

*Sunday 18 January 2026*  
*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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



我看見聖神彷彿鴿子從天降下，停在他身上。 若望福音 1:32  
I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. John 1:32



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

# Come and See!

**PO Box 1446  
Chatswood  
NSW 2057**

**Office Hours  
Monday to Friday  
9.00am—5.00pm**

**Office Phone: 9410 9000  
Emergency Calls: 0473 643317  
Instagram: ourladyofdolourschatswood**

**Parish Priest: Very Rev Dr David Ranson VG**

david.ranson@bbcatholic.org.au

**Personal blog: davidranson.com.au**

*Tuesday, Friday to Sunday*

**Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Anselam Lakra**

anselam.lakra@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9028

*Tuesday to Sunday*

**Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Hien Vu**

hien.vu@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9027

*Tuesday to Sunday*

**Deacon (Transitional): Rev Mr Tan Nguyen**

tan.nguyen@bbcatholic.org.au

*Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday Morning and Wednesday*

**Receptionist: Diana Tinambun**

chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9000

*Monday to Friday*

**Administration and Facilities Officer: Kristha Mangahas**

kristha.mangahas@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9030

*Monday to Friday*

**Parish Engagement Officer: Duyen Au**

duyen.au@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9035

*Monday to Friday*

**Project Officer: Chloe Aylward**

chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9021

*Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday*

**Director of Music: Titus Grenyer**

titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9034

*Thursday to Monday*

**Children's Ministry Coordinator: Angela Hague**

angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9033

*Monday to Thursday*

**Pastoral Support Worker: Mona Saouma**

mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9024

*Tuesday to Thursday*

**Catechist Coordinator: Karen Forbes**

karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9029

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday*

**Youth Ministry Officer: Sienna Klarica**

sienna.klarica@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9026

*Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday*

**Book-keeper: Amelia Lee**

amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9032

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday*

**Our Lady of Dolours Primary Parent Engagement Coordinator**

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

*Monday and Thursday*

**Mercy College Parent Engagement Coordinator**

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

## Sunday Masses

**5.30pm** Saturday evening Vigil Mass

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

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

**10.30am**, followed by Morning Tea on the 2nd Sunday of the month, and Community Lunch on the last Sunday.

**11.00am at St Peter's Green Aged Care Facility, North Lane Cove** (Note this is for residents only)

**5.30pm**

**Filipino Culture Mass**

12noon, 1st Sunday of the month

**Indonesian Culture Mass**

7.00pm, 2nd Saturday of the month

**First Friday of the month:** 6.30pm—8.30pm Divine Retreat  
Centre Healing Mass and Prayer

## Weekday Masses and Devotions

Monday: 12.30pm

Tuesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm  
**(The Sacrament of Anointing: after each Wednesday evening Mass and after 12.30pm the 3rd Wednesday of the month)**

Thursday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Friday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am

**Morning Prayer:** Tuesday to Saturday: 8.45am

**Rosary**

Monday: 11.45am (preceded by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11.30am); Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am; Monday to Fridays: 1.00pm

**Thursday Adoration** After 9am Mass, followed by Rosary then Divine Mercy Chaplet ends at midday with Benediction.

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

Saturday Morning: **Reconciliation** from 9.30am.

## *Come and See!*

### **Honouring the Santo Niño this Sunday**

The Feast of the Santo Niño—Spanish for “Holy Child”—is one of the most beloved devotions in the Filipino Catholic tradition. At its heart is a simple yet profound truth: God chose to come among us not with power or grandeur, but as a child—vulnerable, trusting, and full of promise. The devotion to the Santo Niño dates back to **1521**, when Portuguese explorer **Ferdinand Magellan** presented an image of the Child Jesus to **Queen Juana of Cebu** at her baptism. This gift marked the beginning of Christianity in the Philippines. More than forty years later, in **1565**, the same image was rediscovered intact amid the ruins of a burned village. This remarkable event became a powerful sign of God’s abiding presence among the people. To this day, the Santo Niño holds a cherished place in the faith and spiritual life of Filipino Catholics.

