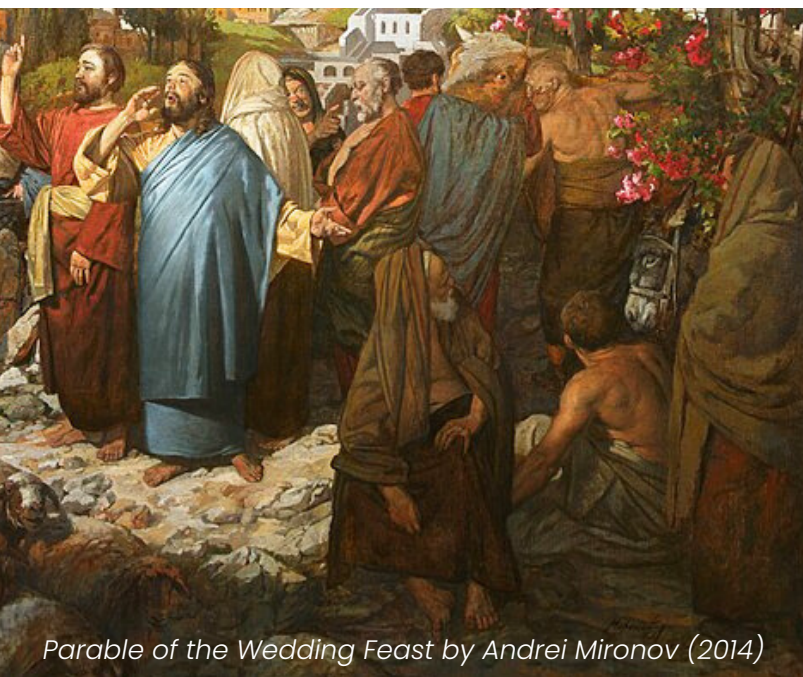




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THE BULLETIN

15 OCTOBER 2023
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



Parable of the Wedding Feast by Andrei Mironov (2014)

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.
This Sunday's Gospel - Matthew 22:1-10

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.

Next Thursday 19 October we will have a Vigil Prayer Night for Peace, being mindful of all the violence that is, and has, been inflicted across the world.

Our Parish Vision night is coming up on 23 October - get your RSVP in to Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au and come along to share what your hopes for the vision of our parish is!

This week we're trying something new! The Sunday Celebration Mass sheet is now inside the bulletin in the centrefold. In a few weeks we'll revisit how this is going - but feel free to contact the office and share your thoughts.

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

We give God enormous thanks for the safe return of our pilgrims early last week. As Jeanette Cowell, the last of our pilgrims to leave Israel, wrote me a few days ago, *"I am so relieved to be back home safe and sound. My grateful thanks to you, Fr Joey and Fr Marek, our Deacons, and indeed the whole parish community and my fellow pilgrims, for your prayers and messages of concern and support while I was in Tel Aviv at the start of the conflict, especially Saturday night, local time. I have no doubt that it was your prayers that ensured my safe exit from Israel on Sunday. The pilgrimage was an absolutely amazing and spiritually enriching experience, and I hope and pray more Catholics are able to visit the Holy Land, if at all possible; although not at the present time! May God continue to bless our parish community."* We welcome our pilgrims back with a special blessing of thanksgiving during our 10.30am Mass this Sunday.

Our world is so fragile. We fear for the future of the Middle East in particular, but also for Ukraine and many other places. This week I shall visit North Shore Temple Emmanuel and pay my respects to the Rabbis there, Rabbi Nicole Roberts and Rabbi Moshe Givental. However, on Thursday 19 October at 7pm we will have a special "Vigil for Peace in our World" in our church. We will welcome our Diocese of Broken Bay to be present with this, coming before the Lord recognising our fragility and our hunger for peace. Do spread the word and welcome everyone to join in the solidarity of prayer for our broken world.

