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# Our Lady of Dolours

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



*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24 July 2022*



**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY  
SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022**

**THEME: 'IN OLD AGE THEY WILL STILL BEAR FRUIT (PS 92:15)**



*Flowers donated this weekend  
on behalf of Maria Eliita Lim*

## Parish Masses This Week

Monday	25 July	12.30pm Mass	St James
Tuesday	26 July	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Sts Joachim and Anne
Wednesday	27 July	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Wednesday of the 17th Week of Ordinary Time
Thursday	28 July	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Thursday of the 17th Week of Ordinary Time
Friday	29 July	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Saturday	30 July	9am Mass	Saturday of the 17th Week of Ordinary Time
Sunday	31 July		18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Please Remember in your Prayers

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Carol Reynolds

**SICK:** Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Gordon Thomas, Maria Chan, Susan Lee, Mrs Elizabeth Martin, Maria La Greca

**ANNIVERSARY OF DECEASED:** Jean-Marie and Margarita Tu



### Congratulations and Welcome

Dante George Nohra, Cassandra Soriano Malaybalay,  
Nylah Dominique Hardiman

## Reflection on the Gospel this Sunday

While Jesus is at prayer, his disciples interrupt him to ask him to teach them how to pray. As faithful Jews, the disciples are already familiar with praying three times daily. They are also aware that John the Baptist taught his own disciples to pray. After observing Jesus at prayer, they want to understand Jesus's way of praying.

Jesus gives them this formula for prayer, which we know today as the Lord's Prayer, or the Our Father. Jesus begins the prayer lesson with these words: "When you pray, say . . ." (11:2). These words suggest that the disciples already have a regular routine for praying but that Jesus is giving them a new formula for prayer. The prayer begins with a proclamation of the greatness of God's name. What is striking is that Jesus actually gives God a name—Father. In the Jewish tradition, God is not named. Jesus, however, calls God by the Aramaic word *Abba*. For a first-century Jew, *Abba* holds important meaning. *Abba* is an address used not only for one with authority, such as a head of household, but also for someone intimately related—such as a person as familiar as a loving daddy. In Luke's account, both respect and familiarity are present.

The words "Your kingdom come" (11:2) lay out the goal of Jesus's public ministry: to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. The early Christians hoped God's rule would make an effective difference for good in the world. Petitions of human needs follow: requests for daily sustenance, forgiveness of sins, and preservation from temptations that lead a believer away from God. Luke presents the prayer in a short, concise way but with a deep understanding that God the Father and Jesus are working to establish the Kingdom of God on earth.

After the prayer, Luke tells the parable of a man whose friend visits him in the middle of the night. Unfortunately, the man has no bread to share to welcome his unexpected guest, so he wakes his neighbor to ask for some bread. This is so important that the man persists, even when the neighbor tells him to go away and come back in the morning. Because of his perseverance, the neighbor gets up and assists the man. What is the connection between this parable and Jesus's prayer? Luke tells us, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened" (11:9–10). We must be persistent in prayer, placing our needs before God often as well as establishing a regular routine of praying.

Luke adds this insight into God the Father: If human parents, who have limitations in their ability to love, know how to give good things to their children when they ask for them, how much more will God the Father, who is limitless in love, care for his children and give them all good things? Luke emphasizes that the Father has something special to share—the Holy Spirit: "How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (11:13).

事务多，就令人作梦，言语多，就显出愚昧。 传道书 5:3

A dream comes when there are many cares, and many words mark the speech of a fool.

Ecclesiastes 5:3

**Remember the most important words we learn are "Please, Thankyou, Sorry" (Pope Francis)**

## From Fr David

Dear friends,

I am very grateful for your prayer and your thoughts during the recent week of the Plenary Council (3-9 July). The week was truly a remarkable experience that was both fully engaging and exhausting! The week attracted considerable media attention for events that occurred in the middle of the week. However, of course, the media stories do not reflect with accuracy the nature of events, and it must be said that the week concluded with a great sense of unity and hopefulness. On pages 12 and 13 of the bulletin there is some further information on the week which I invite you to read as balanced accounts of the experience. However, I will also be available on **Saturday 30 July at 3.30pm in the Magnificat Meeting Room for anyone who would like to hear my own personal reflections on the event of the Plenary Council.** All are welcome to come along!