Each year, the feast is celebrated on the **third Sunday of January**, not only in the Philippines but also in many parishes across our diocese and around the world. These celebrations are marked by joyful expressions of faith, including processions, shared food and drink, and vibrant performances of song and dance, reflecting a faith that is both deeply prayerful and joyfully lived in community. The most famous of these celebrations is the **Sinulog Festival in Cebu**, where colourful street dances follow a distinctive rhythm of two steps forward and one step back, symbolising life’s journey with God. Other major festivals include **Ati-Atihan** in Aklan and **Dinagyang** in Iloilo. During these celebrations, devotees often carry their own Santo Niño statues, lovingly dressed in royal attire, and joyfully chant “*Pit Señor!*” (“**Call out to the Lord**”) —a prayer of praise, trust, and heartfelt supplication. At its core, devotion to the Santo Niño invites us to approach Jesus with childlike trust and open hearts. Families often enthrone images of the Holy Child in their homes, offering candles, flowers, and written intentions. The Santo Niño is invoked especially for guidance, healing, and hope.



On **Sunday, 18 January 2026**, we join our hearts and prayers with all those celebrating the **Feast of the Santo Niño**. A statue of the Santo Niño will be placed in the sanctuary from **16 January 2026**. Parishioners are warmly invited to write their prayer intentions and place them, along with a candle, before the statue. As we honour the Santo Niño, may we rediscover the joy of our faith and entrust ourselves anew to God’s loving care. *Pit Señor!* Viva Santo Niño!

**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!*



# FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO

## SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

Devotion to the Santo Niño (Holy Child), dates back to 1521, when Ferdinand Magellan gifted the image to Queen Juana of Cebu at her baptism.

When the image was rediscovered intact in 1565, it came to symbolize the beginnings of Christianity in the Philippines. For many Filipinos, the Santo Niño represents the root of their Catholic faith.

**We invite you to write your prayer intentions for Sto. Niño then place it and a candle by the Sto. Niño statue, which will be placed in the sanctuary on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**



## *Come and See!*



Last Sunday, Carmen Ventura, who has been in our parish a grand total of 90 years, celebrated her 92nd birthday! Ad multos annos, Carmen!

Fr Joey Frez hosted a Filipino Boodle Fight Dinner for our diocesan seminarians and aspirants at Manuel's in Artarmon last Wednesday.

And Fr Hien is safely back in Vietnam for his annual leave, reunited with his family.





*Come and See!*

Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood

**LUNAR NEW YEAR 2026**

**FUND RAISING FOR PASTORAL WORKS BROKEN BAY**

**SCAN QR CODE**

Raffle Tickets

Mini Food Fair - Food Vouchers

Donate - PWBB



**Lunar New Year 2026 RAFFLE PRIZES**

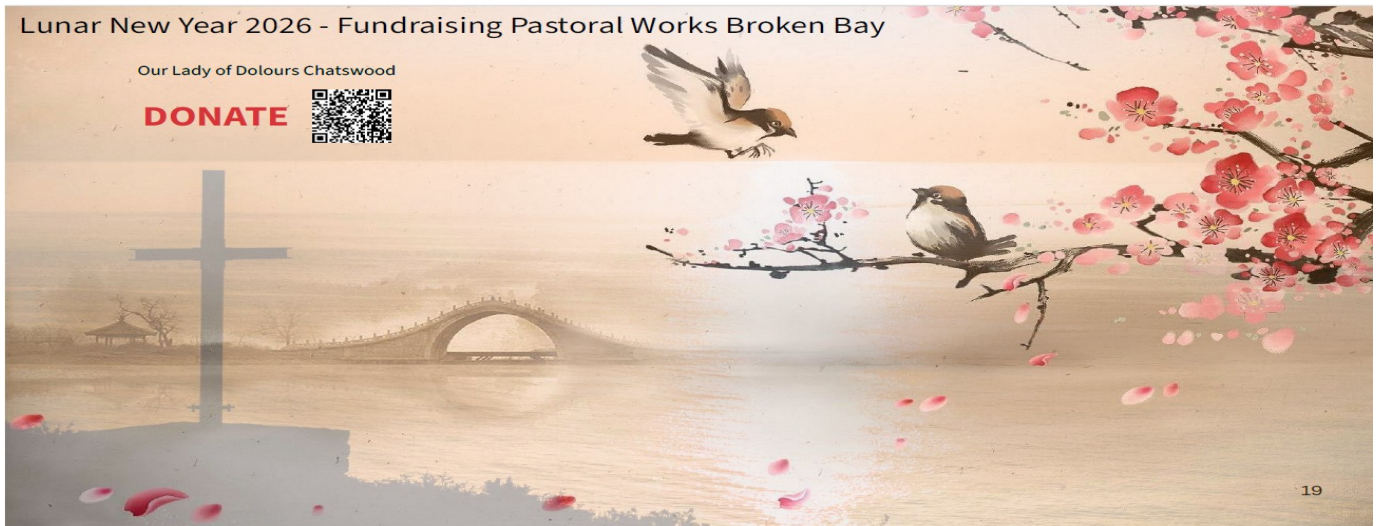
- 1st Prize \$500.00 Westfield Gift Card
- 2nd Prize \$350.00 Gift Card to Hunter Valley - Oaks Cypress Lake Resort
- 3rd Prize Sydney Ocean Extreme Whale Watching for Two
- 4th Prize \$200.00 Gift Card to Cafe Sydney at Circular Quay Old Customs House
- 5th Prize Quiet Time in the Bush, Ignation Spirituality Retreat for Two at Pymble



