

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood 94 Archer Street Chatswood NSW 2067

Sunday 20 July 2025 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Welcome!



瑪利亞選擇了更好的一分,是不能從她奪去的。 **路加福音 10:42**Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her. **Luke 10:42**

Dear friends

Please note that we are keeping the Ferguson Lane entrance into the Pius College 'carpark' closed early Sunday mornings to dissuade unauthorized use. Please use the Kirk St entrance only.

OF AN EVRNING PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CARS PARKED IN PIUS COLLEGE. For school security the carpark is closed about 30 minutes after the evening Mass.



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

Masses This Week

Monday	21 July	12.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 16
Tuesday	22 July	9.00am and 12.30pm	St Mary Magdalene
Wednesday	23 July	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 16
Thursday	24 July	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 16
Friday	25 July	9.00am and 12.30pm	St James, Apostle
Saturday	19 July	9.00am and 5.30pm	Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday	20 July	Usual Times	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Remember in our Prayer

For those recently died:

Jakov Skibola; Hanah Tong; Victoria Balcanao; Frank Hallissy; Lino Lim Jr.; Susan Dennis, Elizabeth Wright (aged 104); Hedy Salvatera; Marie Galvin; Alan Smith; Philip O'Brien; Antonio Santelli; Ken Kennedy.

For those who are sick:

Maureen Potter; Justine Straiton Elbourn; Eugenia San Gabriel; Jim Dennis; Jeremy Moon; Wai Ping Tan; Ley Peng Tan; Lody Herlianto; Chet Catapang; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Eileen Swinsburg; Xu He Ooi; Carmel Villanueva; Mr Gurung; Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Ying Leong Fong; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Minnie Walshe; 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:

Genevieve Tubier; Maria Elita Lim; John Schaeffer; Eugenie Tran; Paul Truc Le; Jean Marie Ta; Marie Keenan; Ivan Byak; Edward Fernando; William Freeman; Annunciacion and Abraham Gadiane; Kevin Bruce; Rosalindo and Leoncio Rendon; Maurice & Bertha Dayton; Philip Dayton; Nevenka Cetinic Pensa; Marina Paino; John O'Hara; Hedy Salvatera; Norman Wu; Rita Cooper; Trevor Chard; Anthony (Tony) Mustaca; Pietro (Peter) Mustaca; Keith Press; Curtin, Rolfe, Hughes and Egan families; Rital Lee: Michael Lee; Frances Fisher (sister of Pauline Larkins); Foong Yin Lee.

Birthday:

Karen Forbes

Upcoming Events in our Parish

Sunday	20 July	Opening of new PEW Gift Shop in church foyer at 3.00pm		
Tuesday	22 July	School Term 3 commences		
Sunday	27 July	Community Lunch after 10.30am Mass		
Friday	1 August	Young People Praise and Worship Event (note no Divine Centre Healing Mass)		
Sunday	3 August	Special Jubilee Mass at 10.30am with student orchestra		
Sunday	3 August	Open Day for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atrium		
Monday	4 August	ALPHA commences (Magnificat Hall)		
Wednesday	6 August	'Exploring the Faith' Program commences (St Peter's meeting room)		
Saturday	23 August	Commencement of Parish Film Festival (conducted over 4 weeks to 13 September)		
		Commencement of Week Novena for Canonisation of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati		
Sunday	7 September	Canonisation Mass for Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati at 5.30pm		

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

From Fr David

Dear friends

A special thanks to Fr Hien who mastered the publication of our parish bulletin last weekend—the development of a new skill! We wish him a safe couple of weeks of annual leave which he is currently undertaking.

It is a great pleasure to welcome Fr Joey Frez back with us this weekend in his new role as Diocesan Director for Vocations. Fr Joey will be present at all of our Masses to encourage our promotion of vocations to the priestly life. This weekend we also welcome speakers for our annual Vinnies Winter Appeal. These funds directly support those who require our assistance in our own Chatswood area. Given the coldness of this winter, the needs are as great as ever and with the cost of living increasing always our generosity is particularly appreciated for those less advantaged than ourselves.

