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PARISH OF CHATSWOOD

14 May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)



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

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This week we celebrate Mothers Day and look forward to Laudato Si' Week.

We farewell our wonderful Finance and Facilities Officer, Michael and wish him the very best for the future, To that note, we also thank Bob Shields for all his work the past 20 years as Treasurer of Vinnies Chatswood conference and wish him well in his new endeavours.

We also near the end of our phase of communal discernment about our parish mission statement.

Have a great week ahead!

Happy Mothers Day to all mothers.

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

This Sunday's Gospel - John 14:15-21

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.



Fr David Ranson
Parish Priest

Dear friends.

A very happy Mother's Day! We pray for all those entrusted with this vocation and responsibility and pray God's richest blessings upon them and their families. May this day be a very special one for our mothers!

This weekend, we develop further our Parish Mission. As will be explained at our Masses, we will be invited to make a choice out of three examples that have been developed from everyone's contribution since last November. We have been so encouraged by everyone's participation. Now, we come to the finalisation of formulating as a community of faith our Mission. It is our Mission that will then underpin all that we do going forward and hopefully become that by which we are known. Again, a very special thank you to Brendan Tertini and Anthony Seeto for their magnificent work on this. Upon everyone's engagement

this weekend, we will then be able to share the Mission on Pentecost Sunday in a special letter that I shall write to our community for the occasion.

As you appreciate, since last September 2022, we have actively been considering a new structure for our Parish Office that might best support us as we move forward into what is a very exciting and energetic period for us. To this end, we created the roles of Parish Services Officer, Administration Assistant and Director of Music, and proposed the role of Business Manager. We have been able to implement most of these new roles, notwithstanding already a change in our Director of Music. However, the benefit of time has enabled us to reflect further on the proposed role of Business Manager and to consider that there may be different way into the future. Consequently, the current role of Finance and Facilities Officer which Michael Mercer has exercised so well over the last five years will come to its conclusion. Michael will conclude his employment with us on Wednesday 17 May 2023. I wish to record my deepest appreciation to Michael for his wonderful service to the parish and to us as a team over the last five years. Michael has been always the most professional in the exercise of his duties. He has also been entirely gracious and unstintingly generous. His gentle and calm manner has ensured we have come through a number of challenges in one piece! When we look back at all that has been achieved over the last five years, we can but be filled with hearts of immense gratitude to Michael for his remarkable dedication and contribution. We have come to this point in our journey with such health, vibrancy, and potential in no small way due to Michael's presence and engagement with us. He has unfailingly been a trusted and loyal support and encouragement to me in my own role for which I will be forever grateful. Though the future might suggest a new configuration of roles and staffing in our parish office, I have assured Michael that he remains a most valued member of our parish family, and that though his professional relationship may be changing our friendship with him does not. We look forward to continuing to see Michael and to enjoying his company. He is always welcome to call in, enjoy the PEW café, participate in the many ministries of our community. So, this is not entirely a goodbye but hopefully a hello in a new way. Please join with me in expressing gratitude to Michael for this time with us and his wonderful contribution.

Recently, we have had cameras and systems installed in our church to provide us with a very professional capacity for live-streaming. Though most people have now re-joined us (last weekend we had over 1200 people join us for our Masses), our capacity to broadcast will ensure our outreach even further – across the world! The capacity gives us opportunity, especially, for significant events – such as School Graduations – and also for weddings and funerals. The equipment, software, and systems now installed are 'state-of-the-art' with remarkable functionality to make the experience of watching what is livestreamed very professional and first class. The operating system is now in the corner of the choir loft. And now we are looking for operators! Might there be people who would be interested in becoming first class operators of the cameras and film makers? This is something open to people of all ages! It may be, however that some senior students, in particular, would really enjoy engaging this ministry? If anyone is excited and interested by this possibility, do let me or Olivia in our parish office know, and we will arrange training with Ben Thrum, our sound engineer who has installed the system for us and to whom we are very grateful.

This weekend we also conduct again our Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal, the pastoral charity of our Diocese of Broken Bay. Our Pastoral works are at the forefront of our community, serving those in need, helping to rebuild and renew families and parish communities and introducing our children in state schools to the wonder and beauty of our faith. The appeal mainly supports two key Diocesan ministries which get little or no government funding. They are:

- The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) – around 650 volunteer catechists taking the Gospel to approximately 14,000 state school children during the school terms. CCD provides a large range of online resources for the students plus newsletters, training, and workshops for the volunteers.
- Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Program – again Chaplain and care practitioners visit more than 3,000 individual hospital patients each year. Some are end-of-life patients, many may feel isolated, lonely or fearful; others will recover but are grateful to receive the sacraments; while some are parents trying to come to terms with very sick children or babies. There are probably many amongst us who have or are facing similar circumstances and are very aware of the time, care and attention offered by this ministry.

