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## THE BULLETIN

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



# 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](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au) - we would love to hear from you.

Registrations are now open for our second Parish-in-council! Remember that we have our Kids in Council as well so do feel welcomed to bring the whole family along!

It's also not too late to register for our Parish Vision workshop on Monday.

Have you seen the box at the back of our church calling for food donations? Please see if you're able to spare some groceries to support the work of the Jesuit Refugee Service.

Youth in the parish! Join our HolyWins costume party and dress up as your favourite saint! Get in contact with Bettina to be involved in more youth community activities.



For any inclusions to next week's bulletin, please e-mail your content to Olivia at [Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au) by close of business on Wednesday.

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to  
God the things that are God's.

This Sunday's Gospel - Matthew 22:15-21



# FROM FR DAVID



**Fr David Ranson**  
**PP VG**  
Parish Priest

Dear friends

A special thank you to those who could gather last Thursday evening for our Vigil of Prayer for Peace in the World, and a particular word of gratitude to Kaini for her wonderful Peace Wreath placed in the centre of our sanctuary for the occasion. Notwithstanding the very late notice for the Vigil, it was well attended. We were especially honoured by the presence of our friends from the Chatswood Buddhist community: Venerable JueGuan from Nan Tien Temple Chatswood., Buddhist Light International Association (BLIA) committee member Li-Ting Han, and Daniel Wu, BLIA President. This has also been a very good catalyst to extend our interfaith friendship more generally, and to consider what might be possible in the future in this way, so important in such a multicultural, multi-religious community such as ours at Chatswood. We continue to pray for peace – in Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Armenia. And our hearts and prayers surround both our Israeli and Palestinian

brothers and sisters. The suffering is incalculable. Pope Francis has set aside Friday 27 October as a day of prayer and fasting for the entire Church that peace may be gifted to all those trapped in such cycles of violence.

Last Friday evening Streetwork enjoyed its annual Glam and Grunge fundraising dinner, and a number from our community were able to attend. Founded in 1980 by Peter Hobbs, OAM, Streetwork's early intervention and prevention program has turned young lives around for over 40+ years. Our parish has been able to gift Streetwork this year with \$17,600. This is money raised from the incredible team under the leadership of Gillian Hawkins which put on the BBQ at Bunnings every month. To them we owe an enormous debt of gratitude. This is a very active way of realising our mission to bring the light of Christ to our city. Through the generosity of time and effort of Gillian's team, our parish is able to make a real difference in the lives of those beyond our own community of faith. A very big THANKYOU to them all!

We have begun preparations for our second session of Parish-in-Council taking place on Saturday 18 November. Much work has been done by our Animating Circle from our first session on 26 August and from all the conversation that took place there we are beginning to frame our parish Vision. Our bulletin last week and this week showcase this. Now, to take this work forward even further in preparation for our Parish-in-Council session in November, we are invited to workshop on our Parish Vision on Monday 23 October. This will be an important opportunity to reflect on the conversation of August and to form things in preparation for 18 November so that we can enjoy a real sense of movement on our journey. All are welcome to come along to this Parish-in-Council preparatory meeting on Monday evening in Harrington Hall.

We are approaching the month of November during which we remember our deceased in a special way. This year we thought to do this in a slightly different way – through a candle, rather than with photos. We invite you to purchase a parish candle for your deceased so that a candle with their name can be placed on the sanctuary through the month. The details of how this will work are in our bulletin. Our remembrance of our deceased commences on Thursday 2 November, Commemoration of All Souls and we will have four Masses available that day: 7.00am, 9.00am, 12.30pm and 7.00pm.



Happy birthday to Deacon Richard who celebrates his special day this Sunday!

# IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

## Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Hector Naupari Belupu (brother of Dora Shipley); Warren Edward Farr; Nikola Mirošević; Aldrick Mitchell Habal Espinosa; 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:

Teresita Ortiga (mother of Joan Pitman and Jean Brady); 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.



