

The Parish of Chatswood
94 Archer Street
Chatswood
NSW 2067

PO Box 1446 Chatswood NSW 2057
Phone: 9410 9000
Emergency Phone: 0473 046 906

Our Lady of Dolours

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



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7 August 2022

**There is no place like home –
but for many having a home is not a reality.**

The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness.

Thank you to our Parishes for helping us fund-raise for CatholicCare's homelessness services.

A donation drive will take place during Homelessness Week this weekend 6th & 7th August.

Thank you in advance for supporting this important Diocesan initiative.



CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

**COMBATING
HOMELESSNESS
TOGETHER**

Please help us
fundraise for
CatholicCare's
homelessness
services across the
Diocese

Donor envelopes available during Mass
Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 August.
Or visit www.catholiccareddb.org.au/homelessness

In this Week's Bulletin

- ◆ Solemnity of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross, Monday 8 August (page 10)
- ◆ Bishop Emeritus David Walker Lecture Series on the Gospel, Saturday 13 August (page 6)
 - ◆ Seminarian Benefit Dinner, Saturday 13 August (page 9)
 - ◆ Young Vinnies Sleep-Out Report (pages 12–13)



Flowers donated this weekend by a parishioner.

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	8 August	12.30pm Mass	St Mary of the Cross
Tuesday	9 August	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Tuesday of the 19th Week of Ordinary Time
Wednesday	10 August	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	St Lawrence
Thursday	11 August	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	St Clare
Friday	12 August	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Friday of the 19th Week of Ordinary Time
Saturday	13 August	9am Mass	Saturday of the 19th Week of Ordinary Time
Sunday	14 August		20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED: Angela Crawford , Anna Di Guglielmo, Kevin Lee Sudradjat

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

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Zele, Filip, Pera & Kata Cetinic Pensa, Pedro Rodriguez, Victoria Gil Abreu, Frances Hung, Wah Chew Chan, Rosa Le Minh,



Reflection on the Gospel this Sunday

Today's gospel (Luke 12:32-48) extends last Sunday's theme of treasuring heavenly above earthly things in a different direction as it turns to readiness. But the text is somewhat disjointed as variously related elements are grouped together. The shorter form (Luke 12:35-40) retains the awkwardness of a sudden change of focus as it is the householder who becomes the one who must be vigilant for the unexpected and improper burglary, rather than the servants who await an expected return. We have a clumsy merger of two parables of vigilance, but, from whichever perspective, the point is the same: be vigilant. However, the shorter form omits the three opening verses (12:32-34) with the memorable saying, "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also". This saying not only connects us back to last Sunday's reflection but today is its sole occurrence in the Sunday Lectionary, and thus it is proclaimed only once every three years. In general, shorter forms of readings should be used only in genuine need. The emphasis in the merged parables in this section is entirely on vigilance, whereas the longer form (12:32-48) turns to the qualities of the first parable's steward, who is entrusted with the running of the household in the master's absence.

Readiness is part of the first reading too, though only by recalling its point of reference, the night of the first Passover: in Exodus 12:11 the people were told to eat the Passover standing, "with a girdle round your waist" ("your loins girded" in the NRSV). The same phrase in the Septuagint is used in Luke 12:35, but now translated as "dressed for action" (also in the NRSV). This opens another interpretive aspect, for this vigilance is focused not on someone's return, but on a coming saving act. When we hear the gospel's call to readiness for the master's return, what do we think of if not when Christ "will come (again in glory) to judge the living and the dead"? And yet this teaching is given on the way to the cross. This is part of the paradox of the genre of the gospels, for they relate not merely past events and episodes of teaching, but comment on the post-resurrection community. Thus today's gospel of collected teachings was both a preparing of the first disciples for what was to come—that is, of both Christ's shocking arrest (for the defence against which the disciples were ill-prepared) and the wondrous saving work of the death and resurrection—and a reminder to us now of his coming again. The vigilance required is for all manifestations of God's saving work in the here and now, as well as in the distant future.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig

最小的火能点著最大的树林。 雅各书 3:5

Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. James 3:5

From Fr David

Dear friends,

We welcome to our Saturday Vigil Mass, students from Mercy College and Pius X College who will help in in our celebration of Eucharist. The students from Mercy College will take the lead with the celebration's music this time. On the first weekend of September, the order will fall to the students of Pius X. The collaboration with our schools is an important feature of the life of our parish, and we are very grateful for their presence with us this weekend.