This Sunday, our Spanish community celebrate the festivities of Our Lord of Miracles, a traditional Peruvian custom. Mass in Spanish will be celebrated at 12noon Sunday followed by much food and dance in Harrington Hall. Again, do spread the word! We are blessed by such cultural diversity, and we seek to honour and celebrate this.

On Monday 16 October at 12.30pm, our wonderful Director of Music, performs his final organ recital for 2023 at the Sydney Town Hall. The concert is called "Organ for All Ages", and will be an educational performance, especially for those who have never heard an organ before and are interested to learn how they work. Hopefully, a number of us can be present to both enjoy and to encourage!

It is a sad announcement for us that Monica Na will be moving permanently to New Zealand, to live with her family. Monica served for many years as one of our organists, We thank Monica for her service to the parish over so many years. She has been absolutely remarkable in her service, and we will greatly miss her. We wish her every blessing in this new chapter in her life.

On 22 October, we celebrate the fifth anniversary of the National Apology to Victims of Child Sexual Abuse. To mark this event, and indeed to recognise the reality of damage in our Catholic Church I have established a simple plaque in our church. It reads, "The Catholic Community of Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood acknowledges the crimes committed by members of our Church against children and

"There can be no genuine synodality in the Church unless we are prepared to encounter, listen, and discern with those who feel excluded. And those who have been abused in our Church are amongst those who experience themselves as most excluded."

What might happen if we were now truly prepared to "sit with" and listen deeply to the pain of stories?

How does people's pain in this instance shape our sense of God, of Christ, of the Church, of redemption?"

Read Fr David's whole homily for the Liturgy of Lament at <https://tinyurl.com/mwtxe7hs> or scan the QR code



vulnerable adults. For this we share in the deep sorrow of our Church, and we ask forgiveness of those who have been hurt. Through the guidance of Mary, Mother of Sorrows, we commit ourselves to the vigilance and practices required to ensure that our community is one of safety and care for all." Last Thursday night, our Diocese gathered for its annual Liturgy of Lament. In Bishop Anthony's presence I shared the homily which can be found at <https://davidranson.com.au>

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Francis Ta; Tina Robinson; Julio Maynes; Warren Farr; Sr Maureen Shakeshaft; Mariani Ridwan (grandmother & great grandmother to the Sunjaya family); Anthony Tys.

Our loved ones who are sick:

Bruce Meppem; John O'Brien, Giselle Clark; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; 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:

Slava Julia Suplina; Maria Raffaele (mother of Grace Ann Raffaele); Joseph Syria Santio; Baby Faith Aylward; Chun Ying Cheng; Janet Coombs; Andrew Lee; Cecilia Lee; Sang Yon Jeon; Kevin Bruce.

For Lei who celebrates her birthday this weekend!

For all Aboriginal people, that they keep their joy and remember their preciousness no matter what the result of the referendum is.

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.*

This week's church flowers are generously donated by Matt & Chloe Aylward to commemorate the anniversary of the passing of their daughter



Baby Faith Aylward

Gospel Reflection by Pope Francis

This Sunday's Gospel warns us that the invitation to be with God, through the wedding feast, can be refused. Many of the invited guests said no, because they were caught up in their own affairs. "They made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business" (Mt 22:5). Each was concerned with their own affairs; this is the key to understanding why they refused the invitation. The guests did not think that the wedding feast would be dreary or boring; they simply "made light of it". They were caught up in their own selves. They were more interested in having something rather than in risking something, as love demands. This is how love grows cold, not out of malice but out of a preference for what is our own: our security, our self-affirmation, our comfort... We settle into the easy chair of profits, pleasures, or a hobby that brings us some happiness. And we end up aging badly and quickly, because we grow old inside.

Then, where do we stand with God? Because God is the opposite of selfishness, of self-absorption. Even before constant rejection and indifference on the part of those whom he invites, God does not cancel the wedding feast. He does not give up, but continues to invite. When he hears a "no", he does not close the door, but broadens the invitation. In the face of wrongs, he responds with an even greater love.