**Lunar New Year 2026 - Fundraising Pastoral Works Broken Bay**

Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood

**DONATE**





*Come and See!*

Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood

# LUNAR NEW YEAR

15 Feburary 2026

Sunday - 10:30 AM Mass



YEAR OF THE HORSE

2

## LNY 2026 Program

- 10:00 am Mini Food Fair Starts
- 10:30 am LNY Mass with Father David Ranson
- 11:30 am Group Photo - Church Forecourt
- Kids - Free Face Painting and Balloon Twisting Starts
- 11:45 am Lion Dance
- 12:00 pm LNY Speeches
- 12:10 pm Raffle Ticket Draws
- 12:20 pm Musical Performances Starts
- 2:00pm LNY Celebration Concludes

## Musical Performance

Allen Wang, Solo Violinist  
Meya Chinese Music School, Chatswood  
Wadaiki Rindo, Sydney  
Indonesian Community Anklung

4



## *Come and See!*

### What's New in the PEW

New arrivals have landed in the PEW! Discover **St Mary McKillop of the Cross statues and rosaries**, celebrating a life of faith lived with courage and love. We're also excited to offer **St Carlo Acutis gift items from Italy**—inspired by a modern saint who reminds us that holiness is for everyone. Perfect to keep or gift, these items encourage prayer, inspire faith, and make thoughtful reminders of God's love in daily life.





## *Come and Grow!*

### **Come along and hear Father Robert Rieger from Medjugorje – Lenten Reflection on Eucharistic Adoration**



Father Robert Rieger from Medjugorje will be visiting Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood parish on 23 February. Come along and hear Father Robert's Lenten reflection on Eucharistic Adoration.

Father Robert is a Kiwi priest who first visited Medjugorje some 36 years ago – and it changed his life forever. Father Robert now welcomes thousands of pilgrims to Medjugorje every year from all around the world – including our own pilgrims from across the Broken Bay Diocese. Father Robert leads the Oasis of Peace community in Medjugorje, and their chapel offers Adoration around the clock, 24 hours a day. But as Father Robert will tell us, Adoration is not about the hours. It's about opening our hearts to the Lord and letting Him do something within us and for us – rather than just assuming that it's all about us doing something for him. It's His work within us that will truly change our lives.

**7pm, Monday 23 February:** Please join us to meet Father Robert and hear him speak in the Magnificat Room at Our Lady of Dolours in Kirk Street Chatswood.

**Beach Rosary – 7pm, Friday 20 February:** You are also invited to join Father Robert and Father Marek for a rosary along the beach promenade at Manly Beach, followed by gelato and Compline. Meet outside St Mary's Church, 6 Raglan Street Manly at 7pm.