Over this week we have lost two long standing members of our community. Roma Cahill was farewelled from our church last Friday morning. This coming Friday, 12 August, we will farewell Angela Crawford who recently passed away in Newcastle to where she and her husband Kevin had moved just twelve or so months ago. We extend our deep sympathy to Roma's and Angela's families. **Please note that, given family circumstances, Angela's funeral will take the place of the usual 12.30pm Mass on Friday 12 August**

Continued page 3

Upcoming Events

August	Fr Marek supplying in the Parish of The Entrance/Fr Joey at French's Forest
Monday 15 August	Alpha re-starts in our Parish.
20– 21 August	Update to Parish on Being Church in the City: We Journey Together
Sunday 28 August	Social Justice Sunday Parish Launch of World Youth Day
Sunday 28 August— Sunday 11 Sept	Fr Marek on Annual Leave
Saturday 3 Sept	Chatswood Street Fair
Sunday 11 Sept	Celebration of our Parish Feast Day (Our Lady of Dolours, 15 September)
12– 19 September	Fr David leading Pilgrimage to Uluru Annual Clergy Retreat
Sunday 25 Sept	Bach Akademie Performance

This Week in our Parish

Sunday	7 August	10.00-11.30am	Filipino Choir practice (Magnificat Room)
		10.00am-11.00am	Teen Choir practice (St Paul Room)
		12noon	Filipino Mass
Monday		7.00pm-9.00pm	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible (Magnificat Room)
Tuesday	9 August	9.45am-12.15pm	Bible Discussion Group (St Paul Room)
		4.30pm-6.30pm	Mercy College Year 11 into Year 12 Information meeting (Church)
		7.00pm-8.30pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul Room)
		7.00pm-8.00pm	Filipino Choir practice (St Peter Room)
Wednesday	10 August	10.00am-11.00am	Mercy College Assembly (Church)
		6.30pm-8.00pm	Indonesian Music practice (Church)
Thursday	11 August	9.30am-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration.
		1.30pm-2.30pm	Viewing for Kevin Lee Sudradjat (Fr Suroto)
		2.30pm-3.30pm	Funeral for Kevin Lee Sudradjat (Fr Suroto)
		5.30pm-7.30pm	Legion of Mary (English) (Magnificat Room)
		7.00pm-8.00pm	Holy Hour with Reconciliation available
Friday	12 August	10.00am-11.30am	Meditation (St Peter Room)
		12.30pm-1.30pm	Funeral for Angela Crawford during our 12.30pm weekday mass
		6.30pm-8.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
		7.30pm-9.30pm	Indonesian Choir practice (St Paul Room)
Saturday	13 August	9.30am-11.00am	Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Benediction/ Reconciliation available
		10.45am-12noon	MCAG meeting (St Peter Room)
		4.00pm-5.00pm	Bishop David's 'The Four Gospel Series' begins (Magnificat Room)
		7.00pm-9.00pm	Korean Reading & Discussing Bible Class (St Paul Room)

From Fr David cont'd

Fr Marek has now travelled to Parish of The Entrance and Fr Joey to the Parish of French's Forest for the next few weeks as they assist communities which currently have an acute shortage of priests. Thankfully, we will see Fr Joey, however, from time to time, over the next weeks as he does not have too far to return to the events we have scheduled before us.

A great word of thanks to those who are preparing for our parish community dinner on Saturday 13 August. This is a Seminarian Benefit dinner—an opportunity for us to be introduced to our men preparing for Diaconate and Priesthood in our Diocese of Broken Bay. This will be a great way for us to enter National Vocations Week, but also a wonderful way for us to enjoy the bonds of community. It is not a fundraiser but rather a way for us to support our students with our friendship. We already have some 140 people booked to join us! So do register your interest in the coming day as we will have to bring our numbers to a close on Monday.

Work is progressing on the refurbishment of our sacristy little by little. Thankfully, our great tradesmen working on that particular project discovered during the week a significant gas leak on the side of the parish office, occasioned by corroded pipes. It represented a significant danger! So, we have had the gas piping into the office disconnected and the pipes will be replaced in the coming days for the safety of all.

We celebrate two special events in the coming weeks: The Solemnity of St Mary Mackillop of the Cross on Monday 8 August (Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm); and the Solemnity of the Assumption (a Holy Day of Obligation) on Monday 15 August. Masses on 15 August will be at 10am (school), 12.30pm and at 8.0pm. We are also looking at making available a parish Rosary online on the Eve of the Assumption, Sunday 14 August.

From our Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council

The Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council met on Tuesday 2 August 2022 at 7pm in the Magnificat meeting room. Fr David provided a summary and insight from his experience at the 5th Plenary Council of Australia that took place from the 3rd to the 9th of July 2022. This Plenary Council was a culmination of over four years of preparation, and was an expression of synodality that Pope Francis has called for in the life of the Church. We received the Decrees of this Plenary Council in which there were eight themes ranging from Reconciliation through to Integral Ecology, and we will continue to reflect and pray on these decrees over the coming months and years which will help shape our parish and our renewal initiative.

Our guest, Cailin of our parish Foundation Youth Ministry shared an update on its three youth ministries: Cornerstone (for year 5-9 students), Keystone (for year 10-12 students) and Capstone (for young adults 18-35 years of age). Cailin also spoke about the preparations underway for eliciting interest in World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal in August 2023.