Reflection: How have you placed your own affairs before what God has asked of you?

MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday
16 October

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

Tuesday
17 October

St Ignatius of Antioch, Memorial

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

Wednesday
18 October

St Luke, Feast

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

Thursday
19 October

- 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 also available.*

Friday
20 October

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

Saturday
21 October

- 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**

Sunday Mass
22 October

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

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| Monday
16 October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:00am Atrium 3-6 year olds (Atrium)• 10:00am Youth Group Leaders Meeting (St Paul)• 4:00pm Atrium 3-6, 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)• 4:30pm Organ Practice Sunny (Church)• 7:00pm Alpha (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter) |
| Tuesday
17 October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:00am Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)• 1:30pm Organ Practice Olivia (Church)• 3:00pm Being Church in the City Overview (St Peter)• 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)• 6:30pm LIFE Formation (Magnificat)• 7:00pm Filipino Choir (Church)• 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter) |
| Wednesday
18 October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:30am Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)• 9:30am English Speaking Class with Reg (St Peter)• 10:00am Mercy Catholic College Assembly (10:00am)• 2:00pm Organ Lesson (Church)• 6:30pm Indonesian Traditional Instrument Practice (Church)• 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter) |
| Thursday
19 October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00am Atrium Level One Part One Formation (Magnificat)• 10:00am Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)• 3:45pm Organ Scholar Lessons (Church)• 5:00pm Choir Music Reading Practice (St Paul)• 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church) |
| Friday
20 October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00am Atrium Level One Part One Formation (Magnificat)• 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Peter)• 11:00am Interview Booking (St Peter)• 4:30pm Organ Practice Sunny (Church)• 6:00pm CIC Indonesian Community (Magnificat)• 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing |
| Saturday
21 October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00am Atrium Level One Part One Formation (Magnificat)• 10:30am Legion of Mary (Magnificat)• 10:30am Choir Music Reading Practice (St Paul)• 11:00am Legion of Mary (St Peter)• 3:00pm Organ Practice Sunny (Church) |
| Sunday Mass
22 October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:45am Filipino Choir Practice (St Paul)• 10:00am Kids Baptism Sessions (St Peter)• 11:30am RCIA (St Peter)• 3:45pm Mothers Group (Magnificat)• 6:30pm Cornerstone and Keystone Youth Groups (Magnificat, St Paul) |



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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COME TO THE BANQUET. Our God invites all people to the banquet of the kingdom, a banquet characterised by joy, integrity, and true peace. Sometimes, however, we decline this invitation preferring the lesser banquets that we know. May God enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 129:3-4

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.**

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good

works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22. R. v. 6

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**
2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**



SECOND READING Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our heart, / that we might see how great is the hope / to which we are called. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 22:1-14

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the

wedding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants. “The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form, Mt 22: 1-10

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

CALLED TO HOPE

The readings for today are both comforting and unsettling. Isaiah's vision of the whole human family gathered in peace on the mountain of the Lord is one that all people of goodwill hope will one day come to pass. The Gospel, on the other hand, introduces a discordant and unsettling note as Jesus continues to confront his opponents with the disturbing parable of the wedding feast. It seems hardly fair that a poor man dragged off the street to make up the numbers at a wedding feast should then be cast out because he was improperly dressed. If Matthew is compared with Luke 14:15-24 it quickly becomes apparent that Matthew has combined two parables of Jesus regarding weddings. One spoke of guests who were invited but refused, the other spoke of someone who came to a wedding improperly dressed. Since Matthew's community comprised both Jewish and Gentile Christians it seems his aim was to make sure both groups avoided complacency and taking God's gracious invitation for granted.