My deep appreciation to Fr Joey and Fr Marek and our parish team for all their work in my absence and while I enjoyed several

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## Upcoming Events

Thursday 4 August— Thursday 18 August	Fr Marek supplying in the Parish of The Entrance
Saturday 13 August	Benefit Dinner for Broken Bay Diocese Seminarians
Thursday 18 August— Monday 29 August	Fr Joey supplying in the Parish of The Entrance
Sunday 28 August	Social Justice Sunday
Sunday 28 August— Sunday 11 Sept	Fr Marek on Annual Leave
Saturday 3 Sept	Chatswood Street Fair
Sunday 4 Sept	Father's Day
12– 19 September	Fr David leading Pilgrimage to Uluru
Sunday 25 Sept	Bach Akademie Performance

## This Week in our Parish

Sunday	24 July	9.00am-10.00am	Choir practice with Sunny (St Paul Room)
		10.00am-12noon	Youth Groups (Magnificat & St Paul Rooms)
		12noon-2.00pm	Young Adults (Magnificat Room)
Monday	25 July	9.00am-12noon	Term 3 Catechists' meeting (Magnificat Room)
		11.30am-12noon	Divine Mercy Chaplet and then 11.45 am Rosary (MMP Cenacle)
		7.00pm-9.00pm	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible (Magnificat Room)
Tuesday	26 July	9.45am-12.15pm	Bible Discussion Group (St Paul Room)
		6.30pm-7.30pm	Confirmation Parent meeting (Magnificat Room)
		7.00pm-8.30pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul Room)
		7.00pm-8.00pm	Filipino Choir practice (St Peter Room)
		7.30pm-9.00pm	Census Leaders Meeting (Magnificat Room)
Wednesday	27 July	7.00pm-9.00pm	Menalive (Magnificat Room)
		6.30pm-8.00pm	Indonesian Music practice (Church)
		7.0pm-9.00pm	Parish Finance Committee (St Paul Room)
Thursday	28 July	9.30am-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration.
		1.30pm-2.30pm	Confirmation Parent meeting (Magnificat Room)
		6.30pm-7.30pm	Confirmation Parent meeting (Magnificat Room)
		5.30pm-7.30pm	Legion of Mary (English) (St Paul Room)
		7.00pm-8.00pm	Holy Hour with <b>Reconciliation available</b>
Friday	29 July	10.00am-11.30am	Meditation (St Peter Room)
Saturday	30 July	9.30am-11.00am	Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Benediction/ <b>Reconciliation available</b>
		2.30pm-5.00pm	Confirmation Parent meeting (Magnificat Room)
Sunday	31 July	10.00-11.30am	Confirmation Parent meeting (Magnificat Room)



## *From Fr David cont'd*

days of recuperation in Hobart. I got back to our parish last weekend but then flew to Armidale on Tuesday 19 July for a speaking engagement there with the clergy of that diocese. On Saturday 23 July I then presented the keynote address at the Good Samaritan Education Conference in North Sydney. So, it has been a busy week since getting back but I am glad to say the extra engagements ease up now for a little while.

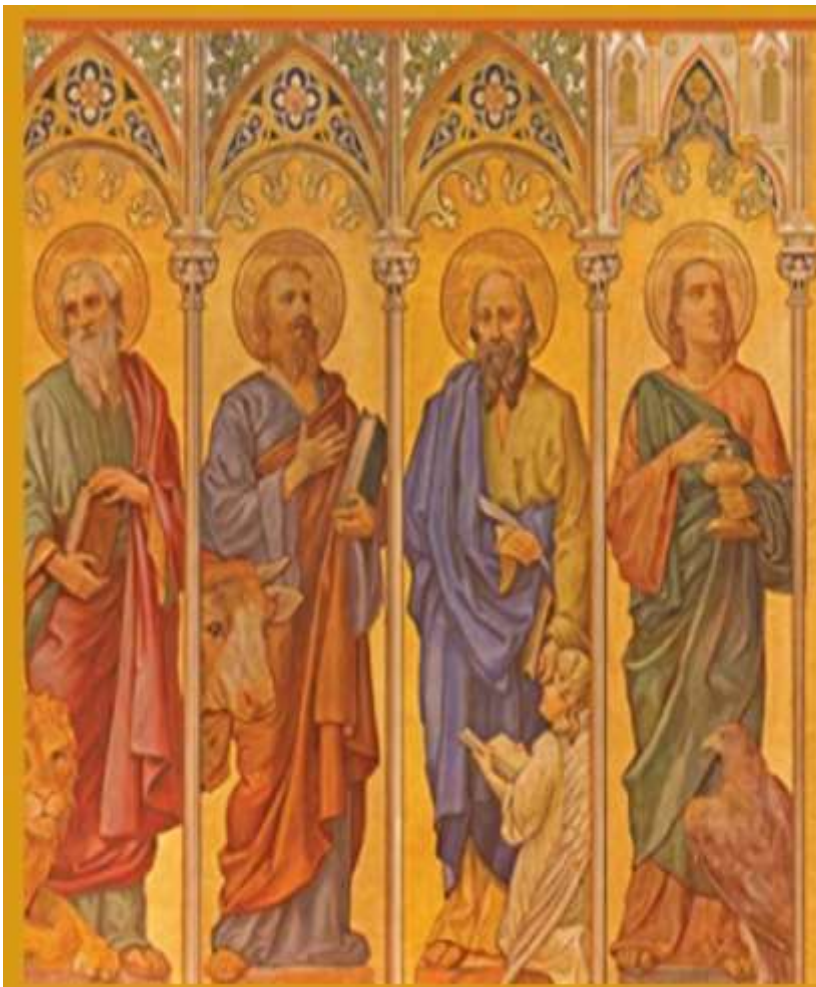
A very special thank you to Fr Joey and the magnificent team of assistants who made last Wednesday's celebration of Bishop David's 60th anniversary of priestly Ordination such a success. The supper was truly magnificent!

