



Parish Office: 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067

(02) 9410 9000 | Emergency: 0473 046 906 | PO Box 1446 Chatswood, NSW 2057

PARISH OF CHATSWOOD

30 April 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter



I am the gate of the sheepfold.
This Sunday's Gospel - John 10:1-10



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

This week we look forward to welcoming May as the month of Mary. Take a look to see the ways in which you may want to honour Our Lady in a special way this month.

Our Lifestyle Conversation program is back so if you know of anyone wishing to strengthen their English, let them know we would love to have them!

This weekend is Deacon Kevin's last official Mass with us. Take the time to read his words of appreciation to all parishioners.

Have a lovely 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.

Dear friends,



Fr David Ranson
Parish Priest

This weekend is Deacon Kevin Hale's final weekend with us on his formal appointment as Deacon to the Parish. We hasten to add, however, that Deacon Kevin will remain very much associated with our parish and, after a holiday with his wife Lois during May, we will certainly see him again. For Deacon Kevin our parish is his spiritual home so we will continue to see him each weekend, and he will continue to be involved pastorally with us even if without formal appointment.

Deacon Kevin has served our community on appointment by the Bishop for the past six years. He has done so always with generosity, commitment and pastoral love – and of course, with a wicked laugh! We

are very grateful to him for his remarkable contribution over these years, knowing that he has touched the lives and hearts of many in our parish family. As we moves into retirement from appointment, we wish him abundant blessings and remain grateful that he remains very much part of our parish family. So this is not a goodbye! But it is a mighty chance to say thank you for six years of unstinting ministry for us.

I am very pleased to share with you the news of the appointment of our new Parish Director of Music, Titus Grenyer. Titus comes to us with considerable experience in church music, with a BMusic (Hons) from Sydney Conservatorium of Music and a LMusA in Pipe Organ also from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. He has been an Assistant Organist at St Mary's Cathedral and St Andrew's College from 2019 and has been involved with the St Mary's Singers at the Cathedral, too. He is a skilled organist, conductor, and composer, and even has his own YouTube channel, "Pep Organ". Titus commences with us this coming week but then will take a very short break to celebrate overseas his recent wedding. We are confident that Titus will build on the great foundation that our outgoing Director, Patrick Harrison has developed.

Again, thank you to everyone for the amazing participation in our recent exercise developing our Parish Mission. We have had nearly 600 responses which is nothing other than phenomenal. A number of our ministry leaders gathered together last Thursday, 27 April to reflect on the volume of contributions and to progress the formulation of our Parish Mission statement. IN the coming weeks we will all be asked again for our feedback and participation. In this way we will be able to publish our Parish Mission on Pentecost Sunday (28 May) confident that this has been what the Spirit has brought into being through us all. A very special thank you to Brendan Tertini and Anthony Seeto from our Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for their extraordinary work to enable us to journey forward together.

This weekend, we might notice some new devices in our church: there is one on the choir loft rail and two more in the transepts of the church. These are state of the art cameras that, once operational, will provide us with the capacity for livestreaming. We will be looking soon for some

volunteers to operate the system which will take place from the choir loft. If there is any budding camera person in our midst who would enjoy operating the controls do let us know! It might be something for which our young people might have a keen interest!

Warm congratulations to Fr Agustinus Handoko MSC, our chaplain to the Sydney Catholic Indonesian Community. Fr Agustinus celebrates his Silver Anniversary of Ordination with a special Mass in our parish on Saturday 29 April. A very large congregation from across Sydney joins us for this special occasion.

We have some wonderful opportunities for our formation in faith through the coming month of May: our annual May tribute to Our Lady, a parish pilgrimage to the Central Coast on Saturday 20 May, and then our Men Alive Conference on the weekend of 27/28 May at Harrington Hall. The details of all these are in our parish bulletin. Always an exciting read!

With my warm wishes to all.

THANK YOU FROM DEACON KEVIN



Dcn Kevin Hale
Parish Deacon

As you have heard my formal appointment to this parish finishes after the 5:30pm Mass this Sunday.

While I will no longer have a formal appointment to Our Lady of Dolours Parish I hope to continue being involved in parish life.

As an ordained minister I do not stop being a Deacon but remain a Deacon for life but now, I will be free to accept ministries from other Parish Priests who may ask me to help in their Parish and that includes Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood.

Fr David and I have been in discussion on what my role may look like after Sunday night.

He has invited me to still be involved in the various ministries of the parish when I am needed.

I am happy to continue my association with this parish as I have greatly enjoyed my time here. This is a great parish. You are great parishioners. You have all been very welcoming to me and have made me feel very much part of your lives.

I believe I have made great friendships here both with you the laity, with the staff in the office, and also with the various clergy I have encountered.

So, Thank You for making my time here so special, thank you for opening yourselves to me.

Lois and I will spend May visiting relatives we have not been able to visit for 3 years, and it is my expectation that you will see me, in the parish at times, from June onwards.

