

*Sunday 19 October 2025
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mission Sunday*

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



人應當時常祈禱，不要灰心。 路加福音 18:1
We ought always to pray, and not to faint. **Luke 18:1**



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

Come and See!

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Sunday Masses

5.30pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass

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

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

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

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

5.30pm

Filipino Culture Mass

12noon, 1st Sunday of the month

Indonesian Culture Mass

7.00pm, 2nd Saturday of the month

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

Weekday Masses and Devotions

Monday: 12.30pm

Tuesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

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

Thursday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Friday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am

Morning Prayer: Tuesday to Saturday: 8.45am

Rosary

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

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

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

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

Come and See!

Dear friends,

We are trialing a slightly different format of our bulletin this week! As you will see the ordering of the sections is different under the three banners: Come and See!—Come and Grow!—Come and Serve! This is to align with your mission: We Love, We Grow, We Serve. Let us know if this be a helpful way for us to navigate all the many activities and programs we are blessed to have in our parish. We will continue to refine the presentation in the weeks ahead.

On this Mission Sunday weekend we welcome **Lawrence Gigliotti** from Catholic Missions for our annual Catholic Missions Appeal. This is an appeal that assists the Church in developing contexts, and Lawrence will share with us the work that Catholic Missions undertakes and invite us to assist in this endeavour.

On **Monday 20 October, the Jubilee Migrant Cross will be at our church.** This is a special initiative of the Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. “As we celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025, the Jubilee Cross stands before us as a sacred and deeply moving sign of God’s love for all people, especially those who journey in search of safety, belonging and peace. Created from Australian timber and set upon a boat-shaped base, the Jubilee Cross speaks to the heart of the migrant experience and the call of the Church to be a refuge and a home for all.” From October 2025 to October 2026 more than 28 dioceses and eparchies are expected to host the Cross. **We will celebrate our 12.30pm Mass on Monday 20 October with the Cross.**

On Monday 27 October at our 12.30pm Mass we will be joined by relatives of Minnie Walshe, recently departed. Our Mass on that day will be a Memorial Mass for Minnie.

It is now not too long before the month of **November during which we remember all those who have gone** before us. This year we will commemorate those who have died in a slightly different . We will have a choice to purchase a battery operated candle OR to bring along a framed photograph of the one we are remembering. The battery operated candle will avoid people having to look for their candle and to light the candle when they come to Mass, and all candles can be switched on and off remotely. If we wish to bring along a photo, the frame must be no bigger than A5 size, and we do so at our own risk.

This Wednesday evening there is a **special rally to be held outside NSW Parliament in Macquarie Street on Wednesday, 22 October at 5.30pm to support the introduction of MLC John Ruddick’s Bill to ban sex-selection abortion in the State** We are encouraged to attend to send a clear message to Parliament that every baby deserves a chance at life – no matter their gender.

Fr David Ranson PP

Ordering our November Candle for the Deceased

To order a candle for our deceased loved ones whom we especially wish to remember in the month of November, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/DGPGU> or use the QR code

However, orders can also be received in cash at the Parish Office.
Candles are \$5.

They will be battery operated and turned on and off remotely before each Mass.



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.

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Our Meeting Room Schedule This Week

Start Date	Start Time	Subject	Location
20/10/2025	1:30 PM	Friends & Fellowship	Magnificat;
	4:00 PM	Alpha 2 AET 7pm	Magnificat; St Peter; St Paul
21/10/2025	9:30 AM	Infant Baptism Meeting	St Peter
	10:00 AM	Bible Study group	St Paul
	6:00 PM	Parish Rome Pilgrimage Sessions @7pm	Magnificat;
	6:30 PM	Indonesian Legion of Mary [AET=7 pm]	St Peter; Pastoral Plan
	5:00 PM	Breathe- Prayer & Support Group (St Pius)	PEW Garden
22/10/2025	9:30 AM	Parish Team Meeting (Wednesdays @9.30am)	St Paul; Pastoral Plan
	9:30 AM	English Conversation Class	Magnificat
	6:30 PM	CIC Indo Instrument practice	Harrington Hall
	6:30 PM	MenAlive @ 7-9 pm	Magnificat; Pastoral Plan
	7:00 PM	Exploring the Faith	St Peter
	11:15 AM	Cantonese ALPHA @1pm	Magnificat; Pastoral Plan
23/10/2025	11:00 AM	Playgroup Chatswood Parish [AET= 1-3 pm]	Magnificat; Pastoral Plan
	7:00 PM	RCIA program Part 1	St Peter
24/10/2025	9:30 AM	Meditation Group [AET 10am-11.15am]	St Paul
	6:30 PM	Choir practice	St Paul
	7:00 PM	Mini Food Fair LYN2026	St Peter
25/10/2025	6:30 PM	Indo Choir- Christmas Practice	Magnificat; St Paul
26/10/2025	8:00 AM	Filipino Choir	St Paul
	9:00 AM	TG's Choir Practice	St Paul
	11:30 AM	Pro Life meeting	St Peter
	1:30 PM	Christian Meditation group	St Peter
	9:00 AM	Choir Birthday Party @12pm	Magnificat;
	4:30 PM	Cornerstone and Keystone Youth Group @ 6.30-8.30pm	Magnificat; Pastoral Plan

Upcoming Events in our Parish

Sunday	19 October	Rite of Acceptance of RCIA candidates at 10.30am Mass Carlo Acutis' Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition.
Saturday	25 October	Parish-in-Council
Sunday	26 October	Annual Blessing of Animals and Community Lunch
Thursday	30 October	Sacrament of Confirmation
Saturday	1 November	HolyWins Trivia Night in Harrington Hall
Monday	3 November	Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi departs
Wednesday	19 November	Annual Red Wednesday Mass at 7.00pm for persecuted Christians
Sunday	23 November	Christ the King
Sunday	30 November	First Sunday of Advent
Sunday	14 December	Carols on the Concourse