This week's church flowers are generously donated by Jimmy Jimenez to commemorate the anniversary of the passing of

*Maria Teresa Jimenez  
Gaitos*

*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.*

## Gospel Reflection by Pope Francis

This Sunday's Gospel reading (cf. Mt 22:15-21) shows us Jesus struggling with the hypocrisy of his adversaries. They pay him many compliments – at the beginning, many compliments – but then ask an insidious question to put him in difficulty and discredit him before the people. They ask him: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" (v. 17), that is, to pay their tribute to Caesar. At that time, in Palestine, the domination of the Roman Empire was poorly tolerated – and it is understandable, they were invaders – also for religious reasons. For the people, the worship of the emperor, underscored also by his image on coins, was an insult to the God of Israel. Jesus' interlocutors are convinced that there is no alternative to their questioning: either a "yes" or a "no". Then Jesus replies: "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (v. 21). With this reply, Jesus places himself above the controversy. Jesus, always above. On the one hand, he acknowledges that the tribute to Caesar must be paid – for all of us too, taxes must be paid – because the image on the coin is his; but above all he recalls that each person carries within him another image – we carry it in the heart, in the soul – that of God, and therefore it is to Him, and to Him alone, that each person owes his own existence, his own life.

In this maxim of Jesus clear guidelines emerge for the mission of believers of all times, even for us today. To pay taxes is a duty of citizens, as is complying with the just laws of the state. At the same time, it is necessary to affirm God's primacy in human life and in history, respecting God's right over all that belongs to him. Hence the mission of the Church and Christians: to speak of God and bear witness to him to the men and women of our time. Every one of us, by Baptism, is called to be a living presence in society, inspiring it with the Gospel and with the lifeblood of the Holy Spirit. It is a question of committing oneself with humility, and at the same time with courage, making one's own contribution to building the civilization of love, where justice and fraternity reign. May Mary Most Holy help us all to flee from all hypocrisy and to be honest and constructive citizens.

**Reflection: The Pharisees wanted a yes or no answer but Jesus gave them the answer, "both".  
Can you think of another area of faith where the answer is "both"?**

# MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday  
23 October

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

Tuesday  
24 October

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- **12:30pm Mass**
- **7:00pm Mass - for the late Maria Caterina Mollace**

Wednesday  
25 October

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

Thursday  
26 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  
27 October

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

Saturday  
28 October

*Feast of Saints  
Simon and Jude*

- 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  
29 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

*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.*



## GATHERINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| Monday<br>23 October      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:30am Level 1 Workshop Day for Catechists (Magnificat, St Paul)</li><li>• 10:00am Atrium 3-6 year olds (Atrium)</li><li>• 4:00pm Atrium 3-6, 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)</li><li>• 4:30pm Organ Practice Sunny (Church)</li><li>• 6:30pm Parish Vision Workshop (Harrington Hall)</li></ul>   |
| Tuesday<br>24 October     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:00am Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)</li><li>• 10:00am Parish Interviews (St Peter)</li><li>• 11:00am Parish Staff Team Meeting (Magnificat)</li><li>• 12:30pm Parish Interviews (St Peter)</li><li>• 1:30pm Organ Practice Olivia (Church)</li><li>• 2:00pm ATLAS Meeting (Magnificat)</li><li>• 4:00pm Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)</li><li>• 4:00pm Atrium 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)</li><li>• 4:30pm Organ Practice Sunny (Church)</li><li>• 5:30pm Mercy College Info Night (Church)</li><li>• 7:00pm Filipino Choir (St Paul)</li><li>• 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter)</li></ul> |
| Wednesday<br>25 October   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:30am Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)</li><li>• 9:30am English Speaking Class with Reg (St Peter)</li><li>• 2:00pm Organ Lesson (Church)</li><li>• 6:30pm Indonesian Traditional Instrument Practice (Church)</li><li>• 7:00pm 'The Shack' Movie Night (Harrington Hall)</li><li>• 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter)</li><li>• 7:00pm Parish Finance Council Meeting (Magnificat)</li></ul>   |
| Thursday<br>26 October    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:00am Atrium Level One Part One Formation (Magnificat)</li><li>• 9:00am Mercy College Students HSC Exams (St Peter)</li><li>• 10:00am Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)</li><li>• 3:45pm Organ Scholar Lessons (Church)</li><li>• 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)</li></ul>   |
| Friday<br>27 October      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:00am Atrium Level One Part One Formation (Magnificat)</li><li>• 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Peter)</li><li>• 4:00pm Organ Practice (Church)</li><li>• 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing</li></ul>   |
| Saturday<br>28 October    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:00am Atrium Level One Part One Formation (Magnificat)</li><li>• 10:30am Choir Music Reading Practice (St Paul)</li><li>• 10:30am Legion of Mary (St Peter)</li><li>• 2:00pm Organ Practice (Church)</li><li>• 4:00pm Kids Baptism Practice (Church)</li></ul>  |
| Sunday Mass<br>29 October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:00am Choir Practice (St Paul)</li><li>• 11:30am RCIA (St Peter)</li><li>• 2:30pm Organ Practice Ashley (Church)</li><li>• 6:30pm Capstone Young Adults Movie Night (Harrington Hall)</li></ul>   |



## Parish Vision Workshop

Having earlier this year discerned our parish Mission Statement (our primary purpose - why we exist), the next step as we journey together towards being Church in the City is to discern where God may be calling us to go - our parish Vision Statement.