Thank you and you will always be in my prayers.

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fay Gwen Lee-Fong.

SICK:

Baldo Polizzi; Anthony Mustaca.

ANNIVERSARY:

Ip Wai Fong; Nora Chan; Carlo Supina.

For Leo who celebrates his birthday this coming Wednesday: may he continue to be strengthened in every way.

For Rebecca and Martin, and, Sharon and Ken who have recently celebrated their weddings in our parish: may they continue to grow in love of God and of each other.

For the Catholic Indonesian Community: we thank their members for the many ways they give generously to our parish, and we pray their celebrations this weekend go well

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

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



Free Your Grief

"The great challenge is living your wounds through instead of thinking them through. It is better to cry than to worry, better to feel your wounds deeply than to understand them, better to let them enter into your silence than to talk about them. The choice you face constantly is whether you are taking your hurts to your head or to your heart. In your head you can analyze them, find their causes and consequences, and coin words to speak and write about them. But no final healing is likely to come from that source. You need to let your wounds go down into your heart. Then you can live them through and discover that they will not destroy you. Your heart is greater than your wounds." - Henri Nouwen

We are greater than our wounds. Life is greater than death. God's goodness is greater than all loss. But mourning our losses is the path to fulfilling those truths.



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 or contact the Office of Safeguarding on (02) 8379 1605



Scan this QR code to donate to the first or second collection for our Parish.

Thank you for the many ways in which you already support our parish!

SCAN TO GIVE



Connect with us!

FACEBOOK



WEBSITE



FR DAVID'S BLOG



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



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.

Have you noticed how some of our Scripture readings throughout the weeks of this Easter season are set on the day of Easter? And how some, like today's first reading from Acts of the Apostles, are set on the day of Pentecost? This is a powerful reminder to us that what we celebrate during this season is not the chronological unfolding of a story but various reflections upon the one mystery: Easter and Pentecost are interwoven realities and we celebrate both together each day of our fifty-day season.

The first letter of Peter sums up this Easter mystery, saying that Christ died 'so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness'. Easter is about living the new life of conversion. It echoes Peter's address in Acts of the Apostles about repentance: baptism is for the forgiveness of sins and receiving the Spirit. It is not a one-off event, but something that is lived out day by day. Just as Easter is the victory of life over death in the person of Jesus, it is the victory of belonging and purpose over being lost and alone. The first letter of Peter describes this new reality with a metaphor: 'You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd'.

The shepherd image is, of course, the constant and powerful image for this Sunday in Easter. Today's particular extract from chapter 10 of John speaks more about the pen or enclosure, and Jesus speaks of himself as the gate of the pen. The proper way in or out is through him.

In early Christian catacomb art in Rome, the image of the shepherd with a sheep slung over his neck was a popular one. It was probably even a pre-Christian image that Christians adopted. Its use in funerary art is easy to explain. The last lines of the psalm say: 'In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever'. The idea of the shepherd leading us into eternity is clear. In chapter 10 of John the idea of eternal life was also found by early Christians. In one of his homilies on this gospel, St Augustine of Hippo noted some sixteen hundred years ago that the gospel says that Jesus leads the sheep in and out through the gate and that he has come to say that people may have life and have it to the full. Augustine could see two realities here. Coming into the gate was baptism and the pen was life in the church. Coming out of the gate was death and entry to the pastures of eternity, and the fullness of life. This is what Augustine said: 'For he seems to me to have meant that they may have life going in, and have it more abundantly going out. For no one can go out through the gate—that is by Christ—to that eternal life which shall be face to face, unless by the same gate—that is, by the same Christ—he has entered his church, which is his fold, to the temporal life, which is lived in faith' (In Euangelium Iohannis Tractatus 45).



So today we are thankful that God has called us to join this flock; we are thankful that, through baptism and the gift of the Spirit, we belong. We are thankful that Jesus is our shepherd who comforts us with crook and staff. We are thankful that the shepherd will one day lead us out into the eternity of the Lord's house. We are thankful to share in this meal of bread and wine, which is a foretaste of the banquet prepared for us in the sight of our foes. We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song.

Geoffrey Dunn

MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday
1 May:

- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 11:45am Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)
- **12:30pm Mass**

Tuesday
2 May:

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- 9:00am Mass
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 12:30pm Mass

Wednesday
3 May:

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- **12:30pm Mass**

Thursday
4 May:

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, Rosary, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 12:00pm Benediction
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 7:00pm Holy Hour
Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation (Confession) also available.