With great regret I share that Cardinal Pablo David whom we had invited to be with us on the weekend of 1-3 August to celebrate the Year of Jubilee has withdrawn his availability. Therefore, we will not now have the privilege of welcoming him to Australia and to our community. Notwithstanding, our Praise and Worship Event for our young people celebrating the Jubilee of Youth on 1 August will continue. And we will continue to have a very special Jubilee Mass on Sunday 3 August at 10.30am at which our new student orchestra, comprised of students from Pius X College and Mercy College, will play.

Our new PEW Gift Store opens formally this Sunday, 20 July at 3.00pm! A very special thank you to Marte and Cynthia and their team of wonderful volunteers who have set up the new store which is looking so fresh and inviting. And a warm word of gratitude to Jeanette Cowell who headed up the former piety store with such diligence and care. Special thanks to our architect, John O'Brien who has designed and facilitate the project.

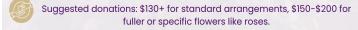
Our Eucharistic chapel continues to develop. We now have the cabinet installed to receive a relic of Pier Giorgio Frassati who will be canonized at the same time as Carlo Acutis on Sunday 7 September 2025. There is just some further work to be accomplished with the windows. We are hoping that Bishop Anthony will formally bless the chapel when he is with us to celebrate the canonization of the two saints at the 5.30pm Mass on 7 September.

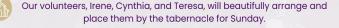
Lastly, from Margaret Day: 'Thank you so much to all the faithful 'Stamp Savers' !! We have had what might be called an avalanche which included three large boxes which I weighed and found there were 6 kilos of stamps so the sisters will be extremely excited! Also, the Piety Store is being renovated presently so please keep your stamps until we re-open. Many thanks and God Bless.'



Honour a special occasion or remember a loved one with altar flower arrangements

Donations can be one-time or annual.





Submit your donation at least one month in advance.
To reserve a date, contact Chloe at Chloe.Aylward@bbcatholic.org.au.

Our Altar flowers for this week are donated by Mega Tio in memory of Maria Elita Lim.

Join us on Sunday 17 August at 4.00pm

Magnificat Meeting Room

For a special opportunity to meet our sculptor for our external Marian grotto.

Linda will share the work she has done for other churches and Catholic centres and hear our own aspirations for the development of our own Marian figure

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A Year of Jubílee

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

Wednesday 15 October, 10am-12noon Wyong Parishioners

Friday 24 October 11.30am Staff of Schools of Lower North Shore Parish

Saturday 22 November Catholic Indonesian Community



Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonized on Sunday 7 September by Pope Leo XIV,

Our Eucharistic Chapel will soon have relic of both saints.

Our special Canonisation Mass will be celebrated Sunday 7 September 2025 5.30pm

Bisbop Randazzo will join us to install the relic of Pier Giorgio and bless our chapel.

Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle





Chatswood OLOD June Report

Vinnies received 9 requests for help in June, two were from "clients" new to us. Of the "old clients", 2 addressed pharmaceutical needs, one involving a severely handicapped and ill child. Another case concerned a mother struggling with language, DV effects, fines, car accident and power bills; we helped where we could. Another lady had budgeting difficulties (we usually refer such problems to a budget councilor either at Catholic Care or in house). The other 3 "oldies" did not require material assistance. One new "client" was a First Nations chap and the other a New Australian. The former had had a difficult life, has issues affecting employability but looked to us to assist with probs associated with travelling interstate for his father's funeral. The other sought blankets, warm clothing and a heater. In all over \$400 was expended with commitments of \$1200 for pharmacy needs.

PLEASE don't forget our Winter Appeal on weekend of 19/20 July.

Dear Father David, Gillian and other members of the Social Justice Committee

Thank you for your recent donation of \$24,191.88 to Streetwork.

With your donation to Streetwork, we can support more vulnerable young people in the community to turn their lives around through our Kickstart Program. And with our Social Return on Investment (SROI – delivering a \$16 community benefit for every \$1 donated), your donation will contribute a whopping \$387,072 of social benefit to the local community.

