



THE BULLETIN

1 OCTOBER 2023
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.
This Sunday's Gospel - Matthew 21:28-32

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GLAD YOU'RE HERE
Welcome

A very warm welcome to you, especially to anyone new and 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 contact us at 02 9410 9000 or email us at chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au - we would love to hear from you.

October, the month of Mary, has arrived! Our Marian Community groups have prepared great ways for you to embrace the gift of our Blessed Mother to our faith.

Our Mothers' Group is starting up soon and is looking for donations of knitting wool and tools. Look inside for ways to get involved with this new community!

Thursday is St Faustina's Feast Day and her relic is coming to us for the day! All are welcome to come pray and venerate together, celebrating the life of St Faustina.

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.



FROM FR DAVID



Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

Dear friends,

Last week it was a pleasure to have Karen Forbes, our Parish CCD Coordinator, speak to us and to put before our attention our very important catechist ministry. We have some 750 Catholic children across our five public schools and each week over 40 catechists visit them sharing our Catholic Faith on our behalf. They are the most extraordinary group of people! However, they need our support! Might you consider this as ministry for yourself? All it takes is a couple of hours each week on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning and you will have all the resources and support that is required. Do give it some thought as a possibility for 2024 and be sure to make contact with Karen whose details are on the back of our bulletin.

Another way by which we share our faith is through our RCIA program: the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We have two programs in respect to this: one conducted in the Chinese language for which we

have some 20 participants, and one conducted in English for which we now have 10 people. Our Chinese program has commenced, and our English program will start on 15 October. We will journey with our catechumens through to Easter 2024 when we welcome them all into our Church.

We remain mindful of our 24 parishioners on pilgrimage with Fr Joey in the Holy Land. They arrived safely in Tel Aviv last week and proceeded to Haifa. From all accounts, everyone is well and thoroughly soaking in the experience (*see pic on the right*).

We also think in these weeks of our recently graduated Year 12 students, now preparing for their HSC examinations. These will commence as Term 4 gets underway on 10 October.

As I shared several weeks ago, with our very skilled Director of Music, Titus Grenyer we are now able to offer two scholarships for junior organists. We received a number of applications and after auditions, we have been able to offer these to Sophie Li (Year 7, Tara Anglican School for Girls) and to Ashley He (Year 8, Willoughby Girls High School). We look forward to Sophie and Ashley becoming a part of our ministry of music at Chatswood over the coming year.

October is a month traditionally in which we are mindful of Mary, Mother of the Lord and our Mother. Our Statute of Our Lady of Fatima is available to host in our homes as a special focus of prayer during these weeks. It is also a month, coinciding with the feast day of St Francis on 4 October in which we are mindful of our responsibility to care for creation. Pope Francis will publish a new letter on the environment this week, *Laudato Deus* which we are encouraged to read. To mark the feast day of St Francis we will conduct our annual Blessing of Animals on Sunday 15 October after the 9.00am Mass on our forecourt. Do spread the word and bring along your pet for this lovely ritual.

Again, I put before us my Pastoral Letter on the forthcoming Referendum on 14 October. It is available in the foyer of our church, along with a Statement of the Australian Catholic Bishops.



IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Julio Maynes; Warren Farr; Sr Maureen Shakeshaft; Mariani Ridwan (grandmother & great grandmother to the Sunjaya family); Anthony Tys; Francis Tai; Ricardo Cortez Jr (Uncle of Giselle Goloy); Mary Bowie.

Our loved ones who are sick:

John O'Brien, Giselle Clark; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; Johanna Tse; Iris Wickert (sister of Chrystal De Croos); Mary Kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Leung.

Our loved ones, at rest with God, whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Joseph Syria Santio; Baby Faith Aylward; Chun Ying Cheng; Janet Coombs; Andrew Lee; Cecilia Lee; Sang Yon Jeon; Kevin Bruce; Teresita A Castro; Bernadette Cheng Take Yee; Robert Playdon; Irene Ward; Mark Van; Wah Chew Chan; Jose Ben Arbarca.

For everyone on the roads this long weekend, may we all drive safely and remember to care for one another.

For Jolie and her family.

For Kristin and Andrew as they prepare to get married.

For Jenny as she navigates the struggles of her health, and for her family as they adjust to caring for her.

Our community would love to pray for you.