As Paul reflects on his experience as an apostle, one thing he learned was that there was no room for complacency. The ministry he had received to preach the gospel was one which entailed many risks, poverty and plenty, acceptance and rejection. In order to preach the gospel, he worked to support himself but was often assisted by communities that he had established. As he nears the conclusion of the letter to the community in Philippi, he thanks them for their generosity and support.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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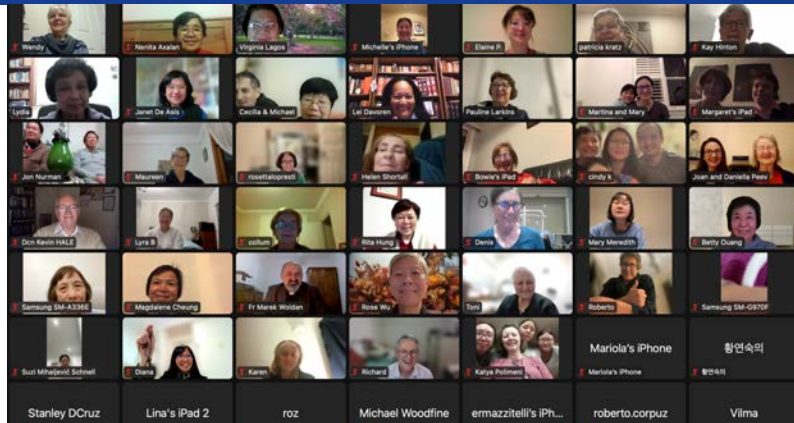
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OUR WEEK IN PICS



Congrats to the Vinnies Members who were Commissioned last week!

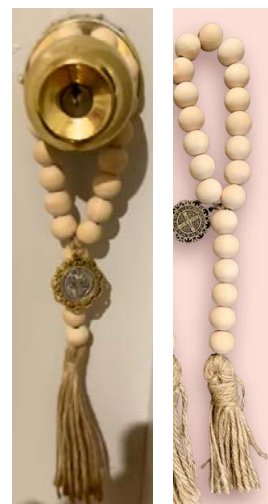


Check out some of the beautiful faces of the zoomers who celebrated Our Lady of the Rosary by praying the Rosary together online.



Top: Last thursday the relic of St Faustina joined us for the whole of her Feast day – Mary and Caroline took an opportunity to stop by and pray with her.

Bottom: A couple of smiling faces after The First Friday Healing Mass last week. Did you know our church hosts this special event on the first Friday of each month?



A priest and a camel go walking in the desert... – not the beginning of an interesting joke, but inspiration for our second caption competition for the year!

Caption this picture of Fr Joey and his furry friend and send your captions to chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au for your chance to win a handmade St Benedict doorhanger. The winner will be judged on humour and good will. The judge will be Fr Joey! The camel is unfortunately unavailable to adjudicate.

The medal of St Benedict is symbolic of opening doors and opening difficult paths, whilst also calling on his intercession to help protect against evil.

Caption This!

19 OCT
7:00PM

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
94 ARCHER ST, CHATSWOOD

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you

With the many atrocities of war and violence occurring in our world, we welcome people of all faiths to join us in a Vigil of Prayer for Peace celebrated by Fr David Ranson.



CATENIANS

JOIN THE CATENIANS

A global network of Catholic laymen formed in 1908 in the UK. Over 800 members in Australia in all states and the ACT. Our purpose is to come together, socialise and support each other by STRENGTHENING FAMILY LIFE THROUGH FRIENDSHIP & FAITH. We support clergy and local charities. We have ladies nights with guest speakers and various social outings. Ku-Ring-Gai Circle is your local Catenians. We get together for dinner and meeting 2nd. Monday of every month at Turramurra Bowling Club. Join us for a no obligation COMPLIMENTARY dinner. Contact: David Conoulty davidconoulty@gmail.com or Jimmy Jimenez jimmyjimenez.au@gmail.com

PRAYER FOR
Peace in our World

BASED ON THE WORLDWIDE BESTSELLER

WHEN HE THOUGHT HE LOST EVERYTHING, AND EVERYONE AROUND HIM THOUGHT: THEY LOST HIM SOMETHING HAPPENED. AFTER A DEVASTATING TRAGEDY, HE FACED AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE THAT NOT ONLY RECONNECTED HIM BACK TO HIS FAMILY BUT ALSO ELEVATED HIS FAITH.