You might like to see what we've been up to by taking a closer look at this recent social impact report written by Huber Social - Streetwork Social Impact Report - 2024-2025.









Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle



RCIA at Our Lady of Dolours

RCIA Program Starting Soon!

We are preparing to offer the RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), with classes commencing in August 2025.

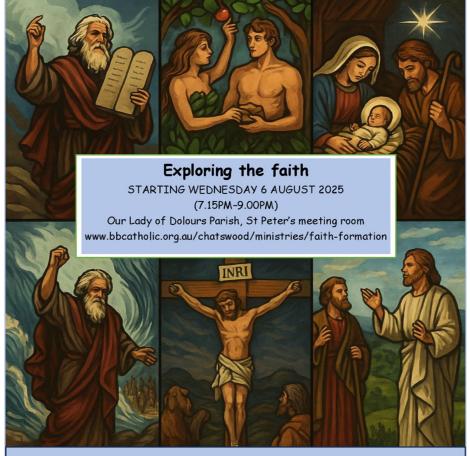
If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic, please contact:

Fr David or Fr Hien for more information.

中文成人慕道班 将于 8月9日 上午9:00 开课 欢迎有兴趣认识天主教或希望领洗的朋友报名参加: Grace Tai(广东话)0403 345 809 Rose Huang(普通话)0490 536 978 中文成人慕道班将于8月9号 9:00 am开课。有兴趣了解天 主教或有意向领洗者可联系:

Grace Tai (广东话) 0403 345 809

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Why is the Old Testament so important to our Faith?

How can we be so confident in the Resurrection?

What takes place on receiving Sacraments?

How do we fit in the universal Church?

What really is the Good News?

Why do we need prayer?

30 Week Course (course booklet/outline in the Church foyer)
No Prerequisites or obligations to joining
Contact Anthony on 0414 364 522 or
email exploringthefaith@gmail.com

Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle



Every year we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. But why? What makes Jesus so special that we remember him year after year – for 2025 years?

Come and explore this question and the other big questions about life, faith, God and meaning, as we journey in Alpha together in 2025.

Alpha is an introduction to Christian faith which assumes nothing. If you've never read the Bible, never prayed, never been to church before, then Alpha is for you.

But it's also for you if you've been coming to church for a long time – maybe your whole life – but you've still got big questions.

In each Alpha session we have a meal together, watch a video and have a conversation about what we've watched. We ask questions and together work out the answers.

We'll be offering Alpha once a week on Mondays commencing on Monday, 4 August 2025 – we meet at 7:00pm (for dinner)

We'd love you to come! Please feel free to bring a friend who would also like to know more about Jesus!

Let's explore life, faith and meaning together in 2025!

Registration is essential, for catering purposes.

For more details – and to register – go to:

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/alpha For queries contact: Gillian 0412 373 324; Email: gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com



SUNDAY

JULY P

11:30AM

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!!!



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Our Nurturing our Relationships Ministry Circle



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

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Scenes from our Play Group last week!



Our Nurturing our Relationships Ministry Circle





Fr Anselam and Karen Forbes, our CCD Co-Ordinator ,celebrate their recent birthdays! Our wonderful hospitality team serves Morning Tea following last Sunday 10.30am Mass. Our fabulous Parish-in-Council facilitators team met last Wednesday to de-brief on our last gathering on Sunday 29 June. More to follow!



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

20 JULY 2025

THE BETTER PART. Hospitality entails not only serving others but also listening attentively to them. Often, this is the better part. What people need most of all is to be heard and to hear. To grow in the Christian life, we need to combine the good works of Martha with the contemplative attitude of Mary.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 53:6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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. Your 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. Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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

Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent', he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1 R. The just will live in the presence of

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault; / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart; / he who does not slander with his tongue. R.



- 2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. R.
- 3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. R.

SECOND READING

Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 10:38-42

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.

