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## PARISH OF CHATSWOOD

5 Mar - 11 Mar 2023

Second Week of Lent (Year A)



The Transfiguration of Christ - Carl Bloch

# 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 [www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood)

Would you like to receive our Parish Bulletin by email? Please contact [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au)

In this week's bulletin we receive an update on the family being supported by the OLOD Community Action Group through the Refugee Mentorship Program. As the election looms closer this group has also provided a great opportunity to gather in a public forum and learn more about key issues facing the community.

For any inclusions to next week's bulletin, please e-mail your content to Olivia at [Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au) by close of business on Wednesday.

*His face shone like the sun.*

*This week's Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9*





Dear friends

This week our children, having been confirmed by Bishop Anthony last September, begin their preparation for their reception of the Eucharist for the first time which will occur in June. They prepare in a very special way by learning and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will occur towards the end of the Season of Lent. We will present our children preparing

for the sacraments at different times over the coming weeks. May their example of preparation lead each of us to re-consider how we ourselves might celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During this Lenten season of reflection and renewal we are praying for a deeper conversion of heart. We seek to turn from those ways centred on ourselves and we week to turn to those way centered on others. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a beautiful way to mark this conversion and to receive the forgiving, healing love of Christ. The Sacrament is available in our church each Thursday evening from 7pm to 8pm and then again each Saturday morning from 9.30am. On the evening of Thursday 30 March we will also celebrate the Sacrament in its Second Form – within the context of a communal celebration of mercy. This is very powerful way given us in our journey to Easter.

This coming Wednesday, 8 March, is International Women's Day. It is an opportune time to acknowledge the women of our parish community and in particular the leadership that so many demonstrate for us. We give thanks for their presence, their commitment, their generosity, their creativity. And we ask the Lord's deepest blessings upon them on this day that celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

Last Friday 3 March was the 111th anniversary of the opening of the building which now serves as our Parish Office. In 1912 it was opened as the Parish's presbytery. We are going to celebrate this anniversary this year with the commencement of an interior makeover! From 13 March the painters will arrive to re-paint the ground floor and stairwell. After the painters, we will then consider updating the flooring. There will be some considerable disruption for several weeks but it will be wonderful to be able to welcome our many visitors to a much refreshed space.

## IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

### **ANNIVERSARY:**

Aida Freeman.

### **SICK:**

Anthony Mustaca; Victoria Tano; Fe Mendoza.

### **Requests for Mass Intentions:**

It is a privilege to 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.

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



The Pope's Prayer Intention for March



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

*Above: Madonna and Child by Richard Campbell*



### Palms for Palm Sunday

As with most things in our society the price of Palms is also increasing. As it is our desire to ensure that all people who attend the Palm Sunday Masses can leave with a Palm, we ask if any parishioner who has Palm trees in their garden would they be willing to donate some palms to the parish.

If anyone can supply us with Palms, it would be greatly appreciated. This may be the time to prune your trees so as to encourage growth for next year.

The palms would need to be delivered to the Parish office during the week before Palm Sunday i.e. Monday 27th to Friday 31st March. Please let the parish office know if you are able to help with this by emailing Olivia at [Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au)

Thank you for your help.  
*Dcn Kevin Hale*

至於你，當你祈禱時，要進入你的內室，關上門，向你在暗中之父祈禱；你的父在暗中看見，必  
要報答你。 瑪竇福音 6:6

*But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.  
And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. - Matthew 6:6*

'At the end of the fourth block of narrative material in Matthew's Gospel, we find the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. It is a moment of divine revelation about Jesus' identity—just as, at his baptism, the heavenly voice confirms Jesus as the beloved Son. To this is added the instruction that disciples are to listen to him.

Here they are up a high mountain alone, away from everyone and everything. It is easy to find God in the peace and quiet, it is easy to appreciate God surrounded by a majestic mountain-top view. St Augustine of Hippo, in one of his homilies in the fifth century, focused on this reaction from Peter:

*Saint Peter was delighted with the solitude; he had grown tired of the turbulent, troublesome human race. He saw the mountain, he saw the Lord, he saw Moses and Elijah ... He was delighted with this quiet, leisurely, blissful life, and said to the Lord: 'Lord, it is good for us to be here.' Why go down the mountain to be subjected to all that turbulence? Why not rather decide to enjoy ourselves here? It is good for us to be here. (Sermo 79A.)*

The story of the transfiguration of Jesus is one rich in symbolism. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, the summary of the Jewish faith. As Augustine said in that same homily: 'In Moses we have the law, in Elijah the prophets. When we put forward anything from the gospel, we back it up from the law and prophets'. The transfiguration shows us a moment of glory, it shows us our destination. Like any kid in the back of a car, our question during this season of Lent is 'are we there yet?' The answer is that, although we can experience a part of that glory, although we get a taste of it every time we share in the eucharist, we are not there yet.

In Matthew's account of the transfiguration, what we find before this story is the first prediction of the suffering and resurrection of Jesus (Matt 16:21-23), and the doctrine of the cross (Matt 16:24-28): 'If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and begin to follow in my footsteps'. Shortly after the transfiguration story we have the second prediction of the passion (Matt 17:22-23). The structure of the story is not accidental: the only way to glory is through the cross.

The author of the second letter to Timothy captures this reality: 'bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy'. Abraham's call led him to hardship, but he trusted in that call, even in dark and difficult days. Yes, Jesus has abolished death; yes, Jesus has proclaimed life and immortality; yes, the Lord will rescue our souls from death. However, the only way to life is through death. In the unintentionally profound words of the 1970s' musical, Jesus Christ Superstar, 'to conquer death you only have to die'.