Funds raised during the appeal go directly to these ministries. It is a difficult time to be asking people to be generous. We are all facing cost-of-living challenges in many ways. However, our support and generosity are vitally important. It has made a huge difference in the past to many people. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. These donations contribute to our Parish target. Our own Parish is committed to raising some \$70,000 annually for the Appeal, and by the end of June we have some \$40,000 remaining to raise. Everyone's gift makes a difference.

Thank you for your time and generosity and for all the many, many ways you make our parish so welcoming and alive.

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recalls Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this in your holy name. Amen.



IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Yvonne Brownley Frewen; Lillas Roche; Fay Gwen Lee-Fong.

SICK:

Baldo Polizzi; Anthony Mustaca.

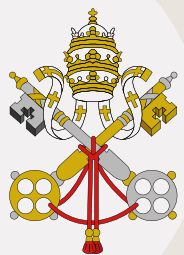
ANNIVERSARY:

Jack Biviano; Ip Wai Fong; Nora Chan.

For Jenna and Jacob who welcomed their 4th baby to their family last week.

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

The Pope's Prayer Intention for May



For church movements and groups:

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

May: The Month of Mary

The attitude of Mary of Nazareth shows us that being comes before doing, and to leave the doing to God in order to be truly as he wants us. It is He who works so many marvels in us.

Not one of us can buy salvation! Salvation is a free gift of the Lord, a free gift of God that comes within us and dwells in us. As we have received freely, so are we called to give freely (cf. Mt 10:8); imitating Mary, who, immediately upon receiving the Angel's announcement, went to share the gift of her fruitfulness with her relative Elizabeth. Because if everything has been given to us, then everything must be passed on. How? By allowing that the Holy Spirit make of us a gift for others.

The Spirit is a gift for us and we, by the power of the Spirit, must be a gift for others and allow the Holy Spirit to turn us into instruments of acceptance, instruments of reconciliation, instruments of forgiveness.

Let us learn from Mary, who kept her gaze, constantly fixed on the Son and her face became "the face that looked most like Christ's" (Dante, Paradiso, XXXII, 87).

Pope Francis



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

Did you know: the House of Loreto refers to the building that is believed to be the house of Our Lady, where Jesus was made flesh in her womb.

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!

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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



Every week the parish is generously supplied with beautiful, fresh, flowers from Dale and Winnie over at Roseville Fresh Foods - 55 Hill St, Roseville NSW 2069. We thank Dale and Winnie deeply for the generosity and care with which they have supported our parish!

Thank you!

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.

Discerning our parish **MISSION**



In March last year we embarked on a journey together, guided by the Holy Spirit, to discover what it means to truly be Church in the city.

Over the past year, we have...

- Shared our hopes and dreams for our church, parish community and precinct
- Developed a clear understanding of where we are today, through the National Church Life Survey, Parish Census and school surveys
- Formed ten Ministry Circles, each offering opportunities for people of all ages and groups to come together as a community of faith

Most recently, we began to discern as a parish - through Mass worksheets, parishioner workshops and small group activities - what God may be calling us to focus on as a parish, our mission.

A parish mission or purpose statement is a short statement that defines the parish's primary purpose, its reason for being - why it exists and what we are called by God to do.

We firstly asked all parishioners "what is the primary thing God is calling us to focus on as a parish purpose, our mission?" From the 239 parishioner responses received, our top five discerned purposes were...

Love, kindness and compassion towards others

Parishioners discerned the importance of loving God, loving one another, being a good example and serving others with kindness and humility.

Evangelisation, spreading God's Word and love

Parishioners discerned that we should focus on spreading the word of God and evangelising to those who may have lapsed or who are not yet familiar with the teachings of Jesus - making disciples by helping others in their journey of knowing God and his love.

Growing together in Faith

Parishioners discerned the need for us all to grow together in faith, deepen our relationship with God and find greater meaning and purpose in our lives.

Helping those in need and serving others

Parishioners discerned the importance of serving others in the community and helping those in need - acts of compassion and action - a strong charitable presence in our community.