As we can see on page 9, we continue to look for ways to improve our assets. A very sturdy storage shed has been installed! However, this week we will commence a significant refurbishment of our sacristy in the church with a new bathroom and work benches, along with the refurbishment of one of the bathrooms in our parish office. Both of these are now very old and require renewal. This work has been enabled by the significant generosity of a parishioner for which we are profoundly grateful.

On Tuesday 19 July, we received news of the appointment of the **new Principal of Pius X College for 2023, Mr Michael Ronchetti**. Michael is a highly experienced leader in Catholic Education. He is currently the Principal of ST Dominic's College, Penrith. Prior to this, Michael served in leadership roles at Christian Brother's High School, Lewisham and Marist College, Kogarah. We look forward to meeting Michael and to welcoming him to our Parish in due time.

**As we might recall, some weeks ago we undertook a parish census. We are very grateful to all those who completed a Census Card and who indicated their interest in further involvement in the life of our parish community! Now that we have processed all the completed cards, we will soon be in contact to follow through people's expression of interest. We have a meeting of our ministry coordinators on Tuesday to begin our project of reaching out to everyone. We thank everyone for your patience, confident that we will soon see many new faces involved in the life of our parish!**

We have many opportunities in our parish for the development and nourishment of our Catholic Faith. Do take a look at the diversity of possibilities even in our bulletin this week! Hopefully, one or more may be of interest. **Do keep on the radar, our second series of Alpha for 2022. The new series commences on Monday 15 August with the 11 week series extending to Monday 7 November. This is an excellent opportunity both to renew our own discipleship of the Risen Lord, and to invite people to encounter Christ anew. We will have more information about our new Alpha series next week. Please contact Gillian Hawkins (0412 373 324) or [gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com](mailto:gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com) for more information.**



**Join  
Bishop David Walker  
For  
The Four Gospel Series  
Saturdays @ 4 - 5 pm  
Magnificat Room, Kirk Street  
Chatswood**

**The Gospel Of John Starts:  
13th, 20th, 27th August  
03rd, 10th September 2022**

## General Notices



# Add your voice

## To our 9am Mass

We are looking for singers, young, old and anywhere in between to add your voice to our Sunday 9am Mass celebration.

Children, parents, grandparents and others are all welcome to join in to form a new choir for this Mass. If you love to sing we would love you to come and join us to sing on the first and fourth Sundays of the month.

If you, or someone you know would like to join, please just turn up at 8:30am on the day and come to the choir loft.

*If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact Angela or Mona at the parish office on 9410 9033 or [angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)*

### CHINESE RCIA

中文成人慕道班将于7月30号 9:00 am 在 Zoom Meeting 开课。有兴趣了解天主教或有意向领洗者可联系：

- Grace Tai (广东话) 0403 345 809
- Rose Huang (普通话) 0490 536 978



### A MESSAGE FROM THE PIETY STORE

Thank you again for saving your stamps—we have had an enormous response! AND, just glancing through them all, you'd have to come to the conclusion we have the most amazing and diverse parish with stamps from places like Liberia, Madagascar, New Mexico, Christmas Island, Poland, Sweden, the Netherlands, Kenya, Uganda and many others!!!

So once again, many thanks and the Sisters of St Joseph who are the beneficiaries are extremely grateful.

***Please keep the used stamps coming.***



### The Catholic Weekly

Remember to pick up *The Catholic Weekly* as it has your local and international news, views, and opinion. There is a top line-up of columnists' and contributors such as Dr Philippa Martyr, Anna Krohn, George Weigel, Monica Doumit and Fr John Flader – to name just a few! The Catholic Weekly really is more relevant than ever, and keeps you informed and in touch with the Catholic world.... pick up your copy each week from the church foyer for just \$2!