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Our Church Schedule This Week

Monday	20 October	12.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
Tuesday	21 October	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
Wednesday	22 October	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
Thursday	23 October	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
Friday	24 October	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
Saturday	25 October	9.00am and 5.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
Sunday	26 October	Usual Times	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
20/10/2025	12:30 PM	12:30pm Mass
21/10/2025	9:00 AM	Mass
	10:30 AM	Funeral Daisy Cheong by Fr Hien
	12:30 PM	12.30pm Mass
	2:00 PM	OC Organ practice
	4:00 PM	Organ Practice: AH
22/10/2025	9:00 AM	Mass
	10:30 AM	Mercy- School Assembly
	12:30 PM	Mass
	6:30 PM	Evening Mass of Hope
23/10/2025	9:00 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	Adoration and Exposition
	12:30 PM	12.30pm Mass
	3:45 PM	Organ Lesson: TL
	4:45 PM	Organ Lesson: AH
	7:00 PM	Holy Hour Adoration
24/10/2025	9:00 AM	Mass
	11:30 AM	Pilgrimage- School Staffs of LNS Parish @11.30am
	12:30 PM	12.30pm Mass
25/10/2025	9:00 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	Exposition, Reconciliation, Rosary, Benediction.
	11:00 AM	TG's Choir Practice
	4:00 PM	Vespers Choir Rehearsal
	4:45 PM	Vespers (on last Saturdays)
	5:30 PM	5:30 Vigil Mass
26/10/2025	7:30 AM	7:30am Mass
	9:00 AM	9:00am Mass
	10:30 AM	10:30am Mass
	11:30 AM	Monthly Community Lunch in front of the Church
	12:00 PM	Infant Baptism
	2:30 PM	Organ Practice: AH
	5:30 PM	5:30pm Mass (Youth Mass 1,2,3,4)



Come and See!

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

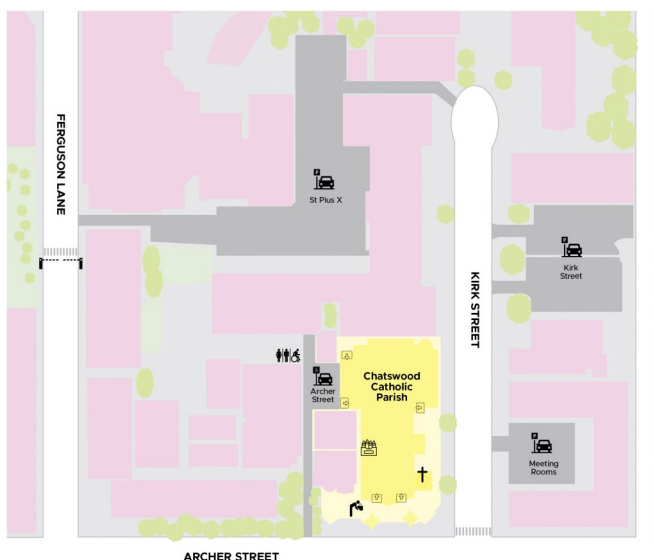
Go Make Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20

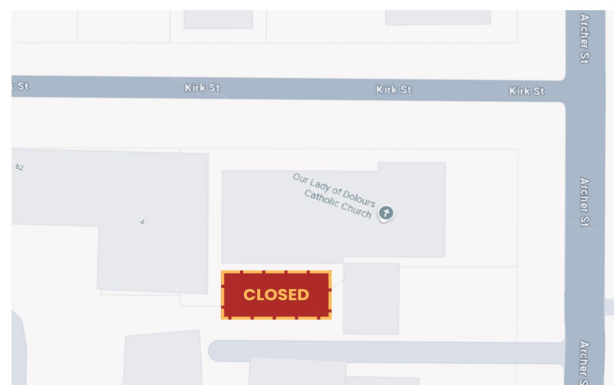
Supporting our Parish Financially

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



The parish carpark will be closed on **Monday, 20 October**. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



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

Friday	21 March 5.30pm—7pm	Students from Central Coast Catholic Schools
Saturday	5 April 9am Mass	50 Young Adults from Hornsby Parish
Monday	7 April	Parish group from Toukley-Lake Munmorah
Tuesday	8 April 10.30am - 1.00pm	Parishioners from St John the Baptist Woy Woy
Thursday	10 April	Parish group from St Monica's Parramatta Diocese
Saturday	26 April—afternoon	Young Adults from Parish of Manly-Freshwater
Friday	9 May—11.50am-12.30pm	70 Students from Redfield College
Monday	12 May at 10.30am	Students from Tangara School for Girls
Sunday	24 May—afternoon	Young Adults from around our Diocese, walking from Lindfield
Friday	6 June 10am –11.30am	80 Staff from St Brigid's College, Lake Munmorah
	6 June 1.00pm—2pm	120 Staff from St Peter's College, Tuggerah
Thursday	19 June, 11.30am—1.00pm	45 x Stage 3 Students from St Thomas and St Philip Neri, Willougby
Saturday	28 June, 11.30am	Parishioners from Parish of Wyoming
Tuesday	5 August 11.30am,	30-50 Homeschool children
Thursday	14 August at 10.30am	School leaders from St Mary's Manly
Saturday	30 August at 3.00pm	Parish group from Warringah Parish (Dee Why)
Saturday	13 September 12.30pm	Parish Group from Hornsby Cathedral Parish
Saturday	27 September 2.00pm	Youth Group from St Agatha's Parish Pennant Hills Western Sydney Catholic Chinese Community Youth Group
Tuesday	30 September 11.30am	Diocesan Parent Engagement Coordinators
Thursday	9 October 12.30pm	Parish group from French's Forest Parish
Wednesday	15 October, 9.30am	Wyong Parishioners
Friday	24 October 11.30am	Staff of Schools of Lower North Shore Parish
Tuesday	28 October 10.00am	Students from Holy Spirit Primary School, North Ryde
Saturday	8 November	Parishioners from St Patrick's East Gosford, 10.30am
Thursday	13 November, 1.30pm	Parishioners from the Parish of Pittwater
Saturday	15 November	Parishioners from Parish of Manly-Freshwater. 9.00am
Saturday	22 November	Catholic Indonesian Community

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This weeks we have been visited by pilgrims from the Parish of Wyong (Thursday) and from Lower North Shore (Friday).