Lent is our season of death. We must die to sin. We die to selfishness every time we tell the truth; we die to selfishness every time we forgive someone who hurts us; we die to selfishness every time we offer a helping hand to anyone in need; we die to selfishness every time we reach out in love. Lent is our season of dying to sin so that we can rise to the new life of Easter.

We are thankful today for the faithfulness of Abraham, who went as the Lord told him. We are thankful today for Moses and Elijah pointing the way to Jesus. We are thankful today for Jesus, who showed us the way to life through overcoming sin and death. We are thankful today for our sisters and brothers who die to sin by listening and trusting in the faithfulness of God's Word.

# THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

**6 March:** Chaplet of Divine Mercy 11:30am  
Rosary (Cenacle, MMP) 11:45am.

Tuesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm

**7 March:** Morning Prayer: 8:45am  
Rosary 9:30am  
Mercy College Year 7 Liturgy 6:00pm

Wednesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm

**8 March:** Morning Prayer 8:45am  
Rosary 9:30am

Thursday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

**9 March:** Morning Prayer 8:45am.  
Rosary 9:30am  
Adoration and Exposition: After 9:00am Mass  
Benediction 12:00pm  
Holy Hour with Reconciliation available 7:00pm

Friday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

**10 March:** Morning Prayer 8:45am.  
Rosary 9:30am  
Stations of the Cross 11:45am and 7:30pm

Saturday Mass 9:00am

**11 March:** Morning Prayer 8:45am.  
Exposition, Reconciliation, Rosary 9:30am.  
Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help 10:00am  
Benediction 10:30am

Sunday Mass 5:30pm Vigil (Saturday Night).

**12 March:**  
7:30am

**3rd Sunday**

**of Lent** 9:00am Family Mass - Children's Liturgy of the Word on 1st,  
2nd, and 4th Sundays except on long weekends

10:30am

12:00pm Baptism

5:30pm Youth Mass



## Cultural Community Mass:

Filipino: 12:00pm, 1st Sunday of the month.  
Spanish: 12:00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month.  
Indonesian: 7:00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month.

## Monday 6 March:

10:00am: Atrium Term 1 (Atrium).

7:00pm: Alpha (Magnificat, St Peter, St Paul).

## Tuesday 7 March:

10:00am: Bible Discussion Group (St Paul).

3:30pm: Atrium all 3 levels (Atrium).

7:00pm: Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul).

7:00pm: Filipino Choir Practice (Church).

7:30pm: The Wild Goose Reflection and Discussion Group (Magnificat)

## Wednesday 8 March:

9:30am: Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)

10:00am: Mercy College Assembly (Church).

11:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (Magnificat).

4:00pm: Reconciliation Child/Parent Sessions (Atrium).

5:30pm: Mercy College Information Night (Church).

6:30pm: Indonesian Traditional Instrument Practice (Magnificat).

7:15pm: Exploring the Faith Course (St Peter).

## Thursday 9 March:

10:00am: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium).

6:00pm: Legion of Mary (Magnificat).

## Friday 10 March:

10:00am: Meditation (St Paul).

7:00pm: Online Zoom Meditation ID: 892 0631 0929 Pw: 085507

7:30pm: Indonesian Choir Practice (St Paul).

## Saturday 11 March:

10:30am: MCAG Meeting (St Peter).

11:00am: Choir Practice (Choir Loft).

11:00am: PPC and Parish Staff Meeting (Magnificat & St Paul).

6:00pm: Willoughby Symphony Choir (Harrington Hall).

7:00pm: Korean Bible Reading and Discussion (St Paul).

## Sunday 12 March:

9:00am: Filipino Choir practice (Magnificat).

10:00am: Kids Choir Practice (St Paul).

11:30am: Choir Practice for 10:30am Mass with Sunny Chandra (St Paul).

6:30pm: Cornerstone and Keystone Youth Groups (Magnificat and St Paul).



# ABOUT US: BERNADETTE JEW



*This week we meet Bernadette - one of the many hands and voices that help with the parish choir. As you can imagine, this means Bernadette's relaxation times are spent with music as well as Holy Hour, and, her online Italian lessons with her teacher in Calabria so that she can eventually spend a year in Italy. At the moment her favourite dessert is Ottolenghi's Plum, Blackberry and Bay Friand Bake - I Googled a picture of this and it's a mouthful to say, and will also be a mouthful to eat because it looks so good! If you're feeling generous, you can leave a baked tray of this at the office after Lent and if Bernadette's around I'll consider sharing with her.*

## **What is your Ministry/Involvement with OLOD?**

I'm involved in parish music activities, including the Parish Choir- and I play piano and organ. It's very collegial and social under Patrick's leadership, and we'd love to have more parishioners join.

I attend Anthony Seeto's Exploring the Faith course on Wednesday evenings, I find it very enriching.

I love going to Holy Hour and adoration when I can, and joining the Parish pilgrimages and retreats.

## **What inspires you to do what you do for the church?**

I feel very privileged to be part of such a prayerful parish, and to be shepherded by such loving priests who really care about our spiritual life.

## **What has been your biggest challenge?**

The loss of a family member through suicide.