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

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. O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

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

COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace. All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

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

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

A GOOD PART

Today's story seems to affirm the contemplative life (symbolised by Mary sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to him) over the active life (represented by a preoccupied Martha). This classic interpretation sets the two women at odds with each other. However, placed in the context of Luke's missionary and ministry-concerned world, something else is going on. The scene is set in *Martha's* house. She is the leader of the house and, conceivably, the representative in Luke's household Jesus-gatherings.

The issue that concerns Mary, and Luke's audience, is not helped by our English translation. Three translation corrections are necessary. (1) Martha being 'distracted with all the serving...' is better translated as Martha being 'taken up with much ministry (Greek, diakonia)' (2) Martha's question to Jesus, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself?' is better translated, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me alone to minister (Greek, diakonein)?' (3) Rather than Jesus saying to Martha that Mary 'has chosen the better part...' the Greek has Jesus saying that Mary 'has chosen a good part'. Interpretations (1) and (2) suggest that a real concern surfacing in Luke's world is about *ministry*. Interpretation (3) indicates that there is no competition between Mary and Martha.

Both actions, Martha's diakonial concerns and Mary's focus on Jesus' word, are important, the second not to be devalued. It is 'a good part'. These same issues preoccupy us: a concern about future ministry while focussing on Jesus' word.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle



Since August 2007, we have been welcoming children to this wonderful place called the Atrium of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), so that they can spend time with God and nurture their relationship with him.

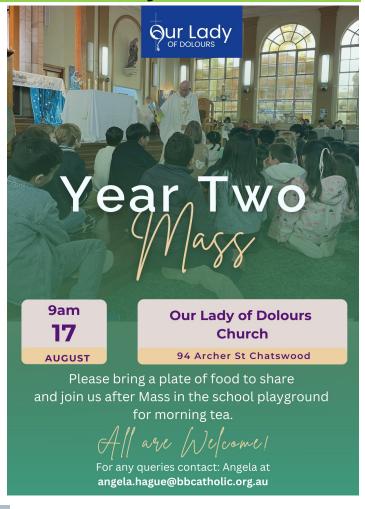
The CGS Atrium is a beautiful ministry within the parish and we invite you to come and see for yourself what a wonderful place the atrium is at our **Open Day**

Sunday 3rd August from 10am until 12:30pm

Everyore is Welcome

There will be a sausage sizzle and activities for the children

For further information about the atrium please contact Angela or Rose at: old.childrens.atrium@gmail.com





With Fr David Ranson

Join us for a meal, fellowship and an inspiring talk on the faith by Fr David

6.30pm - 8.30pm w/ Optional compline after

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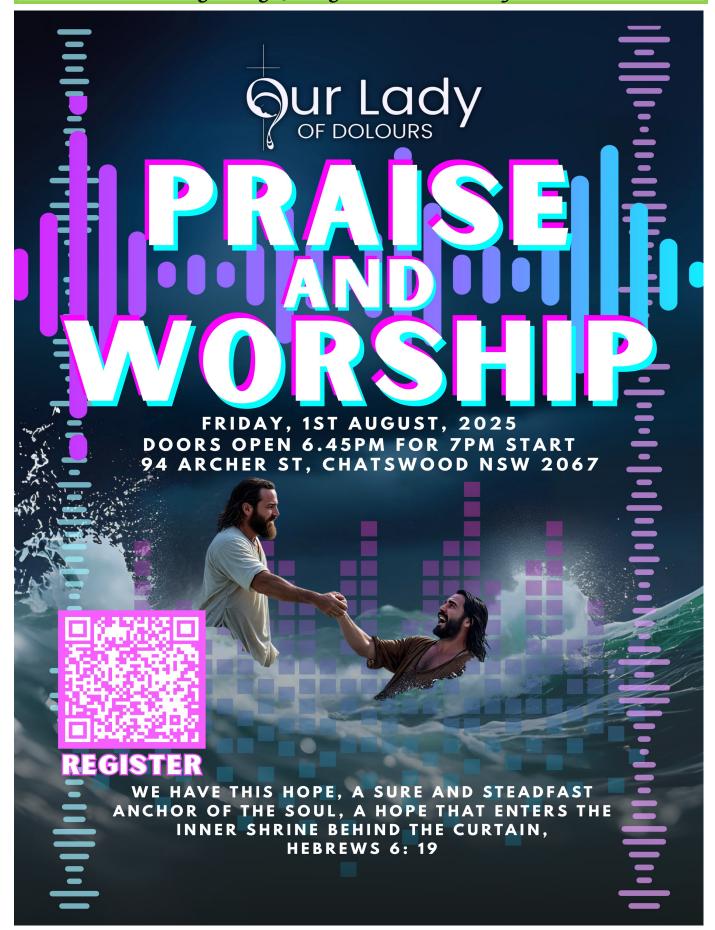