**Leading
reflective lives**



**Prayer &
Spirituality**

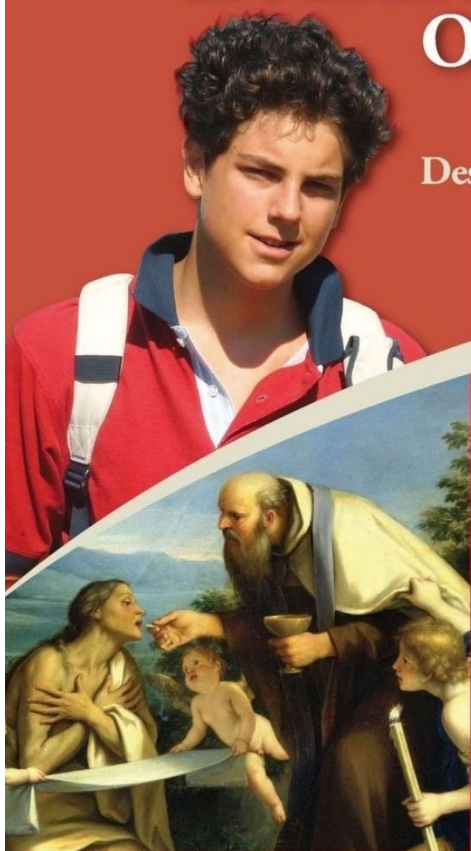


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**Our Lady of Dolours, Legion of Mary
Presents:**

International Exhibition
**THE EUCHARISTIC
MIRACLES
OF THE WORLD**

Designed and created by Saint Carlo Acutis



Sunday, October 19, 2025

Open 8am to 8pm

Harrington Hall:

(access through St Pius X College playground from
Ferguson Lane, Chatswood NSW 2067)

Enquiries 02 9410 9000
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



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Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross 2025-2026
Monday 20 October at our 12.30pm Mass

This vision of St John in the Book of Revelation is not only wishful thinking. It is God's dream for our approaching future: a gathering of people of all cultural backgrounds and languages praising God with one voice. And that is one that we can start to live here on earth. As Pope Leo says, in the face of so much global disruption, "it is important that there be a growing desire in people's hearts for a future of peace and of respect for the dignity of all. Such a future is essential to God's plan for humanity and the rest of creation."*

Later on in St John's vision, one of the elders explains that these people have gone "out of the great ordeal" and have been made new in Christ. When we have been through suffering and tragedy, such as those who have faced religious persecution, exile or the trauma of dislocation, we share our common dependence and vulnerability under the cross of Christ. We learn to appreciate the gifts of life, safety and freedom, and grow in compassion for others.

So this reminds us to value the faith and resilience of migrants; they help us to sing even stronger together in praise and trust of our God. This is symbolised in so many ways by this Migrant Cross.

The Australian wood and Southern Cross deepen our connection with this land, which has been blessed by God. After a long journey through many ordeals, the stars guide the way as they shine with the light of Christ.

The relics are markers of faithfulness. The first is from the Holy Family. As they were forced to flee to Egypt, Jesus walks in understanding and solidarity with all migrants. The second is from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She helped shape a society of refuge and welcome, where we live the values of God's kingdom.



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PARISH-IN-COUNCIL VIII

Next Saturday 25 October 2025

Last Chance to Register!

Next Saturday 25 October, we will come together once more as a community, to encounter one another, listen to each other, and help to discern and shape the future of our parish at our eighth Parish-in-Council meeting - everyone is warmly invited!

The afternoon, like our previous Parish-in-Councils, will feature lunch, thought-provoking presentations, conversations and the opportunity for each and every one of our diverse voices to be heard.

When: Saturday 25 October at 12.10 pm (with catered lunch & afternoon tea)

Where: Harrington Hall

Register Now: visit <https://form.jotform.com/chatswoodparish/picviii>, scan the QR code, or speak with our parish office. Registration is essential by Sunday night to help us plan for catering and table seating.



KIDS-IN-COUNCIL VIII

We want Parish-in-Council to be accessible for all families with children of any age. That's why we created Kids-in-Council, for toddlers through to teens, running in parallel to Parish-in-Council, with catered lunch and tailored fun activities and games.

We would love your children to participate in our upcoming Kids-in-Council VIII. To register your child(ren), visit <https://form.jotform.com/chatswoodparish/picviii> or scan the QR code above.



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FREE COMMUNITY BBQ

We Love. We Grow. We Serve

Why do we do this each month?

Well, yes it's nice to bring parishioners together and strengthen the bonds between us but more importantly, we are laying the foundations for being what our mission says, the face of Christ to the City.

Our Community Lunch is for everyone! Any who are feeling a bit short of companionship, a bit isolated in this frenetic world, or who feel like outsiders in a community that doesn't care about them.

Think about who in your work or social circle or your family or among your friends could do with a bit of love, a bit of warmth or just a friendly meal and invite them along. That is bringing the face of Christ to the city.

Let's do it!!!

Sunday,
26th
October

Our Lady of
Dolours
Church
Forecourt

From 11:30am



Come and Grow!