Friday
5 May:

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- **12:30pm Mass**

Saturday
6 May:

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation (Confession), and Rosary
- 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- 10:30am Benediction
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass**

Sunday Mass
7 May:

- **7:30am Mass**
- **9:00am Family Mass**
- **10:30am Mass**
- **12:00pm Filipino Mass**
- **5:30pm Youth Mass**

Cultural Community Mass:

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

GATHERINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Monday
- 10:00am: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
- 1 May:**
- 4:00pm: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
 - 4:00pm: Atrium 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
 - 7:00pm: Alpha
- Tuesday
- 10:00am: Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)
- 2 May:**
- 7:00pm: Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul)
 - 7:00pm: Parish Pastoral Council (Magnificat)
 - 7:00pm: Filipino Choir Practice (Church)
 - 7:30pm: Wild Goose Faith Discussion and Reflection (Magnificat)
- Wednesday
- 9:30am: Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)
- 3 May:**
- 11:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (Magnificat)
 - 1:00pm: Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion (Magnificat)
 - 6:00pm: Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion (Magnificat)
 - 7:15pm: Exploring the Faith Course (St Peter)
- Thursday
- 10:00am: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
- 4 May:**
- 10:00am: Seniors Morning Tea (Magnificat)
 - 1:00pm: Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion (Magnificat)
 - 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)
 - 6:00pm: Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion (Magnificat)
 - 6:00pm: Legion of Mary (St Peter).
- Friday
- 10:00am: Meditation (St Paul)
- 5 May:**
- 7:00pm: Online Zoom Meditation ID: 892 0631 0929
Pw: 085507
- Saturday
- 9:00am: CIC Preparation (Magnificat)
- 6 May:**
- 11:00am: Choir Rehearsal for 9:00am Mass (St Paul)
 - 11:30am: Baptismal Preparation (Magnificat)
 - 3:30pm: Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion (Magnificat)
- Sunday Mass
- 10:00am: Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion (Magnificat)
- 7 May:**
- 10:00am: Teen Choir (St Paul)
 - 10:00am: Filipino Choir Practice (Harrington Hall)
 - 1:00pm: Filipino Fellowship (Magnificat)
 - 6:30pm Capstone Young Adults



Discerning our parish **MISSION**



What is God calling us to focus on?

As part of our discernment to discover what God may be calling us to focus on as our parish mission, 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...

“Developing more people, especially young people to grow in faith and practice within the Christian tradition - even if initially in a predominately social sense.”

“To spread Good News and the message God has sent us.”

“Togetherness, nurture each other for friendship, support and faith development as a church family and community. We walk the faith journey together in the parish, through friendship, support and togetherness.”

“It is spreading the love and the teaching of our Holy Catholic Church.”

“To praise God, be true to his word in the Bible and promote his saving message - not beholden to popular, secular campaigns, despite the pressures to do so.”

“To make a big effort to get all those Catholics who live in our parish but no longer come to Mass.”

“To foster love, kindness and support amongst the parish community.”

“To establish a culture that welcomes and appeals to the youth in our community to keep the Catholic faith alive and thriving.”

“To reach out to others who may feel God's calling to join in worship. To keep hold of those already in our parish family.”

“To give thanks to God, spread the good news, apply God's teachings and help others in need.”

“Participate and contribute as a community to grow together as a parish.”

“To be more open to the ideas of the youth as the world changes, we should also strive to change our mindsets regarding certain viewpoints without fault. Otherwise, we will be left behind as others strive ahead. As a big parish we can set an example for others to change. And lead the change for others to see.”

“To be humble, diverse, inclusive. Especially women and those on the margins. To have more organisation among the youth and include proper communication.”

“The primary thing God is calling us to focus on is to spread His word to everyone in our community.”

“To serve our God by doing something for the church and community.”

“Show God's love by helping those in need in and around our Parish.”

“Continue to spread God's word. To be a help to those who are needy. Note: To hear and clearly understand God's teaching's during readings and homily.”

“To make everyone feel welcome and find peace and feel love and support.”

“To spread the belief to others. To help strengthen our faith.”

“To spread the Word. To build a community of faith.”

OUR MISSION

"Is to spread the Good News to the World, to encourage others to live life with God."

"Love God who is within each of us and in all generations."

"To encourage people to strengthen their faith and maintain their Godly values."

"To be kind to our neighbours, to believe in Him."

"To evangelise through volunteering, reaching out and sharing."

"Being in community with the faithful. To support one another and service in the parish and in the outer community."

"May God give us the courage to reach out to parishioners we don't know - especially if they are of another ethnic community, to break down those barriers that inhibit a free sense of community for all parishioners. Let us therefore have the willingness to let go of our own reluctance, shyness, fear of getting to know new parishioners. We are all children of God."

"Spread God's word in the parish community."

"To show the love of God through action - charity, visiting, group support, invite people to be involved in different groups, people to join in activity in the parish."

"Always have God as part of our daily life."

"Evangelisation! Evangelisation!"

"Receive God's love here and live God's will where we are."

"God is calling is to focus on promoting a church community that is united and that nurtures each other spiritually."

"To know, love, serve God."

"Love one another and be there for each other with the help of the parish to stay close to God."

"Helping local community."

