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# PARISH OF CHATSWOOD

23 April 2023  
Third Sunday of Easter



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)

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The Road to Emmaus - Robert Zund

This week, we look forward to ANZAC Day on Tuesday and take a quick look at what this day can mean to us as Catholics. Please look out for volunteering opportunities, as we are searching for people to help with praying the rosary and giving Holy Communion to the community at St. Peter's Green Aged Care Facility. We are also seeking people who are interested in learning how to make wreaths to help create wreaths for the church when the occasion calls for it.

Thank you for all that you do, including prayer, time, and donations. Your contributions help our parish greatly!

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.

**They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.**  
*This Sunday's Gospel - Luke 24:13-35*

Dear friends,



**Fr David Ranson**  
*Parish Priest*

Last week we had a phenomenal 537 responses to our engagement for the development of our Parish Mission. Thank you to everyone who participated, and a special word of gratitude to Brendan Tertini who led us through the reflection. It is not too late for us to contribute! Do see later in the bulletin a good deal more information as we journey towards Pentecost at which time we will 'launch' our Mission.

With regret I share with you the resignation of our parish Director of Music, Patrick Harrison. Patrick joined us in October 2022 with much promise. I think all will agree that the standard and presentation of our music have been greatly improved over these months, and the formation of a parish choir especially for significant events has been a great achievement and shown us all what is possible for our parish. For

this we are greatly indebted to Patrick. However, as Patrick outlined to his, his music career has assumed a momentum not expected last year, and he has discerned that he has come to a point now from which he needs to dedicate himself more fully to the music industry and its possibilities for his career. Patrick's last day with us will be Friday 28 April. It will be great to acknowledge him in this weekend's bulletin and for him to lead our choir for ANZAC Day next Tuesday. Notwithstanding, it is our hope that Patrick may continue his association with us in the future, particularly for parish social events. Given that we have known of this possibility for some weeks, we have had the advantage already to seek a replacement for Patrick. The process of selection is unfolding, but I will be able to make an announcement about a new appointment in the coming week. Please join me in thanking Patrick for his time with us and wishing him every blessing as his career takes a new turn.

Recently we were able to provide our World Youth Day cohort of pilgrims the fruit of their fundraising efforts, some \$18,700. This has been a marvellous achievement and effectively has halved the cost of the adventure for our pilgrims. On their behalf thank you so much to everyone's generosity and support. We look forward to commissioning our pilgrims towards the end of July. So, it is not too late to contribute to further fundraising efforts that may occur over the next couple of months.

Tuesday is ANZAC Day. I will represent our Parish at the Chatswood cenotaph for the Dawn Service and then we will celebrate Mass at 10.00am. Please note, that this will be the only Mass celebrated in our church on Tuesday. This weekend we have a book of remembrance available to record those who have died in war, and we will remember them at our Mass. Please join us on Tuesday.

Welcome back this week to all our school students, teachers and their families! WE hope you have had a great holiday and that the term ahead is a great one!

And lastly, bon voyage our dear friend Chris Robbins! We will farewell Chris with a special blessing at our 10.30am Mass this Sunday, being celebrated by Bishop Danny Meagher. We are going to miss Chris and his family immensely. He has been such a vital member of our parish family these last years as a Welcomer, a Reader, a Catechist and so much more. We pray God's richest blessings on him and his family as they return to the United States, but we hope that one day they will rejoin us here at Chatswood!

# IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Grahame and Brenda Ladd; Elaine Jeha; Jeremiah Chow.

## SICK:

Baldo Polizzi; Anthony Mustaca.

## ANNIVERSARY:

Carlo Supina; Ivan and Vica Byak; Raymond John Shegwyn; Beryl Moloney.

For Deacon Kevin Hale and Deacon Roberto Corpuz who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination to the diaconate.

For Jonathan who celebrated his birthday on Tuesday.

For William Conor Nubla, Aveline Grace Aris, James Ian Quinn who celebrate the first year anniversary of their baptism.

*Our community would love to pray for you. If you have an intention you would like to be included in this bulletin please e-mail [chatswoodparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodparish@bbcatholic.org.au)*

For a culture of peace and non-violence:

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



### The Pope's Prayer Intention for April



### A Prayer for Members of the Armed Forces

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces - past and present. Give them true courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Amen.



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 and pray for justice and peace.

*Image: Crucifixion by Richard Campbell*



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](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au) or contact the Office of Safeguarding on (02) 8379 1605



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## FLORAL ARRANGEMENT DONATIONS

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)



### Requests for Mass Intentions:

*It is a privilege to our priests to be able to offer Mass for a special intention, 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 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.*

We all know today's gospel passage as the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. It all sounds fairly bland; it's as though it is the story of two people out for a Sunday stroll. But it is not so simple. The clue comes from when the storyteller informs us that their faces were downcast. This is not the story of two disciples: it is the story of two ex-disciples. It is not the story of two heading to Emmaus, but of two running away from Jerusalem.

