	21 March	9.00am	Saturday of 4th Week of Lent
Sunday	22 March	Usual Times	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Subject	
16/03/2026	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Mercy- School Assembly	
	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Funeral AV Test- T/L Ivan Zajc	
	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	4:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)	
	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	Hub of Hope Liturgy 4:30-5pm	
17/03/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass	
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Funeral Ivan Zajc by Fr Anselam	
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass	
	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	OC Organ practice	
	18/03/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
		9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
12:30 PM		1:00 PM	Mass	
1:00 PM		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/ Serra Vocation Mass	
19/03/2026	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)	
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass	
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
	9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Adoration and Exposition	
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass	
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	ROSARY & allow Mass to wrap up	
	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	OC Organ practice	
20/03/2026	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Holy Hour Adoration	
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass	
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Stations of the Cross @11.30am	
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12:30pm Mass	
	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	OLOD Station of Cross Practice	
	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)	
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Stations of the Cross @7pm		

## *Please Remember in our Prayer*

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

Eric Rapisardi; Maria Christina Labalan ; Peter Charles Prior; Binnie (Maryanne) Tan; Robert Cantwell; Pui Yee Yeung; Francis Moey; Darren Eng; Joe Salgado; Reynaldo Alovera; Margaret Fernandes; Phillip Rochfort Fiet Marie Widyasurya; Eva Barion (Marte Tagle's sister); Kenny Tsang; Francesca Di Mento

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

Alexander Papandrea; Leo Papa: Evelyn Azar; Bruce Meppem; Ely Herft; Augustine D'silva; Catherine M Chan, Mirjana Marinovic; Mellita Jones; Daniel West; Ying Leong Fong; Rosetta Lo Presti; Celine Robinson; Rafael Senedrin; Gina Marotta; Deysi Villanueva; Ervita Wiroatmodjo; Almira Christina Chen; Mary Oakley; Eugenia San Gabriel; Jim Dennis; Jeremy Moon; Ley Peng Tan; Lody Herlianto; Chet Catapang; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Carmel Villanueva; Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlastic; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapria; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; Gerard de Leon; Carlos de Leon; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

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

Sr Marie Elizabeth; Edna Kenna Corsino Vicoy Sr; Maria Bui Thi Phap; John Luxton; Aida Freeman; Edward Mendes; Moh Har Yip; Magdalina Bolingot Shirley Greathead; Elizabeth Shin' John William Arblaster.

**Birthday:** Lydia Manlangit

- Upcoming Adult Baptism on Saturday, 14 March 2026 at 3.00pm: Michael Henderson
- Upcoming Funeral for Ivan Zajc on Tuesday, 17 March 2026 at 10.30am.
- Upcoming Wedding for Michael Henderson & Natalia Reyes on Saturday, 21 March 2026 at 2pm.



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

Email Chloe at [chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au), at least 1 month prior with your preferred date/colours.

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



### *Our Altar Flowers this Week*

Flowers at Our Lady's Shrine  
are in loving memory  
of the late Warren Farr  
(birthday 17 March 1943)

