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PARISH OF CHATSWOOD

12 March - 18 March 2023

Third Week of Lent (Year A)



Woman at the well - 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

Would you like to receive our Parish Bulletin by email? Please contact chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

In this week's bulletin we prepare to host 24 hours for the Lord on the 17-18 of March. This is a beautiful initiative designed to encourage people into prayer through Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation because we will open the church doors for 24 hours from 9:00am Friday morning. If you're unsure of what Adoration is, give the office a call and we will happily chat with you about what this means. Everyone is welcome to visit the church for this event!

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

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

This week's Gospel - John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42





Dear friends

A very warm congratulations and our best wishes to our Administration Assistant, Chloe Aylward and her husband, Matt who last Monday delivered a new baby boy, Pax William. We give God thanks for Pax's safe birth and ask the Lord every blessing upon him.

Last week we have attended to the long outstanding need of maintenance on our parish carparks off Kirk Street. The landscaping has now been cleaned, and soon we will have the parking lines re-painted. The carpark, too, will be regularly maintained now to be in the best shape it can.

We have also invested in a defibrillator for our parish church – an essential medical resource that is important to have in any place people gather. Our team is now learning how to use it with maximum efficacy!

This coming week we have quite a bit happening. On Monday 13 March the painters will be here to begin the renovation of the downstairs of our parish office. This will make things quite disruptive for several weeks, so we thank everyone for their patience in advance.

However, from Morning Mass on Friday 17 March to Morning Mass on Saturday 18 March, our parish will conduct "24 Hours for the Lord". Pope Francis has encouraged Catholics around the world to participate in the 24 Hours for the Lord initiative. It is an initiative organized by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, and held annually on the Friday and Saturday preceding the fourth Sunday of Lent. A church in every diocese around the world is kept open for 24 consecutive hours. The faithful are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to pray in spiritual union with the Holy Father. And so we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the 24 hours with the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation through the day and Friday evening. What a remarkable way to enter our Lenten Season.

Next Friday is also St Patrick's Day and next Saturday is the Feast Day of St Joseph. And so, following our Saturday 5.30pm Vigil Mass on 18 March we will have a joint Irish and Italian concert on our Forecourt! Do come along and enjoy the music!

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

ANNIVERSARY:

Sr Marie Elizabeth; Maurice Jaques.

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.



Our Lady of Dolours Parish is committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and those in the community who are vulnerable.

Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ who teaches the fundamental sanctity of each human person.

Should you witness anything that undermines the safety of anyone in this parish please contact the parish office on 02 9410 9000 or chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au or contact the Office of Safeguarding on 8379 1605



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

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

Palms Wanted for Palm Sunday

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 be willing to donate some palms to the parish.

If anyone can supply us with palms, it would be greatly appreciated.

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

Thank you for your help.
Dcn Kevin Hale



*But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to others to be fasting, except to our Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.
Matthew 6:17-18*

至於你，當你禁食時，要用油抹你的頭，洗你的臉，不要叫人看出你禁食來，但叫你那在暗中之父看見，你的父在暗中看見，必要報答你。 瑪竇福音 6:17-18

We all know how refreshing a glass of cold water is on a hot day - water is key to life. Yet, fizzy soft drinks are more popular than water. Tea and coffee and alcohol are always popular thirst quenchers, and we know that they all have negative consequences when we consume them. Not everything we drink is good for us. Today's scriptural passages speak of the human thirst for life and how that thirst is met.

The people of Israel, we are told, after they had fled Egypt, wandered in the desert for forty years before they reached their ancestral home, the Promised Land. There are at least two things going on in this Exodus account just proclaimed. On the one hand, the people are thirsty; in fact they are tormented by thirst in the desert. God provides life-giving water for them. On the other hand, the people complain and grumble about being thirsty in the desert. As the psalm said, at Meribah and Massah their hearts hardened in the desert and they put God to the test. Even though God had liberated them from slavery in Egypt, this was not enough: they wanted more. I think we can say it is okay to want more, but the people of Israel questioned the gift of freedom God had given them through Moses. When they said they would have been better off staying in Egypt rather than being led by God through the desert, they were rejecting, or at least doubting, the gift of new life God was offering.

The Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, or the well of Shechem, also wants more out of life. In her dialogue with Jesus she begins to realise that she is thirsty for meaning in her life, thirsty for fulfilment, thirsty for satisfaction, and that she had not yet found it. The story, found only in John's Gospel, tells us she had been married and divorced many times; she had drunk the fizzy soft drink, the tea and coffee, the alcohol of life, but had not discovered the one thing that would benefit her: living water. Marriage can be a way of finding fulfilment and a way of finding God, but it had not worked that way for her. But rather than grumble about the failures of her life, this woman—this foreign woman, let us not forget—remained opened to promise. When Jesus offers her living water, she is ready to say yes to that.

Not only was the Samaritan woman thirsty, but Jesus was thirsty too. This is the part of the story we probably do not think much about, but St Augustine of Hippo did when he preached on this passage about 1600 years ago. He said, 'Yet in asking her for a drink, he was really thirsting for that woman's faith'. Augustine continued, 'He asks for a drink and he promises a drink. He is in need and wants to receive; he is rich and wants to satisfy the needs of others'. [Footnote: In *Euangelium Iohannis Tractatus 15*. The excerpts from the translations of Augustine's homilies on the Gospel of John come from Augustine, *Homilies on the Gospel of John*, trans. Edmund Hill, in *The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century*, part III/12 (New York: New City Press, and Augustinian Heritage Institute, 2009).]

What God is offering this woman through Jesus, according to Augustine, is the Holy Spirit. He asks her for her faith and she offers it to him by recognising him as the messiah. She runs to share this discovery with the rest of her village. Faith is not just for personal benefit: it is to be shared. As Augustine reminds us, 'She is a symbol of the Church not yet justified, but about to be justified, for this is the drift of their conversation'. She is also a symbol of those preparing for initiation. Jesus asks them to give him their faith and in return he gives them his body and blood as nourishment for a life that is full of meaning and satisfaction.

We are thankful today for the God who has given us living water in baptism to quench our thirst and give our lives true purpose, we are thankful for Jesus who breaks down all the barriers that divide us and reaches out to us in our need, we are thankful for the Spirit who fills us with faith.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

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

Tuesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm

14 March: Morning Prayer: 8:45am
Rosary 9:30am
Pius X College Bible Liturgy 10:00am

Wednesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm

15 March: Morning Prayer 8:45am
Rosary 9:30am
Anointing of the sick after 12:30pm Mass

Thursday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm

16 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 **24 hours for the Lord begins after 9:00am Mass.**

17 March: Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm
Solemnity of St Patrick Morning Prayer 8:45am
Rosary 9:30am
Stations of the Cross 11:45am and 7:30pm

Saturday **24 hours for the Lord concludes.**

18 March: Mass 9:00am
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).

19 March:
7:30am

4th Sunday of Lent 9:00am Family Mass - Kindy Blessing

10:30am

12:00pm Spanish Mass

5:30pm Youth Mass

7:00pm Indonesian Mass



Cultural Community Mass:

Filipino: 12:00pm, 1st Sunday | Spanish: 12:00pm, 3rd Sunday | Indonesian: 7:00pm, 3rd Sunday

Monday 13 March:

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

4:00pm: Atrium all 3 levels (Atrium).

5:00pm: Community Action Public Forum (Dougherty Centre).

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

Tuesday 14 March:

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

4:00pm: Atrium all 3 levels (Atrium).

6:30pm: LIFE Formation (St Peter).

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 15 March:

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

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

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

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

Thursday 16 March:

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

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

Friday 17 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 18 March:

9:00am: Youth Storing cakes for Bake Sale (Magnificat).