**Do you love the Holy Souls, need intercessors for your loved ones,  
and desire to be prayed for after death?**

**Friends of the Suffering Souls**

**A Catholic Lay Association conducting a perpetual novena of Masses  
for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.**

Friends of the Suffering Souls (FOSS) originated in devotion to Our Lady of Knock, whose apparition, in 1879, followed the offering of 100 Masses for the Holy Souls. Today, our perpetual novena of Masses not only helps the Holy Souls but also gives members an assurance of remembrance after death and a means of surrounding their loved ones with Heavenly intercessors. Each member commits to arranging one Mass a year, for the intention, **"For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially the deceased members of FOSS."** By our continuing commitment to this intention, our members are assured that they, too, will be remembered after death in our Masses. Members may also enroll family or friends, committing to an additional annual Mass on behalf of each enrollee. The same Mass intention is offered, in the confident expectation that the Holy Souls who benefit from the Mass will become intercessors for the enrollee. At present, our members in 50 countries around the world offer upwards of 35, 000 Masses a year for this intention. If you have a love for the Holy Souls, a desire to be upheld in prayer, and a longing for spiritual assistance for your friends and family, we invite you to join us.

To enrol and for further information visit: [www.fossnovena.org](http://www.fossnovena.org)

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

18 JANUARY 2026

THE LAMB OF GOD. Jesus is the servant of God who brings salvation to the ends of the earth. He is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He reveals the compassion of God who stoops down to hear the cries of those in distress.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you,  
O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing  
to your name, O Most High!

### GREETING

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

**R. Amen.**

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

**R. And with your spirit.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

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

**All: I confess to almighty God and to  
you, my brothers and sisters, that I have  
greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my  
words, in what I have done and in what  
I have failed to do, (striking the breast)  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault; therefore  
I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the  
Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers  
and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our  
God.**

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

**R. Amen.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

V. Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

### GLORIA

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

are the Lord, / you alone are the Most  
High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy  
Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. /  
**Amen.**

### COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, who govern  
all things, both in heaven and on earth,  
mercifully hear the pleading of your people  
and bestow your peace on our times.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isa 49: 3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*I will make you the light of the nations so that  
my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel,

in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his  
servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring  
back the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends  
of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESP PSALM

Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he  
stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. / He  
put a new song into my mouth, / praise of  
our God. **R.**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and  
offerings, / but an open ear. / You do not  
ask for holocaust and victim. / Instead, here  
am I. **R.**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands  
written / that I should do your will. / My  
God, I delight in your law / in the depth of  
my heart. **R.**



4. Your justice I have proclaimed / in the  
great assembly. / My lips I have not sealed; /  
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

### SECOND READING

1 Cor 1: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul  
to the Corinthians.

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle,  
together with brother Sosthenes, send  
greetings to the church of God in Corinth,  
to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are  
called to take their place among all the saints  
everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus  
Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours.  
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 1: 14, 12

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Word of God became flesh and dwelt  
among us.**

**He enabled those who accepted him  
to become the children of God.**

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Jn 1: 29-34

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.**

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the  
sins of the world.*



Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

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

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

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

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

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

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

## PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

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

## COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said. . .

**R. Amen.**

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

**R. And with your spirit.**

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

*All exchange a sign of peace*

## LAMB OF GOD

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

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

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 22:5

**You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

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

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### THE LAMB OF GOD

The historical memory between John the Baptist and Jesus identified in last Sunday's Gospel from Matthew continues in today's Gospel from John. Themes from last week continue: John the Baptist declares Jesus' pre-existence (1:30), a central theological motif in the Gospel, as God's chosen one, and as the bearer of God's Spirit (1:33). The Baptist also publicly attests to Jesus' holiness using Jewish expressions drawn out of the Passover and Exodus story. Jesus is called 'the lamb of God' (1:29). This evokes the memory of the Passover lamb. This was the lamb sacrificed in the Exodus event (Exodus 12:1-13) whose blood daubed the lintels of the doors identifying its Jewish residents as God's protected ones as the Angel of Death passed over them.