"To help those less fortunate in the immediate area and then the Diocese of Broken Bay through fundraising or by spreading the word of Christ."

"Welcome new members as Chatswood grows."

"To glorify God and to share his love to others by giving testimony of Him saving us from the most difficult situation when it's all helpless and desperate - he would be there to save us."

"To spread the teaching of why God exists to those who are not yet with God."

"To help those in need by putting others first."

"Be kind and love one another."

"To pray with others, to refresh our minds on rules for life."

"To be a place which attracts people to Mass and the other sacraments including giving people who no longer come to Mass or go to other parishes a reason to return."

"Need to build a sense of Christian Community (hospitality). More than individualistic spiritual life. Greater sense of belonging/identity. Faith formation. Family/fellowship groups/youth. Get this right and there will be something vibrant to draw people into. Out of this will flow works of mercy and evangelisation, greater engagement with local broader community."

"Our ultimate mission is to spread the goodness of God and let Jesus Christ be the centre of our lives. To live a Christ like life."

"To spread His word through prayer and good deeds. Never stop helping where you can."

"Be an example, so we encourage more people to go to church services and especially and most importantly, attend 'mass'. ultimately spread the word of God, through short courses, faith formation, various Bible studies and similar courses."

"To bring other people who do not know God. To help the brothers and sisters."

MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY



Many might see Mary as just another character in the Bible, one who was given a particular task, and when God was finished with her, she faded into the background with the rest of the crowd. But Mary was chosen by God Almighty, long before He spoke this world into existence, long before the fall of Adam and Eve, long before she gave birth to Christ, to be the immaculate vessel through which God would enter our world. She dedicated her entire life and all that she was, to the glory of the Father.

May is Mary's Month. This has been a custom in the Church dating back many centuries. In this special month, in which we will celebrate Christ's Ascension into Heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (the birthday of the Church), it would be great to deepen our devotion to Mary. In the Acts of the Apostles, we see the beautiful image of the early Church united in prayer around "Mary, the mother of Jesus." That was what Jesus wanted as his last wish - that his mother should become our mother. He told the apostle St. John and each one of us: "Behold, your mother!"

If we love Jesus we should make sure that Mary always has an important place in our lives. The Gospel of John says John took Mary into his "own home." We need to do the same. We need to develop a deep personal relationship with Mary - one of love, affection, devotion and trust. We grow in faith and holiness if we stay close to Mary and if we listen to her words and learn from her example. At the Annunciation, Mary told the angel, "Let it be done to me according to your word". She entrusted herself totally to God's will for her life. She made a commitment to cooperate with His will, to be a "handmaid" to His plan of salvation.

Mary teaches us to always look to Jesus. Her last words in the Gospels, at the wedding at Cana, should be the first words that define how we live: "Do whatever he tells you". She welcomed Jesus into her life and gave him to the world. That should also be an example for us. We should be ready always to bring the gift of Jesus to others. Know Mary, know Jesus. No Mary, no Jesus.

Mary is the Queen of Peace, so throughout this month of May and throughout the year let us offer prayers for peace for Australia and in the world. Let us ask Mary's intercession to help us love her as Jesus loved her.

So in this month of Mary, as we pray for one another, let's all try to take some practical steps to deepen our devotion to Mary. Maybe that means praying the Rosary more regularly and with more devotion and affection. Perhaps consider joining the rosary group in praying the rosary before/after Mass (see details below). Mary has asked us to pray the rosary daily during all her six apparitions at Fatima between May and October 1917 for peace. Are we listening to her?

Marian Devotions at our Parish:

- Mondays – 11.45 am (Cenacle rosary of the Marian Movement of Priest)
- Tuesdays – Saturdays at 9.30 am (following the 9 am Mass)
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help – every Saturday at 10 am
- Parish Zoom Rosary at 8 pm – on special feast days of Our Lady (next one is on 13 May)
- Inviting the image of Our Lady of Fatima to your home for a few days and pray as a family (The family that prays together stays together – Fr Patrick Peyton) – see details below).

By Cecilia and Michael O



"When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved, He said to His Mother- "Woman, behold your Son! Then He said to His disciple, "Behold your Mother!" And From that hour the disciple took her to his home."

John 19:26-27

VISITATION OF MARY TO YOUR HOME

Would you like to take home Mary's statue in the month of May? You may have your own statue of Mary, and that is wonderful, but consider this as a blessed visit with spiritual blessing for your family. A statue is available to be picked up from O.L.D. Church to stay in your home for one day or two days. A booklet of prayers will be provided to help you venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary during her visit.

If interested, please sign up on the list at the statue's table or email: chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au or approach a priest or contact Cecilia at 0466 961240

Pictured in the middle is the statue of Our Lady of Fatima that is available for you to bring to your home,

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima - 13 May



Our Lady's message to the three shepherd children during her first apparition on 13 May 1917:

Pray the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and an end of the war.