## **What does Our Lady of Sorrows symbolise for you?**

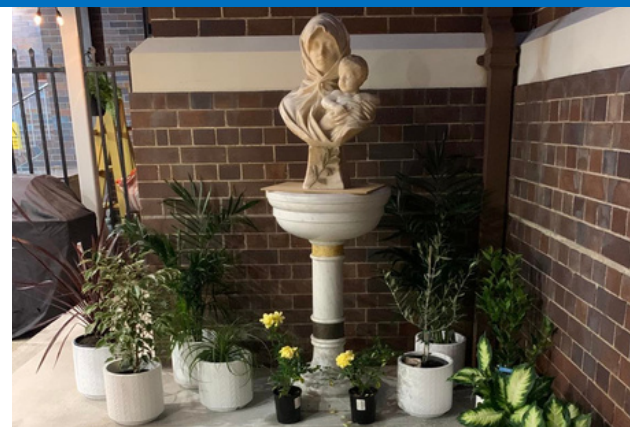
Our Lady of Sorrows is a powerhouse of prayer around the clock. That prayer life really drives our energy and ambition to do great things as a parish.

**Start a conversation - If you see Bernadette around, say hello!**

## 7:30AM MASS MORNING TEA

Please join us this Sunday morning after 7.30am Mass for morning tea in PEW cafe at the side entrance of the Church.

*Jan Hunter*



# COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

Last month the OLOD Community Action Group updated us on Yasir, Neilab, and little Mahtab who are the family that they are assisting through the Refugee Mentorship program. You can read this article online at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/news-events/parish-bulletins> and select the bulletin for 12 February 2023.

The Community Action group continues to support our mentee, Yasir and Neilab and their young daughter. We keep in touch on a regular basis to provide social and community connectedness.

Soon Neilab will be joining our English language conversation group as she wants to improve her English skills and meet others experiencing similar challenges.

We also provided some practical support such as pieces of furniture.

In a couple of weeks, their daughter will turn 2 and we plan to give her a gift and party. It will be her first birthday in Australia!

Please continue to keep this family in your prayers.

If you would like to donate to Mahtab's birthday please transfer your donation to the parish account below and note the transaction as Mahtab's Birthday: Chatswood Parish Working A/C

BSB: 062 784 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 100001609



## CHOIR CORNER

### CHOIR

Choir practice runs every Tuesday evening 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the choir loft in the church. You don't have to be a good singer, it's more about letting the beauty of the music enhance our prayer and worship. All are welcome!

### 10:30 AM CHOIR

There is an open invitation to join the 10:30am Choir that sings on the 4th Sunday of the Month lead by Sunny Chandra. After the 10:30am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month there is a rehearsal at the St Paul meeting room.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are looking at growing our Children's Choir so if your child loves to sing, please bring them along! The Children's Choir sings at the 9am Sunday Mass on the third Sunday of each month. Rehearsals are held after the 9am Mass the second Sunday of each month so there is time to prepare.



If you have any questions, please contact me at [chatswoodmusic@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodmusic@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Patrick Harrison, Director of Music**



# PARISH PICS



The parish is always a hive of activity, especially for the past couple of weeks!  
Enjoy these pics from a few of the events we celebrated.



Great shots from our  
choir practices this week!



This month's Seniors Morning Tea featured a visit from Gina from the free trade brand Ethica.



Prayer began with a reflection on the World Day of prayer that was held this week, and then we got our wallets out to support a fantastic cause!



# PARISH PICS



Beautiful images at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Hornsby, of our candidates for the Rite of Election.



Congratulations to Cheryl on completing the Foundations of Missionary Leadership Course through the Areté Centre!



## FEBRUARY CAPTION COMPETITION

Congratulations to the winner of last month's competition, Victoria who won our judges with her caption on the picture below:



Masters Games next year:  
go higher, stronger Team OLD!



The competition this month was very close - check out some of the other fantastic caption below that gave us all a laugh:

"Getting younger by the day by getting fitter by the minute"

"You raised me up!"

Shake those cans! Next month we use full ones!

"Put your hands up if you like to feed the hungry!"

If I can, you can,

We can all can can!

Together we can!

Heavens above! 🙌

Exercise keeps you fit, focused and flexible    It's not hard work 😊 But a barrel of fun 😄

Romper Room for Seniors: "Bend and stretch, reach for the sky, ..."

## PIETY STALL

When you enter the church, on the right hand side you'll see a room - that's our piety stall! Open after Mass every Sunday (including the Saturday night Vigil), the piety stall is a great place to have a look at gifts, cards, ornaments and many more items helping to encourage your faith.

Check out some of the items that will be stocked this month and pay the team a visit.

Before the middle of the year the piety stall will be completely cashless, helping to make payments easier for our community.



# YOUTH

Hey everyone! Have a look below at our upcoming youth ministry events. We're back for 2023 and our team is so excited to journey alongside the young people of our Parish!

*Cailin Geraghty, Youth Leader*



## Youth Groups



**FOR YEAR**  
5-8



**FOR YEAR**  
9-12

### **DATES / TIMES**

BOTH GROUPS MEET ON THE 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH (DURING SCHOOL TERM)

6:30PM-8:30PM

### **LOCATION**

MEET IN THE FORECOURT OF OUR LADY OF DOLOURS



## Youth Masses

**SUNDAY 5:30PM**

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES:

READING  
MUSIC  
WELCOMING  
ALTAR SERVING  
COLLECTIONS  
OFFERTORY

## Young Adults

### **DATES / TIMES**

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH

6:30PM-8:30PM

*Stay Updated*

### **EMAIL**

FOUNDATIONYOUTHMINISTRY.OLD@GMAIL.COM

### **INSTAGRAM**

FOUNDATION\_YOUTH\_MINISTRY

### **FACEBOOK**

SCAN THE QR CODE





# APR 15

PIZZA LUNCHEON  
WYD FUNDRAISER

OVER 18s EVENT  
FOOD AND DRINKS  
INCLUDED



Tickets \$85

## BAKE SALE

Foundation Youth members will be selling baked goods to fundraise for WYD.