### CHATSWOOD PARISH & CATHOLIC VOCATIONS BROKEN BAY INVITE YOU TO THE BROKEN BAY SEMINARIAN BENEFIT DINNER

**You are cordially invited to the Broken Bay Seminarian Benefit Dinner in Harrington Hall.**

Join us for an evening of good food and company as we support our Broken Bay seminarians and raise awareness for the importance of vocations within our Diocese. Our seminarians will be sharing their testimonies and musical talents, and you'll have a chance to get to know them better. The dinner will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 6:30pm in our Harrington Hall. Tickets are \$15 per person. All are welcome!

Please follow the link below to secure your tickets. We hope to see you there!

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

For more info contact: the parish office on (02) 9410 9000 Email: [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au) or the Vocations Office at [vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au)



## Opportunities for Prayer and Reflection

### Our Lord's Plea:

#### "Can you not spend one hour with me?"

We all like catching up with friends over coffee or perhaps just for a chat. Our Lord invites us to spend time with him, something that is privileged, not an imposition, for Jesus is reaching out to us. He makes himself present to us in the Blessed Sacrament giving us the opportunity to come into his real presence. These are wonderful occasions for us to express our love for Jesus and to place before him our needs and intentions. We all hope to attain heaven where we will spend eternity in the presence of our Lord and Saviour. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament provides us with a foretaste of what we hope for in eternity.



Our parish has adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday mornings following the 9.00 am Mass and conclude at 12 noon with Benediction. Those who are unable to devote a full hour to adoration are encouraged to participate in whatever extent possible. For those who find evening more convenient, another holy hour is available from 7 pm to 8 pm on Thursday evenings.

The World Community for Christian Meditation  
International Website: [www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org) | Australian Website: [www.wccmaustralia.org.au](http://www.wccmaustralia.org.au)

*O Beauty, ever ancient, ever new,  
 Too late have I loved you,  
 I was outside and you were within me,  
 And I never found you,  
 Until I found you within myself.*  
 — St. Augustine

ALL WELCOME Begin your Christian Meditation Journey with us!

Face to face meditation: 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays 10am in St. Paul | Online zoom meditation: 2nd and 4th Fridays 10am  
 Contact: Jon N. 0439 449 554 | [jnurman@yahoo.com](mailto:jnurman@yahoo.com)

## Unlocking the Bible Series

Like Alpha, we watch a video for 30 minutes and then have a discussion about what we have seen. There are Workbooks (see below) which we can purchase which will also include the time line and a mini timeline/bookmark. We think we would finish at 8:30 or 9:00 pm – really depending what suits everyone.

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

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

Blessings, Gillian Hawkins

VINNIES  
BROKEN BAY  
YOUNG  
ADULTS



*Scan the QR  
code to donate*

*Winter  
Sleepout*

**Young adults from across the diocese will be sleeping out in the cold on Friday the 30th of July to raise funds to support Vinnies' homelessness alleviation efforts.**

**If you are able to donate, please do so via our fundraising page which can be accessed by scanning the QR code.**

If you would like to participate or for more information contact:  
[cailin.geraghty@vinnies.org.au](mailto:cailin.geraghty@vinnies.org.au)

Our Vinnies youth conference will combine with the Asquith and Northern Beaches youth conferences on Friday the 30th of July for our annual Vinnies Winter Sleepout. The night aims to raise awareness and funds to support Vinnies' homelessness efforts. Those participating will sleep on the floor of the Vinnies Youth and Community Centre (VYCC) in Brookvale and will listen to presentations, help package food for our Vinnies Van services and brainstorm potential initiatives that we could engage in going forward.



## Congratulations Bishop David

A very special thank you to everyone who made last Wednesday evening, 20 July, a very special occasion for Bishop David, celebrating the 60th anniversary of his priestly Ordination. Due to so many people's generosity we were able to gift Bishop David with a cheque for \$3000. Bishop Anthony wrote the day after:

*It was a pleasure and blessing to attend a celebration last night for Bishop David Walker's 60<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood. Following Mass the many priests, parishioners and friends who attended were treated to a wonderful supper, and my thanks to the parish and Parish Priest – also our Vicar General – Fr David Ranson, for organizing and hosting the celebration. Bishop David was Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay from 3 September 1996 for 17 years before officially retiring on 13 November 2013. Bishop David's ongoing support for furthering theological study and adult faith formation to the wider Catholic community led to the development and founding of the Catholic Correspondence Centre, The Centre for Christian Spirituality and The Broken Bay Institute. Although retired, Bishop Walker continues to be part of the life of our Church – albeit at a more relaxed pace!*

+ Anthony





## Congratulations Stephanie Ho



Last Sunday it was wonderful to be able to welcome Stephanie Ho back to our parish family! Stephanie successfully completed her marathon run from Canberra to Coojee Beach, Sydney on Friday 17 July! This extraordinary effort was at the service of raising awareness and money for a struggling school in Nepal. It was not too late to support Stephanie in her endeavour. Just go the gofundme page: .. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/c2c-run-for-nepal>. We are very proud of you, Stephanie!



