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PARISH OF CHATSWOOD

2 April 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Crucifixion - 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 take a look ahead to our preparations for Holy Week and Easter.

Keep an eye out for the MenAlive gathering, as well as the plans for Divine Mercy Sunday.

Please note the change in Mass times for next week.

Have a great week ahead!

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.

 **Our Lady**
OF DOLOURS



Dear friends

We now enter the holiest of weeks in our Christian Year. Our five weeks of preparation come to their climax as we journey step by step with the Lord through his Passion and Death to the glory of his Resurrection. We look forward to undertaking this journey together. Please join us for each of our celebrations - on Wednesday night at 7pm for a special celebration of the

Stations of the Cross, on Thursday night at 7pm for the Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration, on Good Friday at 10am for the Youth Stations of the Cross, at 3pm for the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and again at 7pm for the Seven Last Words of Jesus prayer reflection, and then at 7pm on Saturday 8 April for the splendour of our Easter Vigil during which we welcome 24 new members into our family of faith.

Please note that on Thursday of this week the only Mass that is celebrated is the evening Mass at 7pm. There is no 9am or 12.30pm Mass on Thursday 6 April. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, however, will still occur on Thursday from 9.30am to midday.

Having exceeded the canonical age for retirement, Bishop Randazzo has accepted the resignation of Deacon Kevin Hale in his formal appointment as Deacon to our Parish of Chatswood, effective 30 April 2023. Deacon Kevin commenced his appointment with us in the parish in February 2017, and over the last 6 years has served our parish community in the most admirable way. Over the period of his appointment he has assisted invaluablely with the liturgical life of our parish, the RCIA, pastoral visitations and a number of important parish committees. We thank him profoundly for his dedicated ministry. The good news, however, is that this is not a goodbye! Following a holiday with his wife Lois through May, Deacon Kevin will continue to be associated with our parish, attending Mass with us on a weekend, and being involved voluntarily in a variety of pastoral activities - albeit now with the freedom that retirement allows. Though the relationship Deacon Kevin has with our parish will change given the conclusion of his formal appointment, his relationship with us will certainly continue into the future. Please join in thanking Deacon Kevin for the last six years of wonderful service and praying the Lord's blessing upon him as he enters a new chapter in his journey of diaconal ministry.

Last Tuesday we farewelled from our church one of our special members, Maria Gan who died suddenly the week before. Arriving in our parish only a couple of years ago, and coming to know so many, there are some faces that emerge as capturing the heart of our parish community. These are the persons who have such generous faith, present with remarkable constancy. They are people of prayer and devotion who form the foundation of our family of our faith, the glue that binds us together. Maria was one of those people. She was faith-filled and generous, constant in her availability and service - an unmistakable daughter of our parish family. We will miss Maria's presence. Yet we are grateful for the way in which Maria enriched our community over so many years. Now, we entrust her to God's care, assured that her hope has been fulfilled and that she is with the Lord whom she loves so much. To Eric, Maria's husband, and to Maria's children - Patricia, Ignatius & Stephanie - I extend my deepest sympathy. I pray the peace of the Risen Christ within each of your hearts. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon Maria forever.

On the Sunday following Easter, on 16 April, the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church also celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday, a popular devotion with its origins in the life and witness of

St Faustina Kowalska who lived in Poland in the first half of the 20th century. From her, we have the image of Divine Mercy that hangs at the front of our church on the right hand side. The devotion has significant meaning for a number of our parishioners. To honor this devotion, and to provide it with a more substantive place, I would like to propose that the image of Divine Mercy be relocated to the right hand corner of the church, to the right of the Pieta chapel. This will allow it to retain its prominence. However it will also allow us to create a sacred space before it with a small 'altar', enabled by the movement of some of the existing pews. My recommendation is that we make this change on Sunday 16 April with fitting ritual and dignity. However, any change would be on a trial basis and one open to review in several months' time. My hope is to continue to make improvements in our church little by little before we then embark upon the more ambitious project of the refurbishment of the church that will entail new lighting, painting, and general restoration.

May we keep each other in our prayer and in our hearts throughout the coming week. May our celebration of Easter be filled with much joy and possibility.