CAPSTONE Young Adults Group





Harrington Hall



Volunteers needed for Praise and Worship Night, 1st August. Must be 18+ with valid Working with Children Check.

Contact Hamish for further details at hamish@hjlavery.com.au

Our Igníting Young Hearts Ministry Circle





YOUTH GROUP



Every **2nd** and **4th** Sunday during the **school term**, come join us for dinner, games and faith formation!

After 5.30pm youth mass, **6.30pm - 8.30pm**

Meet at the Church forecourt Sunday 27th of July Cornerstone: Grades 5-8 Keystone: Grades 9-12

Contact Sienna for more info: foundationyouth@bbcatholic.org.au





A number of our young people
Attended the annual Ignite Conference at
"The Light of Christ Centre" Waitara
last weekend!

A very powerful display of faith and inquiry!





CHATSWOOD STREETFAIR PARADE

ONe warmly invite you to join us as we flood the streets with colourful cultural costumes, love, and pride as a parish!

Date: 6th September Parade Time: 2pm 2025

This year's Chatswood StreetFair parade will start at 2pm outside Chatswood Chase on Bertram Street and continue all the way up to Westfield Chatswood on Anderson Street.

To register please contact: chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



Excerpt from Pope Leo's Message to Grandparents and Elderly

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Jubilee we are now celebrating helps us to realize that hope is a constant source of joy, whatever our age. When that hope has also been tempered by fire over the course of a long life, it proves a source of deep happiness.

Sacred Scripture offers us many examples of men and women whom the Lord called late in life to play a part in his saving plan. We can think of Abraham and Sarah, who, advanced in years, found it hard to believe when God promised them a child. Their childlessness seemed to prevent them from any hope for the future. Zechariah's reaction to the news of John the Baptist's birth was no different: "How can this be? I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years" (*Lk* 1:18). Old age, barrenness and physical decline apparently blocked any hope for life and fertility in these men and women. The question that Nicodemus asked Jesus when the Master spoke to him of being "born again" also seems purely rhetorical: "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (*Jn* 3:4). Yet whenever we think that things cannot change, the Lord surprises us with an act of saving power.

In the Bible, God repeatedly demonstrates his providential care by turning to people in their later years. This was the case not only with Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but also with Moses, who was called to set his people free when he was already eighty years old (cf. Ex 7:7). God thus teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope. Augustine asks, "What do we mean by old age?" He tells us that God himself answers the question: "Let your strength fail, so that my strength may abide within you, and you can say with the Apostle, 'When I am weak, then I am strong'" (Super Ps. 70,11). The increasing number of elderly people is a sign of the times that we are called to discern, in order to interpret properly this moment of history.

The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. In the book of Genesis, we find the moving episode of the blessing given by the aged Jacob to his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph; his words are an appeal to look to the future with hope, as the time when God's promises will be fulfilled (cf. *Gen* 48:8-20). If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials! The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance.

From biblical times, the Jubilee has been understood as a time of liberation. Slaves were freed, debts were forgiven and land was returned to its original owners. The Jubilee was a time when the social order willed by God was restored, and inequalities and injustices accumulated over the years were remedied. Jesus evoked those moments of liberation when, in the synagogue of Nazareth, he proclaimed good news to the poor, sight to the blind and freedom for prisoners and the oppressed (cf. *Lk* 4:16-21).