Lastly, we discussed the latest updates on our parish renewal initiative, Being Church in the City: We Journey Together. We are currently establishing an understanding of 'Where we are today', and have created a Census Contact Team to acknowledge, thank and follow up on responses of interests in ministries in our church. Those who have expressed interest (via the parish Census card) in our ministries will be contacted shortly by the team to further understand participants' responses. These responses will be fed to the corresponding ministries for step 2 of the process - bringing existing ministries and interested parishioners together.

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council

St Vincent
de Paul

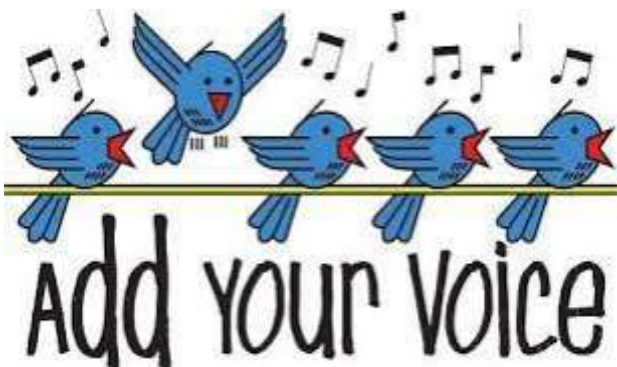
THANKS YOU!



The St Vincent De Paul Society thanks those who contributed to the recent Winter Appeal and those who showed an interest in joining in the work of the Society by attending the introductory session on 16 July. Follow up enquiries can be made to Bob 94192824 or John 94195838.

During July the Chatswood Conference received 6 calls for help. Assistance provided ranged from advice, help with furniture storage, transport, pharmacy costs and food. Some \$600 was expended.

General Notices



To our 9am Mass

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

Children, parents, grandparents and others are all welcome to join in to form a new choir for this Mass.

If you love to sing we would love you to come and join us to sing on the first and fourth Sundays of the month.

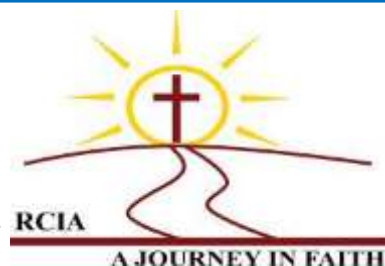
If you, or someone you know would like to join, please just turn up at 8:30am on the day and come to the choir loft.

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

CHINESE RCIA

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

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



7.30am Morning Tea

Please join us on the forecourt this morning after 7.30am Mass for a cuppa and chat.



Missing Umbrella

Would the person who has taken a white and yellow umbrella from the "Umbrella Bin" in the church foyer last Saturday (23 July) please return the umbrella. The umbrella has sentimental value for the owner and it has the name and phone number of the owner on it. Thank you.