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maria Woon Siong Gan

ANNIVERSARY:

Bernard Le & Eugene Tai

Maria Elita

Melvie Cullen

SICK:

Baldo Polizzi

Anthony Mustaca

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

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: Madonna and Child by Richard Campbell



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.

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 (02) 8379 1605



The flowers this week are donated in memory of Maria Elita whose first year anniversary is this week.



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS ALTAR SOCIETY



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!

SCAN TO GIVE



Scan these QR codes to connect with us!

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WEBSITE



**FR DAVID'S
BLOG**



Three times in Matthew's Gospel in connection with his suffering is Jesus proclaimed Son of David: once by blind men just before he enters Jerusalem (Matt 20:31), and then by the crowds as he enters Jerusalem as they wave their palm fronds at him wildly (Matt 21:9, 15), which we hear in conjunction with our own procession. It has occurred already on four other occasions in Matthew: in the very opening sentence (Matt 1:1), with another cure of two blind men (Matt 9:27), on the lips of the crowd after the cure of a blind and mute man (Matt 12:23), and on the lips of the Canaanite mother of the possessed girl (Matt 15:22).

This connects him with Jewish expectation. The Jews were desperate for a new leader who would give them freedom, and restore their independence and dignity. The crowds shout hosanna, in praise of the one who is coming to rescue them, coming to save them. Matthew proclaims Jesus as the new king, but, even more importantly, a king in a new way. Matthew turns to the prophet Zechariah to show that the king comes not in a chariot leading an army, but on the back of a donkey, leading the poor and the blind (Zech 9:9). The important word that Matthew quotes from Zechariah is 'humble'.

This is the king not born in a blaze of publicity, but in obscurity; this is a king born not in a palace, but in a barn full of animals; this is a king not looked after by hordes of slaves and servants, but who looks after the needs of others; this is a king who does not rub shoulders with the rich and famous, but with the poor and rejected; this is a king crowned not with gold and precious stones, but with thorns; this is a king not lifted up on a throne, but on the cross of suffering and shame, humiliation and execution.

You may recall the forty-year advertising slogan of a fast-food outlet: 'have it your way'. That is what the Jews wanted; they wanted a king their way. 'No pickles', they shouted. 'We don't want humility, we want power; we don't want suffering, we want glory.' Well, pickles is what God offers us. If there is one reality the world should know about the story of Jesus, if there is one thing we should be prepared for if we wish to call ourselves followers of Jesus, it is that he was all about turning the world upside down.

The crowds at the gates missed it, the crowds at the trial before Pilate missed it, the crowds at Golgotha missed it, many Christians over the centuries have missed it. Jesus came to suffer, to be insulted, to be spat upon, to make no resistance. St Augustine of Hippo said:

Someone is sure to ask: 'If he had such power, why did he not demonstrate it when his enemies were taunting him and saying: "If he is the Son of God, let him come down from the cross"?' He was showing us how to endure; that was why he deferred the exercise of his power. If he were to come down because he was stung by their words, they would think he had succumbed to their mockery. (In Euangelium Iohannis Tractatus 37)

If we wave our palm branches and walk behind Jesus today, we walk the way of the cross. This is the path we take this week. We thank God that the Son of David is the suffering servant. We thank God that Jesus has walked it before us. We thank God for the Spirit, who has enabled the martyrs to walk it after him. We thank God for the many other people who, in the simplicity and obscurity of their everyday lives, have walked it after him. We thank God that the way of death to sin is the way to life eternal.

MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday • **Mass 12:30pm**

- 3 April:**
- Mercy College Liturgy 11:30am
 - Divine Mercy Chaplet & Cenacle Rosary 1:00pm

Tuesday • **Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm**

- 4 April:**
- Morning Prayer: 8:45am
 - Rosary 9:30am

Wednesday • **Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm**

- 5 April:**
- Morning Prayer 8:45am
 - Rosary 9:30am
 - Pius X College Holy Week Liturgy 2:00pm
 - Stations of the Cross

Thursday • **Mass 7:00pm**

- 6 April:**
- Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition 9:30am

*The Lord's
Supper*

- Benediction 12:00pm
- Pius X College Holy Week Liturgy 2:00pm

Friday • **Passion of the Lord 3:00pm**

- 7 April:**
- Stations of the Cross 10:00am

*Passion of
the Lord*

- Divine Mercy Novena 11:00am
- Prayer and Reflection Night on the 7 Last Words of Our Lord 7:00pm

Saturday • **Mass Easter Vigil 7:00pm**

- 8 April:**
- RCIA 9:00am

*Paschal Vigil in
the Holy Night*

- Divine Mercy Novena 3:00pm

Sunday Mass **Easter Masses**

- 9 April:**
- 7:30am

*Sunday
of the
Resurrection*

- 9:00am Family Mass
- 10:30am

- Divine Mercy Novena 3:00pm



Cultural Community Mass:

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

Monday 3 April:

- 9:00am: OLOD Primary School Practice (Church)
- 10:00am: OLOD Primary School Year 1 Practice (Church)
- 2:00pm: OLOD Primary School Practice (Church)
- 7:00pm: Alpha (Magnificat, St Peter, St Paul)

Tuesday 4 April:

- 10:00am: Bible Discussion Group (St Paul).
- 10:00am: CCD Morning Tea (Magnificat)
- 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 5 April:

- 9:30am: Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)
- 10:00am: Mercy College Assembly
- 1:00pm - 2:30pm: Parish Staff Meeting (Magnificat) - office will be closed.
- 7:15pm: Exploring the Faith Course (St Peter)

Thursday 6 April:

- 10:00am: Seniors Morning Tea Holy Thursday Gathering (Magnificat)
- 1:00pm: Indonesian Community Team Meeting (St Paul)
- 6:00pm: Legion of Mary (Magnificat)

Saturday 8 April:

- 10:30am: MCAG Meeting (St Peter)
- 11:00am: Choir Rehearsal for 9:00am Mass (St Paul)
- 7:00pm: Korean Bible Reading and Discussion Class (St Paul)

Sunday 9 April:

- 9:00am: Filipino Choir Rehearsal (St Paul)
- 10:00am: Kids Choir Music Practice (St Paul)
- 11:30am: Choir Practice with Sunny (St Paul)
- 6:30pm: Cornerstone and Keystone Youth Groups (Magnificat & St Paul)



PARISH PICS

Check out these snaps from across the week!



Not just pretty faces - beautiful voices! Here's our 4th Sunday 10:30am Mass choir.



Ministry Leaders meeting where we discussed what we could to make the meeting rooms more beneficial - thank you to Jan for morning tea!



Top: Sr Damian's Lenten retreat.
Bottom: First Reconciliation underway.



Happy birthday to Fr David who turns 21 again on Monday, April 3!



Happy birthday also to Mahtab who celebrated her first birthday in Australia! See more in the CAG update!

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

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



CHOIR CORNER



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

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!

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.

Our young people 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.

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



World Youth Day

FUNDRAISERS



ROSARY BEADS

FOR SALE AFTER MASSES
\$15 | 1ST & 2ND APRIL



PIZZA LUNCHEON

\$85 | 15TH APRIL | 12PM



SCAN ME



RAFFLE

15TH & 16TH APRIL

BODY SHOP HAMPER VALUED AT OVER \$200

PIETY STALL

Hi everyone - Olivia here from the front office desk! At the kind request of Jeanette and Maureen who help to run the piety stall, I wanted to tell you about prayer and reflection cards I hand make that are now stocked in the stall.

My small business is called Vunilagi - it is the Fijian word for 'horizon'; I am Fijian and Chinese. I started hand making these prayer cards when I found the devotion to Our Lady of Mental Peace (OLMP) in 2022. I've always worked with people who live with anxiety, depression, high stress etc. So I made a prayer card of OLMP to be able to help people who deal with these issues - or are just generally in a tough spot. This card has my own original image of Our Lady that has every skin colour creating her face - to show that mental peace is something every person deserves and needs.

This card is hand foiled in gold and comes in the Fijian, Filipino, Italian, Tongan, Samoan, Vietnamese languages as I want to be as accessible as possible - please contact me for these language cards.