YOUTH GROUP



This week we'll enjoy some outdoor games, have fun with our friends, and do a short bible study!

After 5.30pm youth mass,
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Meet at the Church forecourt

**Sunday
26th
October**

Cornerstone:

Grades 5-8

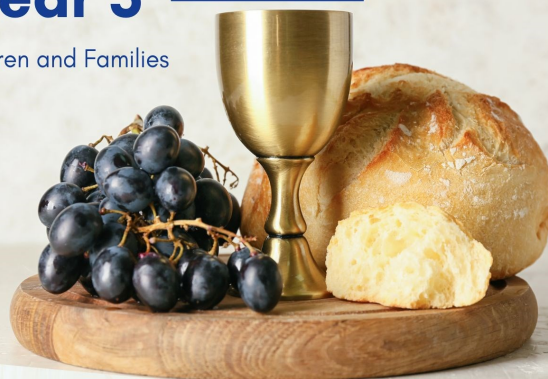
Keystone:

Grades 9-12

Special Invitation to

Year 3

Children and Families



The Catholic community of Chatswood invites all
Year 3 children and their families to our
9am Family Mass

Sunday 19 October

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

All are Welcome!

**CAPSTONE
YOUNG ADULTS**



Philosophy of the Human Person

**16th NOV
6:30 PM**

Harrington Hall, Our Lady
of Dolours Catholic
Church, Chatswood

**Special Guest Speaker
Cecilia Hunt**



For more information:
foundationyouth@bbcatholic.org.au



CALL FOR PRIZE



DONATIONS

**SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MINISTRY
FUNDRAISER**

We're excited to host our upcoming youth ministry fundraiser, **Holywins Trivia Night (November 1st)**, and to invite you to be a part of it!

During the parish-wide trivia night, we'll be holding a raffle. We're reaching out to parishioners to ask if anyone can kindly donate prizes that will make our raffle a success.

Your contribution will help support our youth ministry, making a positive impact on the lives of young people in our community. Every prize, big or small, is greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in our event promotions.

If you're able to donate a prize, you can contact Sienna at
Sienna.Klarica@bbcatholic.org.au

Donations may be delivered to the parish office to Sienna or Kristha

Thank you for your support!

Come and Grow!

October—The Month of the Rosary

Our Blessed Mother in her apparitions at Fatima in 1917 identified herself as The Lady of the Rosary. She appeared to three shepherd children Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco and repeatedly exhorted them to pray the rosary for world peace and the salvation of souls, to do penance and make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. At that time the Great War was raging across Europe and she foretold that a greater war would follow during the reign of Pope Pius XI if mankind did not listen to her advice and repent. World War II as predicted by Our Lady has come and gone and it appears that mankind has not adhered to Our Lady's request to pray the rosary daily for peace.

According to pious tradition, the idea of the Rosary was given to Saint Dominic when the Virgin Mary appeared to him in an apparition in the year 1214. This Marian apparition is given the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Dominican priest and theologian Blessed Alan de la Roche promoted the practice of the Rosary by establishing the "fifteen rosary promises" and founding several rosary confraternities.

The rosary is the favorite prayer of heaven and earth. No other prayer has been recommended by Our Lady in her visitations from heaven to earth like the rosary. No other prayer has been so frequently praised, commended and even commanded by the Popes, or enriched by them with such great indulgences as the rosary.

Devotion to the Rosary is one of the most distinguishable features of popular Catholic spirituality. The Rosary inspires us to meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary. Meditation is an important part of our lives as Catholics. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, meditation "engages thought, imagination, emotion and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart and strengthen our will to follow Christ." It makes sense to recommend the rosary especially given that Our Lady herself has asked us to pray it assuring us, that said with faith, it will bring us spiritual benefits, be an effective instrument in changing hearts and help to promote peace in our troubled world.

Rosary Events in our Church

We have the Marian Movement of Priests (MMP) Rosary (also known as the Cenacle) every Monday at 11.45 am (MMP Cenacle)

Daily rosary is prayed every Tuesday to Saturday following the 9 am Mass and after the 12.30 pm Mass every Monday to Friday.

We have a Parish Online Rosary on some of Our Lady's major feast days, usually at 8 pm. The next one will be on Tuesday 7 October at 8 pm (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82321899320> or Meeting ID: 823 2189 9320) and Monday 8 December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Zoom details will follow). Please feel free to join us.

"One Million Children Praying the Rosary" (Pray & Play) will be held in the church on 7 October at 2 pm. Parents are invited to bring their children to be part of this event. See details on flyer in the bulletin.

Please join us for a **Public Rosary in the forecourt** of the church on Saturday 11 October at 11 am (see separate notice). This public rosary is an international campaign to pray the rosary together in commemoration of the last apparition of Our Lady (October 13, 1917) at Fatima. It is a great opportunity for prayer groups and communities to join together in public prayer.

A group of young people in our parish are responsible for organising the Five First Saturdays rosary devotion which is held every first Saturday of the month either in the forecourt or in the church (depending on the weather). This is in compliance with the request of Our Lady in 1925 when she appeared to Sr Lucia, one of the visionaries at Fatima in 1917. For more information about the Five First Saturdays devotion please read what two of the most prominent Cardinals (Cardinals Burke and Sarah) have to say

- <https://www.ncregister.com/news/cardinals-burke-and-sarah-first-saturdays>

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We also have a **private Rosary Group** which meets nightly via ZOOM at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays and at 8 pm for the rest of the week. Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8034195601>, or meeting ID 803 419 5601. Everyone is welcome.

Statue Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." So from that hour, this disciple took her into his home. (John 19:26-27).