In John's Gospel, Jesus' blood will also become the life-giving and liberating agent that creates the new community formed around the Mother of Jesus and the Beloved Disciple at Jesus' death (19:26-35). At the beginning of this Gospel and in today's reading, John the Baptist becomes the Gospel's witness to the holy and elevated status of Jesus as God's representative who can 'take away the sin of the world' (1:29). In other words and again drawing on a Jewish atonement ritual performed on one of the holiest days in the Jewish Calendar, *Yom Kippur* (literally, 'the Day of Atonement'), Jesus becomes the scapegoat for people's sins to release them from the burdens they carry and bring them to life and freedom—another theme of John's Gospel. All these insights associated with today's Gospel are key for us: we look to one who can represent us before God, release us of sins that weigh us down, and offer us life and spiritual agency.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

## A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL



Unauthorised reproduction of this bulletin prohibited. Published with ecclesiastical approval by ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel 02 9394 3400 Email: sales@stpauls.com.au Scripture readings taken from The Jerusalem Bible, © 1966 Hodder & Stoughton Ltd. All rights reserved. Psalm text from The Psalms, A New Translation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins. New translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Artwork by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj. Layout, commentaries and illustrations © St Pauls Publications, 2026. No 751. Website: www.stpauls.com.au

*Come and Grow!*



*Dignity Pro-Life Alliance*

Psalm 139:13-14

### **New Year and New Life**

Each year we greet the new year with a fireworks display and other celebrations. In doing so we acknowledge the gift of life that we enjoy even if without exploring the full dimension of that gift and the eternal life that it precedes. But if we celebrate the life that we enjoy, our thoughts might turn to those newly conceived human beings whose life journey has just begun. Unfortunately we know that many of these newly created persons will have their lives terminated even before they are born as a result of the resort to abortion. For these newly conceived there will be no celebration of new years to come in the future.

Our society upholds the irreconcilable attitudes of celebrating New Year while denying the right of the unborn to participate in the life that lies before them. We encourage all parishioners to defend those little ones who cannot speak for themselves or exercise any influence to protect their own lives.

So as we celebrate the gift of life that we enjoy, we might spare a thought for the unborn whose lives may well be cut short even before birth. Your support for the Dignity Pro-Life group will help to defend the lives of those unborn babies so that they too may enjoy the benefit of life and join in the celebration of new years yet to come.

For enquiries: ring Michael on 0466961240 or visit <https://prolife.gotomary.com> for resources and updates.



Last weekend we commenced our promotion for our annual Lunar New Year Festival. Not only is Lunar New Year such a significant cultural event for so many in our parish community. It is also an important means by which we raise funds for our annual Pastoral Works Fund appeal to which we are obligated this year to raise some \$90,000.

Do join in the fun, and support an important cause!





*Come and Serve!*



## Vinnies December 2025 Report

Chatswood Vinnies received 12 calls for help in December

Five of these did not require a lot of time or resources. Either they did not respond to our return calls or only required advice. Two others needed food assistance. An old client, who had suffered an amputation and had been moved into more user friendly public accommodation sought help with white-goods; we provided information on our No Interest Loans scheme. Two others, one off the streets and the other an aged pensioner with limited English, sought help with setting up in new public housing digs.

We received a most unusual and urgent request from a South American couple on temporary visas who had been hoping to start a new life in Aust. After managing for 9 months both working to their visa conditions, the husband was diagnosed with an aggressive but controllable cancer. which required immediate treatment and which precluded his working or travelling. Treatment is expected to last several months. We have maintained them afloat whilst referring them to agencies/ people who may be able to help. We are trying to establish a budget and time frame for our essential help.

We have expended to date some \$3000 in covering some limited rent, medical and sustenance needs. More on this case will be covered in future reports.

Overall we expended some \$5000 in December.

On a lighter note we held a Xmas function at one of the large public housing complexes and distributed, with the help of parishioners, and some 50 Xmas hampers to those we had assisted during the year.



**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

**Ready to make a difference?**

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

**Areas to volunteer:**

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



**CONTACT DEE :**

02 9410 9035

[duyen.au@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:duyen.au@bbcatholic.org.au)



**Feel like some company?**

**CHATSWOOD  
COFFEE & CHAT**

**DOUGHERTY CENTRE'S  
BLEND CAFE 7 VICTOR ST  
CHATSWOOD**

*Every Thursday 10:30-12*

Look for the bright  
coloured tablecloth

*Come and Serve!*

## **BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST to the city**



Nothing eases loneliness like sharing a  
coffee together

We are bringing a coffee and chat once a week to  
Community Housing residents in Artarmon.

Can you volunteer to join a roster one Tuesday a month,  
10.30-12.00? All that's required is a warm heart, an unjudging  
attitude and 1 ½ hours per month.