You are invited to a special Parish Vision Workshop, where guided by the Holy Spirit, we will together discern and distill potential Parish Vision Statements.

The workshop, with dinner, will be held this coming week on **Monday 23 October** from 6.30 pm in Harrington Hall. To confirm your attendance at the workshop email [olivia.lee@bbccatholic.org.au](mailto:olivia.lee@bbccatholic.org.au) or phone our Parish Office on 02 9410 9000.

Everyone is warmly invited, we look forward to seeing you on the 23rd as we together shape the future of our parish!

## I AM JESUS

Through movie clips and discussion, be taken back 2,000 years to the dusty roads of Galilee, to meet Jesus and discover who He really was on earth.

As we watch the short movie clips, we'll imagine ourselves standing there, on the edges of the crowd, listening, watching - what do we see? what impresses us? what confuses us? how would we have responded to this son of a carpenter from Nazareth?

Starting with what Jesus may have looked like, we'll then look at His birth, messages and miracles, coming to better know Jesus and taking away lessons to apply in our lives.

I AM Jesus runs for four weeks on Monday evenings at 7pm in the Magnificat Room, starting on the **13th of November**.

The course is for anyone, all ages and backgrounds, interested in learning more about Jesus in a relaxed, thought provoking and down to earth setting.

**To register for I AM Jesus, or if you have any questions, email Brendan at [brendan@churchinthecity.com.au](mailto:brendan@churchinthecity.com.au)**



# OUR WEEK IN PICS



A wonderful gathering of parishioners to our first public praying of the rosary last Saturday!



Last Sunday we brought our furry family members for the Blessing of the Animals!



Congratulations to Titus on another wonderful performance at Sydney Town Hall!



Happy birthday to our beautiful Amelia!

A special night of prayer and remembrance on Thursday at our Prayer Vigil for peace in our world.

Our holy land pilgrims giving thanks for a safe return.



# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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**SERVING GOD THROUGH CIVIL SOCIETY.** The kingdom of God is already present in our world. It is here that we practise the kingdom values of justice, honesty, love and compassion. It is here that we show our faith in action, work for love and persevere in hope. When we contribute to the well-being of civil society we are promoting the kingdom of God.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 16:6, 8

**To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

## 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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You are the firstborn of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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. Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.

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 45:1, 4-6

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;

there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v. 7

**R. Give the Lord glory and honour.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, / sing to the Lord all the earth. / Tell among the nations his glory / and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, / to be feared above all gods; / the gods of the heathens are naught. / It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, / give the Lord glory and power, / give the Lord the glory of his name. / Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**



4. Worship the Lord in his temple. / O earth, tremble before him. / Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king;' / He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Thess 1:1-5

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Phil 2:15-16

**Alleluia, alleluia! / Shine on the world like bright stars; / you are offering it the word of life. / Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Mt 22:15-21

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.**

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*



The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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. Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.

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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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 32:18-19

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

**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 forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### FAITH IN ACTION

Jesus was certainly caught on the horns of a dilemma as he faced the hostile demands of his opponents in Jerusalem. The Pharisees as religious authorities had combined with the Herodians (those who supported the Roman-backed Herod) to trap him on the question of payment of taxes. Jesus' response not only unmasks their hypocrisy but demonstrates his adroitness in dealing with a particularly pointed question: 'Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.' Stated like this it all seems clear; the problem arises when we must determine what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God. What is the proper response for a Christian?

Today's readings warn us that false dichotomies are to be avoided between faith and the world. Isaiah reflects on the way Cyrus, the great ruler of Persia, is an unwitting instrument of God's will. In other words, God is at work in the world in ways that are unseen and often unnoticed. Consequently, if God is at work in the world the person of faith is called not to withdraw from the work but to transform it.

As far as Paul is concerned, the community of Thessalonica is a living example of what it means to be Christian in the world. Their faith has been expressed in actions seen in their working together in love, and persevering through hope. Living in the Roman empire they are praised for their ability to give both to Caesar and to God.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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## I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME...