Our new storage shed takes shape! We are terribly short of storage space on our site. So, we have invested in a new shed on the parish office car park on a corner on which it is not possible to park a car. This will enable us to clean out the courtyard at the rear of the parish office so that this might become a place of hospitality for morning tea. We will make this space attractive with some plants and outdoor furniture with easier access from the church. We already have a morning tea room there ready for action!

*Thanks*  
for your  
*Generosity!*



# A Special Initiative of St Vincent de Paul

## Group Profile: Conversations Conference

### TELL US ABOUT THE CONVERSATIONS CONFERENCE GROUP

Conversations Conference is a free service of St Vincent de Paul Society that aims to break down the language barriers in our community through conversations in a friendly environment.

We encourage non-English speaking immigrants or people of any religion, age, gender or race to participate and gain confidence in conversational English to integrate in the Australian community.

### WHAT DO YOU ENJOY THE MOST ABOUT CONVERSATIONS CONFERENCE?

We enjoy the nature of conversations as we discuss different topics each week and learn from each other.

Everyone is encouraged and supported to speak as much or as little as they feel comfortable. There is a distinct lack of judgement of peoples' stories, experiences or language ability, altogether it is a very positive, friendly and supportive environment.

### HOW DO THE ACTIONS OF THE GROUP SPEAK ABOUT THE LOVE OF JESUS?

Through the kindness and empathy shown to one another. The mentors are there to provide a supportive environment for participants to be able to build more confidence in speaking in a social environment. Also as a mentor we learn from our participants as they share their culture and experiences.

### DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE MEMORY OR EXPERIENCE IN THE GROUP?

There are many occasions but we particularly remember the 'Dragon Boat Festival' where one of the members brought a traditional food to share with everyone, moon cake for the special occasion.

### WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT?

We are passionate about helping others to improve their communication skills and integrate in the Australian society.

Being involved in Conversations Conference is a great opportunity to help people improve their confidence in conversational English while being able to learn about their interesting backgrounds and experiences which helps in learning our view of the world.

### IF YOU COULD ASK JESUS TO CHANGE ONE ISSUE IN THE WORLD TODAY, WHICH WOULD IT BE?

We pray for the people in the world to shake off poverty and find comfort wherever they are, free from diseases and for the wars to stop and create harmony in the world so that everyone can live a peaceful life and enjoy pure bliss.

### BEING PART OF THE CONVERSATIONS CONFERENCE HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS BECAUSE...

Of the friendship and care that we offer, we are able to help non-English speaking people to integrate in the Australian society. We are able to break the language barrier in a small scale and we see the growing confidence of our participants each and every week. It's quite a satisfying experience.

### HOW CAN PARISHIONERS GET INVOLVED?

Conference meetings are held every Thursday from 6.30pm to 8pm. Due to Covid-19, all meetings are currently held online via Zoom.

If you know friends or family members who may benefit from meeting new friends, who are keen to learn conversational English or if you would like to participate as a mentor, please contact Christian by calling 9568 0288 or emailing christian.salandakanan@vinnies.org.au



Join Zoom Meeting on Thursday evenings 6.30pm—8.00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058848206?pwd=Y2tBUtTdG5XU1NrYzRVdTdtUmhwZDZ09>

Meeting ID: 830 5884 8206/ Passcode: Thursday

Contact: Christian 0431496767



Our Youth Ministry Expands to now include Capstone

# Foundation Youth Ministry

KEY INFORMATION

## Time & Location

OUR LADY OF  
DOLOURS PARISH  
MEETING ROOMS

2ND AND 4TH  
SUNDAYS OF THE  
MONTH DURING  
SCHOOL TERM

CORNERSTONE AND  
KEYSTONE: 10AM-12PM

CAPSTONE: 12PM-2PM

## Key Points

FOUNDATION YOUTH MINISTRY IS  
MADE UP OF:



**CORNERSTONE**

FOR YEAR 5 TO 9



**KEYSTONE**

FOR YEAR 10 TO 12



**CAPSTONE**

FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18+)

## Stay Updated

**EMAIL**

FOUNDATIONYOUTHMINISTRY.OLD@GMAIL.COM

**INSTAGRAM**

FOUNDATION\_YOUTH\_MINISTRY

**FACEBOOK**

SCAN THE QR CODE



**WEBSITE**

[HTTPS://WWW.BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU/CHATSWOOD/MINISTRIES/FOUNDATION-YOUTH-MINISTRY](https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/foundation-youth-ministry)





## *A Final Word from the Plenary Council Assembly*

Gathered by God, and called together by the Church in the name of Christ Jesus, the members of the Plenary Council have sought to be faithful to their commission to listen to and hear “what the Spirit is saying to the churches” (Rev 3:22). The agenda and motions of the second assembly drew together the four years of the fruits of prayer, listening, dialogue and discernment which have been the marks of this long Plenary journey.