**If you would like to be part of a team to bring some laughter  
and a listening ear to lonely residents please put your name  
on the sign-up sheet at the church entrance or email :  
[jokaraolis1@bigpond.com](mailto:jokaraolis1@bigpond.com)**



## *Come and Serve!*



Ornella Byak is the granddaughter of our beloved parishioner Sandra Byak - and at only 26 years old, Ornella has already established a school in Timor-Leste. Ornella will be visiting us in the last week of February to tell us more about this wonderful work.

Ornella Byak founded BETTER Timor to respond to the urgent need for quality education in Timor-Leste. It is one of our closest neighbours, yet many children and young people lack basic learning opportunities. Ornella has established a school in the regional area of Same, Manufahi, where she lives full-time and leads local teams delivering free, high-quality schooling and English education. The school now serves around 200 students with 21+ local staff, and it achieves over 90% attendance (compared to a national average near 36%). The school provides thousands of meals to students each year, since Timor-Leste has one of the highest rates of severe child malnutrition in the world. Ornella has also opened the Bakhita English Institute to provide youth and adults with English skills that will equip them for employment, mobility, and new opportunities.

Come along and hear Ornella tell her story:

- **Daytime:** Monday 23 February at 1.00pm (after the 12.30pm mass) in the Magnificat Room
- **Evening:** Tuesday 24 February at 7.00pm in the Magnificat Room

And you can read more about Ornella's work in Timor-Leste at <http://bettertimor.org/>



Our Parish Bunnings BBQ in support of Streetworks on Saturday 10 January!



## 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 January 2026**

◀ December	January 2026						February ▶
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
			<b>1</b> Bishop Anthony Randazzo	<b>2</b> Bishop Emeritus David Walker	<b>3</b> Bishop Emeritus Robert McGuckin	<b>4</b> Fr Colin Blayney	
<b>5</b> Fr Stephen Hill	<b>6</b> Fr Timothy Raj MSFS	<b>7</b> Fr Alex Peter MSFS	<b>8</b> Fr Vincent Lourduswamy MSFS	<b>9</b> Fr Michael Belonio OSA	<b>10</b> Fr Michael Sullivan OSA	<b>11</b> Fr Jumbin Torres OSA	
<b>12</b> Fr John Zhang OSA	<b>13</b> Father Van Tu Nguyen OSA	<b>14</b> Fr Robert Borg	<b>15</b> Fr Jim McKeon	<b>16</b> Fr Aldrin Valdehueza	<b>17</b> Fr Vince Casey Fr John Hill	<b>18</b> Fr Greg Chee OCD	
<b>19</b> Fr Gerard Moran OCD	<b>20</b> Fr Sunny Peackal OCD	<b>21</b> Fr Restituto Ogismer cs	<b>22</b> Fr Jose Aliro Gutierrez cs	<b>23</b> Fr Savino Bernardi cs	<b>24</b> Deacon Roberto Corpuz	<b>25</b> Deacon Richard Houwing	
<b>26</b> Deacon Adrian Gomez	<b>27</b> Deacon Paul Simmons	<b>28</b> Deacon Kevin Hale Deacon Kevin McGregor	<b>29</b> Fr Ireneuz Czech SDS	<b>30</b> Fr Brendan Lee Fr Anoop Devasia	<b>31</b> Deacon Peter McCulloch		

### Position Vacant - Pymble Parish Catechist Coordinator Casual Position

Our Parish is looking for a new Catechist Coordinator. The primary purpose of the Catechist Coordinator (CC) is to lead and support the catechists of the Pymble Parish (Parish) who provide Special Religious Education (SRE) to the Catholic Students in State Schools within the Parish. To achieve this, the CC works under the direction of the Parish Priest and with the Parish team to lead the Catechist program and provide coordinated support services to enhance the SRE ministry within the Parish. If you are interested in supporting the faith development of children in the public schools in our Parish, please contact the Parish Office for a copy of the Position Description. The appointment is subject to a satisfactory Working with Children Check and National Police Check.

**To apply, please email your current CV and cover letter to [claudia@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:claudia@pymblecatholicparish.org.au) by 6 February 2026.** Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and the closing date may be adjusted if a suitable candidate is identified.