While Mary and Joseph were still in Bethlehem following Jesus' birth, King Herod, who was given to paranoia, had a vision that a baby had been born in Bethlehem who would become king of the Jews. To prevent it, King Herod sent soldiers to massacre every child under two years of age living in the region of Bethlehem (Matt.2:16). Joseph, learning of this, fled with his young family and took refuge in Egypt where they were able to stay for some years before returning to live in Nazareth. Throughout our world today, families are fleeing violence and war, some of them escaping danger so immediate they cannot wait to go through official channels and hence, when they arrive on Australia's shores, they are put on temporary visas. Without the right visa, these refugees are not eligible for any welfare payment or support and they are not allowed to work. They can live only through the generosity of individual Australians just as Jesus' family depended on the generosity of Egyptians. Each week, the Jesuit Refugee Society feeds over 90 of these families or about 500 people through their Food Bank and the numbers in need are growing. How do they do it? By food drives held in Catholic schools and Catholic parishes. This week and next is our turn at Our Lady of Dolours. Once a year we donate food items and toiletries that these refugee families need. The list of food and toiletry items is in the Church and on the JRS website <https://aus.jrs.net/en/foodbank/>

Ours is the parish of the Lady of Sorrows and refugees are our especial care. Let us feed the hungry. Please leave your donated items in the box provided in the foyer of the Church. A local removalist company is kindly donating its services to take the collected items out to the Food Bank in Parramatta on 27th October.

*Jo K*



Scan the QR code to see a list of donate-able items.

## VINNIES SEPTEMBER REPORT

Seven appeals for help were received in September of which 2 were from people previously unknown. Three were from people seeking food assistance after paying bills. We have not been able to establish meaningful contact with one other young person who appears to lack management skills. Another Disability Support Pensioner needed advice for getting fridge repaired. A well educated depression sufferer is having a difficult time with the legal system as he attempts to find new digs; the combination seems to have contributed to his current hospitalisation, we may be asked to help with his eventual relocation. We are picking up bills for a single mother transitioning to recently found affordable accommodation . Expenditure of over \$1200 was incurred.

Some of our little group of 5 are ageing and we are looking for some new members to continue our work which is consonant with the Parish Mission Statement. Enquiries may be made to John 0439783956

*John R*

### 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.



# PARISH IN COUNCIL

Coming together to shape our journey of bringing the light of Christ to the city



**SATURDAY  
18 NOVEMBER**



**12:00PM – 5:00PM**



**HARRINGTON HALL**

Our journey together continues with our next Parish-In-Council! Registration is essential and all people who are linked, involved, and affiliated with our parish in any way are welcome to join.

Remember our Kids-in-Council will also be occurring, bring the whole family!

To register scan the QR code OR go to <https://tinyurl.com/yc5wx8jm> OR call the parish office and we will help you out.



The Catholic community of Chatswood invites Year 6 children and their families to a special Mass for Year 6 Children during our

## YEAR 6 END OF YEAR CLASS MASS

**19 November 2023 | at 9:00am**

During this Mass each Year 6 student will be presented with a small gift as part of our end of year celebration to mark the end of their primary years.

If you plan on coming and if your child would like to be involved in the celebration by reading a prayer please RSVP Angela at [angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)  
This will also help with catering for gifts.

After Mass our youth group leaders will lead the Year 6 children with activities and pizza until 11:30am, while we have morning tea in the primary school playground.  
All welcome!

若當權者向你生氣，你不可離棄崗位，因為心平氣和能避免大錯。

訓道篇 10:4

Should the anger of a ruler burst upon you, do not yield your place; for calmness abates great offenses.  
- Ecclesiastes 10:4 -



# MOTHERS GROUP

Starts Sunday 22nd October

Are you interested in joining a Mothers Group?

**When: 2nd & 4th Sunday of each Month**

**Time: 4pm - 5:15pm**

**Where: Magnificat Meeting Room**

Our Mothers Group will be an opportunity for participants to share their experience on being a mum, while focusing on a new topic each session. Discussion topics will include talks such as virtue, character building, prayer, mortification, examination of conscience, charity and interior life.

Interested mums will also have the opportunity to learn how to knit clothing for premature and stillborn babies, with these items being donated to local hospitals.