Please join us for a [Parish Rosary](#) via Zoom:

Date: Saturday 13 May 2023

Time: 8 pm

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89998182977>

Meeting ID: 899 9818 2977

NO Passcode required



*Our Lady of Dolours
Church
Chatswood
Phone: 9419 4000*

ABOUT US



Lei Davoren
Parishioner

This week we meet Lei - you might have seen her tending to our flowers in the forecourt with great care and love. Lei's favourite saint is St John Paul II because he was the pope of her childhood and she was incredibly touched by some of the events that she read occurred during his papal history. If Lei could visit anywhere in the world it would be Lourdes and Fatima because of the significance of these places in affirming Our Lady's role in our faith.

I am Leiola Repeka Davoren and I am known to my family and friends as Lei. I am a mother of 3 grown ups and grandmother to 2 little toddlers. I migrated from Fiji and I am very fortunate to have my home in Epping with my family for now 45 years this year.

I have been coming to Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood for 1 year now and I am active member with the Zoom Rosary, the Our Lady Help of Christians Association group, the L.I.F.E Spiritual formation group, assist in maintaining the Church's forecourt flowering 'pot plants' at present and also assist during Lent in the 24 HRS PRAYERS FOR THE LORD on 17 - 18 March last month.

I am also active in my Our Lady Help of Christians, Epping Parish once a month roster.

Church and Community has always been a very important part of my life since my childhood days. When I was invited to visit Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood by a dear friend of mine, I started coming to Mass on a regular basis and begin to meet new people and made new friends with them and felt that I am part of them.

I would say my social interaction with my friends whom I have made and got to know over 1 year here at Our Lady of Dolours has inspired me to reciprocate, to give back in some ways to them, the Church and to God.

My biggest Challenge was when I gave birth to my first baby boy who is now 43 years old. I was new to Australia and I did not know anybody other than my new family (in-laws). It really hit me hard not having my family near me especially my mother for her love and support. When baby no.2 and no.3 came along it was a breeze as I became an expert in motherhood by then...lol

Our Lady of Sorrows symbolises for me a mother's infinite love for her children despite all the ups and downs we encounter in our life's journey.

If you see Lei around the parish, stop and say hello!



SENIORS MORNING TEA



Please join us on Thursday 4th May at 10.00am in the Magnificat Room for morning tea and to meet our Parish staff.

Anyone is welcome to join the Seniors Morning tea! It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new people over a cuppa and whatever lovely spread Jan and Linda have organised. It is held on the first Thursday of every month at 10:30am in the Magnificat Room.

Employment Opportunity: Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator

As part of the 35th anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay, in August 2021, Bishop Anthony Randazzo invited the Diocesan region of the Central Coast to participate in a project of pastoral discernment. The Central Coast region was identified as the first of the three geographic regions to undertake this project which was undertaken in 2022. As part of this discernment, now completed for the Central coast and envisaged for the Northern Beaches and North Shore of the Diocese, of paramount importance is to recognise the each of the local region's particular pastoral circumstances, opportunities, and challenges.

The process of pastoral discernment envisages a sustained and prayerful study of the various factors which give our three geographic regions (Central Coast, Northern Beaches and North Shore) its unique character. The aim of this initiative is to renew the life of the Church in each of these regions of the Diocese, ensuring a sustainable and thriving ecclesial community.

You may be aware that in December 2022 the Central Coast pastoral discernment was completed with the Final Report and Executive Summary publicly available. Having considered the findings of the Central Coast project, Bishop Anthony has appointed a Task Group to consider the Central Coast Report and to make recommendations to him with respect to the implementation of the findings of the Report. The work of the Task Group will be undertaken throughout 2023.

Concurrently to discerning the recommendations of the Central Coast Pastoral Discernment Project, the Diocese is now also turning its focus to implementing the discernment project and process for the Northern Beaches region.

In respect of both the work of the Central Coast Implementation Task Group and launching the discernment project for the Northern Beaches region, we are recruiting for a Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator.

The appointment of the Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator will:

- 1.act as an Executive Officer, assisting the newly appointed Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Implementation Task Group in the formulation and implementation of the recommendations from the Central Coast Discernment Project; and
- 2.coordinate and facilitate strategic planning in preparation for the Northern Beaches Pastoral Discernment Project.

This is a full-time position for a maximum term of two years.

The role requires a candidate with tertiary qualifications in theology, ministry, social science or a related discipline, supported by at least five years in pastoral planning and/or project management in a Church context and experience in planning of evangelisation practices in diocesan and parish contexts. You will have an understanding that this is integral to ministry in a Catholic setting and experience working in close collaboration with parishes and agencies of the Catholic Church, notably clergy and community consultation and the facilitation of large and small groups. Your proven record in project-based research and business case methodology will speak to your high-level organisational skills and the ability to collate and distil large volumes of complex information.