They had been followers of Jesus, they had seen what he could do and they had believed. But they believed in what they wanted to believe in, not in what God was offering them. They wanted a prophet who would set Israel free. For them that meant one thing: get rid of the Romans and restore the old kingdom of David. They wanted a future that met their expectations. Instead, the God of surprises gave them something different. God had given them someone handed over to be sentenced to death and crucified. As far as they were concerned it was game over; there was nothing positive in that. God had failed them and they were going home. Even when some of their group told them they had seen the risen Lord, these two did not believe them. Dying, let alone rising again, was not part of the plan; it was not what they had signed up for. They were out of there, their minds were closed. Their minds were so closed that even when the risen Lord himself came and walked beside them they failed to recognise him.

Augustine of Hippo was aware of this, when he said in one of his homilies, 'These two, even when the Lord was talking to them, did not have faith, because they didn't believe he had risen, nor had they any hope that he could rise again. They had lost faith, lost hope. They were walking along, dead, with Christ alive, they were walking along, dead, with life itself. Life was walking along with them, yet in their hearts life had not yet been restored' (Sermo 235).

How many of us, or how many members of our families or people we know, are like this? We have given Christianity a go and it has not worked out for us. We wanted God to do something for us, and it did not happen. We put God to the test, and God let us down. The message of today's gospel is that when life is getting us down, when we feel all alone and just want to run away and hide, there is the risen Lord walking along side us. As the psalmist says, if we know and see that the Lord is at our right hand, then we can stand firm. We look around us and we see nothing, lo! he is here with us. Here is the reality we proclaim: we do not have to find God: God has already found us. All we have to do is see the grace of God that surrounds us.

How did Cleopas and his friend open their eyes? Augustine tell us in that same homily he preached, 'You too, then, if you want to have life, do what they did in order to recognise the Lord. They showed him hospitality ... Constrain the stranger, if you want to recognise the saviour. What had been lost through infidelity was restored through hospitality'. Already their hearts were burning within them and their hospitality was their response to the gift of hope that he was giving them once again. Be kind to the stranger, for that person may just be the risen Lord.

In the hospitality of the meal, they suddenly realised. Israel was indeed free, not free from the Romans but free from sin. Jesus had bought freedom not by spilling other people's blood, but by spilling his own. In the wine poured out into the cup Cleopas and his friend saw the truth of who God is. Only when bread is broken and shared are people nourished. Israel was indeed restored, not for power but for service. The broken bread we eat here each week, and the poured-out wine we drink here each week, tell us that living comes from dying and receiving comes from giving. The challenge for those of us who eat his body and drink his blood is to become him for others. Our mission is to be the risen Lord walking beside those who have lost hope and faith. Our mission is to explain the Scriptures to others, to make their hearts burn with new life. Our mission is to have our bodies broken in love and service of others, particularly the stranger; to have our blood poured out in love and service of others, particularly the downtrodden.

There are so many things to thank God for today: for the risen Lord who finds us when we run away; for the Lord who changes despair into hope; for the Lord who rekindles our hospitality; for the Lord who gave himself that we may live; for opening our eyes to see him who is no longer with us in the flesh, through his body and blood that we share. We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song.

# MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday <b>24 April:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy</li><li>• 11:45am Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)</li><li>• <b>12:30pm Mass</b></li></ul>
Tuesday <b>25 April:</b> <b>ANZAC Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:45am Morning Prayer</li><li>• <b>10:00am Mass</b></li><li>• 10:45am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy (after Mass)</li></ul>
Wednesday <b>26 April:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:45am Morning Prayer</li><li>• <b>9:00am Mass</b></li><li>• 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy</li><li>• <b>12:30pm Mass</b></li></ul>
Thursday <b>27 April:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:45am Morning Prayer</li><li>• <b>9:00am Mass</b></li><li>• 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, Rosary, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy</li><li>• 12:00pm Benediction</li><li>• <b>12:30pm Mass</b></li><li>• 7:00pm Holy Hour <i>Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation (Confession) also available.</i></li></ul>
Friday <b>28 April:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:45am Morning Prayer</li><li>• <b>9:00am Mass</b></li><li>• 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy</li><li>• <b>10:30am Funeral of Elaine Jeha</b></li><li>• <b>12:30pm Mass</b></li></ul>
Saturday <b>29 April:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>9:00am Mass</b></li><li>• 8:45am Morning Prayer</li><li>• 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation (Confession), and Rosary</li><li>• 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help</li><li>• 10:30am Benediction</li><li>• 11:00am Mass Catholic Indonesian Community Sydney</li><li>• <b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b></li></ul>
Sunday Mass <b>30 April:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>7:30am Mass</b></li><li>• <b>9:00am Family Mass</b></li><li>• <b>10:30am Mass</b></li><li>• <b>5:30pm Youth Mass</b></li></ul>