Community building and supporting each other

Parishioners discerned the need for us all to come together as a parish community to support and nurture one another spiritually, act as a source of good in the community, and help those in need.

We then asked parishioners to rank these five purposes in order of importance. We received a fantastic 590 responses, which were analysed and through further discernment, a shortlist of three potential parish mission statements developed.

Parish mission statement shortlist

This weekend during Mass, we are inviting all parishioners to discern which mission statement, from the shortlist of three, we adopt as our parish mission statement.

The shortlisted parish mission statements are...

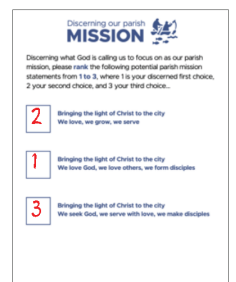
Bringing the light of Christ to the city
We love, we grow, we serve

Bringing the light of Christ to the city
We love God, we love others, we form disciples

Bringing the light of Christ to the city
We seek God, we serve with love, we make disciples

To participate, complete the paper worksheet during Mass, ranking the shortlisted parish mission statements from 1 to 3, where 1 is your discerned first choice, 2 your second choice, and 3 your third choice.

Alternatively, scan the QR code to complete an online worksheet.



Today, on our thirty-sixth day of the Easter season, our attention shifts from the risen Lord to the promised Spirit. We are thankful today because we are people of hope. What is the basis of that hope? One of the grounds for our hope is the fact that all the earth can cry out to God with joy. The purpose of Acts of the Apostles is to show that the good news brought by Jesus is not limited or restricted in any way: it does not belong to one people but to all people. The author outlines how the gospel reaches to the ends of the earth.

We hear about the first step in that expansionary process in chapter 8 of Acts. We met Philip last week, like Stephen, one of the seven chosen to help with the distribution of food to the widows among the Hellenists in the Jerusalem community. These Hellenists were Greek-speaking Christian Jews who seem to have been discriminated against on cultural grounds. The ministry of service exercised by the seven would later be seen as the basis for the ministerial order of deacons. Philip is to be distinguished from Philip who was one of the Twelve. Interestingly, while chapter 6 of Acts presents the seven being chosen so that the Twelve could devote themselves to preaching, here in chapter 8 we find Philip also engaged in preaching.

He is in Samaria. We know that, after the death of Solomon, according to the biblical accounts, the kingdom had been split into two: the kingdom of Israel in the north and the kingdom of Judah in the south. Two hundred years later (720 BC), the Assyrians destroyed the northern kingdom and some of the people were taken away in captivity. The land later became known as Samaria and the people living there regarded as foreigners, even though they worshipped the same God as the Jews.

Philip baptised, but the author of Acts says that the people did not receive the Spirit until Peter and John laid hands on them. This is a little odd, since elsewhere we are told that baptism conferred the Spirit. It seems that what the author wanted to emphasise is that Philip's practice of taking the Good News outside the borders of Judaea was confirmed by the Twelve. It is a statement about the unity of the followers of Jesus, whatever their background. This piece of Scripture would become the later justification for the separation of baptism and confirmation in our western tradition.

What happens to the person who receives the Spirit? John's Gospel, recounting the words of Jesus in the discourse at the Last Supper, says that such a one is united in truth and united in Christ. The indwelling of the Spirit is the indwelling of the Trinity and the unity of the community. To have the Spirit is to be driven towards unity; it is to be impelled towards care for others, all others. In the fifth century, Augustine told the newly baptised what it meant for them to be filled with the Spirit in loving God and keeping God's commandments. 'Thus, before all else, Christ came so that they might learn how much God loves them, and might learn this so that they would catch fire with love for him who first loved them, and so that they would also love their neighbour as he commanded and showed by his example—he who made himself their neighbour by loving them when they were not close to him but were wandering far from him.'

Let us give thanks to the Lord for that Spirit who makes us one. We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song.

MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

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

- Wednesday
17 May:
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
 - **9:00am Mass**
 - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 - **12:30pm Mass - Anointing of the sick after Mass**

- Thursday
18 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
19 May:
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
 - **9:00am Mass**
 - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 - **12:30pm Mass**

- Saturday
20 May:
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
 - 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
21 May:
- **7:30am Mass**
 - **9:00am Family Mass - Year One Mass**
 - **10:30am Mass**
 - **12:00pm Spanish Community Mass**
 - **5:30pm Youth Mass**
 - **7:00pm Indonesian Community 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)
- 15 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)
- 16 May:**
- 4:00pm: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
 - 4:00pm: Atrium 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
 - 7:00pm: Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul)
 - 7:00pm: Filipino Choir Practice (Church)
 - 7:30pm: Wild Goose Faith Discussion and Reflection (Magnificat)
- Wednesday
- 9:30am: Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)
- 17 May:**
- 10:00am Mercy College Assembly (Church)
 - 11:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (Magnificat)
 - 7:15pm: Exploring the Faith Course (St Peter)
- Thursday
- 9:00am: Safeguarding Reflection Day (Magnificat, St Peter, St Paul)
- 18 May:**
- 10:00am: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
 - 5:00pm: Music Reading Lessons (St Paul)
 - 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)
- 19 May:**
- 10:00am: Mini Food Fair Meeting (St Paul)
 - 7:00pm: Online Zoom Meditation
 - 7:00pm: CIC Choir Practice (St Paul)
- Saturday
- 7:15am: 3 Saints Pilgrimage (Meet in Forecourt)
- 20 May:**
- 11:00am: Choir Rehearsal for 9:00am Mass (St Paul)
 - 7:00pm: Korean Bible Reading and Discussion (St Paul)
- Sunday Mass
- 5:00pm Indonesian Choir Practice and Fellowship after Mass (Magnificat, St Paul)
- 21 May:**
- 6:30pm Capstone Young Adults (St Peter)



CELEBRATING MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

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.

Cecilia O



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 OLOD Church to stay in your home for one or two days. A booklet of prayers will be provided to help you venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary during her statues visit to your home.

If you are interested, please sign up on the list at the statue's table or e-mail chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au or approach one of the priests or contact Cecilia at 0466 961 240. - Fr Marek

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY TO HONOUR OUR BLESSED MOTHER ON HER SPECIAL FEAST DAYS - VIA ZOOM



*Our Lady Help of
Christians,
Patroness of
Australia*

*Wednesday,
24 May at 8 pm*



*Mary, Mother of the
Church*

(In 1980 Pope St John Paul II added this title to the Litany of Loreto and Pope Francis decreed in 2018 that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and be now celebrated every year.)

*Monday
29 May at 8 pm*

Meeting ID for both Rosaries : 392 679 1205 (No passcode required)

Or click on: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3926791205>



SHARING OUR STORIES



Karen Forbes
CCD Catechist Co-ordinator

This week we meet Karen - our newly appointed CCD Catechist Coordinator who also looks after the catechists at the Lindfield-Killara. Karen's ideal holiday destinations range from everything from Europe where she once backpacked with a friend, to local gems like Port Macquarie, the Hastings River waterfront walk; Koala Hospital & the Hello Koalas Sculpture trail just to name a few. This adventurous spirit makes it very clear then, why Karen's favourite saint is St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - our first Saint whose adventures were pushed the spiritual norms of faith. Karen admires how St Mary had complete confidence in God's providence and spent her life helping children and the poor; so visiting the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel and Museum in North Sydney is always a special trip for her.

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

I grew up in Chatswood with my family, attending St Thomas' Willoughby Primary School. As an enthusiastic student, I enjoyed learning and playing a variety of sports including netball and tennis. My family and I attended Mass weekly at St. Thomas' Catholic church.

In late 2016 while attending a Sunday Mass at St Augustine's Church in the inner west, I was 'tapped on the shoulder' by the parish Scripture/Catechist Co-ordinator, who enquired if I would consider assisting a Scripture teacher at a class in a public school in the area. My journey as a Scripture teacher commenced, initially as an Assistant teacher in the Kindergarten class. My confidence and enjoyment increased and I eventually took on a combined class of my own, with an Assistant in my class.

I'm very much looking forward working as part of the Chatswood parish team, providing support to our dedicated Chatswood Catechists at five public Primary schools and one High School.

What has been your biggest challenge?

Losing half my immediate family: the illnesses and deaths of my parents, and the unexpected death of my eldest sister from a rare illness a few years ago. My sister's two beautiful daughters - my nieces, give me a huge amount comfort and joy, along with my two nephews and two other nieces - they are all gorgeous!

What does Our Lady of Sorrows symbolise for you?

Our Lady of Sorrows symbolises the sacrifices Jesus made for all of us, that we are to remember.

While experiences of grief and sorrow can occasionally be overwhelming, we are reminded that grief is temporary and we will eventually be released from our sorrows. Hope is eternal!

