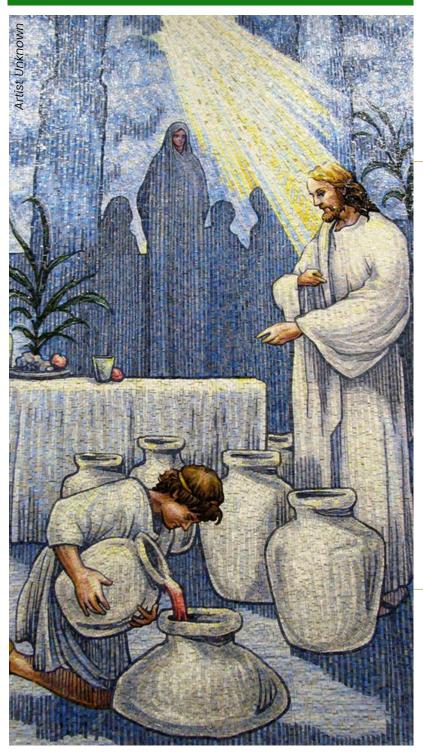


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THE BULLETIN

19 JANUARY 2025
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(YEAR C)



The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

This Sunday's Gospel - John 2:1-11

GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Welcome

A very warm welcome to you, especially to anyone new and 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 contact us at 02 9410 9000 or email us at chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au - we would love to hear from you!

Our shorter bulletins will continue until the weekend of 25–26 January, when the full-length version returns.

Lunar New Year Celebrations: The festivities are almost here! Explore the exciting event plans and don't miss your chance to purchase raffle tickets for incredible prizes. It's not too late to join in!

Farewell Offering for Fr Joey. Envelopes will be available in the pews this weekend for anyone wishing to contribute a farewell gift to Fr Joey as he prepares to leave our parish.

RSVP Reminder. Ensure your RSVPs are submitted for the farewell Mass for Fr Joey and Deacon Richard on 29 January. Please note the updated time of 6:30 pm. Don't forget to sign the e-card for both of them!

Thank you to the anonymous sponsor of this week's flowers for the church for their generosity!

For any inclusions to next week's bulletin, please email your content to Olivia at Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au by the close of business on Wednesday.



On the sacred lands of God, under the faithful custodianship of the Cammeraygal people.

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Nancy Benzie; Jose Lino Aquilar; Linda Agarwal; Dylan Lam; John Keenan.

Our loved ones who are sick:

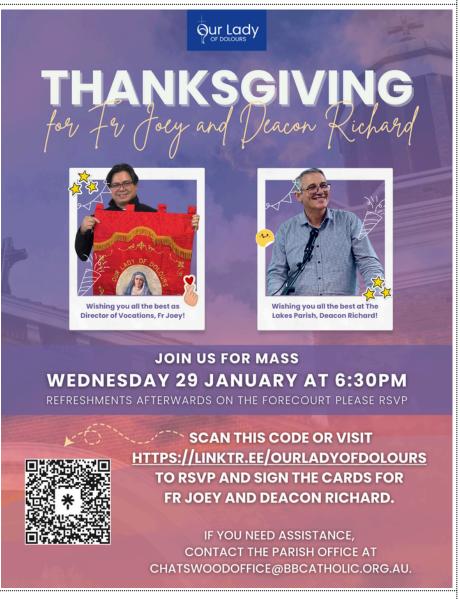
Isabelle Montelibano Patron; Anne Avery; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng (husband of Dilia Ng); Eileen Swinsburg; Xu He Ooi; Carmel Villanueva; Marianne (Binnie) Tan; Mr Gurung (father of Om Gurung); Colleen Baker (sister of Margaret Day); Delfin Mendoza; Karen Forbes; Irene Margaret; Ying Leong Fong; Laila Haddad; Linda Yip; Lonnie Chu; Minnie Walshe; Maria Taylor; Ban Le Llamas; Sally Luxton; Sr Marie Dayton; Giselle Clark; Judith Ryan; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlasic; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapira; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; Frank Hallissy; John O'Brien; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; Mary Kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Leung; John Tiorg and family; Esther Grant and family.

Our loved ones, at rest with God, whose anniversaries fall at this time: Watson Lee (father of Olivia, Chris, Ethan, Gen); Lisa McKee.

FAMOUS CHINESE BIBLE QUOTE

神恩雖有區別,卻是同一的聖神所賜。 格林多前書 12:4

There are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit. Corinthians 12:4





May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

The Jubilee Prayer - Pope Francis

GOSPEL REFLECTION

GRACE IN BACKGROUND

When I reflect on any Gospel story, I always find myself wondering who I would be in the narrative, which character I might relate to most. In this week's story about the Wedding at Cana, I am without a doubt one of the wedding guests—just there for a great time, blissfully unaware of any drama unfolding around me. And let's be honest, trying to make sure I'm not the drama.