11:00am: Choir Practice (St Paul).

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

Sunday 19 March:

Youth bake sale after Masses on Sunday (Church)

9:00am: Choir Practice (St Paul).

5:00pm: Indonesian Choir Practice and Fellowship (Magnificat & St Paul).

6:30pm: Capstone (St Peter).



ABOUT US: VIRGINIA LAGOS



This week we meet Virginia! Temperatures hit the high 30's - which may have worked fine for Virginia because she could sit back and enjoy either one of her favourite desserts - mango or mocha ice cream - as she jots away planning the writing of her second book. Virginia's love of words also keeps her busy in her free time too as she taps away playing online Scrabble with other players around the globe.

What is your Ministry/Involvement with OLOD?

I am part of the Choir at the 9.00 am Mass on 1st Sunday of the month and the 10.30 am Mass on 3rd Sunday of the month.

I was the Co-ordinator for the Spanish Mass since its inception in March 2021 until January 2023.

I was also a Choir Member from March to July 2021; then Masses resumed after Covid in March 2022 and I became a Reader.

I am currently a member of the Community Action Group in OLOD. We are becoming busier in organising a Pre-Election Public Forum on 13th March for Northsiders to ensure candidates will endorse the issues of homelessness, climate change and treaty. We are also going to hold a Community Freedom Feast on Saturday 3rd June 2023 at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood (Harrington Hall). This feast is in solidarity with Sydney's refugees and asylum seekers as well as being a feast to bring all the parish together. We are celebrating the Feast of Jesus' question "Who Is My Neighbour?"

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

Church has always been part of my life since childhood and I am happy that I have been able to contribute my God-given talent and I will continue doing so until God calls me.

What has been your biggest challenge?

As the Co-Ordinator of the Spanish Mass I found it challenging to get people to attend our Spanish Mass. There aren't many Catholic Spanish speaking people in our area. Also organising the Mass and Fellowship Lunch was also a challenge because I had to think about all the details.

What does Our Lady of Sorrows symbolise for you?

Our Lady of Sorrows depicts a mother in pain and helpless. But she accepted her destiny when she consented to be the Mother of God. Our Church is like a mother who takes everything in stride. Being a mother myself I relate to Our Lady of Sorrows because I have had my share of sadness and disappointments.

Start a conversation - If you see Virginia around, say hola!

A reminder that we are hosting a birthday party for little Mahtab, whose family our Community Action Group supports. This will be her first birthday in Australia! 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



24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

MARCH 17 - 18

From 9:00am next Friday, until 9:00am the following Saturday, Our Lady of Dolours church will be open for 24 hours in solidarity with Pope Francis' call for at least one church in each diocese around the world to be open for people to experience Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation.

You are warmly invited to stop by at any time, to sit and pray, and receive Reconciliation. Reconciliation times will be updated on the website and Facebook closer to the date. At this moment Reconciliation is confirmed for Friday morning 9:30am and Friday evening 6:00pm with more times to come.

Bring your family, bring your friends, or just yourself and enjoy this experience. The theme for this year is: "God, have mercy on me, a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

For any questions please contact the parish office at chatswood.parish@bbcatholic.org.au

MEDITATE IN MAY

The World Community for Christian Meditation (NSW) presents:
'MEDITATE IN MAY'
Free 4-week Course via Zoom

An introduction to silent meditation in the Christian Tradition. This course is delivered in 4-sessions; each session has a different topic and there is time for practice and questions.
Each session is around 1hr and 20 minutes.

Sessions are Mondays 7:30pm Sydney time on the following dates: 1-May; 8-May; 15-May and 22-May.