If you see Karen around, say hello! 🙌

When you share your story, you allow others to see fragments of themselves and you help normalise the craziness of life. Our stories bring us together - so will you share yours?

At the very least please dob someone into me who we can feature in this section and help us deepen in the love, appreciation, and understanding of one another.

Contact me at: Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au

OUR WEEK IN PICS



Last week's Mothers Day stall - thank you to all the volunteers!



The Filipino Community Mass last week began with the kids processing in with their flowers to lay at the feet of Our Lady of Manaoag pictured below.

Mass ended with a beautiful prayer and blessing over the mothers, from Deacon Roberto.



Ben admires the new set up of our live streaming cameras! If you would like to be part of learning how to work these, please contact the front office.



LAUDATO SI' WEEK
Hope for the Earth. Hope for Humanity
MAY 16 - 24 2023



Laudato Si' Week - a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and a call to action for Catholics around the world, is being celebrated 16-24 May, 2023. This year's theme is "Hope for the Earth. Hope for Humanity".

During Laudato Si' Week, set aside some time each day to complete the novena of prayer, reflection and action outlined at socialjustice.catholic.org.au/ On the site you will find: The Laudato Si' Week prayer; Information provided from the 2021 State of the

Environment Report; Quotes from Laudato Si'; Reflection questions; Actions prompts. What can you do individually, as a family, as a couple, as a workplace, to contribute to the care for our common home and create full sustainability in the holistic spirit of integral ecology?

URBAN

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted to government, industry and communities the complex and fragile nature of our urban ecosystems

The pandemic has shifted where we work in our urban areas and how we move around them, and increased our reliance on digital networks.

The ongoing expansion of urban areas disproportionately impact Indigenous people's sense of cultural connection and identity through the disruption and destruction of culturally significant places and landscapes.

Urban fringe areas tend to have poorer access to services and longer commute times.

As our cities expand and change, so do their impacts, including increased urban heat, congestion, pollution and waste

2021 State of the Environment Report



God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

Laudato Si', no. 246



Nowadays, for example, we are conscious of the disproportionate and unruly growth of many cities, which have become unhealthy to live in, not only because of pollution caused by toxic emissions but also as a result of urban chaos, poor transportation, and visual pollution and noise. Many cities are huge, inefficient structures, excessively wasteful of energy and water. Neighbourhoods, even those recently built, are congested, chaotic and lacking in sufficient green space. We were not meant to be inundated by cement, asphalt, glass and metal, and deprived of physical contact with nature.

LAUDATO SI', NO. 44

REFLECTIONS

What is the state of the environment in your city or town or the place where you live?

How important is it to you to notice nature around you and care about it?

ACTION

Take a look at the Clean Air and Urban Landscapes Hub's material on the benefits of green spaces for the health of cities. Think about how your own locality rates and talk to your local government representative about what could be done to improve things for you and your fellow citizens:

<https://nespurban.edu.au/research-projects/urban-greening/>





A FUNDRAISER FOR THE JESUIT REFUGEE SOCIETY AND THE HOUSE OF WELCOME

FREEDOM FEAST



6:30PM SATURDAY 3RD JUNE 2023



HARRINGTON HALL, ENTRY FROM
FERGUSON LANE, CHATSWOOD



TICKETS \$35 INC. 2 COURSE MEAL
+ DRINKS



GUEST SPEAKER:

JAMES ATANASIOUS

PEACE, JUSTICE,
AND ECOLOGY
FACILITATOR,
DIOCESE OF
PARRAMATTA

SCAN CODE TO BUY TICKETS OR GO TO
EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/FREEDOM-FEAST

I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'
Matt.25:36

Once again, on Saturday 3rd June, our parish Community Action group is holding a Freedom Feast in support of refugees and asylum seekers. The Feast will include tasty dishes from the countries from which refugees come to Australia seeking refuge from imprisonment, fear and poverty, for themselves and their children. Our guest speaker will be James Atanasious from the Australian Catholic University and the Parramatta Diocese's Peace, Justice and Ecology ministry of which he is the facilitator. James will speak of his own experience as a refugee from South Sudan via refugee camps in Africa to first Tasmania and then Sydney. Last year we raised \$6000 from this event and we hope to do the same this year. The money raised will be shared between the Jesuit Refugee Service and the House of Welcome. The ticket cost is \$35 which includes the two-course meal and drinks. Register here through Humanitix: events.humanitix.com/freedom-feast or scan the code on the poster above.