I currently have 2 sets of reflection cards called Saints Like Us. I found so much beauty in seeing the huge diversity of saints and holy women and men our faith has - and how wonderfully ordinary their stories were. These cards are shaped in arches to mimic stained glass windows and each of them feature my original artwork of saints, a quote from them, and a reflection question to help you deeply think about the role of faith in your life.

These sets have 20 cards each and have a diversity of men and women from all across the world. The first set is called 'Gratitude' and has reflections to help deepen your sense of thanksgiving. I created this because I wanted help for the moments that I took life for granted.

The second set is called 'Black and Brown Wisdom' and features saints from Black and Brown cultures. I created this set because I longed to connect my faith and cultures, and researching these saints brought me this peace. I hope it brings you the same interest and wonder I experienced in making this.

Pop the reflection cards on their stand in a place where your mind can be drawn to their question. Change these cards every 3 weeks and the set will last you the year.

All of my cards come in a little pouch and with a little stand.

If you ever have any questions, I would love to speak with you!

Drop me a line at info@vunilagi.com



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.



COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP UPDATE



Thank you to everyone who generously donated to Mahtab's birthday celebration. It was a simple but delightful family celebration for a two-year old's first birthday in Australia. Your support enabled us to purchase a little tricycle/pram which she can share with her baby sister Baran. Yasie and Neilab are very grateful for your donation.

We continue to support them in practical ways as they navigate the challenges and joys of their new life in Australia. Neilab has her hands full with a toddler and a baby but she is keen to learn English. We are looking at various options including online sessions to help her.

by Cynthia M

The Community Action Group is part of the Refugee Mentorship Program giving support to Yasir and Neilab's little family as they navigate a new life here in Australia.



EXCITING PEW DEVELOPMENTS!

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 grotto now includes a water feature that makes it even more inviting for meditation and reflection activities. Storage facilities have been expanded to provide easy access with plenty of room to move. A bar fridge has been installed in the kitchen which will help promote proper food handling. As a meeting place, the PEW features a sound system and a monitor that both have Internet connection. This makes it a really good space for hospitality, BBQ gatherings and entertainment.

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!



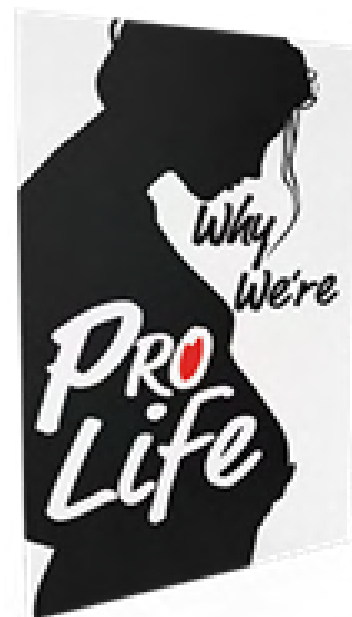
PRO LIFE AND CENACLE GROUP

The 36-page booklet "Why We're Pro-life" is now freely available in the church. Please take a copy home and read it. "Why We're Pro-Life" serves two functions.

First, it provides the words, ideas, and confidence to talk to others about abortion.

Second, it's a compelling pro-life resource that you can give away to anyone. "Why We're Pro-Life" is perfect for this important moment in the fight for life:

- It addresses the legal and cultural landscape of the new post-Roe world.
- It avoids the charge that abortion is a church-state issue in that it appeals only to up-to-date science and to broadly shared beliefs about human rights. Not religion.
- It strikes a tone of peaceful dialogue, much needed during a time of rising temperatures in the divisive debate over abortion.



Divine Mercy Chaplet and MMP Cenacle (Rosary): On Monday 3 April, we will have the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary AFTER the 12.30 pm Mass as the church is not available from 11.30 am to 12.15 pm.

Next Saturday 8 April being Holy Saturday, there will be no devotion/novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. There will be no Mass and adoration/benediction as well.

Devotion to OLPH is held every Saturday at 10 am at OLD and will resume the following Saturday 15 April.