If you would like more information, please email [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Mums of all ages and stages welcome!**



*Dress as a saint and bring their story*

# Holywins



**Dinner provided Sunday 29 Oct 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

*Prizes for: best dressed, best story telling, quiz answers*



## YOUTH GROUP

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month  
Magnificat room 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

## YOUNG ADULTS

1st and 3rd Sunday of the month  
PEW garden 6:30 pm - 9 pm

@FOUNDATION\_YOUTH\_MINISTRY  
FOUNDATIONYOUTHMINISTRY.OLD@GMAIL.COM

Youth of all ages are invited to a Holywins costume party on the 29th October! This will celebrate the original intention of All Hallows Eve to honour saints which through time morphed into Halloween.

Come dressed as a saint and be prepared to share the story of the saint.

There will be quizzes, food and prizes!



With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

**Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.**

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

# HERE I AM

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS VOCATION MINISTRY

PLS. CONNECT WITH OUR VOCATION MINISTRY  
OR EMAIL: [JOEY.FREZ@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU](mailto:JOEY.FREZ@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU)

DO YOU FEEL THAT THE LORD IS CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?



# 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  
062-784  
100001609  
Ref: Your Name LYN donation

*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



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](mailto: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!*

## MUSIC IN THE CASTLE OF HEAVEN

CELEBRATING  
300 YEARS OF  
BACH IN LEIPZIG

*Bach*  
AKADEMIE  
AUSTRALIA



Join Bach Akademie Australia orchestra and choir for their final spectacular concert of the year.

### PROGRAM

J.S. Bach Chorale Prelude 'In Dulci Jublio' BWV 729a; J.S. Bach Cantata 'Unser mund sei voll Lachens' BWV 110; J.S. Bach Motet 'Singet dem Herrn' BWV 225 J.S. Bach Cantata 'Jesu, der du meine Seele' BWV 7; J.S. Bach Cantata 'Wachet auf' BWV 140

Sunday November 19, 2.30pm Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood

Book now:

<https://www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au/events>


Ph: 1300 785 377

# PLAYGROUP



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](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au)

# UPCOMING PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Our Lady of Dolours**

## PUBLIC Rosary

**31 OCT 5PM**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ANOTHER PUBLIC ROSARY AROUND THE SILVER CROSS (IN FRONT OF THE PARISH OFFICE) TO PRAY FOR AUSTRALIA AND FOR WORLD PEACE

Our Lady of Dolours | 94 Archer St Chatswood

- **OCTOBER 14- 21 | Food Drive for JRS**

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 jokaraolis@bigpond.com

- **OCTOBER 31ST | Public Rosary**

Please join us for another public rosary around the silver cross in front of the parish office. We offer this rosary for Australia and for peace in the world.

- **NOVEMBER 4, 11, 25 | 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!

- **NOVEMBER 12TH | Shop for a Cause, Give from the Heart!**

**Magnificat Room | 9:00am - 12:00pm**

Join a morning of shopping, where a portion of the proceeds will go to charity. Shop the Body Shop, seasonal clothing styles, handmade soy candles, jewellery, take away Sri Lankan homemade good, and get a start on your Christmas shopping!

To RSVP or for more details please call:

Vinuka: 0415 450 139 or Bernadette: 0423 622 459



THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

### Shop For a Cause, Give from the Heart!

- THE BODY SHOP: LUXURY BEAUTY DELIGHTS
- CLOTHING: SEASONAL STYLES AWAIT
- HANDMADE SOY WAX CANDLES
- JEWELLERY: ELEVATE YOUR STYLE
- TAKEAWAY SRI LANKAN HOMEMADE FOOD: SAVOUR THE FLAVOURS
- SURPRISE GIFT ITEMS: FIND THE PERFECT PRESENTS

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Parish Chatswood  
Sunday, November 12th  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Meeting Room: Magnificat

All Proceeds Support Charity!

Vinuka: 0415 450 139  
Bernadette: 0423 622 459

- **DECEMBER 8TH | ZOOM Rosary 8:00pm**

Join us to Celebrate the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary by praying the rosary online together.

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

Meeting ID: 882 8695 4718 No password required



**Our Lady of Dolours**

## CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF Guadalupe

**12 DEC**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR:  
MASS 7:00PM  
BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS  
MUSIC ON THE FORECOURT AFTER

Our Lady of Dolours | 94 Archer St Chatswood

- **DECEMBER 9TH | Launch of Novena Masses 7:00pm**

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

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.

- **DECEMBER 12TH | Feast Day Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

All are welcome to join us for Mass at 7:00pm where there will be a blessing for expectant mothers and music on the forecourt after!

- **FEBRUARY 11TH 2024 | Chinese Lunar New Year**

The Chinese Catholic Association invites everyone to celebrate Lunar New Year 2024 by attending 10:30am Mass together and then joining the celebrations on the forecourt which include: Lion dancers, raffle prizes, luck dips, food.