If you have an intention you would like to be included in this bulletin e-mail
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



Our Lady of Dolours, Pray for Us

*Rock of constancy,
pray for us.*

*Refuge of the abandoned,
pray for us.*

*Mother of consolation,
pray for us.*

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October



For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



This week's church flowers are
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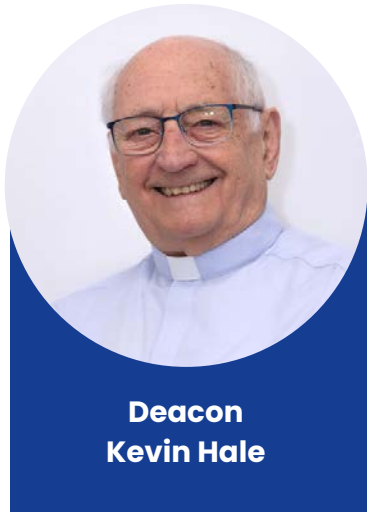
*Cindy
Kurniadi*

Thank you!



*Please join us on Thursday 5 October
when the relic of St Faustina will visit our
parish. Please check the Mass and
Liturgies schedule to see what times
veneration will be available.*

Fr Marek



**Deacon
Kevin Hale**

Today's gospel has a similar theme to last weeks. Jesus is constantly calling us and waiting for us to respond.

But when we do respond we need to follow through.

Jesus encourages us to think – to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well.

Sometimes it is not easy to make choices and sometimes we can become so concerned for what those choices will mean to us that we don't make them at all.

Several years ago I asked a grandson, who was doing his HSC that year, what he was going to do with his life after school. He became quite agitated and told me he didn't know what he would do but he had to make a decision soon but if he made the wrong one he would ruin the rest of his life. I don't know where he got that idea and I tried to reassure him that he wouldn't

necessarily ruin his life but we all know that the choices we make now can affect and shape our future.

But like the son in the gospel we also know that we can make a decision now and go one way and then make another, later on, and go in another direction.

Every day, we face the decision to follow God's ways or to sin. Since we are fallen, sin is always waiting to capture us—and sometimes it does. But what a beautiful gift God has given us in the gift of repentance!

How amazing that we can ask Almighty God for forgiveness and receive his grace to change!

Jesus' story, today, is a warning to his religious hearers—and to us—not to be self-assured or lulled into a false sense of security based on status or personal merits. It's a call to stay close to Jesus, lest we become convinced that we can maintain our spiritual lives on our own.

It's a call to make a "reality check" every day by examining our consciences and asking the Holy Spirit to alert us to any silent sin trying to take root quietly in our lives.

Rather than lump all the religious leaders into one camp and the "public sinners" into another, we would do better to see that a person's background or lifestyle is NOT the most important issue. The critical issue is whether or not someone is open to Jesus when he speaks to them. More than anything else, it's a matter of openness to the Spirit's work of revelation.

We can only guess why the initially rebellious son changed his mind. Perhaps his conscience nagged at him until he did the right thing. Like the first son, we too can change for the better, whatever our past choices may have been. By being open to the Lord, who speaks to us in ways we may not expect and through people we may not expect, we will be among the repentant sinners and tax collectors whom God ushers into his kingdom.

With Jesus as our light and guide, we can make steady, measurable progress toward doing the good God asks of us. Jesus makes his point clear: Good intentions are not enough. And promises don't count unless they are kept.

God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect his will and we are ready to do what he commands.

God offers each of us the greatest treasure possible – unending peace, joy, happiness, and life with him in his kingdom. However we can lose that treasure if we refuse His grace and do not follow His way of truth and righteousness.

Take some time to ask Jesus to touch your life more deeply today. Let him touch you just as he touched these other people. Let his love penetrate your heart. All you have to do is say, "Yes, Lord" and He will do the rest.

MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday
2 October

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 11:45am Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 5:00pm Family Rosary before the funeral of Maria Caterina Mollace

Tuesday
3 October

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 10:30am Funeral of Maria Caterina Mollace
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- **12:30pm Mass**

Wednesday
4 October

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00 Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- **12:30pm Mass**
- **6:00pm Mass**

Thursday
5 October

Optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- **9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, Rosary. and Chaplet of Divine Mercy**
- 12:00pm Benediction - *followed by veneration of the relic of Saint Faustina Kowalska*
- **12:30pm Mass - followed by veneration of the relic of Saint Faustina Kowalska**
- **7:00pm Holy Hour Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation also available. Followed by veneration of the relic of Saint Faustina Kowalska**

Friday
6 October

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- **12:30pm Mass**
- **6:30pm First Friday Healing Mass - all welcome**