Aid to the Church in Need

The Catholic Charity Aid to the Church in Need has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal





Catholic Care Community Refugee Sponsorship

We all have a part no matter how big or small.
You can make a difference and help a refugee
family start a new life in Australia.

Join our information session to learn more about
the community refugee sponsorship program.

Sunday 21 May 2023 at 2:00pm
Mamre House and Farm
181 Mamre Rd Orchard Hills 2748

Please email us if you'd prefer to join us on Zoom.
rita.hakkoum@catholiccarewsbm.org.au
RSVP to Rita: 0477 952 024

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Community
Refugee
Sponsorship

THREE SAINTS' PILGRIMAGE

20 MAY 2023

JOHN PAUL II



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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



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IN THE OFFICE**

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!

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

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

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 was the last time you felt really alive?



God is glorified
when men are
fully alive
St Irenaeus



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



Angela Hague
*Children's Ministry
Coordinator*

This week the children and their families from our parish have commenced their preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

As they prepare to join the community around the table of the Lord for the first time, the children with their parents will listen to the story of God in Scripture and in our church. They will explore the meaning of the prayers and gestures in our Eucharistic celebration and take part in special Sunday and Mass rituals.

This weekend, the children will be introduced to the community and will bring a prayer card with their name on it. These will be placed into baskets and left on the sanctuary. At the end of Mass all parishioners are invited to come forward to collect a prayer card to be that child's prayer partner. As a prayer partner, you are invited



to pray for a particular child during this stage of their sacramental journey. If you do not get a chance to collect a prayer card for a particular child, we encourage you to pray for all the children preparing for this sacrament. Your prayers of support will strengthen them on their journey and the children, parents and parish staff thank you for this support.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the Feast of Corpus Christi 10 & 11 June at the Vigil, 9am and 10:30am parish Masses and at a special First Communion Mass at 12:30pm.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers during this time of preparation.

If you have any queries about the children's sacraments program, please contact Angela or Mona at: chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au

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



BROKEN BAY DIOCESAN CONSULTATION



Tuesday 2 May 2023

Dear Fathers, Deacons, my sisters and brothers of the Diocese of Broken Bay,

In June last year I shared with you my hopes to begin a conversation about the life and culture of our Cathedral.

As I stated at the time, the Cathedral is at the heart of our Diocese, and a most important symbol of our identity. It is here that our local Church is brought together under the unity of your Bishop, together with my clergy, and the entire people of God entrusted to my care. It is the first Church amongst others, the one from which the Diocese radiates and returns.

Since that time, we have begun to articulate how we might best develop our identity as the Cathedral Precinct in the years to come. It is important we take our time to consider the needs of not only our Cathedral parish, but also the needs of the broader community, the Precinct, and its potential for mission, ministry, and life. As I had hoped, the journey which we have begun, has enabled and encouraged a great deal of creative thinking. Through a series of consultations we have begun to unlock many hope-filled ideas and innovative and collaborative conversations. Beginning with our Parish community we have also engaged with our Catholic Schools and CatholicCare services which are also located on the site.

Consultations have included the staff of the Chancery, Catholic Schools Broken Bay, teachers and parents, and CatholicCare to see how we might all best utilise current and new on-site resources, always with our focus on the mission which has been entrusted to us.

We now reach a new phase of our journey. I am inviting all the people of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay to join the conversation.

The Diocesan-wide consultation will begin with Mass as we celebrate our Patronal feast, Mary Star of the Sea.

I encourage you to join me at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral for Vigil Mass at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 30 May 2023 before we move to The Light of Christ Centre for a light supper and conversation as we continue our Cathedral Precinct journey together. A formal invitation will be sent out in the coming days and will detail further how clergy and parishioners are able to confirm their attendance.

I ask that you pray for this journey as it continues to unfold and for which I am sure, will be the source of many new blessings for our Diocese.

Mary Star of the Sea, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads '+ Anthony Randazzo'.

MOST REVEREND ANTHONY RANDAZZO BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

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VINNIES APRIL REPORT

Chatswood St Vincent de Paul helped six people during April, all who were previously known to us.

All but one live in public housing where the rent is linked to income.

The other is boarding in a unit and contributing to power costs. Three of these had run out of food whilst a severe schizophrenic also needed food and some clothing. A disabled pensioner was transported to medical appointments while another was helped with specialist medical attention.. Expenditure of \$360 was incurred.