The guests at Cana enjoyed the abundance of wine, completely oblivious to the crisis that had almost disrupted their celebration. They drank and celebrated, unaware that they were partaking in a miracle orchestrated by Jesus. Isn't it amazing how God's grace often works this way? It's poured out upon us freely, even when we don't recognise it. How many times do we benefit from blessings we neither anticipate nor understand, much less deserve?

In a world that constantly demands evidence, acknowledgment, and control, the story of Cana invites us to pause and consider how often God works quietly and invisibly.

The water turned to wine without any fanfare or dramatic gestures. Even the steward of the feast, upon tasting the wine, didn't know where it had come from. He praised the bridegroom instead, and Jesus didn't correct him or seek credit. How extraordinary is this humility—a humility so counter-cultural and selfless.

The hidden nature of this miracle also prompts us to think about the unseen sacrifices and intercessions that bring joy into our lives.

Mary's intercession, the servants' quiet obedience, and Jesus' transformation of the ordinary into the extraordinary remind us that so much of what we enjoy is made possible by the quiet, faithful acts of others. How often do we, like the guests, enjoy abundance without pausing to consider the source of that grace?

This hiddenness in God's action calls us to a deeper awareness and gratitude. It challenges us to look beyond what we can see and to recognise the quiet miracles in our daily lives—the unexpected kindness, the moments of peace, the provision we didn't ask for but desperately needed. It also challenges us to imitate the servants, who didn't need to understand the miracle to trust and act in faith.

The wedding guests also remind us of our role in the feast of life. Even in their unawareness, their joy and celebration fulfilled the purpose of the miracle.

God's blessings are not meant to remain hidden treasures but are given to be lived out and shared with others. In a way, every gathering, every celebration of love and life, is an echo of that wedding at Cana—a reminder of the God who quietly transforms scarcity into abundance and invites us to rejoice.

As we meditate on this week's Gospel, let's embrace the call to live with greater awareness, gratitude, and trust.

May we learn to see the hidden miracles in our lives and recognise the hand of the One who works all things for our good, even when we don't realise it.

by Olivia Lee



Parish established 1910

Our Lady Of Dolours



Catholic Parish of Chatswood, Diocese of Broken Bay

2025 LUNAR NEW YEAR EBRATION OF THE YEAR OF SNAKE

and fundraising for Pastoral Works Fund of Broken Bay Diocese

Date: Sunday 2nd February 2025

Address: 94 Archer Street Chatswood NSW 2067

Program:

10:00am

Food stalls start

10:30am

Lunar New Year Mass (Multilingual)

11:30am

Group photo with Lion Dancers (please join us)

Lion Dance

Welcome speeches

Raffle tickets draw (PTO for purchase of Raffle tickets, food/drink

vouchers)

Free face painting for kids

Chinese Menu:

BBQ Pork Buns

\$6 for 2

Spring Rolls



Satay Chicken





Vegetarian Fried Noodles Curry Chicken & Rice



\$6 for 1 small serving

Vietnamese Menu:

Banh Mi

BBO Chicken, Garlic Prawn, Lemongrass Beef, Poached Chicken Soldier



\$6 for 1



\$6 for 2

Indonesian Menu

Croquette



Risoles



Krispy Kreme

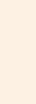


Hot/Cold Drink



\$3

\$6 for 2 OR \$6 for 1 + drink





OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

19 JANUARY 2025

DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU. At the marriage feast of Cana Jesus turns water, set aside for washing, into wine of great quality. A new richness and abundance flows to the people from Jesus. We will partake of this richness if we, like the attendants at the wedding, follow Mary's instruction to 'do whatever he tells you.' As we receive the gifts he offers we are transformed in turn into a new creation.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 65:4

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 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the

a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded' for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

hand of the Lord,

RESP PSALM

Ps 95:1-3, 7-10. R. v. 3

R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

- 1. O sing a new song to the Lord, / sing to the Lord all the earth. / O sing to the Lord, bless his name. R.
- Proclaim his help day by day, / tell among the nations his glory / and his wonders among all the peoples.

 R.



- Give the Lord, you families of peoples, / give the Lord glory and power, / give the Lord the glory of his name.

 R.
- 4. Worship the Lord in his temple. / O earth, tremble before him. / Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' / He will judge the peoples in fairness. R.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:4-11

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

One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. 2 Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 2:1-11

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 first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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 FIRST "SIGN"

This Sunday we move from Luke's Gospel, the primary Gospel of our year, to John's Gospel and a scene at the commencement of Jesus' ministry. It is full of rich symbolism. The setting is a wedding feast to which Jesus, his mother and disciples have been invited. The feast is reminiscent of God's covenantal marriage with the Israelites on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19-24). This relationship is like a marriage in which the imagery of redolent, juicy wines celebrates its delightful intimacy (Isaiah 25:6-9). For John, Jesus is the living reminder of God's desire for humanity expressed initially in the Old ('first') Testament.

But there is a problem, as Jesus' Jewish mother points out: "They have no wine!" At her invitation the absence is addressed. She directs the servants to respond to whatever Jesus tells them. This dynamic, of responding to Jesus' word, lays at the heart of faithful discipleship. He directs them to fill with water the six stone water jars intended for ceremonial ablutions. Together, the jars hold around 90 to 100 litres of water that later becomes wine of the best quality, and in a great quantity, by today's metric system, 12 dozen bottles. A connoisseur's delight!