With consideration of the unique characteristics of the Northern Beaches region it is important that the successful candidate has a strong familiarity, identification or presence from within the northern beaches area.

For more information please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au for an Information Pack including for details on how to apply.

Applications close Thursday, 18 May 2023



OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering Opportunity: Bringing Communion to our Elderly Community

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



Learning Opportunity: Music Reading Lessons

Have you ever wondered how to decipher written music but not known who to ask?

Eileen Gallery is running basic music reading lessons. Feel free to come along if:

- you're a choir member who can't read music, or would like to improve your music reading skills; or
- you're thinking of joining the choir, but concerned that reading music might be a prerequisite. It isn't, but the ability to read music makes learning new songs much easier and faster.

So if you're not sure, why not come along. Join us for an hour at 5pm on Tuesdays in the St Paul meeting room to explore this new language - the language of music.

Call Eileen on 0418 163 062 with any questions.



CHOIR CORNER



Titus Grenyer
Director of Music

Choir practice is held every Thursday from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the choir loft in the church. Please feel very welcomed to attend no matter what your skill level is.

Over the coming weeks as Titus settles into his new position we will update you with other opportunities for engagement with the choir.

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

DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH?

你想增强你的英语吗?

JOIN OUR

LIFESTYLE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PROGRAMME(LECP)

英语生活会话课程 (LECP)

2023 PROGRAMME CONTINUES EACH WEDNESDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM



What is involved?

课程包括什么?

每星期导师们会选择相当
的题目为我们日常基本的
英语会话。

你有机会去增强你的会话
技巧，同时在这友善的空
间里增强你的信心。

WHEN DO WE MEET?

何时上课?

EVERY WEDNESDAY
FROM 9:30-11:00AM
DURING SCHOOL TERM

WHERE 地点? :

MAGNIFICAT PARISH
MEETING ROOM,
O.L.D. CHATSWOOD

Still interested?

有兴趣吗?

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!

What is Lifestyle English Conversation Programme?

什么是英语生活会话课程?

作为非英语背景的你，这个
课程你会感到有兴趣。

LECP 为那些不习惯使用日常
英语的各种文化背景的人
(18 岁以上) 提供机会
，在我们的导师的支持下，
通过英语对话提高他们的语
言技能并建立信心。

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.



THIS WEEK IN PICS



Top left: Fr David lays a wreath on behalf of the parish at the Chatswood Garde of Remembrance as part of the Chatswood-Willoughby ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Top right: Farewelling the Robbins family at 10:30am Mass. Wishing them all the best as they plan the next stage of life back in the USA.



Left: Some of our gorgeous choir members have a farewell drink for Patrick.

THREE SAINTS' PILGRIMAGE

20 MAY 2023

JOHN PAUL II



SOMERSBY



SR FAUSTINA

GOSFORD



ST MARY MACKILLOP



KINCUMBER



IN THE PROGRAM:

Visiting one of the oldest churches in Australia
Morning & Afternoon tea
Stations of the cross
Divine Mercy Hour
with Adoration
Rosary
Confession
Holy Mass
Veneration of the relics
Lunch
Good atmosphere

**COST: \$50 FOR INDIVIDUALS
\$100 FOR FAMILIES**

**FOR BOOKING USE
THE QR CODE
OR TALK TO OLIVIA
IN THE OFFICE**

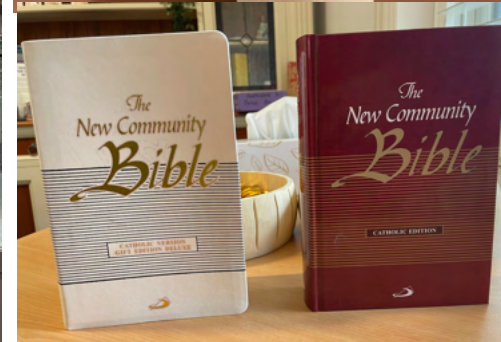


MOTHERS DAY GIFTS

Next week on Sunday 7 May after the 7:30am, 9:00am, and 10:30am Masses, our Piety Stall and PEW gift shop will have a stall in the forecourt in the front of the Church to sell and showcase gifts you might like to pick up for your Mum before Mothers' Day on the 14th of May.

We will be out there as long as stocks last!

For our community members who attend Mass on Saturday at 5:30pm and Sunday 5:30pm, please know you are able to view the gifts inside the piety stall (at the back right of the church near the TV screen) and inside the PEW cabinet (inside the PEW Garden in the carpark).



OUR CIRCLES OF MINISTRY

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



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:

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

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



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



Palms Australia

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training.

Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

Explore 35 positions by going to www.palms.org.au or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567 for more info. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.