Year Three Class Mass



Year Three children and their families to a special Mass for Year Three at the

9am Family Mass Sunday 21 August 2022

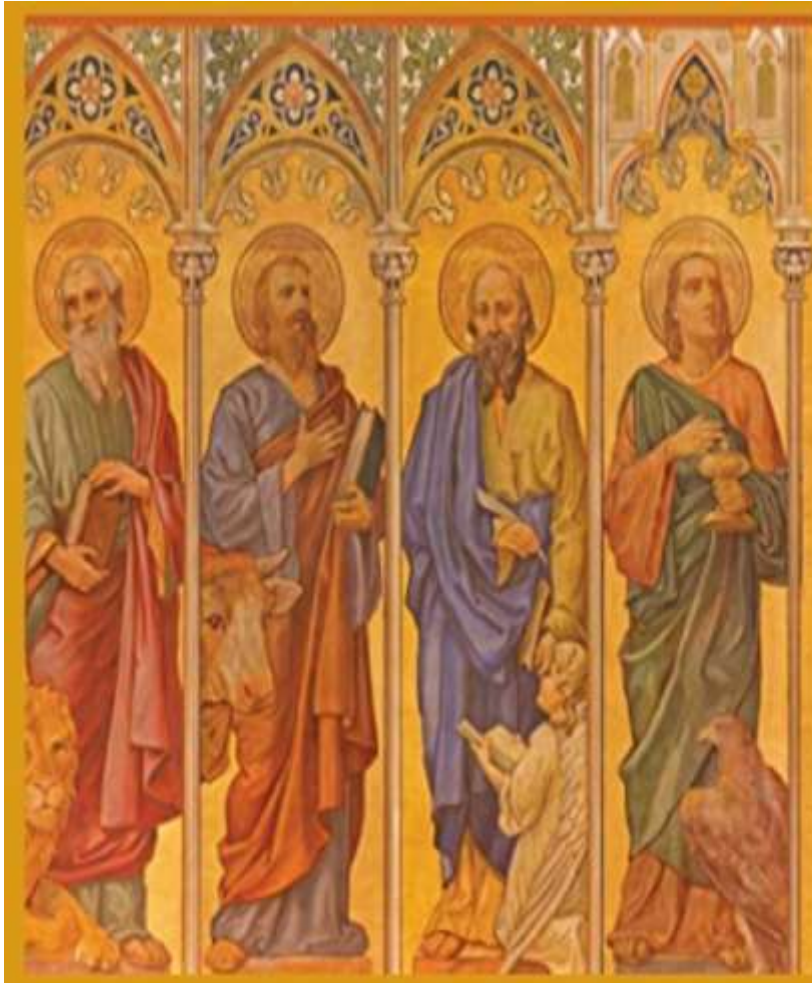
A family-friendly celebration at

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St Chatswood

The Year Three children will receive a special blessing followed by **morning tea** in the school playground.

Please bring a plate to share. All welcome!

Opportunities for Prayer and Reflection



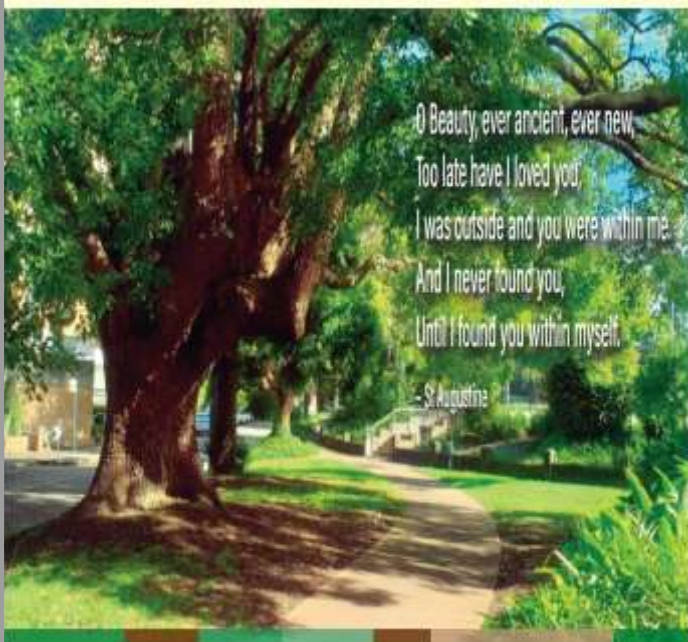
Join
Bishop David Walker

For
The Four Gospel Series
Saturdays @ 4 - 5 pm
Magnificat Room, Kirk Street
Chatswood

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

The World Community for Christian Meditation

International Website: www.wccm.org | Australian Website: www.wccmaustralia.org.au



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

- St. Augustine

ALL WELCOME Begin your Christian Meditation Journey with us!

Face to face meditation: 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays 10am in St Paul | Online zoom meditation: 2nd and 4th Fridays 10am

Contact: Ion N. 0439 449 554 | jnnuman@yahoo.com

Our Lord's Plea:

"Can you not spend one hour with me?"

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



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

Alpha Returns to our Parish

Our next Alpha series at Chatswood Catholic Parish begins on 15 August 2022

We extend a warm invitation to you to come along and give Alpha a try!

Join us in person in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Kirk Street, Chatswood.

Registrations are essential. Click [HERE](#) to Register.

We look forward to welcoming you.

REGISTRATION DETAILS
Date: Monday 15 August 2022
Venue: Parish Meeting Rooms, Cnr Kirk and Archer Streets, Chatswood (Entrance from Kirk Street)
Time: 7.00pm – 9.15pm
The evening commences at 7.00pm with dinner



Contact: Gillian 0412 373 324 Email: chatswood.alpha@gmail.com

Exploring the Faith Series 2022-2023

Have you ever thought: Why is the Old Testament so important to our Faith? What really is the Good News? How can we be so confident in the Resurrection? Why do we need prayer? What takes place when we receive the Sacraments? How do we fit in the universal Church?

Exploring the Faith is a 30 week course that explores these questions and more, starting Wednesday 31 August 2022 (7.15pm–9.00pm) through to 24th May 2023 at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, St Peter's meeting room.

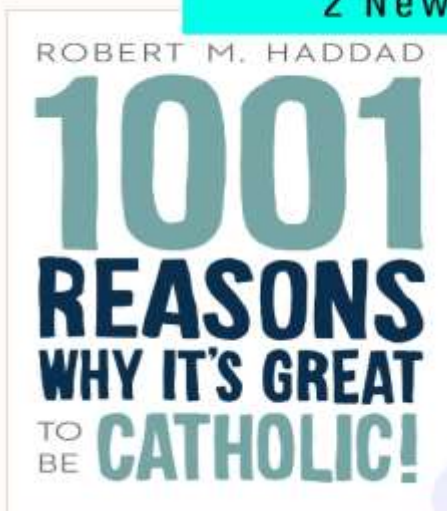
There are no prerequisites or obligations to joining.