More details coming soon!



# MAR 18-19



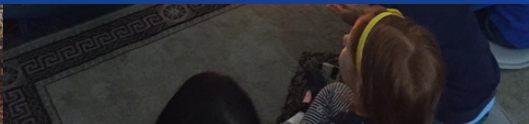
# WORLD YOUTH DAY

Our young adults are preparing to join hundreds and thousands of other young people in celebrating their faith at World Youth Day in Lisbon this year! Sean Dixon, Cailin Geraghty, Clive Sam, Monty Calimbahin, Savio Coutinho, Ashleigh Wan, Thomas Hurrell will join other young Aussies in Lisbon together with Pope Francis to celebrate the joy and unique gifts that young people bring to our Church. If you would like to support our pilgrims, there is a tap and go donation point at the back of the church where you can also read more about them.

Please continue to keep all the pilgrims in your prayers.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Our parish Atrium session times are:

For 3-6-year-olds

- Monday 10:00am - 11:30am and 4:00pm - 5:30pm
- Tuesday 4:00pm - 5:30pm
- Thursday 10:00am - 11:30am

For 6-9 and 9-12-year-olds

- Monday 4:00pm - 5:30pm
- Tuesday 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Term 1 Sessions:

Monday 6 February until 6 April (9 weeks)

Term 2 Sessions:

Monday 1 May until Thursday 29 June (9 weeks)

Term 3 Sessions:

Monday 24 July until Thursday 21 September (9 weeks)

Term 4 Sessions:

Monday 16 October until Thursday 7 December (8 weeks)



*"Children are the joy of  
the family and of  
society."*

*Pope Francis*

## Family Mass

Our gam Family Mass is a family and child-friendly liturgy oriented to families with young children. This Mass is central to our mission of empowering parents in their role of bringing their children into relationship with God through their connection to the parish community.

There are many ways you and your child can get involved in this Mass such as:

- Join the Children's Liturgy of the Word .
- Sing in the Children's Choir on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- Children from Year 3 and up can join the Prayer Reading Roster.

But the best way to begin is to come along, see how everything unfolds and encourage your children to get involved. See you there!



ALL ARE WELCOME!

KINDY

*Blessing*



**19 March 9:00am Family Mass**  
**Our Lady of Dolours**  
94 Archer St Chatswood

**Please bring a plate of food to share and join us after Mass in the school playground for morning tea.**

For any queries contact: Angela at  
[angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)

Our Lady  
of Dolours



Altar flower arrangements can be donated to honour any special occasion.

Donations can be made on a one-time basis or annually. The suggested donation for floral arrangements is \$100.

Volunteers will then beautifully and simply arrange your flowers for Sunday.

Please submit your donation at least one month prior to the date you would like to dedicate the flowers.

To reserve a date on the calendar, contact the parish on 02 9410 9000 or [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au)

*Scan this QR code to donate to the first or second collection for our Parish.  
Thank you for the many ways in which you support our parish!*



## Home Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be available again to visit your home for a week from Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday. A special blessing will be given when the statue is picked up from O.L.D. church after 9 am Mass.

A booklet of prayers will be provided to help your family and friends to venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary.

If interested, please contact via text or audio call for reservation

*Cecilia @ 0466 961 240; or,*

*Ditas @ 0405 999 510*



# Pre-election...Be informed!

**Get  
the  
facts**

top pick of topics and speakers  
Something for you. Connect, share,

**Hear the  
stories**

**PUBLIC FORUM  
MONDAY 13 MARCH  
5.00-7.00 PM**

**Dougherty Community Centre  
7 Victor Street, Chatswood**

**Find out more about these issues before you vote:**

## **HOMELESSNESS & WOMEN IN NSW**

Unaffordable housing, high rents and no-cause evictions are causing growing homelessness, especially among women over 55

## **FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE IN NSW**

NSW is the only State not to have begun a process towards Treaty and reconciliation. Let's get it started.

## **NORTH SHORE'S ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

NSW communities of koala, platypus and rock wallaby face extinction due to bushfires, land clearing and climate change

**Free to the public...Expert speakers...Personal stories...Question time**



*Our goal is to make sure  
our election candidates  
care: about social &  
environmental justice -  
and our children's future*

To register, please go to:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/northsiders-care-public-forum>  
or use your phone to scan



For more information:  
[northsiders.belief.in.action@gmail.com](mailto:northsiders.belief.in.action@gmail.com)



Lenten

*Retreat*

With Sr Damian Lai S.P.C



A Biblical Walk  
with our God of  
History, Mystery &  
Majesty

**25 MARCH**

**10:30 am - 3:00PM**

**MAGNIFICAT ROOM**

**BYO LUNCH**

*All  
Welcome!*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WILD GOOSE



DISCOVERING A DEEPER  
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY  
SPIRIT

### THE WILD GOOSE

Reflection and Discussion on the  
Holy Spirit, beginning March 7.

Tuesdays 7:30pm- 9:00pm  
Magnificat Room, Kirk Street

All welcome!