Enquiries/Booking: email to maximoc@gmail.com or
SMS 0431 996 108



WCCM

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

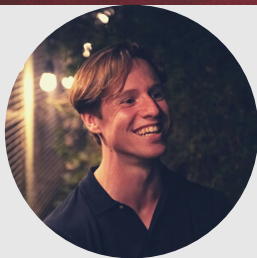
There is an open invitation to join the 10:30am Choir that sings on the 4th Sunday of the Month lead by Sunny Chandra. After the 10:30am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month there is a rehearsal at the St Paul meeting room.

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 gam Sunday Mass on the third Sunday of each month. Rehearsals are held after the gam Mass the second Sunday of each month so there is time to prepare.

YOUTH MASS

Now that we have a weekly Youth Mass each Sunday 5:30pm, you are invited to join in the music ministry! We meet in the choir loft each Sunday at 4:30pm. Hope to see some more young adults and teens there!



If you have any questions, please contact me at chatswoodmusic@bbccatholic.org.au

Patrick Harrison, Director of Music

VINNIES MONTHLY REPORT

In Feb, Chatswood St V de P received 4 requests for help. A previously homeless family of 4 needed some help to settle into a newly leased unit in Artarmon. A struggling Jobseeker recipient whom we have assisted before and who has particular difficulties with paying for furniture storage until he gets new digs, contacted us again. A Disability Support Pensioner could not cover his Specialist Medical Expenses until he reaches the Medicare Safety Level. An urgent call was received from a young lady just out of prison who needed food and clothing. Costs of some \$750 were incurred.

We trust that parishioners are aware of the Poor Boxes at the various entrances of the Church and that donations to these go towards assisting our local needy.

John R



PARISH PICS



Enjoy these snaps from all across our parish life this week!



Isla and Lincoln Aylward welcoming their new baby brother Pax - too cute!



New landscaping and repairs taking place on the Kirk St carpark



The new computer and science lab in Nepal that was built from the donations parishioners gave to Stephanie Ho's ultra marathon last year - congrats Steph!



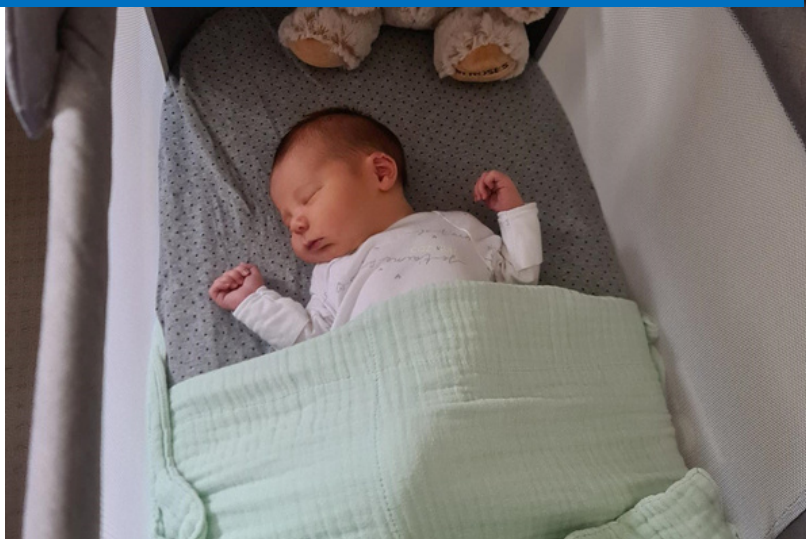
Lei doing some gardening to help keep the forecourt beautiful



The ladies on staff were treated to roses and a lovely morning tea to celebrate International Women's Day!



The white shirts and grey pants club accidentally met on Wednesday



Final photo with an encore of baby Pax.

KINDY BLESSING NEXT WEEK



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.

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

Stay Updated

EMAIL

FOUNDATIONYOUTHMINISTRY.OLD@GMAIL.COM

INSTAGRAM

FOUNDATION_YOUTH_MINISTRY

FACEBOOK

SCAN THE QR CODE



DATES / TIMES

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH

6:30PM-8:30PM



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



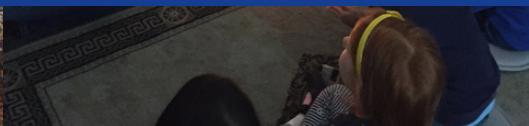
WORLD YOUTH DAY

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!