For more information, please find the course outline here::

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/faith-formation>

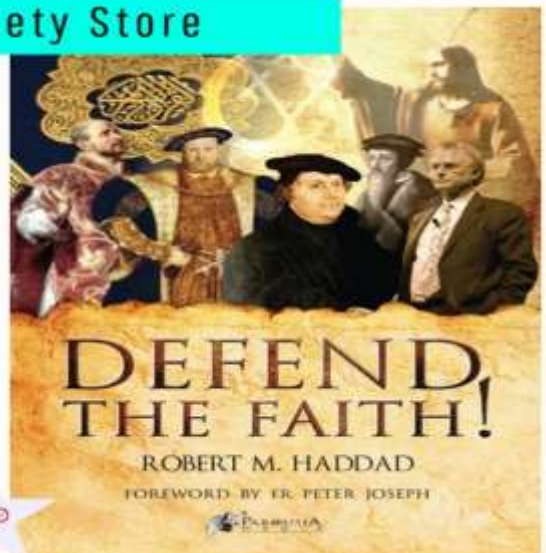
For further information/registration, please contact Anthony on 0414 364 522 or email exploringthefaith@gmail.com

2 New Books in our Piety Store



Dr. Robert Haddad gave a wonderful talk last July 23 and his books can enliven your faith!

\$10



\$20

National Vocations Week



VOCATIONS WEEK

Pray, Discern & Act

7 - 14


August 2022



CATHOLIC
VOCATIONS
BROKEN BAY



0418 522 449 www.bbcatholic.org.au/vocations

 @VocationsBrokenBay



This year the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates National Vocation Awareness Week from 7-14 August. This is an opportunity to celebrate the call of all the Baptised and to promote vocations to the Ordained Ministry and Consecrated Life. Where such a Vocation is concerned, God speaks, God calls and God commands: we do not choose, but listen and obey, and in that, we will find our deepest happiness and fulfilment. Bishop Anthony Randazzo reminds us all of our Baptismal call and of the unique call which God makes to each of us. He also reminds us: we must pray to the Lord for Vocations, to the Lord who always continues to call. Scripture attests that God calls people at all stages of their lives, whether it's a young boy like Jeremiah or Samuel, or to someone like Abraham who's asked as an old man to leave everything he's known and set off 'for a land that I will show you'. Throughout the Scriptures and throughout the history of the Church, we have examples of God's specific call on the life of particular people.

A special Parish dinner to mark Vocations Week.

Chatswood Parish
&
Catholic Vocations Broken Bay

INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

FOR A

*Seminarian
Benefit Dinner*



Please come and support our Broken Bay Seminarians and help bring awareness to the importance of vocations within our Diocese.

**Saturday,
13 August
6:30pm**



**\$15PP
Bookings
Essential**

FOR TICKETS: [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CBBGF](https://www.trybooking.com/CBBGF)

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHATSWOOD PARISH – HARRINGTON HALL
94 ARCHER STREET, CHATSWOOD 2067

PARKING AVAILABLE ALONG KIRK ST, ST PIUS X (ENTRY THROUGH KIRK STREET)

CONTACT: (02) 9410 9000

EMAIL: CHATSWOODOFFICE@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

VOCATIONS.MINISTRY@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU



CATHOLIC
VOCATIONS
BROKEN BAY

8 August: Solemnity of St Mary Mackillop of the Cross



A Prayer

Meredith Lemos and Patricia Thomas

God, help us to look with 'soft eyes' as Mary MacKillop did,
Upon all who are a part of our days
Allow us to break through the barrier
Of our scrutinising views.

Transform our inner landscape into a peaceful place of
acceptance.

Pull back our projections and criticisms.
Replace our mean measurements and our biased
expectations
With an openness that allows others to *be*.

Saint Mary of the Cross, your life and ministry
Were constantly clothed with love.
We hold the image of your loving qualities
And virtues close to us as we pray:

When our spiritual clothes are soiled with negativity and neglect,
May we have the desire and energy to clean them.
When our spiritual clothes droop, sag, and do not fit,
May we have the wisdom and determination
To let our words and actions fit our values and beliefs.

When our spiritual clothes need changing,
May we have the ability to make good decisions and the courage to follow through with the necessary changes.

When our spiritual clothes are torn and need mending,
May we make amends and be open to forgiveness and reconciliation.
When our spiritual clothes are not accepted by others,
May we have the self-affirmation to be our true self and not give in to the demands of others.

When our spiritual clothes become thin and frayed,
May we strengthen them with a garment of loving-kindness.
Christ Jesus, through the intercession of St Mary of the Cross,
Transform all we are and all we do into the kindness of love that permeated her presence.