ST LEO'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, WAHROONGA

# 70<sup>TH</sup>

## Anniversary

CELEBRATIONS

Save the Dates!

THANKSGIVING  
MASS  
\*\*\*  
WED 11  
FEBRUARY  
10.30AM

'BACK TO  
LEO'S DAY'  
\*\*\*  
SUN 11  
OCTOBER  
11.00AM



All welcome

More information soon







# Parish Information

## Love God

Mark 12:30

### Worshipping together



Liturgy & Music

### Leading reflective lives



Prayer & Spirituality

### Growing in faith



Catechesis & Pathways

### Caring for one another



Support & Visitations

### Animating our future



Planning & Strategy

### Igniting young hearts



Inception & Formation

### Caring for our World



Ecology & Social Justice

### Sustaining our community



Administration & Stewardship

### Nurturing relationships



Community & Family

### Sharing the Good News



Mission & Evangelisation

## Love One Another

John 13:34

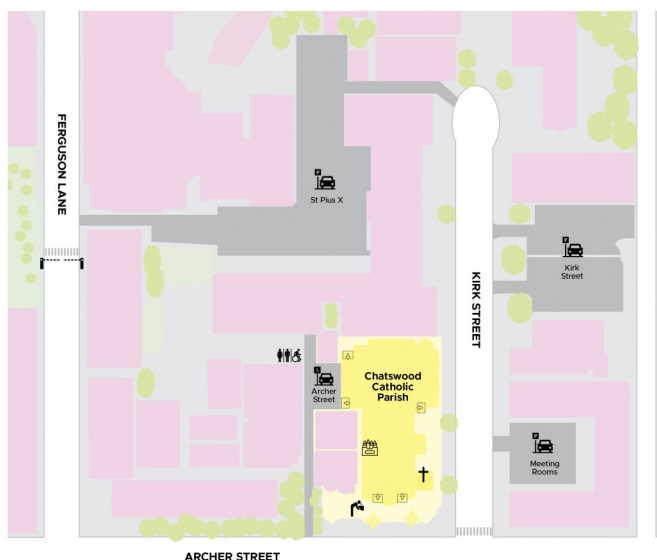
## Go Make Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20

## Supporting our Parish Financially

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

## Parking at our Parish



## Sustaining our community



## Administration & Stewardship

## Parish Information

### Our Meeting Room Schedule This Week

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Location	Subject
19/01/2026	8:30 AM	5:00 PM	Magnificat; Pastoral Plan	CGS Atrium L1P2 Formation 9am till 5pm
20/01/2026	8:30 AM	5:00 PM	Magnificat; Pastoral Plan	CGS Atrium L1P2 Formation 9am till 5pm
	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	St Paul; Pastoral Plan	Bible Discussion group
21/01/2026	8:30 AM	5:00 PM	Magnificat; Pastoral Plan	CGS Atrium L1P2 Formation 9am till 5pm
	8:30 AM	5:30 PM	St Paul	CGS Atrium L1P2 Formation
	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Harrington Hall	CIC Indo Instrument practice
22/01/2026	8:30 AM	5:00 PM	Magnificat; Pastoral Plan	CGS Atrium L1P2 Formation 9am till 5pm
	8:30 AM	5:30 PM	St Paul	CGS Atrium L1P2 Formation
	11:00 AM	4:00 PM	Magnificat; Pastoral Plan	Playgroup Chatswood Parish [AET= 1-3 pm]
23/01/2026	8:30 AM	5:00 PM	Magnificat; Pastoral Plan	CGS Atrium L1P2 Formation 9am till 5pm
24/01/2026	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	St Peter; Pastoral Plan	Legion of Mary @10.30am
25/01/2026	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	St Paul	Filipino Choir
	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	St Paul; Pastoral Plan	TG's Choir Practice
	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	St Peter	Christian Meditation group
	4:30 PM	9:00 PM	Magnificat; Pastoral Plan	Cornerstone and Keystone Youth Group @6.30-8.30pm

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

- **DRC Healing Mass** will resume on Friday, 6 February 2026 at 7pm
- **First Saturday Public Rosary** will resume on Saturday, 7 February 2026 at 4pm