Since the Council was convoked, the fortunes of the world, the patterns of Church life, and the rhythms of daily life have been disrupted by pandemic, natural disasters and war. In turn, these unforeseen events have affected the course of this Council. Despite these obstacles, the Council has met, engaged in prayerful communal discernment, spirited and creative discussion, and adopted concrete outcomes which are sure signs of the Holy Spirit’s work.

This process has been an expression of the synodality that Pope Francis has identified as a key dimension of the Church’s life in the third millennium. Synodality is the way of being a pilgrim Church, a Church that journeys together and listens together, so that we might more faithfully act together in responding to our God-given vocation and mission.

As Pope Francis has noted, and as we have experienced, synodality is “an easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into practice”. Embedding these practices of listening and discernment will continue to be essential dimensions of the implementation of this Plenary Council. They will re-shape our engagement with the world, our evangelizing mission and our works of service in a rapidly changing environment. The work has only begun.

Some moments of this second assembly have been calm and harmonious, others tense and difficult. But every moment has been blessed; the entire week has been grace-filled, though never a cheap grace. The Holy Spirit has been both comforter and disrupter. Throughout the assembly, diverse views and approaches were named, occasionally appearing to be irreconcilable. At a pivotal juncture in the assembly, some of these differences helped move the Council from having a process to being-in process; from following an agenda to following the Holy Spirit into the unknown. Not only did this moment overturn the timetable and the order of proceedings; it also meant that we had to address strongly-felt emotions. The days that followed established new patterns of listening and dialogue, which are nascent but real. We trust that the God who overturned our smooth predictabilities and led us into new territory will continue to open up the pathway before us. Framed by silent prayer and the rituals of the liturgy, the assembly traversed many topics, both formally and informally, gathered around the tomb of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, in the hall, in the Cathedral, and in other gathering spaces. We sprinkled ash to express our deep lament and our commitment to justice and healing, as we acknowledged the trauma of those abused in the Church. We sought forgiveness for the wounds inflicted by European settlement and said “sorry to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in and beyond the Church” for the trauma they still suffer. Calling upon Christ the healer, and drawing on the words of Pope St. John Paul II, the assembly recognised that we will not be “fully the Church that Jesus wants’ us to be until Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made their contribution to the life of the Church” and until their contribution is joyfully received. We affirmed overwhelmingly the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the calls for bipartisan constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians. We reflected upon our baptismal call to missionary discipleship and the ways in which we might strengthen our personal and communal response. We focused upon the diverse gifts and common dignity of women and men, and reaffirmed the Church’s commitment to recognising and fostering the participation of women in all the avenues of ministry and leadership open to the lay faithful. We considered our baptismal invitation to receive and to live the gift of the Trinitarian life of grace, and how we might enrich and deepen our sacramental life, which both draws us from the world and leads us back. We sought to discover new and creative ways to form our communities and their leaders in ministry and for mission. We committed the Church in Australia to greater participation of all the laity, women and men, in our governance processes and leadership structures. We acknowledged the urgent need to make commitments to care for our common home and to be open to the integral and ecological conversion required to work with God who makes all things new (Rev 21:5).

Lingering smoke from an Indigenous *tarnuk* (wooden dish) and constantly falling rain, ancient signs of cleansing and new life, greeted members of this second assembly. We now go forth no longer considering statutes or regulations but our common life of grace. We remain committed not by decree or declaration, but by the power of the Spirit who gives inspiration and creativity to our Christian vocation. We go forth acutely aware of the challenges ahead but renewed and encouraged by the promise of God’s word, the wisdom of our tradition and the faithful companionship of all our sisters and brothers. We carry forth into the world the seeds of fresh possibilities, sown in a hidden yet abundant way by the great Sower of everything, who makes these seeds flourish in unexpected places for the sake of the Kingdom (Matt. 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 8:4-15). We bear a rich heritage: the many ways in which the Catholic community has enhanced life in Australia through its care for the sick and marginalised, its commitment to education, and its advocacy for social justice, especially the needs of refugees and asylum seekers. We commit ourselves to seek and serve the human flourishing of all Australians, and to care for Earth, our common home, by cherishing, preserving, and healing the land. We have seen God at work in these days, comforting and disrupting in order to lead his people into a future of God’s making. This has been a time of grace, and for that we give humble thanks. May God who has begun the good work in us bring it to fulfilment (cf. Phil1:6).