Looking at the elderly in the spirit of this Jubilee, we are called to help them experience liberation, especially from loneliness and abandonment. This year is a fitting time to do so. God's fidelity to his promises teaches us that there is a blessedness in old age, an authentic evangelical joy inspiring us to break through the barriers of indifference in which the elderly often find themselves enclosed. Our societies, everywhere in the world, are growing all too accustomed to letting this significant and enriching part of their life be marginalized and forgotten.

Given this situation, a change of pace is needed that would be readily seen in an assumption of responsibility on the part of the whole Church. Every parish, association and ecclesial group is called to become a protagonist in a "revolution" of gratitude and care, to be brought about by regular visits to the elderly, the creation of networks of support and prayer for them and with them, and the forging of relationships that can restore hope and dignity to those who feel forgotten. Christian hope always urges us to be more daring, to think big, to be dissatisfied with things the way they are. In this case, it urges us to work for a change that can restore the esteem and affection to which the elderly are entitled.



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11 July 2025

Very Rev Dr David Ranson Our Lady of Dolours Parish PO Box 1446 Chatswood NSW 2067

Dear Dr David,

On behalf of the Holy Land Custody of the Franciscan Friars and the Christians of the Holy Land, I would like to sincerely thank you your parishioners for your contribution of \$2,535 to the Good Friday Holy Land Collection for 2025.

The Holy Places rely heavily on the Good Friday donations and pilgrims to continue to maintain the historical sites that mean so much to our Christian/Catholic faith. At Christmas time the world waited in hope for a solution or at least a ceasefire in this sacred land – and yes it happened. But once again many innocent people of the Holy Land are once more being terrorised.

An article I read at Easter said, "this year 9,770 Christians have obtained permission to enter Jerusalem during the Holy Week, from a total of over 50,000 living in the West Bank who would like to celebrate their faith in the Holy Sites in this crucial religious period. It should be noted that Christians have never been involved in incidents of violence."

Fr Ibrahim Faltas OFM, the Vicar of the Custody of the Holy Land in Jerusalem, remarked in this same article, that the contradictions of Jerusalem as both a Holy place for the three monotheistic religions and a focal point of conflict, starkly reflect the contradictions of humanity. "Within just a few hundred square metres, the Holy Places for Christians, Jews, and Muslims echo with different yet similar voices, songs, and prayers — and at the same time, in this same city, hatred prevents the right to profess one another's faith."

Jerusalem, Palestine, Gaza and the surrounding areas are still very unsafe places to visit, and the people are still suffering immensely. Please continue to remember the Holy Land in your thoughts and prayers, and please know that whatever signs of solidarity you can make with the Holy Land Church and its peoples will be used well.

If the donated amount stated above differs to what you have on file, please kindly email our office at admin@franciscans.org.au to inform us of any discrepancy.

With my deep thanks, Yours faithfully in Christ,

Fr Bernie Thomas OFM

Commissary of the Holy Land, Australia

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Laudato Si: Our Common Home - Our Response?

Join us for 2 evenings of inspiring ecological talks

Speakers

Rev Dr Chima Ofor: Theological Ecology

Anne Lanyon: Laudato Si in Action - Faith Ecology

Rev Andy Nguyen SJ: Encounter, Connection,

Patricia Gemmell: Living Laudato Si





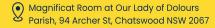


God is the ultimate ground of both non-human and human environments and has entrusted care of both to us, as both constitute our common home.