Join us on Sunday 19 March at 12:00pm
for Mass in Spanish, followed by lunch.

All are welcome!

Cada 3er Domingo Del Mes 12:00pm
Almuerzo despues de la Misa

Our Lady of Dolours Parish
94 Archer Street, Chatswood

Eucaristias

EN ESPAÑOL



ZOOM ROSARY FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

*You are invited to join our parish
Zoom Rosary on:*

*Date: Saturday, 25 March 2023
Time: 8.00 pm Canberra, Melbourne,
Sydney*

*Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83678947342?pwd=WGpoU0pyVjIJSanVzRlZEV2RjZldldz09>*

*Meeting ID: 836 7894 7342
Passcode: 458930*



*Our Lady of Dolours
Parish
Chatswood,
Phone: 9410 9000*

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.



A DEEP DIVE INTO THE ISSUES THAT AFFECT US

PUBLIC FORUM

MONDAY 13 MARCH

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

FREE EVENT OPEN TO ALL

Dougherty Community Centre
7 Victor Street, Chatswood



**NORTH SHORE'S
ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUES WITH
BEV DEBRENDICAT,
LANDCARE & IEWF**



**FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE
IN NSW WITH
HELEN CLARKE**



**HOUSING WITH
PILAR ABERASTURI
SHELTER NSW**



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

For more information:
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!*



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

*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

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

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

Aid to the Church in Need

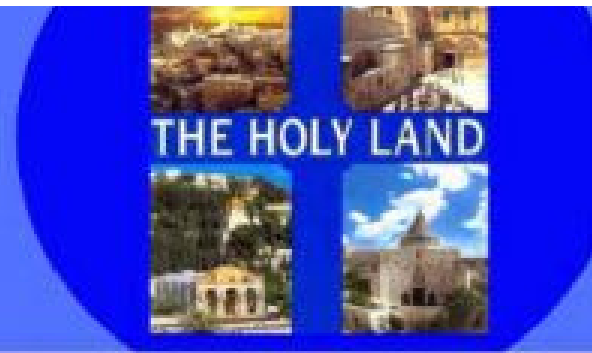
The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule.

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



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

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or text/call - 0405999510

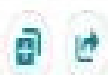
by **14 February 2023** – to secure accommodation in Holy Land.

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





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 or Ann Lomas ,
atlomas@bigpond.com / 9653 2637



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.



Chrism Mass 2023

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 4 April at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year.



The Art of Liturgical Celebration

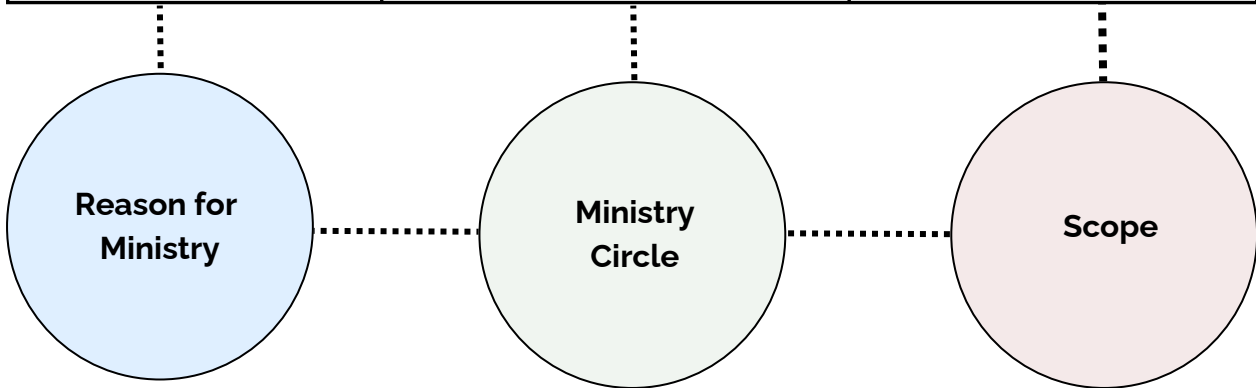
Liturgy and Music Conference 28-30 September, Brisbane