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

Bookings: 02 8075 8111 | www.theconcourse.com.au |
concourse_boxoffice@century.com.au

Parish Support Team:

Parish Priest: **Very Rev Dr David Ranson VG**

david.ranson@bbcatholic.org.au

Personal blog: davidranson.com.au

Twitter: @FrDavidRanson

Assistant Priest: **Rev Fr Joey Frez**

joey.frez@bbcatholic.org.au | (02) 9410 9027

Assistant Priest: **Rev Fr Marek Woldan**

marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au | (02) 9410 9028

Deacon: **Rev Kevin Hale**

kevin.hale@bbcatholic.org.au | (02) 9410 9026

Parish Services Officer: **Olivia Lee**

chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au | (02) 9410 9000

Administrative Assistant: **Chloe Aylward**

chatswoodadm@bbcatholic.org.au | (02) 9410 9021

Catechist Coordinator: **Karen Forbes**

karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au | (02) 9410 9029

Parish Director of Music: **Patrick Harrison**

chatswoodmusic@bbcatholic.org.au | (02) 9410 9034

Children's Ministry Coordinator: **Angela Hague**

angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au | (02) 9410 9033

Children's Ministry Assistant: **Mona Saouma**

mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au | (02) 9410 9024

Facilities and Finance Manager: **Michael Mercer**

michael.mercer@bbcatholic.org.au | (02) 9410 9030

Book-keeper: **Amelia Lee**

amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au | (02)9410 9032

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.

Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Sunday Mass

- 7:30am

- 9:00am

- 10:30am

- 5:30pm - Youth Mass

 facebook.com/OLDChatswood

 bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood

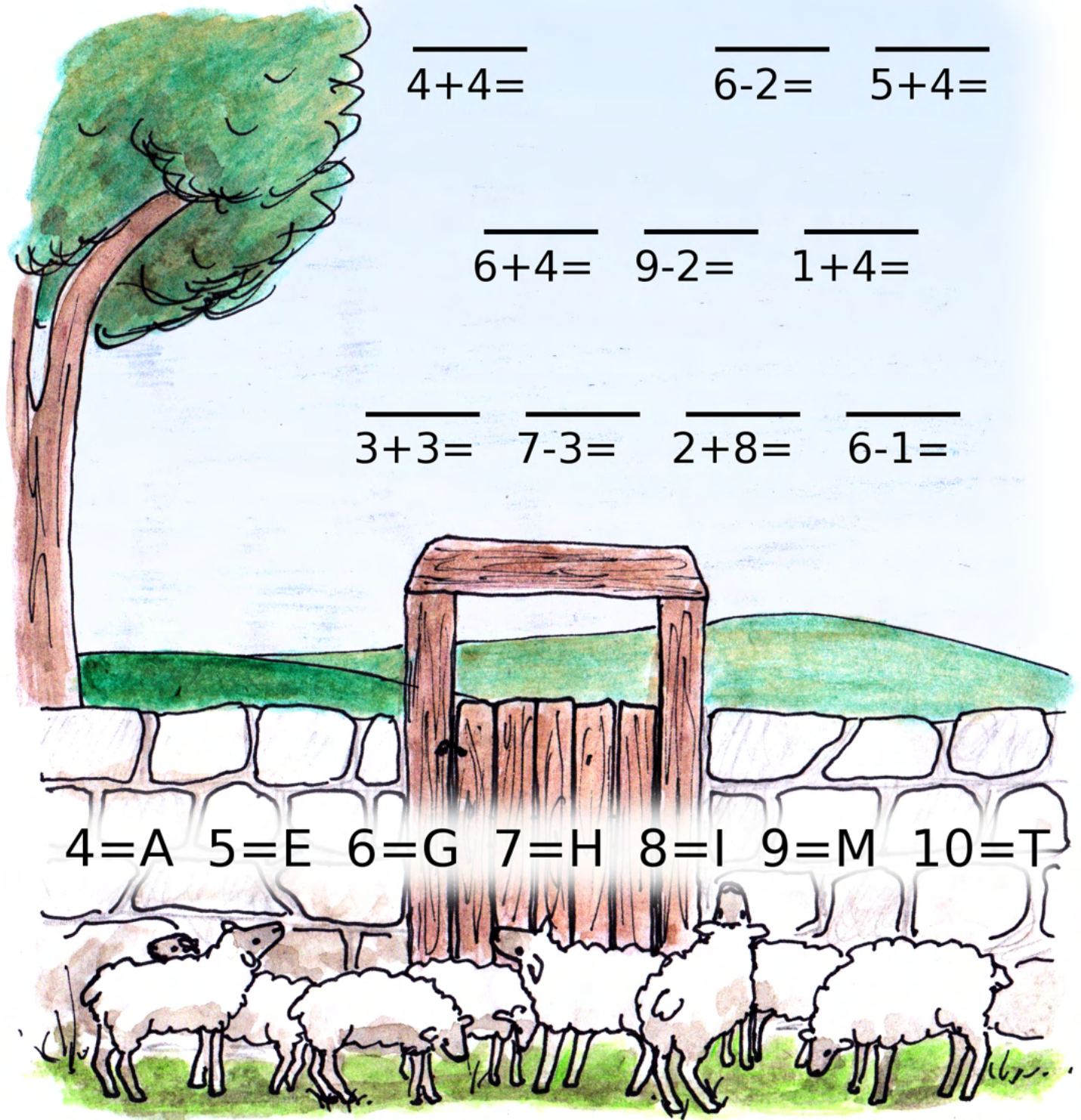
Want to receive the bulletin via e-mail?