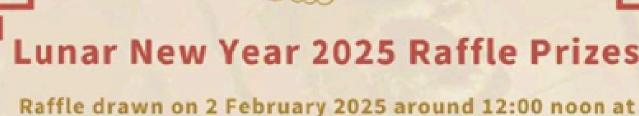
To interpret the story solely as a miracle is to miss the point. John calls it the first of Jesus' "signs" in the Gospel. A "sign" points to something deeper. This sign symbolically underscores God's joy with humanity revealed through Jesus and symbolised in a wedding feast with an extraordinary quantity of exquisite wine.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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Raffle drawn on 2 February 2025 around 12:00 noon at the forecourt of Our Lady of Dolours Church Chatswood

1st Prize: \$500 Coles Gift Card

2nd Prize: A night for 2 at Fairmont Resort Blue Mountain

3rd Prize: 1 Day Spiritual Retreat for 2 at JISA Pymble

4th Prize: \$300 Myers Gift Card

5th Prize: Whale Watch for 2 in Sydney

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Sapientia

Single adults, I8-30 years of age, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for this weekend retreat of prayer, formation, and fellowship.

7-9 February 2025

St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre Douglas Park

For more information or to register your interest, complete the form or email the Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org.







ENVELOPES FOR FR JOEY

This weekend and next weekend, donation envelopes will be available at the back of the church and in the pews for those who wish to contribute towards a farewell gift for Fr Joey as he prepares to leave our parish.

All contributions will be collected and presented to Fr Joey as a token of our gratitude and appreciation for his time with us.

For those who prefer to donate via EFT, the details are:

Chatswood Parish Reference: Fr Joey Gift BSB: 062-784

Account Number: 100001609
Thank you for your generosity.

SINGERS WANTED FOR ADORATION

Calling All Singers and Musicians!

We are seeking singers and musicians to support Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday nights at 7pm.

You are welcome to sing fitting songs from your own repertoire, alongside selections noted in the worship booklet.

Can you commit to helping once a month? Your musical gift can help create a prayerful and uplifting atmosphere for all who come to adore Jesus.

If you're interested, please contact Titus.Grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au

THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2025

For the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Please be advised that the Filipino Mass this February 2 @ 12 PM will be held at Harrington Hall*

*There will be ushers to guide you and the Philippine flag will be visible at the entrance to the hall.



JANUARY FORMATION FOR ADULTS

In late January we will be running a formation retreat for adults. Although this course is aimed at adults interested in learning this wonderful way to support children in their faith formation, it is also suitable for anyone interested in nurturing their relationship with God in a retreat like, contemplative environment.

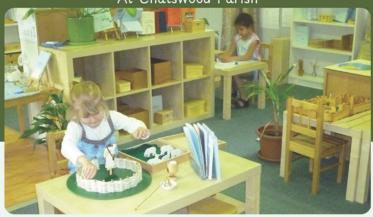
We would love to have more catechists involved in supporting children at the Atrium here in Chatswood, so if you know of anyone who might be interested in attending, please pass this on to them. Or if you are interested in finding out more about the formation course, please feel free to contact Angela at the above email or at parish email address: the angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

Or go to the following link to access the course brochure: https://tinyurl.com/2ae5kzuh



The Children's Atrium

of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd At Chatswood Parish



Since August 2007, we have been welcoming children to this wonderful place called the Atrium, so that they can spend time with God to nurture their relationship with him. The CGS Atrium is based on Scripture and Liturgy and framed by Montessori principles of Education.

The Atrium is offered in three stages or age groups and there is a separate room for each age group.

The sessions times are:

3-6 year olds

Mondays 10am-11:30am Mondays 3:45-5:45pm Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm Thursdays 10am-11:30am



6-9 & 9-12 year olds Mondays 3:45-5:45pm Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm

are now open and we would love to welcome your child to the atrium.

Enrolments for 2025





To speak with someone or to enrol your child, contact Angela or Rose at: old.childrens.atrium@gmail.com





Catholic Primary

Our Open Day is a structured morning that will provide you with an opportunity for meaningful insight into our school.



Meet our Principal, teachers, students,



Learn about Our Lady of Dolour's faith led approach, including and inclusive model of education.



Visit our classrooms, play area, library, specialised media room, music rooms.



Gain a real sense of the Our Lady of Dolour's community

Tuesday 4 March 2025

9am - 10.30am

Come and experience first hand why Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood is a great choice for vour children.



Click to Register

Marco Ianni, Principal Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School 94A Archer Street. Chatswood olddbb.catholic.edu.au



What's the time? Playgroup time! Playgroup is well and truly back! We had our first playgroup session of the year, and it was a fantastic start.

Join us every Thursday 1:00pm, at the Magnificat room for more fun and engaging activities!

Hope has two beautiful daughters: their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are." -