THE SHACK

DATE: WED (25TH OCTOBER 2023)
VENUE: HARRINGTON HALL
TIME: 7PM TILL LATE
SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED
ALL ARE WELCOME

RSVP BY
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CONTACT: PETER 0433 030 016 | SCOTT 0406 512 425 | MICHAEL 0410 226 787

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.

LAUNCH OF CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES – OCTOBER UPDATE

That wonderful season of Christmas is just around the corner! We are excited to announce the LAUNCH of our Novena Masses for Christmas.

Launch Event Details:

- Date: 9 December 2023, Saturday
- Time: 7:00 PM
- Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Parish, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood

Fellowship and a short program follow for 8–9 PM. This launch not only graces our parish but initiates the nine-day series of Masses for Christmas across the entire Diocese of Broken Bay, with the Novena Mass schedule as follows:

Dawn Novena Masses at Chatswood

16 – 24 December 2023

5:30 AM

Our Lady of Dolours, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood

Evening Novena Masses at Waitara and Dee Why

15 – 23 December 2023

7:00 PM – Hornsby Cathedral, 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara

7:30 PM – St. Kevin's Church, 50 Oaks Avenue, Dee Why

Triduum Mass in the Central Coast

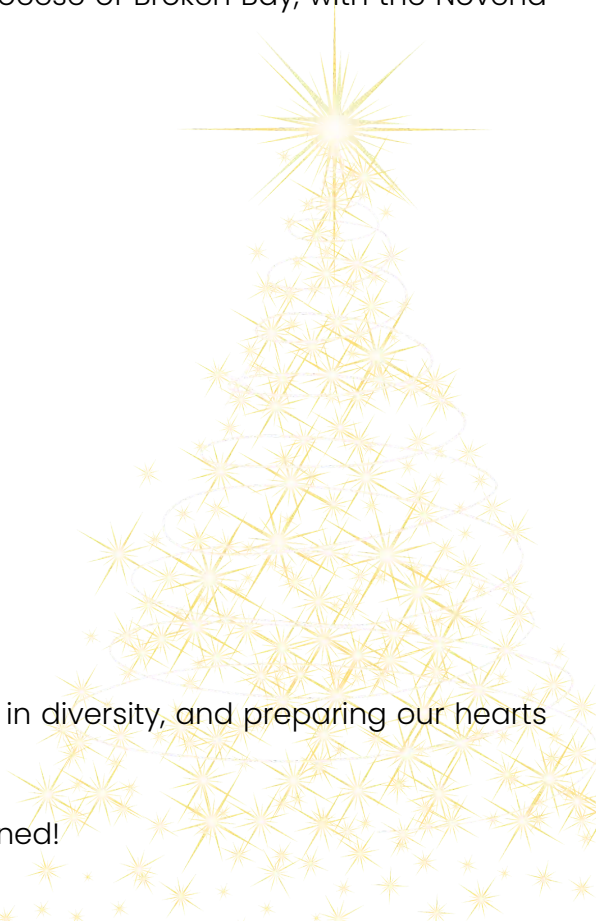
21–23 December 2023

7:00 PM

St Cecilia Church, 23 Byron St, Wyong

Together, let's celebrate the spirit of Christmas, embracing unity in diversity, and preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus.

Further details will follow in an exciting November update. Stay tuned!



PILGRIMS' LETTER TO THE PARISH

Dear Fellow-Parishioners of Our Lady of Dolours,

Thank you for your warm and prayerful support of each of us as we travelled to the Holy Land. Thank you too for entrusting us with your petitions. Each day we celebrated Mass at a different location and church and at each Mass Fr Joey placed on the altar the petitions you gave to the priests. In addition, the petitions you placed in the box at the church and on-line, or gave individually to the pilgrims, formed the prayers of the faithful at the Masses. And at each specific site, we lit candles and wrote in the petition books specially provided, for you as seemed most appropriate, whether it was in Mary's home in the Basilica of the Annunciation for petitions related to the bearing of children, or at the Pool of Bethesda for prayers relating to health or at St Joseph's Church, adjacent to St Joseph's Workshop, for the guidance of children in the way best for their future. One of our group, Bernadette Jew, then carried the petitions with her to Rome where she will leave them at St Peter's Basilica.