**Our Lady of Dolours**

## LUNAR NEW YEAR Lunar New Year

THE CHINESE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES TO CELEBRATE THE 2024

**SUN DAY 11 FEB**

MASS TOGETHER AT 10:30AM THEN CELEBRATION ON THE FORECOURT

LION DANCERS | RAFFLE DRAWN BY FR DAVID | LUCKY DIP | FOOD STALLS | PLANT STALL |

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT AMELIA.LEE@CBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

## AROUND AND ABOUT

FEATURING MOZART'S CORONATION MASS



FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2023  
7PM  
AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

OCTOBER 26TH

### Serra Vocations Mass and Dinner Meeting

Father Roger Delmonte, Assistant Priest at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Parish Waitara will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 26th October 2023.

The evening commences with Mass at 6.00 PM followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting Father Roger will be speaking to us about his recent Marian Pilgrimage and his attendance at World Youth Day in Lisbon. Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you would like to attend.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH, KILLARA



SAVE THE DATE  
Sunday  
26 November  
2023  
JOIN US

killara  
church 60<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY

For a Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo at 10.15am in Killara Church (No Mass at Lindfield) Followed by festivities for the whole family



For inquiries or to send in photos for the album please email us on [parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

NOVEMBER 17TH

### Church Music Through the Year | 7:00pm | St Mary's Cathedral

Join the St Mary's Singers at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney as they present Church Music Through the Year - featuring Mozart's Coronation Mass. Tickets are available at the door or at [www.trybooking.com/1097546](http://www.trybooking.com/1097546) Premium: \$35 General: \$25 Concession: \$15. Children under 16 years of age have free entry.

NOVEMBER 26TH

### Killara Church 60th Anniversary!

Join the Lindfield-Killara Parish community as they celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Killara Church. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo at 10:15am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Killara (no Mass at Lindfield). Followed by festivities for the whole family! For enquiries or to send photos in for the album please email [parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au).

EASTFEST PRESENTS  
JOURNEY  
WITH FR. ROB GALEA  
AT OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CHURCH RANDWICK  
FOR MORE INFO & TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS:  
[TRYBOOKING.COM/CLNRB](http://TRYBOOKING.COM/CLNRB)  
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DECEMBER 1st

### EastFest Presents Journey with Fr Rob Galea | 7:00pm

Hosted at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick. For more info and to book your tickets go to [trybooking.com/CLNRB](http://trybooking.com/CLNRB) Earlybird discounts are available until October 31st!

JANUARY 21-26

### Theology of the Body Immersion Course

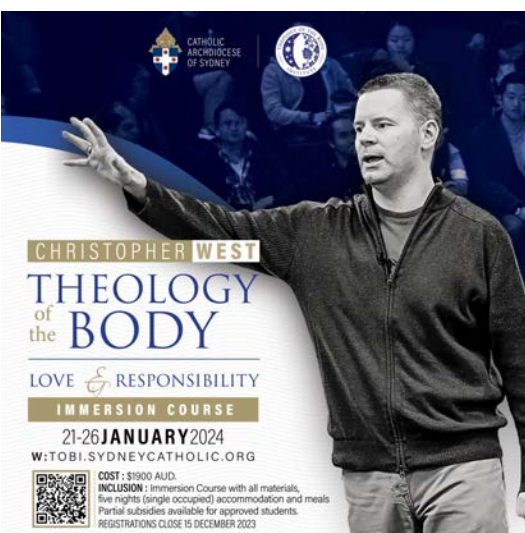
The Archdiocese of Sydney is proud to announce that we will be hosting a 5-day immersion course with Dr. Christopher West on the Theology of the Body with a special focus on St John-Paul's classic work "Love & Responsibility".

This not-to-be-missed opportunity to participate and learn from Dr. Christopher West in person here in Sydney is open to all Australians!

Date: 21-26 January 2024 Location: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville  
Cost: \$1900 AUD. Partial subsidies available for approved students  
Inclusion: Immersion Course with all materials, 5 nights' accommodation (single room) and all meals. Registrations close 15 December.

Feel free to contact [tobi@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:tobi@sydneycatholic.org) if you have any queries regarding the immersion course or to book.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY



CHRISTOPHER WEST  
THEOLOGY of the BODY  
LOVE & RESPONSIBILITY  
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W: TOBI.SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG  
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REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 15 DECEMBER 2023

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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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