Donations of clothing and goods which have resale value can be dropped off at the Society's Store at 287 Victoria Avenue. - John R



For the past 20 years, OLOD parishioner Bob Shields has been the treasurer of the Chatswood Vinnies local conference. Bob is now stepping down as treasurer, but his impact and dedication to the Chatswood community will not go unfelt.

Thank you very much, Bob, for all you have done for the vulnerable in our community - all that we see, and especially all that which goes unseen.

Thank you Bob!

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

DATES/TIMES

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH

6:30PM-8:30PM

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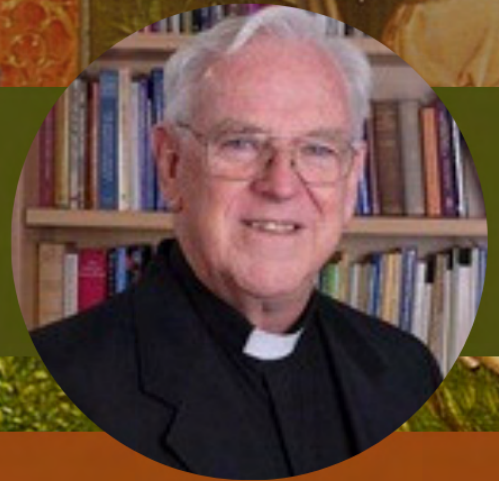
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THE BOOK OF Revelation

A SERIES OF TALKS WITH
BISHOP DAVID WALKER
DIVING INTO THE BOOK OF REVELATION



01
JULY

08
JULY

15
JULY

3:30pm - 5:00pm at the Magnificat Room
96 Archer St, Chatswood - entry from Kirk St

For more info please contact
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

All are welcome!

CATECHISTS CORNER



Karen Forbes
CCD Catechist
Co-ordinator

In a nutshell, what is a catechist?

The primary goal of a catechist is to model God's love to others. As a result, the primary requisite of a catechist is a love for God and a love for children. Catechists facilitate the process of faith formation by echoing the word of God in their own life, and by helping others to do so.

Our catechists primarily do this by providing faith and scripture lessons at the local public schools in our area.

If you have ever been interested in being a catechist, or have wanted to know more, please contact me - we would love to have you!



*Spiritual
Direction*

Now available with Fr Joey.

For more information please e-mail the parish office at chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Eucaristias
EN ESPAÑOL

The next Spanish Mass is on Sunday 21 May at 12.00 pm followed by lunch at the Magnificat Room - all are welcome!
- Aida M

PRO LIFE 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.

Cecilia and Michael O



CHOIR CORNER



Titus Grenyer
Director of Music

As we look to enhance the worship in our parish, the time has come to formally establish the Parish Choir. This choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm, and generally sings on a Sunday at the 10:30am service. If you love to sing, you are invited to be a part of the next chapter in our church's musical life. Regular attendance is not essential.

On the third Sunday of each month, we invite the children of the parish to sing in the Children's Choir for the 9:00am mass. Music is a wonderful and natural gift of children, and this is the perfect opportunity for them to be a part of the music in the church. Rehearsals take place after the 9:00am mass, on the second Sunday of the month.

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

OPPORTUNITIES

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.
- Sundays from 10:45am - 11:45am to assist with setting up and cleaning up after the 11am Sunday Mass.

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 Thursdays in the St Paul meeting room to explore this new language - the language of music.

Call Eileen on 0418 163 062 with any questions.



AROUND AND ABOUT



Kooroora Tennis Club Ukraine Fundraiser

Kooroora Tennis Club, Rosville is holding a fundraising event to help rebuild Unicourt Tennis Club, Kharkiv, Ukraine to show support for the people of Ukraine in this area.

If you would like to help support this worthwhile and fun cause, or for more information, please scan the QR Code, or go to <https://events.humanitix.com/help-the-ukrainian-tennis-club>

Anthony: (M)0414364522
Kooroora Tennis Club
5A William Street, Roseville NSW 2069