## Cultural Community Mass:

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

# GATHERINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| Monday           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:00am: ANZAC Wreath Making Class (Magnificat, St Paul)</li></ul>   |
| <b>24 April:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:00am: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)</li><li>• 4:00pm: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)</li><li>• 4:00pm: Atrium 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)</li><li>• 7:00pm: Alpha</li></ul>  |
| Tuesday          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:00am: Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)</li></ul>  |
| <b>25 April:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7:00pm: Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul)</li></ul>  |
| <b>ANZAC Day</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7:00pm: Parish Musicians' Meeting (Magnificat)</li><li>• 7:00pm: Filipino Choir Practice (Church)</li></ul>  |
| Wednesday        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:30am: Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)</li></ul>  |
| <b>26 April:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (Magnificat)</li><li>• 6:30pm: Indonesian Traditional Instrument Practice (Church)</li><li>• 7:00pm: Men Alive (Magnificat)</li><li>• 7:00pm: Parish Finance Committee Meeting (St Paul)</li><li>• 7:15pm: Exploring the Faith Course (St Peter)</li></ul> |
| Thursday         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:00am: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)</li></ul>   |
| <b>27 April:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6:00pm: Legion of Mary (Magnificat).</li><li>• 7:00pm: Parish Ministry Workshop (Harrington Hall)</li></ul>  |
| Friday           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:00am: Meditation (St Paul)</li></ul>  |
| <b>28 April:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5:00pm: CIC Rehearsal (Church)</li><li>• 7:00pm: Online Zoom Meditation ID: 892 0631 0929<br/>Pw: 085507</li></ul>   |
| Saturday         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:00am: CIC Preparation (Magnificat)</li></ul>   |
| <b>29 April:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11:00am: Choir Rehearsal for 9:00am Mass (St Paul)</li><li>• 12:00pm: Catholic Indonesian Community Lunch (Harrington Hall)</li></ul>  |
| Sunday Mass      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:00am: Choir practice (St Paul)</li></ul>   |
| <b>30 April:</b> |  |



## VOLUNTEERS FOR WREATH MAKING

### Monday April 24 at 10:00AM

If you have ever wanted to see what goes behind creating the wreaths for ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, please come along to watch as Theresa teaches us her trade! We would like other people become involved so that this experience may be shared around whenever these occasions arise.

For any questions please contact Fr Joey at [Joey.Frez@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Joey.Frez@bbcatholic.org.au)



## Discerning our parish **MISSION**



### What is God calling us to focus on?

**During Masses last weekend, guided by the Holy Spirit, we continued to discern together what God is calling us to focus on as our parish mission.**

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in this vital initiative. We have received a fantastic response so far, with **537 parishioners** contributing!

If you weren't at Mass last weekend, or didn't have a chance to complete the sheet, we would love you to participate this weekend. Sheets will be handed out by our welcomers and available on the pews.

Alternatively, you can participate by visiting [cbgja62m2x4.typeform.com/parishmission](http://cbgja62m2x4.typeform.com/parishmission) or scanning the QR code.



### Parishioner feedback

A number of parishioners added comments to their sheets last weekend, including...

**"One suggestion/comment is to change the word 'thing' to 'purpose'!"**

Great suggestion. We have updated the sheet with the changed wording.

**"Let's do all of them. Mission Statement could be written to cover all of the above... these are not mutually exclusive." | "These are all of equal importance and cannot be ranked because they are interconnected. All are critical to our authentic mission." | "All of the above are important for our parish community - it is a case of progressing with each or more of them and not treating the church as a 'corporate' organisation with a marketing propaganda."**

Thanks so much for the feedback. Eight other parishioners discerned similarly that the five purposes were of equal importance. As you have raised, each of the five purposes are connected, important and vital to building a healthy, growing and faithful parish filled with missionary disciples.

Based on the discernment of all our parishioners, our final parish mission statement sentence could well incorporate all of these purposes, not to

mention of course being key elements of our eventual parish plan! It is however worthwhile to note that our approach is not in any way 'corporate' nor 'marketing' and rather, through the prayer, reflection, discussion, discernment and fellowship of all our parishioners, is focused on together creating a new way of being a Catholic Parish, a way of Being Church in the City, that ensures we are the best possible stewards of what God has entrusted to us, and achieve His vision for our parish.