Would you like to take home the statue of Mary in the month of October or on other month? This statue is available to be picked up from the church to stay in your home for a maximum of two days in October and May. However for the rest of the months the statue can be brought home for a week. For those not familiar with Marian devotion, a booklet of prayers will be provided to help you venerate our Blessed Mother during the visit of her statue to your home. If interested please sign up in a folder on the table in the church foyer, or call Cecilia 0466 961 240.



Report by Elaine to Australia Needs Fatima to keep them informed of the Public Rosary hosted by us on Saturday 11 October 2025.

The rally held today went well with 29 in attendance including the parish priest Father David Ranson and Deacon Tan Nguyen, It was a very sunny afternoon and we had refreshments ready and free rosaries to give away, with several rosaries handmade by myself. It was very hot but we stood in the forecourt armed with rosaries under the shade. We had a statue of Our Lady of Fatima to accompany us and we began with a hymn which we all sang and took turns to lead each joyful mystery of the rosary. After the rosary and after the crowd had dispersed and everything packed, I sat at the back of the church of Our Lady of Dolours (Sorrows) in thanks, looking forward to next year's public rosary.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

19 OCTOBER 2025

PRAY CONTINUALLY. The saving power of God flows into our world through human agents. In today's First Reading, the Israelites are saved from destruction by the power of God mediated through Moses, their leader. In the Gospel Jesus assures us that God will see justice done on earth provided we pray for it night and day, and keep knocking on the doors of the unjust. Let us pray and work constantly for justice, never losing heart.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 16:6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Amen.

GLORIA

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

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.

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

Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. **R.**

2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel's guard. **R.**

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night. **R.**

4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.

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 cf. Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. 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

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

'What is the good of praying if wars and evil things continue to exist? Prayer seems to have no effect.' A similar concern existed in Luke's day: why pray if it seems ineffectual? Today's Gospel speaks to the heart of this. It takes the form of a parable, encouraging constant prayer. The parable concerns an unjust judge ignoring a troubling and annoying widow who seeks justice against an *adversary*—even though one translation inaccurately describes her antagonist as an 'enemy'. The widow needs help, and the judge refuses her request. That is, until she continues to badger him; finally, he relinquishes.

Luke's Jesus uses the story as a classical way of describing God: if the judge finally relents through persistent pleading how much more quickly will God respond to those who cry out for help. Prayer opens the one praying to God's presence, allowing God to act within the one praying for what is needed. This deeply religious perspective affects the pray-er in daily life. This in turn shapes wider social contact, which effects relationships and, eventually, global change. Local personal prayer has, though imperceptibly, universal influence.

The last sentence of the Gospel speaks into this global perspective: 'When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?' In other words, in the eschaton, at the definitive coming of Christ at the end of time, will people have given up conviction that prayer is effective and that God responds to the cry of the needy? Today's Gospel encourages us to pray, constantly and with hopeful expectation.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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Come and Grow!

October

Month of the Rosary



ROSARY EVENTS 2025:

IN CHURCH ROSARY SCHEDULE:

Mondays 11:45am (MMP Cenacle)
Monday to Friday 1pm
Tuesday to Saturday 9:30am

ZOOM ROSARY SCHEDULE:

Daily Rosary via Zoom (ID 803 419 5601)
Tue and Sat at 7.30 pm
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri and Sun at 8 pm.

'My Rosary Story'

Do you have a Rosary story you would like to share with our community?

We invite you to share stories/pictures and/or videos about your rosary beads or prayer experience.

Contact Dee (Parish Engagement Officer)
at
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au or 02 9410 9000



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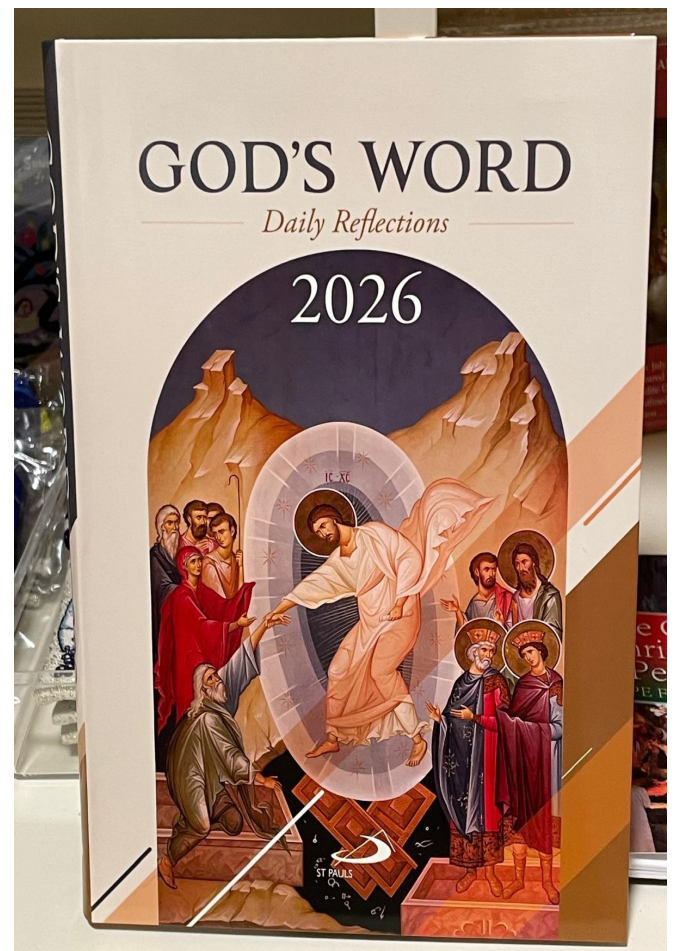
Come and Grow!

Welcome to the Pew Gift Shop

With pleasure we invite you to visit our PEW gift shop where we have a new popular limited item the *God's Word 2026 Daily Reflections*. Also, in welcoming the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition this Sunday, Carlo Acutis rosaries and statues in different sizes along with other interesting items such as prayer cards, candles, bibles, etc. will be available for purchase.