Clothe us with your love and grant us grace to be truly kind and caring
Like 'soft eyes' St Mary of the Cross
May our spiritual clothes be spun from the gold of her kindness and goodness that lasts into eternity.



**Mass on the Feast of St Mary Mackillop
Monday 8 August**

**(8am: Mercy College Chapel Mass—for
the students)**

12.30pm: Parish Mass

Foundation Youth Ministry



Upcoming Events

PRAISEFEST

PRAISEFEST IS A GATHERING OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM ALL AROUND THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY. THE NEXT PRAISEFEST WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 19TH AUGUST AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, THE ENTRANCE PARISH. WE HOPE TO ARRANGE A BUS FROM CHATSWOOD TO THE CENTRAL COAST AND BACK. PLEASE EMAIL US IF YOUR CHILD IS ABLE TO ATTEND SO THAT WE KNOW THE LEVEL OF INTEREST FOR ARRANGING LOGISTICS.

SEMINARIAN BENEFIT DINNER

ALL YOUNG ADULTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND A NIGHT OF FUN WITH OUR SEMINARIANS. PLEASE SEE INSTAGRAM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

General Information

FOUNDATION YOUTH MINISTRY IS MADE UP OF:



CORNERSTONE

FOR YEAR 5 TO 9



KEYSTONE

FOR YEAR 10 TO 12



CAPSTONE

FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18+)

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month in the Parish Meeting Rooms.
Cornerstone & Keystone: 10am-12pm
Capstone: 12pm-2:30pm

NEXT YOUTH GROUP: 14/7/22

Stay Updated

EMAIL

FOUNDATIONYOUTHMINISTRY.OLD@GMAIL.COM

INSTAGRAM

[FOUNDATION_YOUTH_MINISTRY](https://www.instagram.com/foundation_youth_ministry)

FACEBOOK

SCAN THE QR CODE



WEBSITE

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

VINNIES
BROKEN
BAY
YOUNG
ADULTS



*Scan the QR
code to donate*



Winter Sleepout

On Friday the 30th of July young adults from across the diocese participated in the annual Vinnies sleep out to raise funds to support Vinnies' homelessness alleviation efforts.

During the event, we had a guest speaker from One Meal- an organisation that provide food to the homeless and operate out of the Vinnies Youth Centre in Brookvale. During the event we got the opportunity to experience life away from the comfort of our own homes which enabled us to develop a greater appreciation for what we have whilst growing our empathy for those less fortunate who we serve.

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

If you would like to get involved with Vinnies, contact:
cailin.geraghty@vinnies.org.au



Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites you to...

PRAISEFEST

Welcome to Mercy

AUGUST, 19 | 6-9 PM

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
THE ENTRANCE PARISH**

WHAT IS PRAISEFEST?

PRAISEFEST is a gathering of young people from all around the Diocese of Broken Bay on a Friday evening.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Each Praisefest has upbeat and contemporary worship, games, dancing, Scripture, Adoration and LOTS OF FUN!

WHO'S INVITED?

Any young person in Year 7 and above, who's looking for a community of like-minded people!



Want more information?
SCAN THE QR CODE
and send us an email!



**SAVE THE
DATE!**



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2022-2023
RESPECT: CONFRONTING VIOLENCE & ABUSE

In their Social Justice Statement for 2022-2023, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, the Australian Catholic Bishops add their voice to the global campaigns to confront and call out destructive attitudes and behaviours that lead to life-limiting and long-awaited impacts on many vulnerable members of our families, churches and societies.

The Statement will be available for reading/download from 6 August at:
<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/06/09/sjs2022-23/>

Invitation from Lower North Shore Parish

SPEAKING EVENT 7.30pm 23 AUGUST
ST THOMAS' CHURCH WILLOUGHBY



Liz is CEO of Australian Business Volunteers and is a founder and current Chair of Mary's House Services, a domestic violence service on Sydney's North Shore. Liz is inspired by the Bishop's 2022-2023 Social Justice Statement and will speak on the topic addressed in the statement.

For further information, please contact the Parish Office: 9958 8846

Around and About



Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites youth and young adults across the Diocese to 'Praisefest: Welcome to Mercy.' It will be held on **Friday, 19th August** from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish at The Entrance.

The evening will involve a variety of fun, engaging and prayerful segments. Praise featuring, Glorious and school students and a dance battle, will get the youth to their feet and enjoy the lively atmosphere. 'Rambling with the Rev' will be hosted by Deacon Adrian Gomez and feature panelists from CatholicCare and students who are actively involved in social justice. The youth will be invited to delve into Christ's "fountain of life" through a contemporary dance performed by Michaela Hoffmann and followed by an opportunity for prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. Priests from around the Diocese will be coming to offer the sacrament of Confession. Of course, the evening will finish with a Praise party to give all glory and thanks to God!