Any questions? Contact Gill at  
[gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com](mailto:gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com)

*The Wild Goose series is truly a work of the Holy Spirit. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit.*

*It is a 14 part series featuring Fr Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert,*

*The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.*



## Spiritual Direction

Now available with Fr Joey.

For more information please e-mail the parish  
office at [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au)

### Aid to the Church in Need

The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule.

Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help!

To make an offering and learn more visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject)





## Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Act 2022 Bill

The Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Act 2022 Bill is currently before a Senate Committee which will consider submissions from the public by 10 March 2023. This Bill clarifies that children born alive are persons; requires health practitioners to provide medical care, treatment and statistics on children born alive as a result of terminations; and provides that the mother of a child born alive is not liable to prosecution for an offence in respect of that child.

We all have the opportunity to express our view in defence of the most innocent and defenceless amongst us to ensure that they receive the care proper to their dignity as a human being.

Please write a submission for your support for the Born Alive Bill. Your submission should be as concise as possible while still expressing clearly your views on this issue. When writing your submission please state what do you want the government to do? e.g. providing crisis counselling for mothers who want a late-term abortion.

Send your submission to:

Committee Secretary

Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs

PO Box 6100, Parliament House

Canberra ACT 2600

[community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au)

You can email your submission to the committee secretariat or to [seniorclerk.committees.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:seniorclerk.committees.sen@aph.gov.au)

Details on how to make a submission:

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/How\\_to\\_make\\_a\\_submission](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/How_to_make_a_submission)

For resources on how to write a submission

[https://www.acl.org.au/born\\_alive](https://www.acl.org.au/born_alive)

Mr Alex Antic, Liberal Senator for South Australia has created an online petition which we should all sign in addition to sending a submission:

[https://www.alexantic.com.au/children\\_born\\_alive](https://www.alexantic.com.au/children_born_alive)

## DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH?

### JOIN OUR LIFESTYLE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PROGRAMME(LECP)

2023 PROGRAMME COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH



#### G'day

You're here! Fabulous!  
Maybe you speak a  
little English; maybe  
you speak a lot!

Would you like to  
improve your  
conversational English?

#### What is Lifestyle English Conversation Programme?

As a person with a language  
background other than English, this  
programme may be of particular  
interest to you.

LECP gives people (over 18) of all  
cultural backgrounds who are not  
comfortable with the use of  
everyday English, the opportunity to  
improve their language skills and  
build confidence through  
conversations in English with the  
support of our mentors.



#### What is involved?

Each week mentors will select  
'topics' of interest as the basis of  
our conversations in English.

You will have the opportunity to  
develop your speaking skills and  
increase your confidence in a  
friendly space!



#### Still interested?

For more information please contact  
Anthony on 0414364522/  
anthony@churчинthecity.com.au  
(Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Catholic Church)

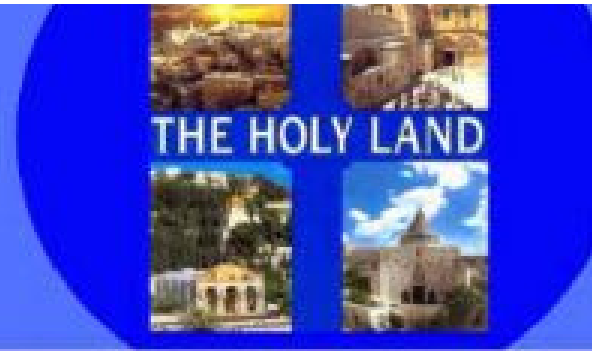
If you know friends or family members who could  
benefit from LECP, please let them know!



**WHEN DO WE MEET?**  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
FROM 9:30-11:00AM  
DURING SCHOOL TERM

**WHERE:**  
MAGNIFICAT PARISH  
MEETING ROOM, O.L.D.  
CHATSWOOD

# Holy Land Pilgrimage



**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land starts on 26th September for 8 nights 9 days for 30 pilgrims.**

**Note: 20 already expressed interest to join but not all confirmed yet**

**Proposed program: Mass will be celebrated daily**

**Day 1 - Arrival; transfer to Haifa, Mt Carmel Stella Maris;**

**Day 2 - Cana, Tiberias (Mount Beatitudes, Capernaum, Tabgha, Boat ride on Sea of Galilee), Nazareth**

**Day 3 - Mount Tabor, Jericho, Mt Temptation, Dead Sea, Wadi Welt to view St George in Kotziba**

**Day 4 - Bethlehem - Shepherd's Field, Church of the Nativity, St Catherine Church, Milk Grotto, Mt Zion, Dormition Abbey, Cenacle**

**Day 5 - Ein Karem, Basilica of Visitation, Church of St John the Baptist; Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum**

**Day 6 - Wailing Wall and temple area; via Dolorosa; Old city of Jerusalem: Jewish, Moslem and Christian Quarters**

**Day 7 - Bethany, Lazarus Tomb, Bethphage, Mount of Olives, Ascension place, Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemani, Basilica of the Agony, Tomb of BVM**

**Day 8 - Full visit of Holy Sepulchre; Abu Gosh**

**Day 9 - Transfer to Ben Gurion airport after Mass & breakfast**

**Pilgrimage Cost: per person**

**10 - 14 pilgrims AUD 3700**

**15 - 24 pilgrims AUD 3200**

**25 - 35 pilgrims AUD 2500**

**Single supplement - additional AUD 1200**

**INCLUSION:**

**Hotel accommodation with breakfast and dinner**

**1 night: Haifa - Stella Maris Mt Carmel**

**1 night: Nazareth - Legacy or similar 4-star**

**6 nights: Jerusalem - Olive Tree or similar 4-star**

**Deluxe air-conditioned bus with wifi**

**Chaplain (Fr Joey)**

**Local English-speaking guide**

**Entrance fee for visits mentioned in the program**

**Parking and portage where necessary**

**Pilgrimage Cost:**

**NOT INCLUDED**

Lunches

Tips of all kinds

Drinks

Flights\*

Insurance

- **Note:** You need to book your own flights so you can use your frequent flyer points or flight credits, if any. We will advise expected date/time to meet in Tel Aviv. We can provide assistance to book flights on case-to-case basis.