Updates by Cecilia and Michael O

DIVINE MERCY HOUR

SUNDAY 16th APRIL 2023

3.00 pm - 4.15 pm



- Procession
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Adoration with Sr Faustina's quotes
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Benediction
- Blessing of Divine Mercy images

Sacrament of Reconciliation available from 3pm

Novena

- 11am Good Friday April 7
- 3pm Holy Saturday April 8
- 3pm Easter Sunday April 9
- 11:30am April 10
- 9:30am April 11 - April 15

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



God is glorified
when men are
fully alive
St Ireneus

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:

Peter Woo
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

DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH?

JOIN OUR

LIFESTYLE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PROGRAMME(LECP)

2023 PROGRAMME CONTINUES EACH WEDNESDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM



What is involved?
Each week mentors will select 'topics' of interest as the basis for our conversation in English

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

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.

Still interested?

For more information please contact Anthony on 0414364522 or anthony@churchinthecity.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

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



Aid to the Church in Need

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.



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



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.



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



The Art of Liturgical Celebration

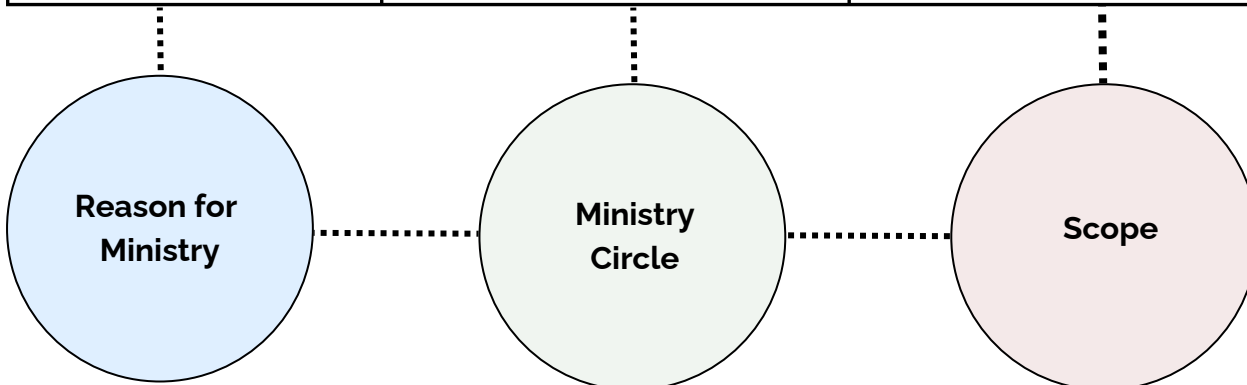
Liturgy and Music Conference 28-30 September, Brisbane