**"Can I suggest that the church takes advantage of the huge foot traffic on Victoria Ave to set up a table on the street corner staffed by two volunteers advertising the church and giving away Bibles to passers-by and encouraging people to visit the church and light a candle." | "Make it clear - all are welcome! p.s. we should be videoing all masses and making them available online - when people sign in, get their name and details to minister to them!"**

Wonderful ideas, thanks so much! Our Animating our Future Circle has added these ideas to their potential action plan list.

Discerning our parish  
**MISSION**

Thinking about what God is calling us to focus on as our parish mission, please rank the following purposes we should focus on as our parish mission, in order of importance from 1 to 5 where 1 is the most important and 5 is the least important...

- Evangelisation, spreading God's Word and love
- Love, kindness and compassion towards others
- Community building and supporting one other
- Growing together in Faith
- Helping those in need and serving others



## Parishioner responses to our Primary Purpose

As mentioned in the presentation last weekend, during Masses in November and Ministry Circle workshops, we asked parishioners, what is the primary purpose God is calling us to focus on as a parish mission? Here is a further selection of our responses...

“Enkindled by God's love, to love and serve others and welcome all to join in the faith journey i.e., Love God, love others, Make disciples.”

“Our mission is to reach out to the broader community in Chatswood, to spread the Word and by way of example, help the community to live by Christian values.”

“To help each other and encourage each other worship God.”

“Evangelise. Bible study.”

“To spread the Good News.”

“To awaken all parishioners to the mission and purpose of life. To reunite the community to the mission and purpose of the church on love and service to the universe.”

“To unite under His name. Preach His Good News. Tell other people about Him.”

“To rebuild the Church in our area - the parish needs to be the voice of the Church and must focus on evangelising to young people as the parish and church in general is aging. Young people are struggling and are turning to other spirituality because of a practice of beige Catholicism and immature formation. The parish needs to focus on a radical living and teaching of the faith that attracts and challenges young people to stay in or come back to the Church. Our parish and church will not survive if we fail.”

“The primary thing to focus on as a parish purpose, our mission is to stop bad legislation from being passed with such haste! Our leaders and Elders should scrutinise important Bills and teach the congregation about what they will mean for us Catholics. Similarly, that would make our votes count in elections. We need to vote in Godly politicians NOT climate activists. Thank you for your efforts to discern God's will and to help us improve our parish community.”

“To really help the poor.”

“To bring non and lapsed Catholics to faith and Sunday mass. To not lose our young people by supporting them to be intellectually stimulated in the faith.”

“To help everyone who needs it and to love everyone like God loved us!”

“To be a positive, compassionate and charitable presence in our community.”

“Building strong faith and a strong church everlastingly.”

“Love one another so people can feel the special gift we have.”

“Be kind and caring.”

“To be the shepherd and forget about being the Pharisees. Worry less about our reputation and more about each other.”

“Understand God's message through the Eucharist and bring not only active parishioners closer to God but also those who have forgotten Him and those who do not know Him.”

“To help each parishioner feel the spirit of God. To discern right from wrong and bring values and beliefs back to God.”

“Find ways to connect to Chatswood city, so that the local community will see the church as a place of support in all forms, that can be relevant to their lives.”

“Get people who may not have thought to come to church to then be inspired to come to church and stay in the church and also to appeal to lapsed Catholics to come back.”

“To be living witnesses of God's love to others, in short to be another Christ.”

“To be a sign of Christ's presence through reflecting Mary's love for both our community and for those searching.”

# THE SACREDNESS OF ANZAC DAY



ANZAC Day can be broadly described as sacred, even though it is a human event, as are all human events sacred. Why? Because God walks in and is a present to us through every human event within our imperfect world. The birth of Christ, His taking flesh and living amongst us is enduring and transformational. Christ lives with us and is immersed within our human condition, both good and evil.

ANZAC Day is sacred because human life is sacred. Each human being is precious in God's sight. The life and fate of each soldier who died at Gallipoli matters to God. The nobility, the courage, heroism, the selfless acts and mateship of each matters to God and indeed are graced by Him. The immense grief of loved ones for the dead matters, God grieves with them as does the communal mourning of a nation stripped of so many young lives, this matters to God. This Anzac Day citizens will march with both pride and honour. This will be seen on their faces, both young and old, gathered in unity of purpose. This matters and is sacred to God. The sacredness of each human life compelled God to send his Son so that through his Death all may have life.

Each generation will find new meaning in the celebration of Anzac day. Many in our secular world focus entirely on human values which is very good in itself. The prism of faith will hopefully allow us a far deeper and richer understanding of the human condition in the person of Jesus as we ponder the significance of this Anzac event and deal resiliently with world events. In Christ's Death and Resurrection we have a source of hope that not only supports us in those catastrophic events but can aide us greatly in the challenges of every day human existence.