## *Bishop Anthony writes to us about the Plenary Council*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

No doubt many of you have been following the media reports regarding the Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia. It is my hope over the coming weeks and months to begin to unpack the work of the Plenary Council, which along with the upcoming Synod on Synodality, will help inform our Broken Bay Pastoral Mission, *One in Christ*.

In the meantime, might I encourage you to remember that the Plenary Council was an ecclesial event, not a media event. The various reports presented in the print media and the electronic media, tend to inflame the process, decisions, and outcomes of what has been a long and fruitful process of listening and discernment.

One of the fruits of the Plenary Council is that it has raised a whole dimension in ecclesial life about listening. Inspired by the Book of Revelation, we have asked, “**What is the Holy Spirit saying to the Church?**” This question is fundamental for the Christian. The question is not merely an inquiry, it is a profession of faith. It confesses that the community of the Church, to which all the baptised belong, is in fact a communion in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. As Catholic Christians, we believe that we are anointed by the Holy Spirit as the People of God. The Holy Spirit is constantly revealing to the Body of Christ the will of God the Father. Every member of Christ’s Body is called each day to discern the voice of God calling us to life, ministry, and mission.

The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus, alive in every living member of the Church. The Holy Spirit draws the followers of Christ together into blessed communion. The Holy Spirit animates and sends baptised women and men into the world as disciples of Jesus Christ.

As we can plainly see, this is much more than a media event. Consequently, our ongoing listening and discerning cannot be focused on what we read reported in the secular media. There is a simple process that will help us unfold the work of the Plenary Council in Broken Bay. It begins with trust and hope in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Without this it would be very easy to fall into ideological divisions. That is certainly not what the Holy Spirit asks of us. The Holy Spirit binds us together, fills us with divine life, and urges us to proclaim the love and mercy of God to all whom we encounter.

The next phase of the Plenary Council is for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) to receive the Acts and Decrees of the Council formally in November 2022. At this time, both the Acts and the Decrees will be forwarded to the Holy See for reception and consideration. The Holy Father will be part of this process, which signifies the movement of the Holy Spirit drawing the Catholic Church in Australia more deeply into communion with the Successor of Peter, and therefore with the Universal Church to which we belong. This phase may take up to 12 months before the ACBC receives the approval for implementation and engagement in the local Churches.

In the meantime, I encourage the whole community of the Church of Broken Bay, people, priests, and deacons, to join together in prayer and charity, as together we continue to engage in our Pastoral Mission of evangelisation, catechesis, communion, and mission – *One in Christ*.

May the Holy Spirit of God stir into flame the grace of baptism in each of us.

With my prayers and blessing,

**+ Anthony**



## *For our Group Leaders and People using our Meeting Rooms*

Our meeting rooms are provided for Parishioners to enjoy and have their meetings. The rooms have remained in good condition for a few years now due to everyone's cooperation.



- ◆ All windows should be locked before leaving.
- ◆ All Air Conditioners and Hot Water Heaters should be turned off before leaving.
- ◆ If window blinds have been shut, please reopen before leaving.
- ◆ As you leave please make sure you lock the door behind you.
- ◆ Keys are provided in each room for the toilets. Please ensure that if you use the toilet, please lock it up when finished and return the keys to the room.
- ◆ All rooms are set up with coffee making facilities for your use. The two bigger rooms are also set up to have some form of catering with cutlery and crockery provided. Catering is certainly welcome. However we do ask that some protocols be followed:
  - a. If there is a spillage, please clean it up.
  - b. Fridges are provided in two rooms for us to keep food fresh whilst our meeting is on. At the end, please take home any excess food as it is not good to have food left in the fridges.
  - c. Please do not leave anything on the benches.
  - d. Dishwashers are provided in these two rooms. If full of clean dishes, please remove before placing the dishes we have used in the dishwasher and turn on before we leave.