- Writing a Will
- Power of Attorney
- **Enduring Guardianship**

Attendees may be eligible for a complimentary will*





(10:30AM-12:30 PM

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ALAN AMES MINISTRY HOLY MASS and HEALING SERVICES

Saturday, 9th August 5:00 p.m. Mass, Talk, healing St. Luke's Church 1 Beaconsfield St, Revesby, NSW 2212

Sunday, 10th August 6:00 p.m. Mass, Talk, Healing Sacred heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073

Alan Ames has been speaking and praying for healing around the world since 1994. He was blessed to speak with church approval at World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto, where he conducted three talks. World Youth Day is a Papal event. Also, in 2004, again with church approval, he spoke at two taiks. World Youn Day is a rapal event. Also, in 2004, again wint clinical approval, he spoke in the of the holiest sites in Christendom; the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth and St Catherine's, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Alan shares his unique conversion experiences that caused a dramatic change in his life from a violent alcoholic to a man of the Sacraments and prayer. Alan has permission to speak from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, his bishop in Western Australia. He is strictly obedient to his spiritual director, a priest selected by the previous Archbishop Barry Hickey.

TESTIMONIES

Nanette
I was in a wheelchair and I wore braces on my limbs to keep them in a functional position. I had constant muscle spasms and excruciating pain. After Alan prayed over me I had a warm tingling sensation in my body and I began to shake. I then asked a friend to remove my braces and although exhausted, I actually stood to get into the car! I do not need a wheelchair anymore. Since then my life has improved on a daily basis, and my health has improved in ways the medical community has no explanation for, as there is no cure for my condition.

John
My local hospital discovered a tumor on my liver that needed surgery to remove the tumor. We went to Alan's healing
service and I felt a tingling in my abdomen and back of my neck. I didn't think any more about it and went to the
hospital for surgery. The day before surgery they were trying to locate my tumor and couldn't find it with ultrasound or
x-ray. The doctor then confirmed the tumor was not there and three other doctors also looked for it and could not find it
I've had about eight x-rays since then and still, there is no tumor. Thank God!

Contact: Scott 0410640437 or alanames.org









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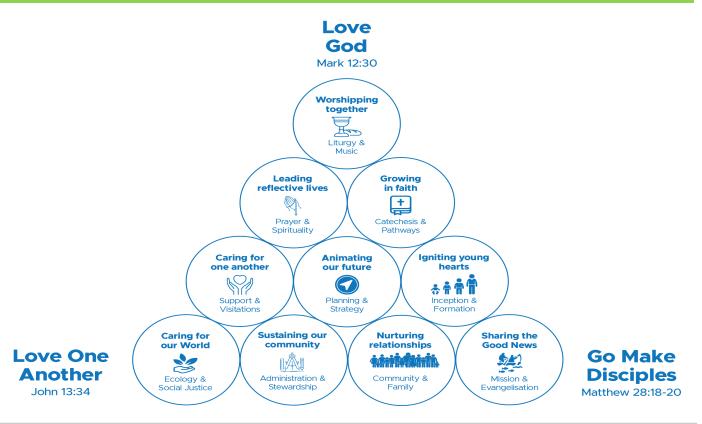




Our Serra Association invite us to remember one of the bishops, priests and deacons in our Diocese in our prayer each day.

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- Ionio OSA	10 Fr Michael Sullivan 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 Peack- al 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	27 Deacon Paul Simmons
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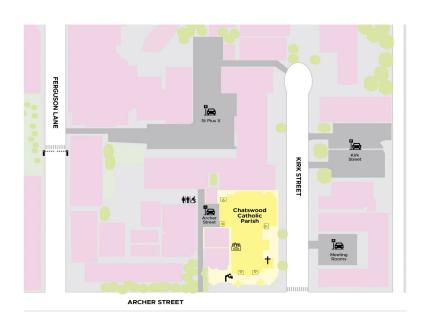
Our Parish Ministry Circles



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)	Chatswood Parish Working A/C	062-784	100001609
Planned Giving by EFT &			
general donation to Parish			
(support for Parish operation)			

Parking at our Parish



After our weekend evening Masses the Pius Carpark is closed about one hour after Mass for the security of the College. Please move your car to the parish car park on Kirk St if you are going to be longer than an hour following Mass.

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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 (from Saturday 9 August)

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

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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 is cele-

month)

brated after Mass each Wednesday

evening Mass and on the 3rd

Thursday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Friday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am

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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