*Mons. Peter O'Keefe - Catholic Diocese of the Australian Defence Force*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed to help at St Peter's Green Catholic Residential Aged Care Facility - 5 Felton Ave, Lane Cove North 2066

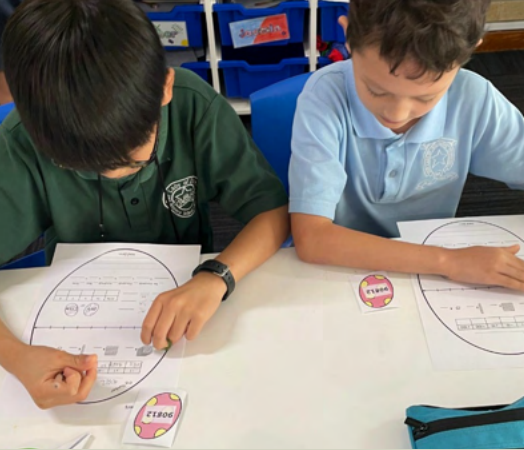
- Tuesdays at 10:30am  
Giving communion to residents in their rooms and/or Leading Communion Service.
- Fridays at 2:00pm  
Leading the rosary and/or giving Communion to residents in their rooms.

For any questions or to volunteer please e-mail Fr Joey at [Joey.Frez@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Joey.Frez@bbcatholic.org.au)

# PARISH PICS THIS WEEK



Big smiles from our catechists as they attended the Classroom Management training session that CCD Broken Bay ran at the Caroline Chisholm Centre.



OLOD Students beautifully preparing their Lent and Easter art before the holidays.



Divine Mercy celebrations last week were wonderful - Thank you to all who helped prepare the day and participated!



# OLOD COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

## STRATEGIC AND EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING 4th & 5th May, 2023



**Community Action**  
Helping People. Changing Lives

Parishioners of Our Lady of Dolours are invited to benefit from a two-day leadership training course to help us help our community through grassroots organising. The course is provided by the Sydney Alliance, an alliance of churches, welfare organisations and unions across Sydney and NSW who combine together to achieve change for the common good. The training is free for anyone belonging to Our Lady of Dolours. It is being held at St Mary's

North Sydney in the Ron Dyer Centre, 42 Rydge St, North Sydney on Thursday and Friday 4th and 5th May. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn tools for more strategic and effective leadership and organisation building. Join Fr David who is also taking part.

Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/community-organising-foundations-training-may-04-05-2023> or scan the code on the right.



## OLOD CHATSWOOD VINNIES MARCH REPORT

We responded to 10 calls for help during March, one is still ongoing.

Four calls were from people new to us. Two of these sought help to set up in new digs in our area. One was off the streets going into public housing, and the other was referred by Ryde Community Centre who had found rented accommodation for an Iranian lady who has been in Australia a relatively short time.

Of the other two, one was a well qualified professional who because of anxiety problems has difficulty in maintaining employment and keeping up mortgage payments. The other was a "clean for several years" ex addict who was experiencing a minor emergency (Often other organisations including Dept of Health refer their clients/patients to us for help with furnishing new accommodation. Our policy is to provide basics either new, second hand or donated and/or refer them to our No Interest Loans scheme to enable the access to funds for other wants).

Two of the other 5 persons previously known to us are perpetually struggling to make ends meet due to their particular circumstances. One, a Disability Support Pensioner, has expensive medical issues and legal complications; we provided help to get a replacement 2nd hand phone for him. The other chap on Jobseeker, is suffering from work related injuries which are not covered by compensation and which restrict his work opportunities. (Unfortunately we cannot provide income support and have to restrict ourselves to problems/emergencies)

Two other Disability Support Pensioners, both with health difficulties and who find themselves in need of a bit of assistance from time to time usually associated with paying bills and servicing loan repayments, sought help. .

Our last help seeker is also a DSP who has difficulty in accessing public transport and whom we assist with transport to get to his medical providers when needed.

We expended over \$900 in food and goods, over \$1000 in furniture and white goods and \$750 in medical /pharmaceuticals.

*by John R*



# WHEELCHAIR DONATED

A new wheelchair, that also doubles as a walker, has been kindly donated by our parishioner, Bruce. If you or someone you know of would benefit from this donation please contact Olivia at [Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au) for more details and photos



# CHOIR CORNER



Patrick Harrison,  
*Director of Music*

Choir practice runs every Tuesday evening 6:00pm - 7:30pm 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!