The pilgrimage was a transformative experience for each of us. Ditas Naguit, who was our travel manager, uttered a wish that all Christians would make pilgrimage to the Holy Land a lifetime goal much as Moslems do with a visit to Mecca, and we echoed that wish. That is how powerful and outlook-changing the experience was for each of us. Here are some of the pilgrims' reflections:

Mary Anne Van Roie: My deepest take-away has been knowing the length and breadth that Jesus travelled to spread God's love. Walking in his footsteps has been very affirming. Mount Tabor, where the Transfiguration took place, was inspirational and renewal of our baptism at the River Jordan. Not to forget the knowledge that we have learned from our guide, Peter Sabellar, and from Fr Joey's homilies of reflection.

Kaini Kashipri: My best experience was at the Holy Sepulchre built on the site of Calvary and kneeling at the tomb of Jesus and feeling the presence of our Lord. We are so blessed to have had a Mass with the Pope's Nuncio in the Garden of Gethsemane and to have him host a dinner for us at Notre Dame. And the last but not the least was floating on the Dead Sea.

Amelia Lee: The Mass on the boat on the Sea of Galilee was very special and Fr Joey's Mass in the form of a meditation has had healing effects to us. Also all the members of the group, walking the way of Jesus and their sharing and loving ways. And Prudie making it to the top of the long flight of steps to the Church of the Visitation when no-one thought he could.

Ryan Balboa: For me, this Pilgrimage was more than walking in Jesus' footsteps and seeing places of worship. It was about empathising with him and his disciples, feeling the spirit that filled these places all those years ago. Being exposed to the local customs and the cultures of the communities we visited provided a real insight into the lives of the Apostles. To experience this on pilgrimage brought strength to my own faith. I urge anyone curious about the Scriptures to go!

Rene Balboa: My most memorable moment was at Capernaum, when Ryan was reading the scriptures, where Jesus goes back and forth from the house of Peter and the synagogue and when Jesus was telling the apostles to cast their nets to the sea. And here we are, at the fishing village where everything took place, looking at the ruins of the synagogue and the remains of Peter's house, and standing on the stones where Jesus stood. It is something I will treasure forever.

Cynthia Martin: For Dave and me, it was the Mass at Calvary that gave so much meaning to our pilgrimage. The reality of Christ's suffering we witnessed during the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa and at Calvary showed Christ's love for us even unto death. And the empty tomb we touched embodies the Resurrection. We feel very blessed as a couple walking together in faith.

Jeanette Cowell: For me, it was the Garden of Gethsemane. I could just picture Jesus walking from the Upper Room we visited, down those steps past Caiaphas's house and across the Kidron Valley to the Mount of Olives, perhaps unaware that he was going to be dragged back and thrown down that awful hole into the dungeon to spend the night. Indeed the dark night of the soul. The Garden of Gethsemane was such a peaceful place in comparison, very fitting for Jesus to spend His last hours in prayer with his Father.

The above reflections were written at the end of the pilgrimage before our day of departure, the day when we woke to air sirens and the sound of rockets landing and news that Hamas had launched an attack on Israel. Throughout our journey we had been confronted by the enigma of modern-day Israel in Palestine, perplexities underlined by the deep courtesy and wisdom of the Palestinian Christian community that were our guides, drivers and shop keepers. Now we were at risk from terror-attacks against injustices we had seen first-hand. All along the way we prayed for peace in this land that we had come to love, and we left it in a state of war. There was no making sense of it. But from the bunkers in the hotel and at the airport where our departing pilgrims sent messages, those messages had the same theme. Thanks be to God for allowing us to have this treasured experience and to leave in safety at the end. And may peace and justice come to the extraordinary and holy land where God's Word lived and died and rose again, that we all may have life and in abundance.