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

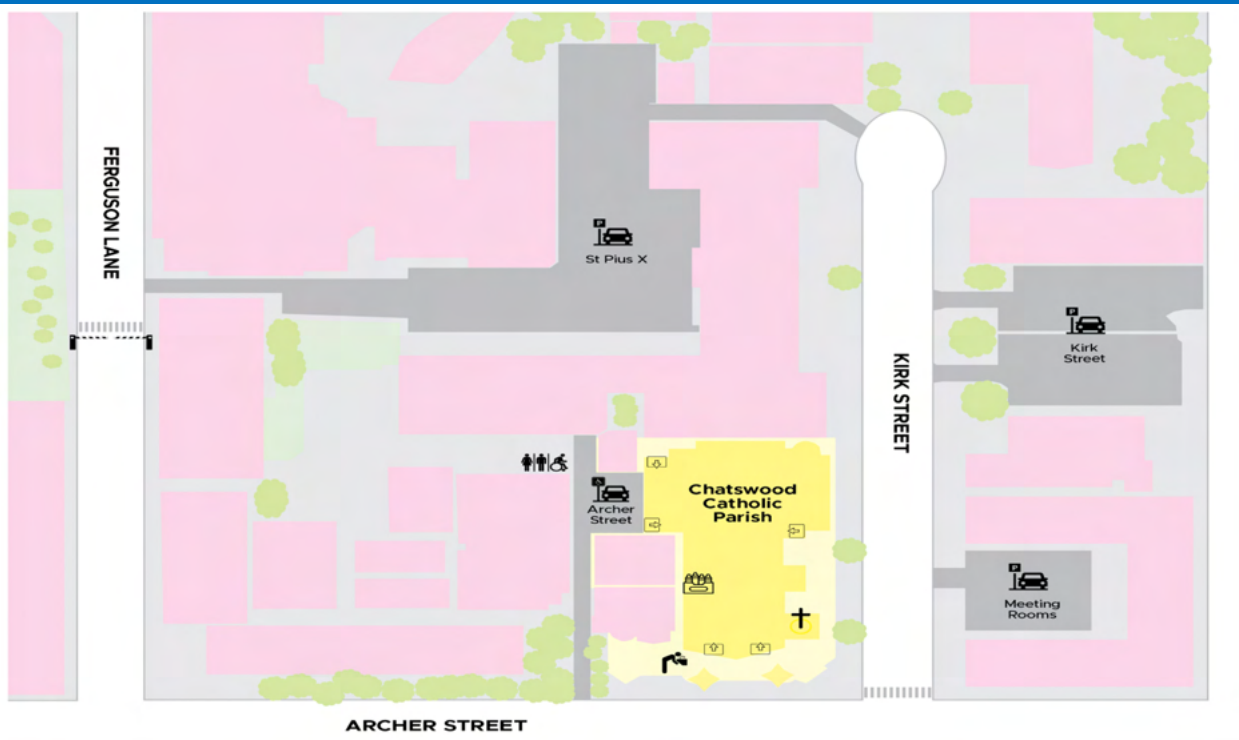
This conference is an absolute MUST for all liturgists, musicians, clergy, choristers, lay liturgical ministers, composers, teachers, conductors, liturgy teams, campus ministers - all who love liturgy and music! Enquiries: liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au

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
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Mass This Week:

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

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

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

Thursday 7:00pm

Friday 3:00pm

Saturday 7:00pm Vigil

Sunday Masses:

7:00pm Vigil
(Saturday Night).

7:30am

9:00am

10:30am



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Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday
April 2nd, 2023

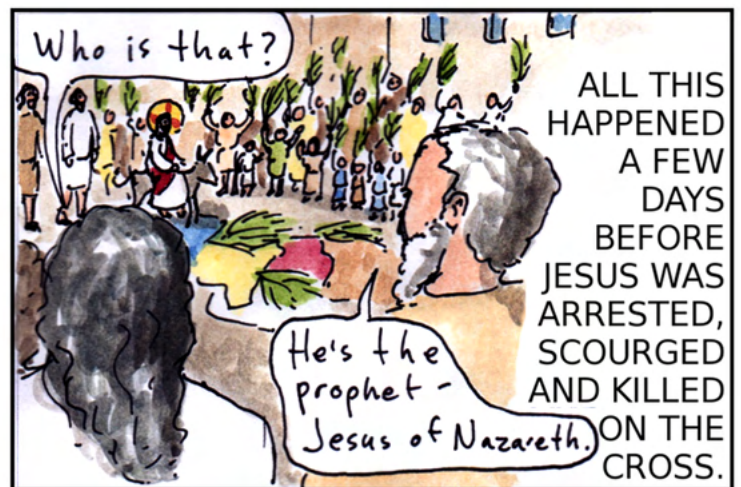
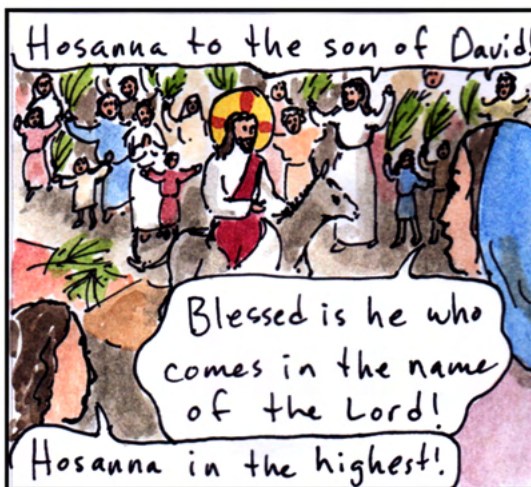
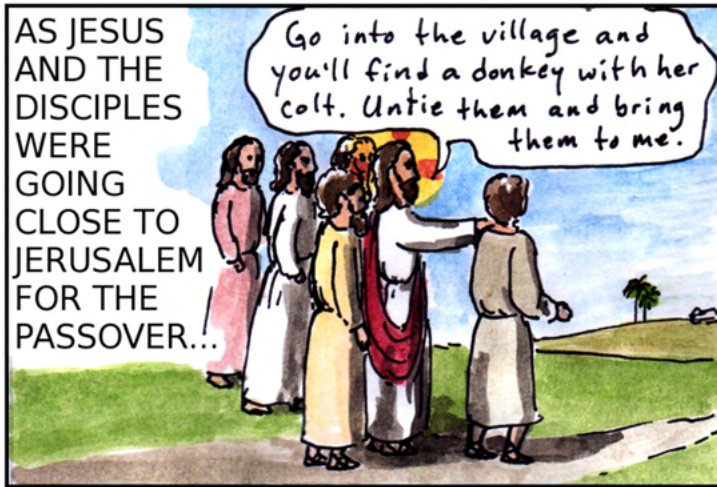
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Use every second letter to fill in the blanks.