## 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  
[chatswoodmusic@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodmusic@bbcatholic.org.au)

# 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 OLOD Church after 9:00am Mass.

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

If you like to take up this opportunity, please text or call Cecilia on 0466 961 240 or Ditas on 0405 999 510

When was the last time you felt **really alive?**



God is glorified  
when men are  
fully alive  
St Ireneaus

## MEN'S WEEKEND

The **menALIVE Men's Weekend** is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

**27 - 28 May 2023**

Harrington Hall, Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church  
94 Archer Street, Chatswood NSW 2067

**For more information, contact:**

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0433 030 016 / pwoo2010@gmail.com

Steve Lia  
0412 667 657 / steve.lia@menalive.org.au

SAT 27/5: 8am - 8pm | SUN 28/5: 8am - 1:30pm

Cost: \$50 (Sat Lunch and BBQ Dinner provided)

<https://www.trybooking.com/CHDBW>

(RSVP by 19/05/2023)



The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

[www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au)

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Enrolments for preparation and reception of First Communion will open on Monday 10 April via our parish website.

To enrol your child, scan the QR code to the right or follow below.

**SCAN TO ENROL**

Go the parish website:

<http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

From the home page:

- Click on Sacraments
- Click on Children's Sacraments
- Click on First Communion



This page includes information you will need to enrol including all the dates for the program.

When you are ready to enrol, Click on Enrol Here button at the bottom of this page and complete all the details as instructed.

**Enrolments close on Monday 1 May.**

For queries, contact Angela or Mona in the parish office: [chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au)

## Children's Atrium



The Children's Atrium is a beautiful ministry we have been running in our parish since July 2007. This is a specially prepared space where children come to nurture their relationship with God in small groups.

Based on Montessori principles of education, the atrium program is run in 3 levels, and a separate room is prepared for each age group. The age groups are; Level 1 – for 3-6 year olds, Level 2 for 6-9 year olds and Level 3 for 9-12 year olds.

If you would like to find out more about the atrium, please contact our Children's Ministry Co-Ordinator Angela at [angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)



# PEW GIFT SHOP



We hope you have had the chance to enjoy the PEW space on the side of the church. If not, we invite you to come and visit. It is a great place to catch up with your Ministry groups, hold fellowship or simply have a quiet time in a garden setting.



The most recent addition to the PEW is a gift corner where souvenir and gift items will be on display and will complement the current Piety Stall so we invite all to browse the gift items and get involved! And yes, we haven't forgotten the ever-in-demand coffee machine! Watch this space and don't miss its arrival!

The PEW Gift Store still has a range of Divine Mercy products including images that can be purchased on any or day at the PEW Gift Shop.

*Left: Divine Mercy Products*

# 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



*Cailin Geraghty*  
Youth Leader

## Youth Groups



FOR YEAR  
5-8



FOR YEAR  
9-12



## 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

**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

## 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

# WORLD YOUTH DAY



The count down is on for Sean Dixon, Cailin Geraghty, Clive Sam, Monty Calimbahin, Savio Coutinho, Ashleigh Wan, Thomas Hurrell to join thousands of other young people at World Youth Day in Lisbon! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to the fundraising for WYD - your generosity has made a huge impact on the support we are able to give the pilgrims.



## 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



## Theology of the Body Online Course

Following his landmark visit to Sydney in January, Dr Christopher West invites you to learn more about our human desire and fulfilment as revealed by God through St John Paul II's masterwork. By partnership with Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, these course are now more accessible to Catholics in Sydney and across Australia. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to embark on a 'head to heart' journey and enrich your life and relationships!

More info: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/TOBI/>



## Mission:One Heart Many Voices Conference 2023

Offering both professional and personal development opportunities, the conference will focus on themes of truth telling, reconciliation, encounter on the margins, inclusion, governance and synodality. The conference will also explore the discerned concerns and themes of the Plenary Council and Synod 2023 and offer each participant positive and practical ways to action. Presenters include Dean Parkin, Chiara Porro, Elissa Roper, Bishop Shane Mackinlay, and Bishop Tim Norton.