Contact Olivia at

Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30th, 2023



What did Jesus say about the sheepfold?
Figure out the math questions
and then fill in the blanks
with the letters the numbers represent.

Saint Hilary of Arles

May 5

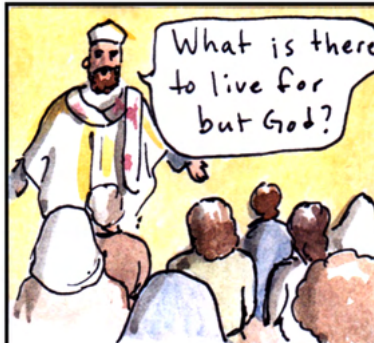
HILARY OF ARLES WAS BORN TO A WEALTHY FAMILY IN NORTHERN FRANCE IN 401. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION.



ST. HONORIUS OF ARLES, A RELATIVE, WAS ARCHBISHOP. HE GOT HILARY TO JOIN THE MONASTERY AT LERINS.



WHEN THE ARCH-BISHOP DIED THE PEOPLE CHOSE HILARY TO TAKE HIS PLACE.



HE WAS AN EXCELLENT PREACHER AND TEACHER.

EVEN THOUGH HE WAS MUCH YOUNGER, HILARY WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF MANY BISHOPS.



HE MADE SOME MISTAKES IN HIS DIRECTION OF THE BISHOPS, SO POPE ST. LEO TOOK AWAY SOME OF HIS POWER.



ST. HILARY ACCEPTED THE POPE'S DECISIONS AND KEPT WORKING TO HELP HIS PEOPLE. HE DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 48 YEARS OLD.

SAINT HILARY OF ARLES IS AN EXAMPLE TO US THAT GOD SOMETIMES WANTS YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE IMPORTANT JOBS. SAINT HILARY WAS YOUNGER THAN THE BISHOPS HE WAS IN CHARGE OF BUT HE WAS HUMBLE ENOUGH TO RULE THEM WELL. ALSO, WHEN HE MADE MISTAKES HE ACCEPTED THE CONSEQUENCES.

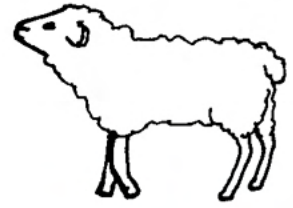
Fill-in-the-Blanks

The letters in squares fit into the spaces at the bottom.

GATEKEEPER
REALIZE
SPEECH
ENTERS

HIS
WILL
YOU
AMEN

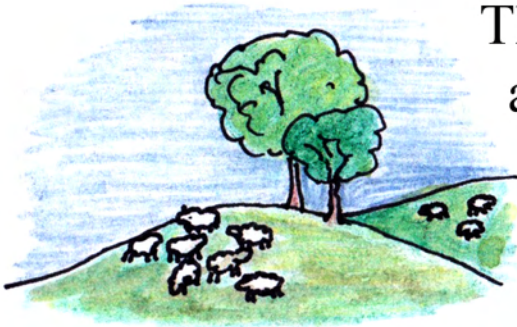
THIEF
DRIVEN
CLIMBS
VOICE



Jesus said: "Amen, ¹²_____, I say to
⁹_____, whoever does not enter a sheepfold
through the gate but ¹¹_____ over
elsewhere is a ⁵_____ and a robber.
But whoever ²_____ through the
gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The
¹_____ opens it for him,
and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd
calls ¹⁰_____ own sheep by name and leads
them out. When he has ⁸_____ out
all his own, he walks ahead of them, and
the sheep follow him, because they
recognize his ³_____. But they will
not follow a stranger; they ⁴_____ run
away from him, because they do not
recognize the voice of strangers."
Although Jesus used this figure of
⁷_____, the Pharisees did not
⁶_____ what he was trying to
tell them.

The sheep 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

The Good Shepherd



The readings in today's Mass talk about Jesus the Good Shepherd. In Jesus' time, and still in some parts of the world today, there would be flocks of sheep grazing in the pastures. The shepherds were the people who looked after the flocks and made sure none of the sheep got lost or hurt or attacked by wild animals.

The Church is the flock of Jesus, and He is the Good Shepherd. He guides the people in the Church so that their souls will not be hungry- He gives us grace, just like a shepherd makes sure his sheep have lots of grass to eat!

Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.

Answer to puzzle on front page:
I am the gate.
Answer to Fill-in-the-blanks:
know his voice.