Questions? Email Jen: jen.healey@bbcatholic.org.au.

Catholic Youth Broken Bay is offering a space to come together, as men and women, to pray by Lectio Divina while enjoying the warmth of fellowship!

Lectio Divina is a popular spirituality exercise and an easy form of prayer to do with others or by oneself. It's a practice of reading the Scriptures and letting God speak to you through the Word.

The men's lectio group will kick off this month on August 8th, and then both men's and women's groups will start to meet regularly on the 1st Monday of each month, starting in September.

RSVP in the link: <https://forms.gle/1myPBeMUZ3gT5vHG7>

When: First Monday of the month, 7:30pm - 9:00pm (men start 8 August, then men and women meet on 1st Monday from September onwards)

Who: 18-35 year olds

Where: Men's Sessions | Joseph House, Willoughby
Women's Sessions | TBC

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/1myPBeMUZ3gT5vHG7>

or see the Facebook Event for more details!



Thinking about World Youth Day 2023? Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting young people of the Diocese to join him on an experience of a lifetime.

Go on pilgrimage to Italy to see the homes and sites of the saints, and on to Lisbon, Portugal to join youth from around the world for WYD23. Check out the CYBB WYD website for further information and subscribe to join the mailing list to start your journey.

[Check out the CYBB WYD website!](#)



A round and A bout

This week the Australian bishops released their annual Social Justice Statement. It is called *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*.

Sadly, domestic and family violence is still a scourge on our communities and although it affects people of all ages and backgrounds the Statement data clearly identifies women and children as those who are particularly vulnerable.

We also know domestic violence and abuse often results in homelessness. A person is homeless when they don't have a fixed, regular or adequate night time residence. They don't have the security, stability, privacy and safety of their own space. Perceptions of the homeless and poor are often inaccurate and don't reflect reality.

Two out of every five people experiencing homelessness are under 25, and there has been an increase in people aged 55 and over who have no regular place to sleep. We might not see many people sleeping rough in our Diocese – only 7% sleep on the streets, but people are couch surfing, sleeping in shelters, or in cars, especially women and children. Housing is a basic and fundamental human need, the lack of which can have cascading social and health complications. And if the vulnerable and disadvantaged are doing it tough now, basic cost of living increases must be fueling their financial stress.

This week across Australia is Homelessness Week. In our Diocese, CatholicCare Broken Bay has launched a new annual initiative focusing on homelessness services. You will hear more about this initiative in your parishes and we encourage your support where possible.

This campaign will culminate next Monday 8 August, the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop who devoted her life to the poor, established schools and places of refuge for the working class and disadvantaged.

Perhaps we can remember this weekend some words of Australia's first saint: "Be a gift of love and compassion for one another."

Australia enjoys one of the highest standards of living in the world, and we're living longer. Getting older should be fun – you have more time to do things you have always wanted to, to socialise with friends and learn new things. But you may just need a little help to maximise those opportunities, to tackle changes in health, mobility and connecting with others.

Through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP), CatholicCare can help you to continue living independently at home, while getting practical and social support you need. Services can be tailored to best suit your needs.

For more information call us today on 9488 2488 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au



CatholicCare's Counselling Services now available

CatholicCare, our dedicated social services agency in the Diocese offers Government funded, fee for service and NDIS approved therapy options for yourself, your children and as a family unit. **We offer a welcoming, inclusive environment and a safe space for all ages.** At the heart of your journey with us, you and your best interests are the focus. We walk alongside you, providing a genuine and non-judgmental space. You can be assured our counsellors will meet you where you are at, go at your pace and we will not jump to conclusions. You can expect to receive kindness, empathy and compassion.

Accessing our counselling services is very simple. Simply call 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au. We have Family Centres in Artarmon, Brookvale, Tuggerah and Waitara, and offer sessions in-person and online.

For our Group Leaders and People using our Meeting Rooms

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



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

If there are any issues with the rooms, please email Michael on Michael.mercer@bbcatholic.org.au