Date: 3-5 May 2023

Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St Sydney



## Willoughby Symphony Choir's 50th Birthday Concert

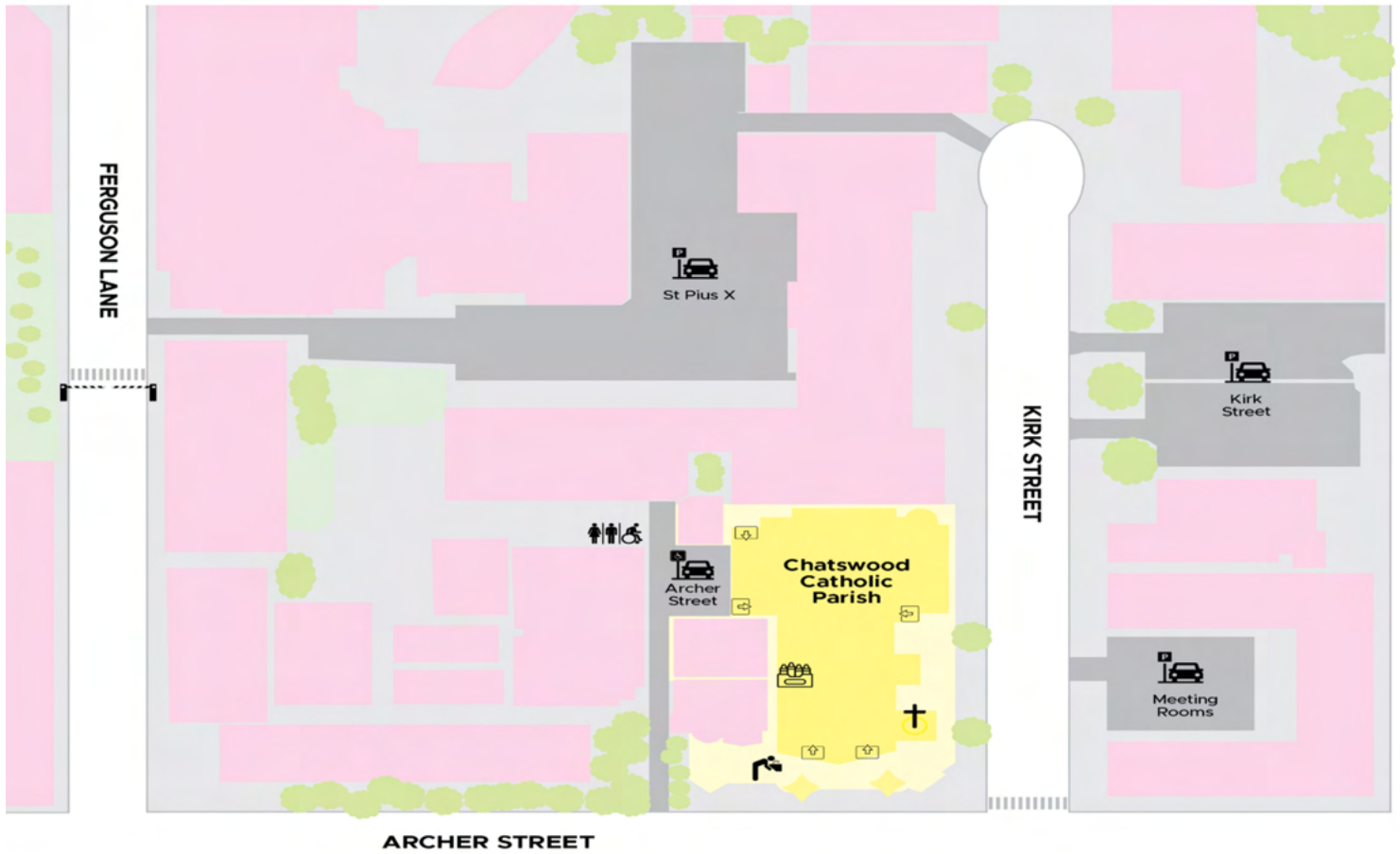
Willoughby Symphony Orchestra will present some exciting and uplifting music which includes - Finlandia by Jean Sibelius, Coronation Anthems by George Frideric Handel, Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein, Carmina Burana by Carl Orff.

Sunday 28 May 2023 2:00 PM

The Concourse, Chatswood [www.theconcourse.com.au](http://www.theconcourse.com.au)

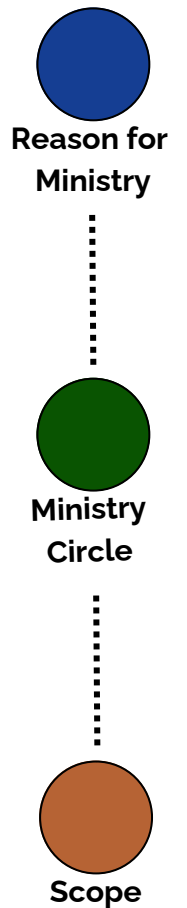
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# PARKING



## OUR CIRCLES OF MINISTRY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Love God Mark 12:30</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worshiping Together</li> <li>Leading Reflective Lives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liturgy and Music</li> <li>Prayer and Spirituality</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Love One Another John 13:34</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nurturing Relationships</li> <li>Caring for our World</li> <li>Caring for One Another</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community and Family</li> <li>Ecology and Social Justice</li> <li>Support and Visitations</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make Disciples Matthew 28:18-20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growing in Faith</li> <li>Sharing the Good News</li> <li>Building our Future</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catechesis and Formation</li> <li>Mission and Evangelisation</li> <li>Administration and Stewardship</li> </ul>
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## Mass This Week:

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

Tuesday Mass 10:00am

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.

Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Sunday Mass

- 7:30am

- 9:00am

- 10:30am

- 5:30pm - Youth Mass

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Contact Olivia at

Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au



# Third Sunday of Easter April 23rd, 2023



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*The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first. How did they recognize Him eventually?  
Use the code to find out!*

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# Saint Catherine of Siena

## April 29

CATHERINE WAS THE SECOND YOUNGEST OF A VERY LARGE FAMILY IN SIENA, ITALY. AT A VERY YOUNG AGE SHE HAD CONSECRATED HER LIFE TO GOD.

WHEN SHE WAS 16 SHE BECAME A DOMINICAN TERTIARY, WHICH IS LIKE A KIND OF NUN WHO DOESN'T LIVE IN A CONVENT.

SHE RECEIVED MANY VISIONS OF JESUS AND THE SAINTS.

CATHERINE BEGAN TO ADVISE PEOPLE SO THAT THERE WOULD BE PEACE IN ITALY.

SHE EVEN ADVISED THE CHURCH LEADERS.

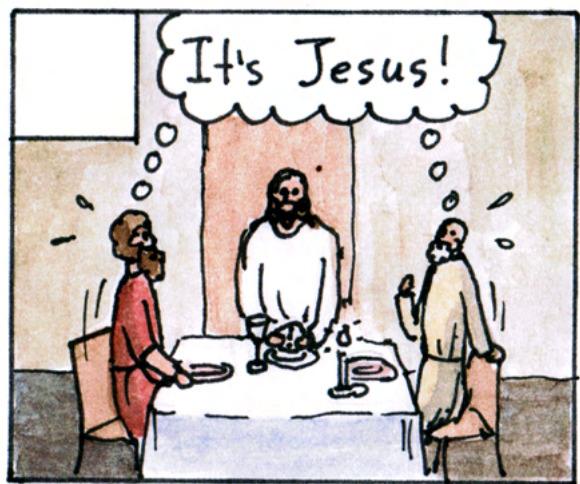
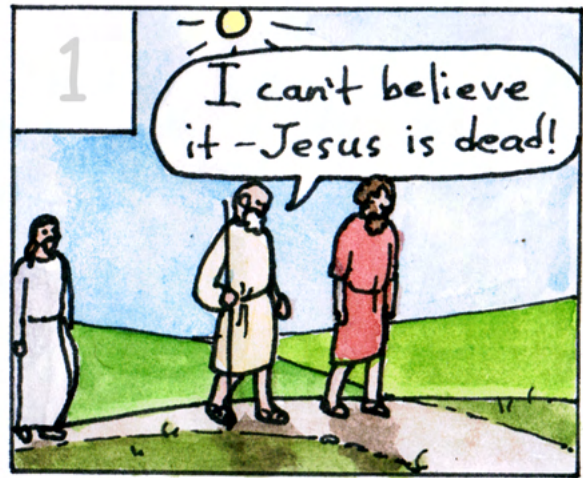
THE POPE AT THAT TIME WAS NOT LIVING IN ROME, SO CATHERINE CONVINCED HIM TO MOVE BACK.

THE POPE CALLED HER TO HELP HIM IN ROME, SO SHE WENT. THERE SHE ALSO CARED FOR THE SICK AND THE POOR. SHE DIED THERE AT AGE 33.

CATHERINE ALSO HAD GREAT PHYSICAL SUFFERING. OFTEN SHE LIVED ON ALMOST NO FOOD OTHER THAN HOLY COMMUNION. SHE RECEIVED THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST AND ASKED GOD TO LET HER CARRY THE SINS OF THE WORLD. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO PRAY FOR THE HOLY FATHER AND DEFEND HIM.

# Picture Puzzle: The Road to Emmaus

How well do you know the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus?  
Figure out the order of the pictures and put the appropriate numbers in the corners.



# Reading the Scriptures

In today's Gospel reading two disciples were walking together and thinking sadly about how Jesus had just been tortured and killed. Then Jesus started walking with them- but they didn't recognize Him. He explained to them what the Scriptures had said about Him suffering and dying. He helped them to understand what God's plan had been.



Every time we go to Mass we hear about Jesus in the Gospel reading. But we don't need to wait until Mass to learn about Jesus. You can read the Bible every day. God wants us to know Him better so we can love Him more. And the more we love Him the happier we will be.

Do you have a children's Bible? Maybe your Mom or Dad can read to you from the big Bible a little every morning or night. Reading saint stories also helps us to know God through His friends. Try to read or listen to some of the Bible or the life of a saint every day!



Answer to puzzle on front: In the Breaking of the Bread.  
 Answer to picture puzzle inside:  
 Top- 4, 1 middle- 2, 6 bottom- 3, 5.