Petra, Jordan extension after pilgrimage can be offered depending on the number of people interested.

Please contact Fr Joey or Ditas for further details via

email - [bhnaguit@gmail.com](mailto:bhnaguit@gmail.com)

with cc: [joey.frez@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:joey.frez@bbcatholic.org.au)

or text/call - 0405999510

by **14 February 2023** – to secure accommodation in Holy Land.

In case political unrest is imminent cancellation 45 days before the departure will be allowed without penalty. Highly recommended to purchase travel insurance as soon as final payment is made.

Deposit of \$250 will be requested to secure your place. Payment can be made by credit card via TryBooking (link to be sent).



Legacy Nazareth Hotel



Olive Tree Hotel



## 2023

CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY INC.

**華人天主教會主辦**

**粵語避靜**

**主講:** Fr. Joseph Yim 閻德龍神父

**主題:** 共識同行你我他，齊來建造主的家！

**地點/日期/時間:** Mount Schoenstatt Spiritually Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, NSW

<http://schoenstatt.org.au/>

From 7:00 pm 11/4 to 4:00 pm 13/4

**FEE 費用:**

	Description	Check-in	Check-out	Meal	Fee
A	12/4 Wednesday- day attendant	8:30am 12/4	6:00pm 12/4	Morning tea, Afternoon tea & Lunch (buffet style).	\$60
B	13/4 Thursday- day attendant	8:30am 13/4	4:00pm 13/4	Morning tea & Lunch (buffet style).	\$60
C	11/4 Tuesday – 13/4 Thursday	7:00pm 11/4 (No Dinner, Light supper only.)	4:00pm 13/4	Breakfast, Morning tea, Afternoon tea, Lunch (buffet style), Dinner (buffet style) & Light supper.	
	Single Room (單人房)	(27/2 前報名 : \$265)			\$280
	Twin Share (二人房, 獨立床)	(27/2 前報名 : \$235)			\$250
	<b>註: 若無指定人選, 將由大會 安排相同性別的參與者同房。</b>				

**The links for Google Form:**

- For day attendant WITHOUT Accommodation: <https://forms.gle/Hq4uyOYatiqrvhA19>
- For attendant WITH Accommodation: <https://forms.gle/rkSUZTQVwXWfjpf16>

**Payment by Electronic Fund Transfer or cheque ONLY**

(A) EFT:- Account name: CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY INCORPORATE  
 BSB: 083-088 Account No. 23-412-0005  
 Please quote the name of applicant and email your bank receipt and  
 Registration Form to [registration@ccc-inc.org.au](mailto:registration@ccc-inc.org.au)

**Cheque:** Payable to Chinese Catholic Community Inc. and lodge with Registration Form to any centre, Kingsgrove/Hurstville group, Happy Family group or post to **PO Box 295 Epping NSW 1710**

**Registration deadline 截止報名: 27/3**

**FIRST COME FIRST SERVE**

**報名先到先得, 額滿即止**

- 1) Fee is Non-refundable unless replacement can be arranged by Spiritual Formation team. 不設退款。
- 2) All registrations are not transferable. 名額不得轉讓。





## ON GOING

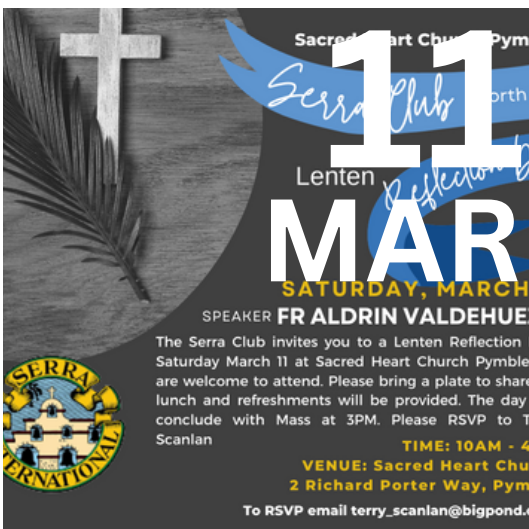
### Meditation Days at St Benedict's Monastery, Arcadia

Invitation to St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia for 2023 :  
Sundays - 19th February, 21st May, 20th August and 19th November.  
For our Introduction and Renewal Days for Christian Meditation.

Timetable : Arrival from 10am to register for a 10:30am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, periods of meditation, Mass, information exchange, conclusion around 3pm.

Book display and morning tea provided, BYO picnic lunch.

Enquires : Ann Bergman, [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com) or Ann Lomas ,  
[atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) / 9653 2637



### World Day of Prayer Serra Lenten Reflection Day

Serra is holding a Lenten Reflection Day at Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Saturday 11th March commencing at 10.00 am and concluding with Mass at 3.00 pm. Our Chaplain Father Aldrin Valdehueva, Assistant Priest at Epping and Carlingford Parish will be our speaker.