"The Word is a love letter from God that should be read and understood, which can bring hope, light and renewal to life".

Pope Francis



Left: Last Wednesday 15 October, we celebrated our annual Footprints Mass. The names of those we have lost through miscarriage or stillbirth will now stay before us through the month of November when we remember all those who have gone before us.



Come and Grow!



CHATSWOOD menALIVE

Chatswood menALIVE is part of a National Catholic Mens Movement these past 20 years and is represented in 26 dioceses throughout Australia and New Zealand encompassing some 25,000 men.

The purpose of menALIVE is to help men discover God at work in their lives, a God who is walking beside them on their own personal journey.

Chatswood menALIVE meets twice monthly to discuss men's topics, leading to in-depth personal reflection & prayer with a scriptural basis.

In addition to regular monthly meetings, other events include:

- A National Conference (menALIVE MAX)
- State of Origin Nights
- Sydney Camino Walk
- Men's Masses & Bar B Q's
- Men's Breakfast
- Men's Movie Nights

**MEETINGS EVERY 2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
MAGNIFICAT ROOM**

PARISH MEETING ROOMS
CNR OF ARCHER & KIRK ST, CHATSWOOD
OPPOSITE OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH
MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7 PM

**ALL MEN WELCOME
FOR MORE INFO**

PETER WOO: 0433 030 016

ANDY COSGRAVE: 0400 355 251



In our busy world, more and more women are experiencing a desire for deep connection, engaging conversation, and personal and spiritual nourishment. This evening is an opportunity for women to connect, reflect, discuss, and create meaningful friendships while deepening their relationship with God.

**3rd FRIDAY EVERY MONTH
7:00pm - 9:30pm
Magnificat Meeting Room**



Women can come as they are, share their stories, and find strength and fellowship

Drinks and light nibbles provided, please feel welcome to bring a plate to share. To register your interest or to find out more please email chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au or call 9410 9000

Chatswood Catholic Parish
94 Archer St Chatswood

Join our Kirk St Community Garden Group!

Caring for
our World



Ecology &
Social Justice



**Meet every Thursdays 1-2pm and
Saturdays 10-11am**

**Call: 02 9410 9000
Email: jokaraolis1@bigpond.com**

Come and Grow!



SENIORS & GRANDPARENTS MELBOURNE CUP DRESS UP MORNING TEA



6 November 10am Parish Magnificat room

Dress to impress play games and win a prize!

Come and Serve!



REFRESHMENTS

RAFFLE

HOLYWINS

TRIVIA NIGHT

Fundraiser for Youth Ministry

FOR ALL AGES

6:30 - 9:30 PM, HARRINGTON HALL

**SATURDAY
1ST
NOVEMBER**

**COME DRESSED AS A SAINT OR IN
RED OR WHITE**

REGISTER HERE



\$20 / PERSON

10% Discount for
Group Bookings



Come and Serve!

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

among all peoples



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296

catholicmission.org.au/mission



From Jesuit Mission



DONATE

Our programs break cycles of poverty through education, health care, clean water and livelihood training, while offering pastoral care and advocacy for vulnerable people.

In Cambodia, only 42% of rural students finish primary school, and just one in ten complete high school. Heng (pictured) lost his right hand at age three. Like many children in poor farming families, he was at risk of leaving school early to help his family earn a living.

In 2018, Heng received a Jesuit Mission scholarship through the Battambang Education Project, enabling him to complete high school and excel in his exams. Now 20, he is studying Rural Community Development at university. "By studying hard, I can help myself, my family and Cambodian society," he says.

Please help uplift more people like Heng at jesuitmis-



Come and Serve!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling All Volunteers! We Need Your Help!

We are looking for volunteers to help with serving at our BBQ after Saturday 5:30pm Vigil mass on 1st November at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood.

This special mass is for the St Vincent de Paul Regional Festival/Commissioning Mass.

Contact Dee on 02 9410 9000 or chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



Our St Vincent de Paul Conference September Report

Through your support for our appeals and poor box donations Chatswood was able to respond to a record 22 requests for help in September expending over \$2000. It never ceases to amaze us how difficult it is for some people to manage to live. Five of the requests came from people with mental difficulties, 2 from families of Asian background ineligible or Centrelink benefits one of whom is an asylum seeker. Sickness was the reason for another request, one elderly person sought companionship as much as anything else. Most of the others came from people weighed down with difficulties without the life skills to cope which most of us take for granted. A homeless lass advised of having a very tough upbringing and family being in jail. She confessed of drug addiction but that she was currently clean. She said she had unhappy recent relationships including DV. She had very few belongings. We helped her with food, clothing, Opal top up and told her about places where she could do washing. We are looking for more volunteers to help meet the high demand for help. If you can spare 1 or 2 half days a week and have some admin and computer skills, and willingness to do home visitations please get in touch with El at el.herlianto@vinnies.org.au or call John on 0439783956

Come and Serve!



Last Sunday, 12 October, our Catechists enjoyed a wonderful lunch together—a way of our Parish saying an very warm word of gratitude to them. A very special thank you to Celine and Denni for the beautiful decorations!

**Igniting
young hearts**



**Inception &
Formation**

Come and Serve!

An Appeal from Mariza Sollano (a Filipino parishioner) whose hometown in Cebu was affected by the recent earthquakes.

Dear friends,

My hometown of Bogu City was the epicentre of the 6.9 magnitude earthquake that hit the Philippines on 30 Sept. To date, the aftershocks are relentless and there had been over 8,000 recorded already with many over 5.0 magnitude.

I have been coordinating with my friends from uni to support activities on the ground such as the supply of water filters and aid packages in various towns. The road to rehabilitation is a long one. In fact I refused to see what is left of our family home. I am fundraising to support the earthquake survivors.