Saturday
7 October

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

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

Sunday Mass
8 October

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



GATHERINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 2 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:00am Atrium 3-6 year olds (Atrium)• 4:00pm Atrium 3-6, 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)• 7:00pm Alpha (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter)• 7:30pm Organ Practice Sunny (Church)
Tuesday 3 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:00am Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)• 1:00pm Organ Practice Paul (Church)• 1:45pm Organ Practice Olivia (Church)• 4:00pm Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)• 4:00pm Atrium 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)• 4:30pm Organ Practice Sunny (Church)• 7:00pm Filipino Choir (Church, Magnificat)• 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter)
Wednesday 4 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:30amj English Speaking Class with Ref (St Peter)• 11:00am Parish Staff Meeting (Magnificat)• 2:00pm Organ Lesson (Church)• 6:00pm Sydney Alliance Meeting (Magnificat, St Paul)• 6:30pm Indonesian Traditional Instrument Practice (Church)• 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter)
Thursday 5 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00am Atrium Level One Part One Formation (Magnificat)• 10:00am Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)• 10:00am Seniors Morning Tea (Magnificat)• 5:00pm Choir Music Reading Practice (St Paul)• 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Friday 6 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00am Atrium Level One Part One Formation (Magnificat)• 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Peter)• 4:30pm Organ Practice Sunny (Church)• 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing
Saturday 7 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00am Atrium Level One Part One Formation (Magnificat)• 10:30am Choir Music Reading Practice (St Paul)• 11:00am Choir Rehearsals for 10:30am Mass (St Paul)• 11:00am Legion of Mary (St Peter)• 11:30am Baptism Preparation (Magnificat)• 1:00pm Atrium Level One Part One Formation (Magnificat)
Sunday Mass 8 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00am Choir Music Reading Practice (St Paul)• 10:00am Kids Choir Music Practice (St Paul)• 6:30pm Cornerstone and Keystone Youth Groups (Magnificat, St Paul)



Cultural Community Mass:

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

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Our Blessed Mother in her apparitions at Fatima in 1917 identified herself as The Lady of the Rosary. She appeared to three shepherd children Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco and repeatedly exhorted them to pray the rosary for world peace and the salvation of souls, to do penance and make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. At that time the Great War was raging across Europe and she foretold that a greater war would follow during the reign of Pope Pius XI if mankind did not listen to her advice and repent. World War II as predicted by Our Lady has come and gone and it appears that mankind has not adhered to Our Lady's request to pray the rosary daily for peace.

According to pious tradition, the idea of the Rosary was given to Saint Dominic when the Virgin Mary appeared to him in an apparition in the year 1214. This Marian apparition is given the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Dominican priest and theologian Blessed Alan de la Roche promoted the practice of the Rosary by establishing the "fifteen rosary promises" and founding several rosary confraternities.

Devotion to the Rosary is one of the most distinguishable features of popular Catholic spirituality. The Rosary inspires us to meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary. Meditation is an important part of our lives as Catholics. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, meditation "engages thought, imagination, emotion and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart and strengthen our will to follow Christ."

In our church the Rosary is prayed every Monday at 11.45 am (MMP Cenacle) and Tuesdays to Saturdays following the 9 am Mass. Unfortunately the attendance at these rosary sessions is very very poor and we exhort parishioners to join us if they can, especially during the month of the Rosary and for love of Our Blessed Mother!

We have a Parish Online Rosary on some of Our Lady's major feast days, usually at 8 pm. The next one will be on Saturday 7 October (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3926791205> Meeting ID: 392 679 1205) and Friday 8 December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Zoom details will follow). Please feel free to join us.

We also have a private Zoom Rosary Group which meets nightly at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays and at 8 pm for the rest of the week. Everyone is welcome. For more information please ring 0466 961 240 or email mctan@optusnet.com.au

Cecilia O



When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." So from that hour, this disciple took her into his home.

John 19:26-27

Statue Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Would you like to take home the statue of Mary in the month of October? This statue is available to be picked up from the church to stay in your home for one day or two days. A booklet of prayers will be provided to help you venerate our Blessed Mother during the visit of the statue to your home.

If interested please sign up on the list at the statue's table, or call Cecilia 0466 961 240.



JOIN OUR ZOOM
Rosary

Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary

**Saturday 7 October 2023
8:00pm ZOOM**

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3926791205>

Meeting ID: 392 679 1205
No password required

OUR WEEK IN PICS



Thank you to the students from Pius for joining us for Mass and supporting the youth Mass!



Our Holy Land pilgrims have landed and finished their first full week! They send everyone their love and best wishes.



Left: The first day of the Ignite Conference has kicked off and Fr Marek and Cailin ran into the youngest, and cutest, attendee - Baby Esther! Right: Himig Sandiwa, the beautiful singers of our Filipino Choir, all done and dusted after last week's Family Mass

PARENT & INFANT MASS

Are you a parent? Would you like the opportunity to attend a weekday Mass with your baby, toddler, or child?

If you're interested, please go to this link <https://forms.office.com/r/D1x8HC8iVj> or the QR code to tell us which day and time would suit you for a weekday Mass.

Alternatively, for more information please email chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



MOTHERS GROUP

Are you interested
in joining a
Mothers Group?

4pm - 5:15pm Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month

At 4pm on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, a group of mums will come together to discuss topics such as virtue, character building, prayer, mortification, examination of conscience, charity and interior life. It will be a chance to bond with other mums in the Parish community, and an opportunity for all to share their wisdom and advice on being a mum.