### Day of the Unborn Child

10:30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney  
12:00pm Street Procession  
1:30pm Benediction

Join the celebration and commemoration of the importance and beauty of all life.

for further information contact Maureen Playdon 0428 402 528



### The Art of Liturgical Celebration Liturgy and Music Conference 28-30 September, Brisbane

6 Keynote presentations, 50+ Workshops, Conference Mass, Panel Discussion, Regional Interest Group, Yarning Circles, Conference Dinner, Trade and Resource Exhibits.

This conference is an absolute MUST for all liturgists, musicians, clergy, choristers, lay liturgical ministers, composers, teachers, conductors, liturgy teams, campus ministers - all who love liturgy and music! Enquiries: [liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au](mailto:liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au)



## Free Lenten Video Series

*Discover the path to profound peace & happiness.*

### What is it?

A totally free video series from evangelist Matthew Leonard that will help you surrender all your difficulties to the Lord and find interior peace.

### How do I watch it?

Scan the QR Code for the sign up page (or go to [ScienceOfSainthood.com](http://ScienceOfSainthood.com)).

### When does it begin?

Streaming begins Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and lasts through Lent.

*“Can I just say - WOW!”*

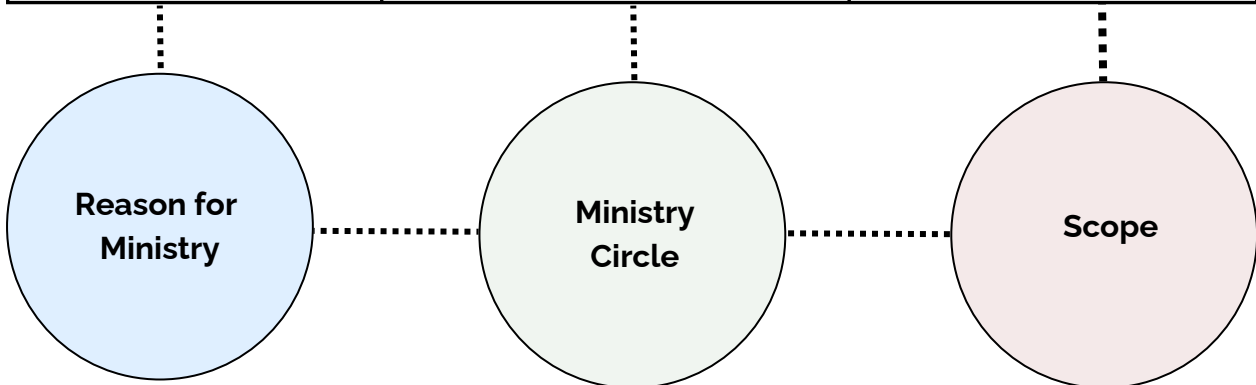
*“There is NOTHING like this in “Catholic-land” online.”*



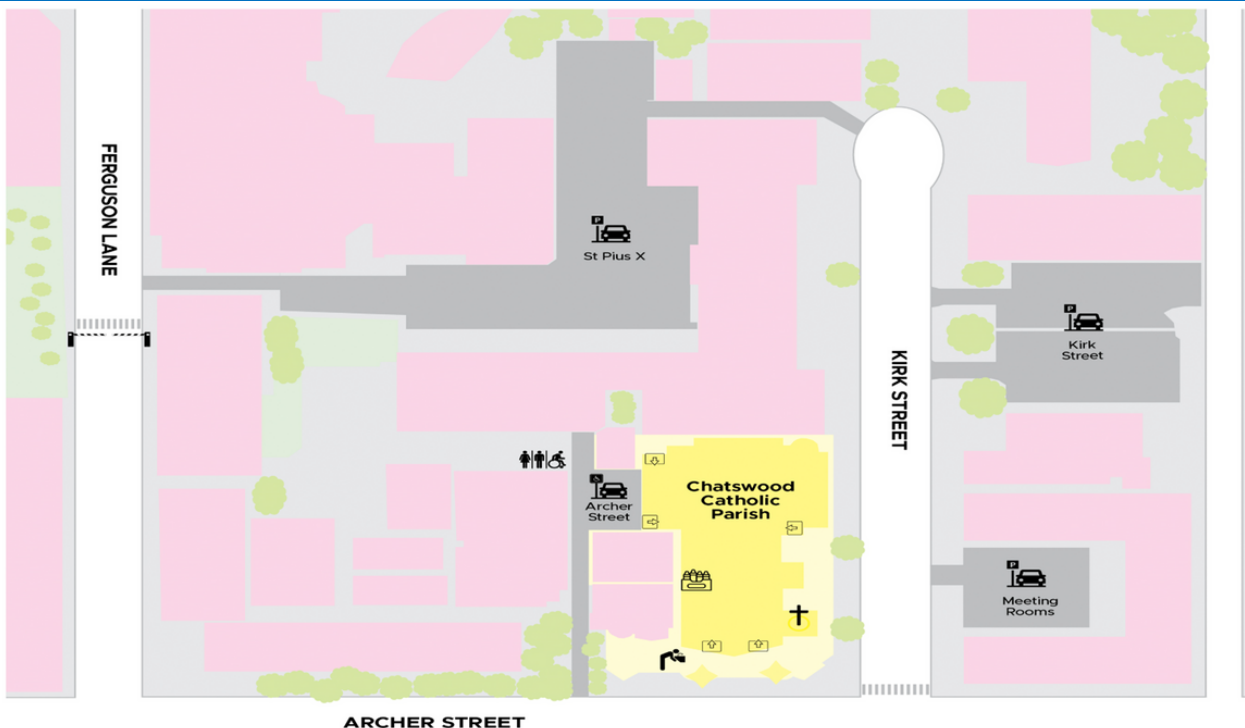
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# OUR CIRCLES OF MINISTRY