With gratitude to all for your prayers,

Sincerely, OLOD Pilgrims





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DONATIONS WANTED

Do you have any gift prizes that you
can donate to our Chinese Lunar New
Year celebrations?

We are currently seeking **large gift** for
the raffle ticket prizes and
small gifts for the Lucky Dip draws.

Gifts can be dropped off to the Parish
Office on Monday - Wednesday from
9:00am - 4:00pm
from now until December 20.
Then again from January 10 - 31.

Donations towards celebration
programs are welcomed and to Parish
Working Account:

Chatswood Parish Working A/C
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*All funds raised for LNY 2024 will go towards
the Parish's \$64,730 allocated contribution for
the Pastoral Works Broken Bay Fund.*



OUR PARISH CELEBRATION WILL BE ON 11 FEB 2024 AFTER 10:30AM MASS

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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Organ for all Ages

16 October at 12:30pm
Free entry - Sydney Town Hall

Titus Grenyer, our Director of Music is presenting an organ recital at the Sydney Town Hall!

This next lunchtime recital will be a special presentation by Titus Grenyer for audiences young, old and all in-between, and especially for those who have never heard the organ before. As well as enjoying some very exciting music, audiences will discover how the Grand Organ works and the unique sounds it can produce. Titus will also be joined by organist Samuel Giddy for some 4-hands duets.



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Food Drive for JRS

From October 14 - 21 the Community Action group is calling on parishioners to support a food drive that will be donated to the Jesuit Refugee Service to help the vulnerable community that accesses their services.

A donation box can be found in the foyer of the church and anyone wishing to help further can contact Jo at jokaraolis1@bigpond.com

Scan the QR code for a list of items to donate.





Living Our Faith Today

A series of talks with Bishop David Walker exploring what it means to live out our faith in this day and age.

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

Bookings not needed. Just come along and enjoy the session!



Zoom Rosary to Celebrate the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 8 September 2023 online at 8:00pm via ZOOM

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88286954718>

Meeting ID: 882 8695 4718

No password required

All are welcome!



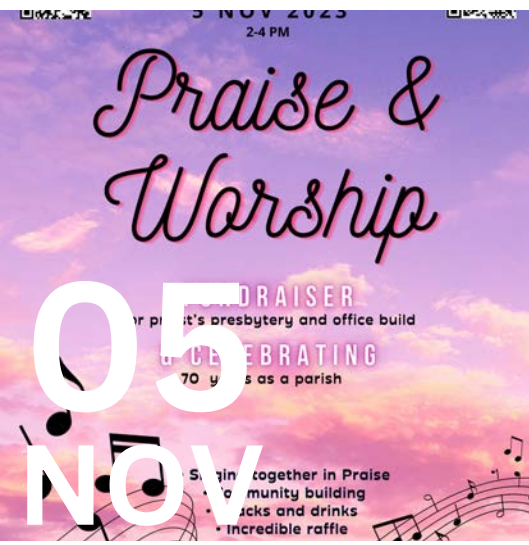
AROUND AND ABOUT



In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage: Melbourne to Sydney

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For more information, itinerary, or an application form please contact Sr Annie Bond at national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 89124818.



Praise and Worship Fundraiser

Corpus Christi Parish St Ives is inviting you to join them in a Praise and Worship community building and fundraising event on **5 Nov from 2-4pm**.
263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives.

Entry is \$10 towards the fundraising: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLWBO>
If you can't attend, please buy raffle tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/yff7fr35>

The programme will be: 40 min praise singing with spot prizes being given away; Refreshment break with snacks; 40 min of praise singing; The big raffle draw.

This community building event and fundraiser is for the presbytery build as well as celebrating 70 years as a Parish.

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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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