If there are any issues with the rooms, please email Michael on [Michael.mercer@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Michael.mercer@bbcatholic.org.au)



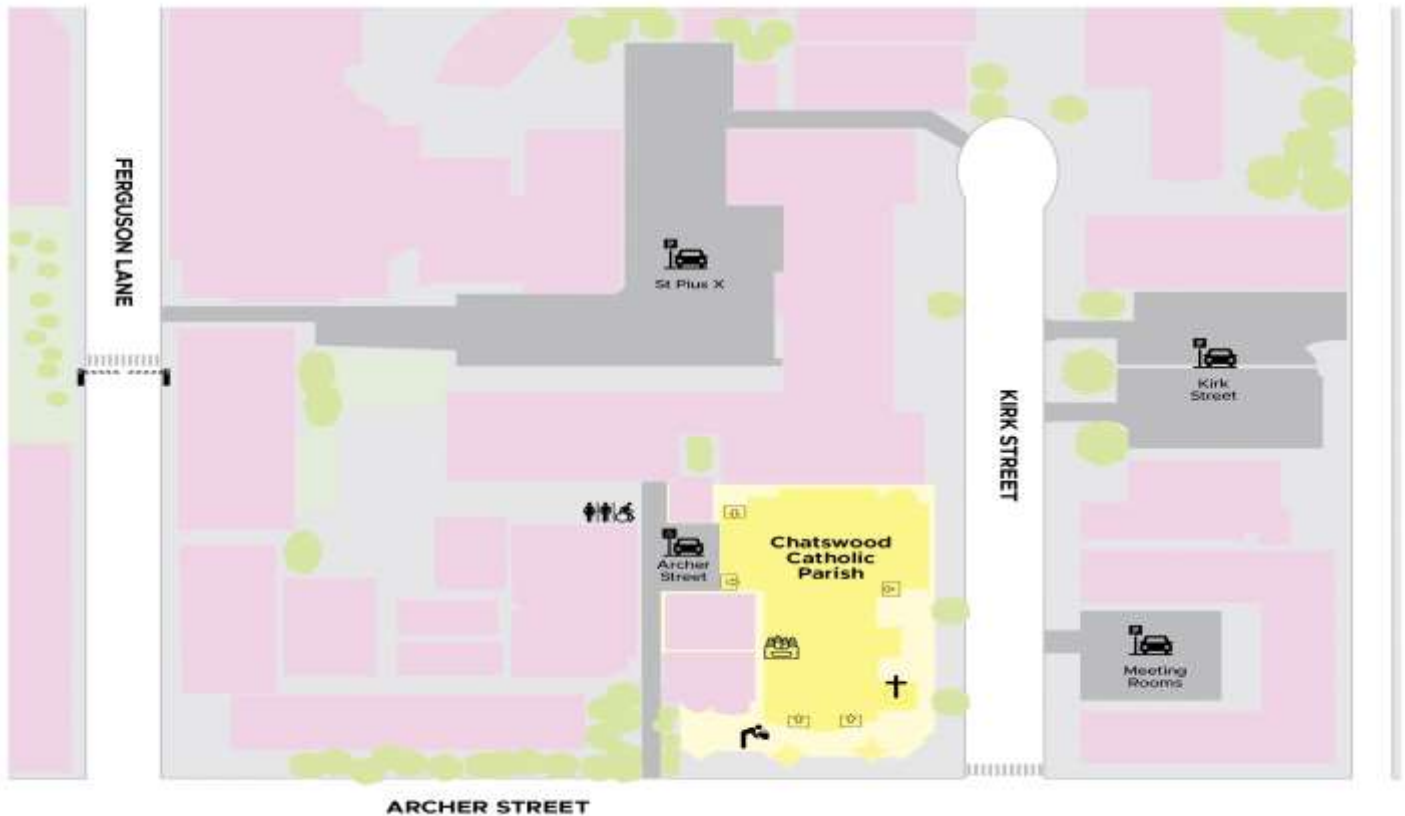
## **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY**

### **ELDERLY**

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



## Parking at Our Lady of Dolours



### *Requests for Mass Intentions*

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

### *Altar Flower Signup 2022*

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

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

### *Supporting our Parish Financially*

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

# Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

## Welcome!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Our Lady of Dolours please visit our parish website at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

**Do be sure to take a copy home of "Our Sunday Celebration" available at the entrances to our church.**

Inside there is much wonderful reading for our spiritual nourishment.

Would you like to receive our Parish Bulletin by email?

Please contact our Parish Secretary : [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au)

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## Sunday Masses

**5.30pm** Saturday evening Vigil Mass

**7.30am** (followed by Morning Tea on 1st Sunday of the month)

**9.00am** (Includes Children's Liturgy of the Word on 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays, except on long weekends).

**10.30am**

**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

### Spanish Culture Mass

12noon, 3rd Sunday of the month

### Indonesian Culture Mass

7.00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month

## Weekday Masses and Devotions

Monday: 12.30pm

Tuesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

**(Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated after Mass on 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

**Thursday Adoration** After 9am Mass. Ends with Divine Mercy Chaplet at midday followed by Benediction.

**Thursday Holy Hour** with Exposition and Reconciliation 7.00pm

**First Friday of the month:** 6.30pm Divine Retreat Centre Healing Mass and Prayer