The group will also focus on works of charity, and will knit/crochet clothing and beanies for premature and stillborn babies. You don't need to have any experience with knitting, all training will be provided by our mums.

If you would like more information, and to learn when this starts, please email chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Mums of all ages welcome!

PLAY GROUP



Following the Parent and Infant Mass, all would be welcome to join a Playgroup in one of our meeting rooms. An opportunity for the children to socialise and play, while the parents come together in fellowship. If you are interested to learn more, please email chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

25 September 2023

Dear Fr David and the parishioners of Chatswood Parish,

Thank you for supporting CatholicCare's Homelessness Week Fundraiser

I would like to express my sincere thanks for supporting CatholicCare's Homelessness Week fundraiser in August.

Your parish raised a total of \$3721.35, which will allow us to continue supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. We have now processed your donations and have issued receipts where requested.

We provide a women's refuge, transitional accommodation options, young parent's homelessness services and street sleeping outreach supports. We also operate Dom's Place in Hornsby and Mary Mac's in Way Way where people who are homeless or transient can connect with others over a meal and access pathways to homelessness support services and health assistance.

We are incredibly thankful for the support of your Parish. Without your generosity CatholicCare would need to turn many people away.

Yours in Christ,

Tim Curran
Executive Director
CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay



Donations for Knitting

Do you have knitting needles, wool, or crochet hooks sitting in a cupboard or drawer, no longer needed?

We are currently asking our generous parishioners who may have these items to donate them to a wonderful cause!

A group of mums will be coming together each fortnight to knit and crochet clothing and beanies for premature and stillborn babies.

They will do this while discussing topics such as virtue, character building, prayer, mortification, examination of conscience, charity, interior life etc.

If you would like to donate your knitting needles, wool, or crochet hooks, a basket will be available in the church foyer to drop off these items.

And, if you would like to learn more about this Mother's Group, please contact the parish office: chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

All mums of all ages welcome!



MORNING TEA AFTER 7:30AM MASS

Please join us in the PEW for morning tea this Sunday after 7.30am Mass.

Jan H



BECOME A CATECHIST

Have you thought about assisting an SRE teacher in a class / becoming an SRE teacher?

- It's a half hour weekly commitment, in school terms.
- Classes are available in state primary schools within the parish.
- Catholic Scripture classes are informative and fun for the children and rewarding for you!

Training and resources are available including teachers and student manuals. If you have any queries or if you're interested it would be great to hear from you!

Please contact Karen Forbes on 02 9410 9029 or email: karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au

SENIORS MORNING TEA

Please join us in the Magnificat Room from 10am for morning tea, this Thursday - and a chat with Brendan & Anthony about being a Parish in Council. everyone is welcome!

Jan H



Women's Leadership for Mission

A formation experience for women, by women, with women

Commence in February 2024

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HELP WITH THE Garden

Lei, who lovingly cares for our flowers in the forecourt, is looking for volunteers to help water the plants on any of the below days and times:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at 8am, 9am, 7pm

Contact Lei on 0447 299 981

AROUND AND ABOUT



Serra Vocations Mass and Dinner

Father Kelvin Lovegrove Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 28th September 2023. Our recently ordained deacon, Deacon Richard Houwing will be assisting.

The evening commences with Mass at 6.00 PM followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Kelvin and Deacon Richard will be speaking to us about their vocation journey's. Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see". Email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.



Personal

The Concourse | Friday October 6 | 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Presented by Jodee Mundy Collaborations and Critical Stages Touring. An uplifting and revealing multi-language story of life as the child of Deaf parents:

It wasn't until Jodee Mundy was five years old and lost at Kmart that she realised the rest of her family was Deaf. She didn't see 'disability' – only the love and protection of those closest to her.

Bookings:

Now showing at the Concourse – book at: 02 8075 8111 or e-mail concourse_boxoffice@centuryvenues.com.au

Tickets are \$33 – \$39

LiveWorkCancer

LiveWorkCancer has established Networks to support women and men navigating work/careers and while experiencing cancer.

We invite anyone managing cancer and work to join one of our Networks, via Zoom.

Participation is FREE, and participants will benefit from being connected with others who understand work-cancer experience first-hand and hear from guest speakers who have valuable knowledge to share.

Women's network meets:

- First Tuesday of the month, 7pm – 8pm
- Third Wednesday of the month, 12noon – 1pm

Men's network meets:

- First Friday of the month, 4pm – 5pm

A network for Carer's will be available in August

To join: register at <https://www.liveworkcancer.com/working> or email: enquiries@liveworkcancer.com



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Mass This Week:

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

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

Wednesday Mass 9:00am, 12:30pm & 6:00pm.

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



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