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Palm Sunday



ON PALM SUNDAY EVERYBODY CHEERED FOR JESUS, BUT A FEW DAYS LATER THEY SHOUTED AT HIM AS HE WAS LED TO HIS DEATH. WE MUST BE FAITHFUL TO JESUS WHEN IT'S EASY AND EVERYONE AROUND US IS, AND WE MUST ALSO BE FAITHFUL WHEN IT'S REALLY HARD AND EVERYONE ELSE IS AGAINST HIM.



Good Friday Word-Find

H H W E D B H E A V Y
 D I E D M U E S J I V
 J L P C A R R I E D E
 O L T A R I O M S N R
 S E D L Y E D O U I O
 E S A V E D F N S C N
 P I L A T E O F R O I
 H S C R O S S E S D C
 I N C Y R E N E T E A
 N E H A N D S T O M B
 N A I L S J O H N U R
 M A G D A L E N E S S

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks:

What did Jesus do on the cross?

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On Good Friday JESUS was taken before King HEROD and the governor, PILATE. Even though He had not committed any crime He was scourged and condemned to die on the CROSS. He CARRIED the cross as far as He could up CALVARY hill, but when He got too weak a man named SIMON of CYRENE was forced to help Him. On the way He met His mother, MARY, who WEPT at seeing her Son in such pain. A woman named VERONICA wiped the blood and sweat from His face with a cloth. At the top of the HILL Jesus was thrown onto the cross and His HANDS and FEET were fastened to it with NAILS. They raised the cross, where Jesus hung for three hours before He DIED. He did all this to SAVE us from Hell. At the cross were JOHN, Mary MAGDALENE, His mother, and some other women. At the moment He died the curtain of the old Temple was TORN in half. When His body was taken down from the cross JOSEPH of Arimathea and NICODEMUS BURIED Him in a new TOMB and rolled a HEAVY STONE in front of the door.



Holy Week

Did you know that this week is the most important one in the whole year? Holy Week has Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On these days we remember and celebrate the most important things that Jesus did before His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

On Holy Thursday Jesus said the first Mass and made his apostles the first priests. Go to Mass on Thursday if you can, and think about what Jesus did- He made bread and wine into Himself so that He could still be with us after He went back into Heaven.

On Good Friday Jesus suffered terribly and then died on the cross because of our sins. He offered up His life, even though He had never sinned, so that all of us could go to Heaven. That's why we call it "Good" Friday. Can you offer some sacrifice to Jesus in return for what He did for you?

On Holy Saturday Jesus' body was in the tomb. His friends were all shocked by what had happened and were afraid and sad. They did not remember what was going to happen next... Do you remember what happened after Holy Saturday?



Answer to Puzzle on Front: This is my Blood of the New Covenant which will be shed for many.
Answer to Word-Find: He died for sinners.