### Upcoming Events in our Parish

Day	Date	Occasion	Time	Location
Monday	26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday	Parish Mass at 10.00am Office closed	
Tuesday	27 January	School Staff return		
Sunday	1 February	Lunch and Seminar for Mass Readers		Magnificat Meeting Room
Monday	2 February	Start of Term 1		
Wednesday	4 February	Start of 2026 Book Club		Magnificat Meeting Room
Sunday	15 February	Lunar New Year Celebration	10.30asm Multilingual Mass Forecourt Celebrations	
Wednesday	18 February	ASH WEDNESDAY	Masses at 7am, 9am, 12.30pm, 7.00pm	
Saturday	21 February	Lunar New Year	Chatwood Fair and Parade	Concourse
		Vespers for 1st Sunday of Lent	5.00pm	Church
Sunday	22 February	Lunar New Year	Chatswood Fair	Concourse



## Parish Information

### Our Mass Schedule and church Schedule this Week

Monday	19 January	12.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 2
Tuesday	20 January	9.00am, 12.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 2
Wednesday	21 January	9.00am., 12.30pm and 6.30pm	St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday	22 January	9.00am, 12.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 2
Friday	23 January	9.00am, 12.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 2
Saturday	24 January	9.00am	St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor
Sunday	25 January	Usual Times	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Subject
19/01/2026	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Organ Practice
	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)
20/01/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Funeral: Francesca Di Mento
	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass
	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	OC Organ practice
21/01/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	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)
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Evening Mass of Hope
	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
22/01/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Adoration and Exposition
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass
	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	OC Organ practice
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Holy Hour Adoration
23/01/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12:30pm Mass
	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
24/01/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Exposition, Reconciliation, Rosary, Benediction.
	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Vigil Singer Bookings
	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	5:30 Vigil Mass
25/01/2026	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	7:30am Mass
	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Filipino Choir
	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	9:00am Mass
	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	10:30am Mass
	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	5:30pm Mass

## Please Remember in our Prayer

### For those recently deceased:

Kenny Tsang; Francesca Di Mento; Andre Hariman; Janet Namey; George Lo (husband of Binnie Tan); Lina (Ng) Sing (sister of Elaine Wong); Tjioe Giok Tjoe; Apung Darma Sugandi; Mable Savage; Pamela Crampton; Violet Joyce.

### For those who are sick:

Binnie (Marianne) Tan; Bruce Meppem; Ely Herft; Augustine D'silva; George Lo; Catherine M Chan, Mirjana Marinovic; Mellita Jones; Daniel West; Ying Leong Fong; Rosetta Lo Presti; Celine Robinson; Rafael Senedrin; Gina Marotta; Deysi Villanueva; Ervita Wiroatmodjo; Almira Christina Chen; Mary Oakley; Eugenia San Gabriel; Jim Dennis; Jeremy Moon; Ley Peng Tan; Lody Herlianto; Chet Catapang; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Carmel Villanueva; Mr Gurung; Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac 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:

Juliana Chee; Earle Deitz; Jean-Marie Ta; Lisa McKee; Angela Ryan; Rodolfo Dy; Ljubica Bacic Fratric; Tricia Batongbacal; John Keenan; Rodolfo Dy, Felix Loderer Jnr, Felix Loderer; Remedios Loderer; Siplicio Sabillo; Paul Hung; Tess Fitzgearld; Max Fowler; Theodore Cowell.

**Deceased Birthday:** Margaret Colebrook OAM

**Forthcoming Wedding:** Jesus Riera & Monika Rozycka on Saturday, 17 January 2026 at 2.00pm.

**Upcoming Funeral:** Francesca Di Mento on Tuesday, 20 January 2026 at 10.30am

### A Sad Update

Binnie (Marianne) Tan, former catechist helper at Artarmon public school is struggling in St George Hospital Kogarah with a worsening cancer situation and may be moved to palliative care soon. On top of this her husband George Lo recently passed away. Poor Binnie had hoped to return this year as a helper at Artarmon public school, sadly this won't be happening. A few of the APS catechists visited Binnie in hospital which is heartwarming to hear, they conveyed our warm wishes from the parish that she continues to be in our thoughts and prayers.

### Our Altar Flowers this Week

Our Altar Flowers this week  
are in honour of  
Sto Nino, the Child Jesus.



## FLOWER DONATIONS

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

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



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



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



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



### POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

To pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.