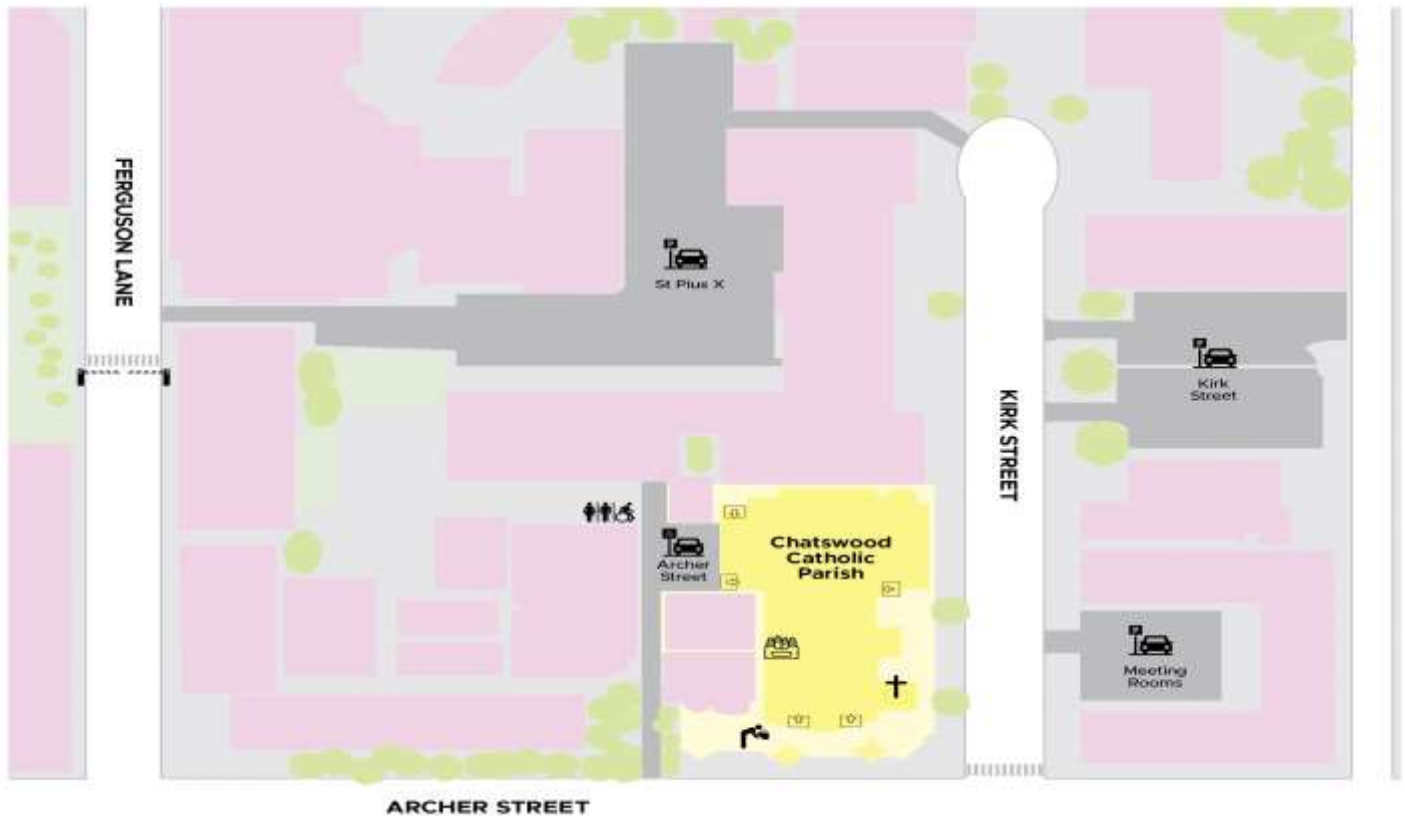


POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

SMALL BUSINESSES

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Parking at Our Lady of Dolours



Requests for Mass Intentions

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

Altar Flower Signup 2022

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

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

Supporting our Parish Financially

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

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Welcome!

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

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

Inside there is much wonderful reading for our spiritual nourishment.

Would you like to receive our Parish Bulletin by email?

Please contact our Parish Secretary : chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Parish Priest: Very Rev Dr David Ranson VG

david.ranson@bbcatholic.org.au

Personal blog: davidranson.com.au

Twitter: @FrDavidRanson

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Joey Frez

joey.frez@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9027

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Marek Woldan

marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9028

Deacon: Rev Kevin Hale

kevin.hale@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9026

Parish Secretary: Nicole Gorman

nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9020/9000

Children's Ministry Coordinator: Angela Hague

angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9033

Children's Ministry Assistant: Mona Saouma

mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9024

Catechist Coordinator: Maricel Malapira

maricel.malapira@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9029

Justice, Ecology and Peace Ministry and Faith Formation:

Gail Gill: gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au/ 9410 9021

Facilities and Finance Manager: Michael Mercer

michael.mercer@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9030

Book-keeper: Amelia Lee

amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9032

Sunday Masses

5.30pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass

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

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

10.30am

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

5.30pm

Filipino Culture Mass

12noon, 1st Sunday of the month

Spanish Culture Mass

12noon, 3rd Sunday of the month

Indonesian Culture Mass

7.00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month

Weekday Masses and Devotions

Monday: 12.30pm

Tuesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

(Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated after Mass on the 3rd Wednesday of the month)

Thursday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Friday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am

Morning Prayer: Tuesday to Saturday: 8.45am

Rosary

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

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

Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and Reconciliation 7.00pm

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