On 15 November, we are holding a fundraising dinner at Harrington Hall at Chatswood Parish. It will be an all-Cebuano fare.

We are home cooks who cook from the heart. We will treat you to a culinary journey of foods from our childhood: salads from the land and from the sea. Mains that features tomato-based sour fish soup from our island, 3-hr slow cooked pork, goat casserole with meat that in rich sauce and meat that falls off the bone, vegetable dishes enriched with the creaminess of coconuts. Desserts that will remind you of Mexico as you relish on "pintos" — a sweet young corn dessert akin to tamales. Enjoy the mochi-like peanut-filled glutinous dumplings, and our sticky rice, mango and hot chocolate made of 100% cacao drink offering as to mention a few.

It's \$50/pp and lots of items to raffle and auction.

Hope for your support!

https://events.humanitix.com/cebu_earthquake_2025 "

For those who cannot attend the Fundraising Dinner for the Philippines earthquake victims but wishes to donate can either do

PayID 0422225960 <cebu earthquake name>

Or

BSB 814 282

Acct 10182695

Acct name: M Sollano

Or

<https://gofund.me/96f960b79>."



Come and Serve!

OLD TIMOR-LESTE SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT

WANTED: ONLY 4 MORE INTREPID PARISHIONERS REQUIRED to represent Our Lady of Dolours!

Remember our inaugural TRIVIA EVENT fundraiser for our Timor Leste Friends held in May? Our ATLAS partners are inviting us for a return challenge on their turf!

WHEN: Saturday 1 November 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Dooley's Regents Park Sports Club, 67 Regent St, Regent Park (travel together will be arranged)

Tickets \$20

TO RSVP before 11th October CALL Carla Gageler 0402 373 728 or Trish Wilson 0431 696 504

ATLAS CHRISTMAS CAKES will be back for sale in November!

Both regular and Gluten free available at only \$30 for 500g cake full of fruit.

To Order:

Please email carlagageler@outlook.com

or phone Carla on 0402 373 728

They would make an ideal Christmas gift for family members, friends or your community group. Businesses, what ideal Christmas gifts for your clients! Fifty percent of proceeds from sales go towards the funding of our own Tertiary Scholarship Project and fifty percent to other worthy ATLAS Projects in Timor-Leste.



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our World



Ecology &
Social Justice

Feel like some company?

CHATSWOOD
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BLEND CAFE 7 VICTOR ST
CHATSWOOD

Every Thursday 10:30-12

Look for the bright
coloured tablecloth

Come and Serve!

?? DIGNITY Pro-Life Alliance

Upholding the dignity and rights of every human being from conception.
Honouring the dignity of women as mothers and co-creators with God.

?? Abortion – Today's epidemic

Abortion claims thousands upon thousands of lives each year yet
It is endorsed by Government;
It has the assistance of sections of the medical profession;
It turns parents against their very own children.

This amounts to an enormous assault on the dignity of the unborn and of the role which women play as co-operators with God in His plan of creation. It flaunts God's commandment 'Thou Shall Not Kill' and the natural law. In short it is an outrageous situation which has to be regarded as totally intolerable and unacceptable in a civilised society.

?? A Catholic Call to Action: Catholics are called to –

Defend the **innocent and powerless**—especially the unborn
Uphold the **dignity of women** in God's plan
Reject indifference and live out the commandment to **love our neighbour**

Catholics do much to help the sick, the poor and the marginalised in response to God's command of love. Such compassion and care is particularly applicable to the unborn since they share the same dignity in God's eyes as does any other human person but are totally without capacity to fend for themselves. To remain indifferent to the plight of the unborn is to reject God's commandment of love. Please join in saying the prayer below daily.

?? Prayer for Life

"Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood. Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image, as well as theirs, made for eternal life. Dispel their fears and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen."

?? Stay Informed & Get Involved

?? **Dr Joanna Howe** – Pro-Life Advocate & Law Professor:

[Dr Joanna Howe - Pro-Life Advocate & Law Professor Australia](#)

?? [Watch: How an Abortion is Performed](#) (Graphic content warning)

?? [Visit: https://prolife.gotomary.com](https://prolife.gotomary.com) for resources and updates

Around and About

END SEX SELECTIVE ABORTIONS

Mark Speakman
Opposition Leader

Chris Minns
NSW Premier

Amanda Cohn
Greens

22 OCTOBER
5:30 PM

NSW Parliament House
6 Macquarie St
Sydney

RSVP

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

October 2025

1st Friday, 3rd Oct
Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm-8:30pm
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, **CHATSWOOD**

MARIAN RETREAT, 10th-12th Oct
Guided by Fr Sam Samuel VC & Fr Juby Varghese VC
Starts on Friday 5.30pm & ends on Sunday 4.00pm
For bookings: 02 4372 1598 or email: drcretreatreg@gmail.com

20th Oct (3rd Monday)
Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm-9:00pm
at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie street, **WALLSEND**

17th Oct (3rd Friday)
Holy Mass & Adoration, 6:00pm-9:00pm
at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 31 Oxford St, **EPING**

26th Oct, 9:00am - 4:00pm
ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (Last Sunday)
• Praise and Worship • Preaching the Word
• Eucharistic Adoration • Divine Mercy Chaplet • Holy Mass
ALL ARE WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED, BYO LUNCH

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We're from the Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre to invite your parish community to visit our Centre in Potts Point.

[Sisters of Charity Australia Heritage Centre \(socheritagecentre.org.au\)](http://socheritagecentre.org.au)

The Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre brings alive the spirit of the Congregation, it's history and heritage. Australia's first religious sisters have been of service to the community regardless of creed, wealth, or ethnicity, for over 185 years.