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



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

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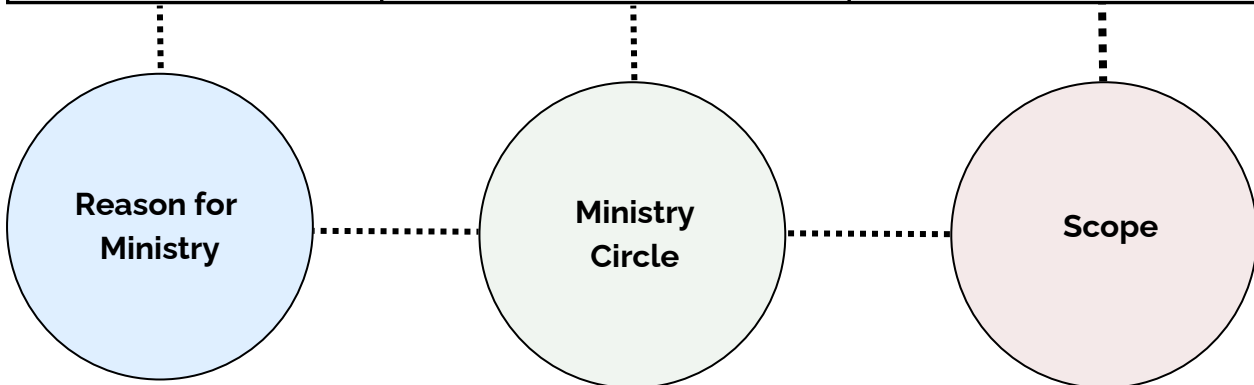
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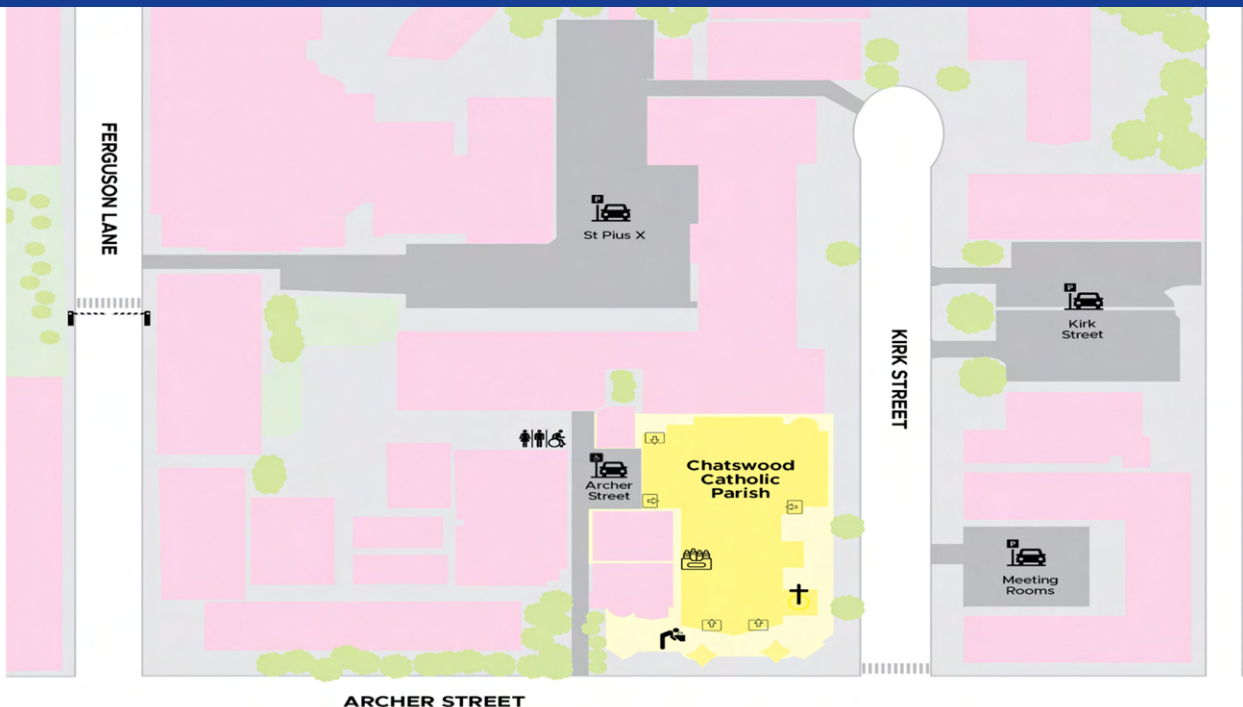


OUR CIRCLES OF MINISTRY

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



PARKING



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Mass This Week:

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

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

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

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

Reconciliation: 7:00pm.

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

Saturday Mass: 9:00am

Reconciliation: 9:30am.

Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Sunday Mass

- 7:30am

- 9:00am

- 10:30am

- 5:30pm - Youth Mass

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Contact Olivia at

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