Love God Mark 12:30	Worshiping Together Leading Reflective Lives	Liturgy and Music Prayer and Spirituality
Love One Another John 13:34	Nurturing Relationships Caring for our World Caring for One Another	Community and Family Ecology and Social Justice Support and Visitations
Make Disciples Matthew 28:18-20	Growing in Faith Sharing the Good News Building our Future	Catechesis and Formation Mission and Evangelisation Administration and Stewardship
Supports all ministries	Building our Future	Administration and Stewardship



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## Mass This Week:

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

Tuesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

Wednesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

Thursday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.  
Reconciliation: 7:00pm.

Friday Mass: 9:00am & 12:30pm.

Saturday Mass: 9:00am  
Reconciliation: 9:30am.

Sunday Masses:

5:30pm Vigil  
(Saturday Night).

7:30am

9:00am

10:30am

5:30pm  
Youth Mass



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Want to receive the bulletin via e-mail?

Contact Olivia at

Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au

**The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday  
from 9:00am - 5:00pm.**

**You are always welcome to call in or visit us.**



Second Sunday of Lent  
March 5th, 2023

This is my beloved Son  
with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.



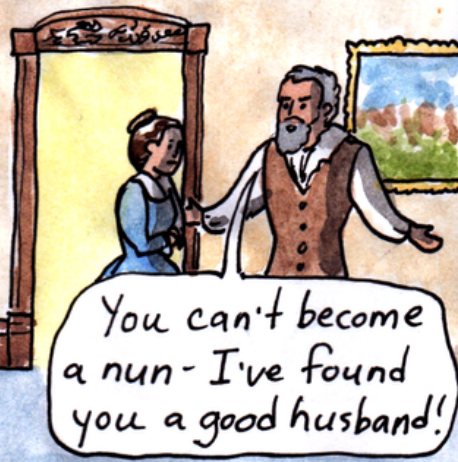
*What did Peter, James and John hear from the bright cloud when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain?*

*Look in the mirror to find out!*

# Saint Frances of Rome

## March 9

FRANCES WAS BORN TO A RICH ROMAN FAMILY IN THE LATE 1300'S. SHE WANTED TO BECOME A NUN BUT HER FATHER WOULDN'T LET HER.



INSTEAD SHE HAD TO MARRY A RICH YOUNG MAN, BUT SHE STILL WANTED TO PRAY AND DO GOOD WORKS.



HER BROTHER IN LAW'S WIFE FELT THE SAME WAY, SO THEY PRAYED AND WORKED TOGETHER.



FRANCES HAD THREE CHILDREN, BUT TWO OF THEM DIED.

WHEN A PLAGUE STRUCK ROME, FRANCES WENT OUT TO HELP THE SICK.



WHEN HER HUSBAND WAS AWAY BECAUSE OF A BATTLE, HER HOUSE WAS PLUNDERED. AFTERWARD SHE USED IT FOR A HOSPITAL.



FRANCES HAD THE SPECIAL GRACE OF SEEING HER GUARDIAN ANGEL. WHEN HER HUSBAND DIED SHE FINALLY JOINED A CONVENT.

SAINT FRANCES OF ROME WANTED TO PRAY AND HELP THE POOR AS A NUN, BUT GOD WANTED HER TO DO WHAT HER FATHER TOLD HER. BECAUSE SHE WAS RICH SHE WAS ABLE TO HELP MANY POOR PEOPLE. GOD WANTS US TO USE OUR TALENTS AND THE GOOD THINGS WE HAVE TO HELP OTHERS.

# Word Find

JESUS took Peter, JAMES, and JOHN his brother, and led them up a high MOUNTAIN by THEMSELVES. And he was TRANSGURED before them; his FACE SHONE like the SUN and his CLOTHES became WHITE as LIGHT. And behold, Moses and ELIJAH appeared to them, conversing with him. Then PETER said to Jesus in reply, "LORD, it is GOOD that we are here. If you wish, I will make THREE tents here, one for you, one for MOSES and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright CLOUD cast a SHADOW OVER them, then from the cloud came a VOICE that said, "This is my beloved SON, with whom I am well PLEASED; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they FELL prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "RISE, and do not be AFRAID." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus ALONE.

*Find all the words in CAPITALS above in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks below.*

After all this happened, Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone

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# Jesus Shows His Glory



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain and gave them a vision of His true glory. He shone as bright as the sun- so bright they could hardly look at Him. But did you know that what they saw was only a tiny bit of the true glory of God?

It was so beautiful that Peter wanted Him to stay that way. He offered to build tents for Jesus and Moses and Elijah, who appeared with Him. But the joy of this moment wasn't meant to last forever. It was just a little taste of Heaven.

Jesus gave this experience to the three apostles just a little while before He went to Jerusalem to suffer and die on the cross. He knew that they would be terrified and very sad when He died so He gave them a preview of the glory He would go back to after He rose from the dead. That way they knew they had a reason to hope even when He was killed.

Sometimes we have awful things to suffer through too. Maybe a friend will move away or one of our grandparents will die. But we never have to give up hope because we know that eventually everyone who loves Jesus will live in total happiness in Heaven.