The Heritage Centre is open to the public free of charge, we offer some parking, and we would love to be able to welcome your community, either as individuals or as groups. We are able to offer guided or self-guided tours, or a Sister of Charity is available for groups. Visitors can also visit the chapel and by request we can arrange a mass. There's also a Walking Tour of the local area available.

We invite you to explore the history of our ministries and share in the story of Australia's first religious sisters.

Open Tuesday to Thursday
10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment
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Bookings recommended
A: 1 Rockwall Cres, Potts Point
W: socheritagecentre.org.au
E: heritagecentre@rscoffice.com
P: 02 9138 0835

Around and About

Formation Day for Clergy and Parish Senior Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All Clergy, Senior Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are warmly invited to join **Bishop Anthony** for a special **Formation Day** following the release of his new Pastoral Letter, *The Mystery of Faith: Encountering Jesus Christ in the Eucharist*.

Time: 10am – 1pm

Date: Saturday 1 November

Venue Update: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills

To register: <https://forms.office.com/r/7tsmzaCRPh>

This day will be a valuable time to grow together in faith, deepen our love for the Eucharist, and strengthen our service within the parish community.



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
LOWER NORTH SHORE

Understanding the Mass

A SERIES OF TALKS OVER 4 TUESDAY EVENINGS
by Deacon Peter McCulloch

EVER WONDERED WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO AT MASS?

Join Deacon Peter as he unpacks the beauty,
meaning, and mystery behind our greatest prayer
– the Holy Eucharist.



Dates: 14, 21, 28 October, 4 November 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: St. Thomas Church, Willoughby

**Come and deepen your love for the Mass – the heart of our Catholic faith.
All are welcome! Bring your family and friends.**

"To understand the Mass is to understand our faith."

**This is a quick note to let you know about Willoughby Symphony Choir's upcoming concert on Sunday November 9
at 2.00 pm at the Chatswood Concourse.**

The choir is presenting Handel's **Messiah**, a work that includes drama, hope and the famous Hallelujah Chorus: the ever-popular *Messiah* by Handel has it all. Presented by Willoughby Symphony Choir, Willoughby Symphony Orchestra and four soloists. This concert may be of interest to some of your parishioners, particularly as Willoughby Choir is such a well-known and respected local north shore institution which is renowned for its outstanding performances.

Date

Sunday 9 November 2025 2:00 PM

The Concourse, Chatswood

Tickets: Adult \$60 Concession \$50

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 October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Bishop Anthony Randazzo	2 Bishop Emeritus David Walker	3 Bishop Emeritus Robert McGuckin	4 Fr Colin Blayney	5 Fr Stephen Hill
6 Fr Timothy Raj MSFS	7 Fr Alex Peter MSFS	8 Fr Vincent Lourduswamy MSFS	9 Fr Michael Be- lonio OSA	10 Fr Michael Sulli- van OSA	11 Fr Jumbin Torres OSA	12 Fr John Zhang OSA
13 Father Van Tu Nguyen OSA	14 Fr Robert Borg	15 Fr Jim McKeon	16 Fr Aldrin Valdehueza	17 Fr Vince Casey Fr John Hill	18 Fr Greg Chee OCD	19 Fr Gerard Mo- ran OCD
20 Fr Sunny Peackal OCD	21 Fr Restituto Og- simer cs	22 Fr Jose Aliro Gutierrez cs	23 Fr Savino Ber- nardi cs	24 Deacon Roberto Corpuz	25 Deacon Richard Houwing	26 Deacon Adrian Gomez
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IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2025

AT SACRED HEART CHURCH PYMBLE

COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM

OUR MASS CELEBRANT WILL BE FATHER LUKASZ KLECZKA SDS ASSISTANT PRIEST AT PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH. AFTER DINNER FATHER WILL SPEAK TO US ABOUT BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN AND HIS VOCATION JOURNEY FROM POLAND TO NEW JERSEY USA AND SYDNEY.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

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

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

Please Remember in our Prayer

For those recently died:

Tom Rowan; Aljoša Žuvela; Ada Otero; Amir Siburian; Minnie Walshe; Crisanto Tablante Sosito; Elsa Omaira Rodriguez Caldas; Alfredo Gonzaga; Monica Cotter; Terry Meagher; Br Bob Wallace CFC; Imee Quitasol; Rosalina Balderam; Myrna Acosta; Pulchera Jovita; Micheal Hayes; Imee Qutasol; Rosalina Balderam; Joe Woods; John Stanley Hedley; Dianne Brown; Yolandu Yu; Elizabeth Terry.

For those who are sick:

Gina Marotta; Rosetta Lo Presti; Celine Robinson; Rafael Senedrin; Gina Marotta; Deysi Villanueva; Ervita Wiroatmodjo; Almira Aurora Sabulao; Ditas Naguit; 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; Xu He Ooi; 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 Vlasic; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapria; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; Gerard de Leon; Carlos de Leon; Mary kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Slava Julia Suplina; Maria Raffaele; Salud Rodriguez; Luz Rodriguez; Alipio Celedonio; Maria Cristina (Tina) Robinson; Chun Ying Cheng; Phoebe Montana; Kevin Bruce; Anunciacion Gadiane; Abraham Gadiane; Francisca Elnas; Marcos Elnas.

Infant & Children Baptism: Saturday 18 October, 11 am: Amelia Hill, Xavier Gonzalez, Alberto Gonzalez & Olivia Gonzalez.

Funeral: Daisy Cheong on Tuesday, 21 October at 10.30am

Vespers on Saturday, 25 October at 4.45 pm

Memorial Mass for Minnie Walshe: Monday, 27 October at 12.30 pm Mass



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.

Our Altar Flowers this Week

Our Altar Flowers this week are donated by
Sandra Byak
in loving memory
of her parents and brother, Peter,
Maria, and Marin.