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

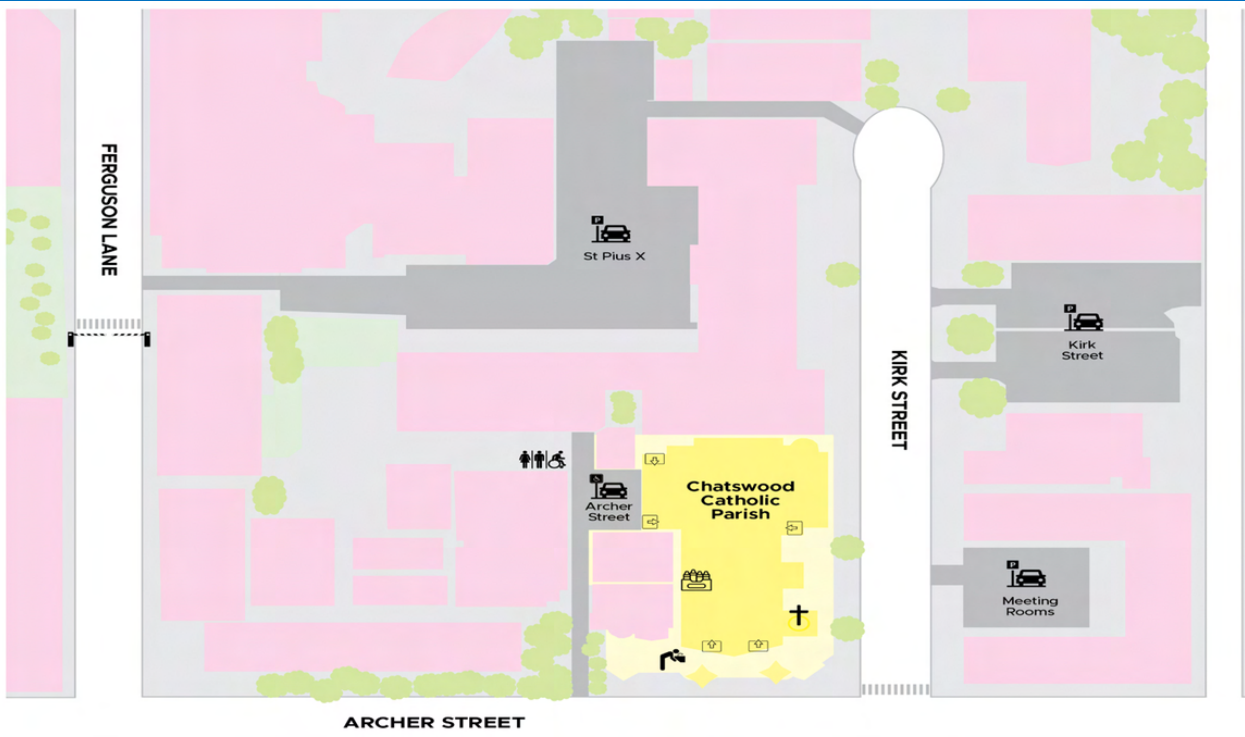
This conference is an absolute MUST for all liturgists, musicians, clergy, choristers, lay liturgical ministers, composers, teachers, conductors, liturgy teams, campus ministers - all who love liturgy and music! Enquiries: liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au

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



PARKING



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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?

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Third Sunday of Lent
March 12th, 2023

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R⁹ T¹⁵ V⁷ L³

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*Jesus says that if we drink
His living water, we*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
10 11 12 13 14 15



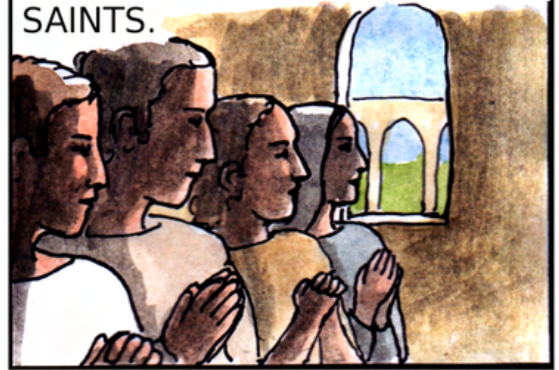
Saint Leander of Seville

March 13

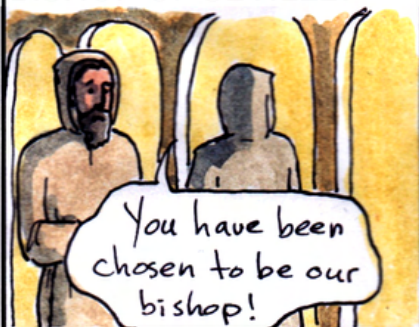
SAINT LEANDER WAS BORN TO A WEALTHY ROMAN FAMILY IN THE 500'S. THE FAMILY MOVED TO SEVILLE, IN SPAIN.



THE FAMILY WAS CHRISTIAN- HE HAD TWO BROTHERS AND A SISTER WHO ALL BECAME SAINTS.



LEANDER BECAME A MONK, BUT WAS CHOSEN TO BECOME BISHOP OF SEVILLE.



So you see, Jesus isn't really God.



AT THAT TIME MANY PEOPLE AND LEADERS BELIEVED IN THE ARIAN HERESY.

LEANDER HELPED CONVERT THE KING'S SON, BUT WAS SENT INTO EXILE.



IN EXILE IN BYZANTIUM HE MET AND BECAME FRIENDS WITH POPE SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT.



I believe in one God, the Father Almighty...



SAINT LEANDER WROTE AND PREACHED AGAINST THE HERESY, BRINGING MANY BACK TO THE TRUE FAITH. HE STARTED USING THE NICENE CREED IN THE MASS.

SAINT LEANDER DIED AROUND THE YEAR 600. WHEN HE DIED HIS BROTHER BECAME THE NEW BISHOP. BECAUSE THE LEADERS HATED THE TRUTH, BISHOP LEANDER HAD RISKED HIS LIFE TO TRY TO CONVERT PEOPLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FAITH.

Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the words in the box.
Use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

And hope does not disappoint,
 1. the love of God has
 been poured into our 2.
 through the Holy 3. who
 has been 4. to us. For
 Christ, while we were 5.
 helpless, died at the appointed
 6. for the ungodly. Indeed,
 only with 7.
 does one die for a just person, though
 perhaps for a good person one
 8. even find
 9. to die. But
 10. proves his love for us in that...
 ...WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS
 FOR US.
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COURAGE	DIFFICULTY	HEARTS
GOD	TIME	GIVEN
SPIRIT	MIGHT	BECAUSE

Water...



In today's first reading, the Israelites in the desert are thirsty and ask Moses for water. So God tells him to strike a big rock with his staff and water comes out. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty.

Water is a symbol of life. In the first story the people in the desert would have died if they didn't get water.

Now Jesus gives us His life, which is grace. We receive it especially in Holy Communion. This is the living water that He is talking about. Our souls need His grace to stay alive.



When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive, and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!



Answer to puzzle on front: will never thirst.
 Answer to puzzle inside: because, hearts, Spirit, given, still, time,
 difficulty, might, courage, God. "Christ died"