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THE BULLETIN

29 OCTOBER 2023
THIRTIETH 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 - we would love to hear from you.

All Souls' Day Remembrance candles are now available. November is the month of remembering those who have passed away, and we have a new Footprints Mass to commemorate the babies lost during pregnancy - please join us on the 15th for this special occasion.

Remember to get your registrations in for our next Parish In Council!

Check out the exciting opportunity to travel to India with Fr Shiju and Fr David! Spaces are limited so get in fast.

Congratulations to the Streetworks BBQ Fundraising team who handed over more than \$17 000 to support the wonderful work of Streetworks.

Welcome to Conor from Catholic Mission who will be talking to us about the work of CM over this weekend and explaining their latest appeal. You will love Conor's accent!

For any inclusions to next week's bulletin, please email your content to Olivia at Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au by close of business on Wednesday.

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour
as yourself.

This Sunday's Gospel - Matthew 22:34-40





Dear friends

Our deep sympathy to Joan Pitman and her sister Jean on the loss of their beloved mother, Teresita last Monday 22 October. We extend to them and all the family our affection at this time and pray that eternal rest be granted Teresita. We will farewell Teresita on Wednesday 1 November at Macquarie Park at 11am. May Teresita and all the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in peace.

Fr Joey left last Wednesday for three weeks of annual leave, returning on 13 November. We pray that he will be kept safe in his travels and return to us refreshed and relaxed. On the matter of travel, some brochures are in the foyer promoting a pilgrimage to India in February 2024 on which I have been asked to be one of the chaplains. This is an initiative of the Parish of French's Forest which has conducted a number of such pilgrimages in the past. There are just a few spots left on the forthcoming trip, so if you are interested in joining this pilgrimage do let the organisers know as soon as possible!

Thank you to all those who entered our month of October as prayerfully. October is a special month in which we remember Mary the mother of the Lord, especially through the prayer of the Rosary. On the last day of the month, Tuesday 31 October at 4.30pm the Rosary will be prayed on our Forecourt at 4.30pm bringing to a conclusion the month of devotions.

We now approach the month of November. This Wednesday we celebrate All Saints Day: Masses will be celebrated at 9am, 12.30pm and 6.00pm. And then on Thursday 2 November we celebrate the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed with four Masses through the day: 7.00am, 9.00am, 12.30pm and 7.00pm. Please note that there will be no Holy Hour celebrated on Thursday evening. This year we will be trying something new. We invite people to buy a candle for \$5 on which we will write the names of their loved ones that have passed away. The labels can fit up to 5 names. Payments and orders will take place on Trybooking with cash payments available at the office. When people come to Mass (any Mass in November), they are invited to light their candle before Mass and the servers will extinguish it after Mass. Further details are in the bulletin.

It is an honoured custom to ask for a Mass to be celebrated during November for the repose of the soul of our deceased. Envelopes are available in the foyer of the church. Please note however that it is not possible to designate a day or time for these Mass intentions. The Mass intentions will be distributed amongst the clergy and the Mass will be offered by the priest when it may be possible. A priest can only receive one intention per Mass. So if more intentions are received than available Masses the priests will send the intentions to other priests to help celebrate.

On Wednesday 15 November at 6.00pm we will have a special Mass for all our deceased children through pregnancy loss and stillbirth. Do spread the word about this, and invite all those affected by miscarriage or still birth to come and to hold the life of their deceased child before the Lord in whom everyone lives and in whom no one is lost.

November is also the month in which we will conduct the Second Session of our Parish-in-Council: Saturday 18 November. Registrations are now open! Everyone is welcome, but registrations are essential for our planning. Our Parish-in-Council invites to come together in pastoral discernment all those who affiliate with our Parish, not just those who may live in the geographical territory of the parish. Much work is occurring in the background, and last Monday evening we had over 50 people come together to take the formulation of our Parish Vision forward. It was a very productive evening and will assist the work on 18 November greatly.

This weekend we welcome Catholic Mission to our Parish, as we do at this time each year. Our speaker will be Conor Nolan. This is a great opportunity for us to learn about the endeavours of the Church in Australia contributing to the developing Church in so many different ways.

Commemorating all the
Faithful Departed

Purchase your remembrance candle at
<https://www.trybooking.com/CMVOL>
OR scan the QR code.

Remember to stop by and also record the names of your loved ones in the Book of Remembrance in the church.



IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

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

Our loved ones who are sick:

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

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

Carmen Ventura; Johnson Pereira; Mr Hilary & Mrs Isabel Coutinho; Slava Julia Suplina; Maria Raffaele (mother of Grace Ann Raffaele); Joseph Syria Santio; Baby Faith Aylward; Chun Ying Cheng; Janet Coombs.

For Matt and Chloe Aylward who are suffering a miscarriage, may they find solace and healing in the Lord's love.

For family members travelling a long distance to a family reunion this weekend, praying for their safety – *M. Oaks*

Our community would love to pray for you. If you have an intention you would like to be included in this bulletin e-mail
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Our Lady of Dolours, Pray for Us

GOSPEL REFLECTION



If we look at the first reading from Exodus and the Gospel from Matthew, we can see a clear message of God's love for humanity. We can see His vision of how we should live together and how it can transform our world. Both readings prescribe how to care for and love our family, friends, coworkers and strangers in need.

In today's reading from Exodus^[1], Moses teaches the Chosen People how to be fair to people who don't have much power, like foreigners, widows, and orphans. It's more than just rules; it's about being a good person. For example, if someone is so poor they have to borrow money for food, charging them extra makes their life harder. Or think about taking away the only blanket someone has to keep warm. That's more than a bad deal; it's unfair.

The Gospel passage^[2] is called the Great Commandment, not only because of the question from the Pharisees but also because of the brilliant answer with which Jesus responds. This Gospel passage shows how effectively God can turn the manipulative and malicious intent of the Pharisees' question into a beautiful, all-encompassing

virtue to live by; "to love God fully and love your neighbour as yourself."

The religious leaders of the time, the Pharisees, wanted to trick Jesus into picking one rule as more important than others. Christ's interpretation was more reasonable, for he put the law in service of people, as in the principle, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." ^[3]

This idea that people come first isn't just about religious rules. It applies to everything—our jobs, the economy, social policies, and respect for the planet. These things are there to make our lives more fulfilling, not to make us subservient to them.

The Psalm and the letter from St Paul help to underscore the great commandment given by Jesus. They illustrate the practice of living the great commandment in our lives. The Psalm is a prayer of praise by King David in thanks to God, who has saved him from his enemies who can harm him. We all have harmful enemies: our sinful tendencies, bad people, the physical world, and evil temptations. Meanwhile, the letter from St. Paul points to the power of modelling good behaviour. This way, people around us can see Christ in us and through us.

All of this grows out of a complete love of God with our hearts, souls and minds. By our example and words, we proclaim the word of Christ. We will become people who can model good behaviour among our family, friends, coworkers and strangers in need.

^[1] Exodus 22:20-26.

^[2] Mt 22:34-40.

^[3] Mark 2:27

MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Monday
30 October
- 9:00am OLOD Primary Mission Liturgy
 - 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 - 11:45am Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)
 - **12:30pm Mass**

- Tuesday
31 October
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
 - **9:00am Mass**
 - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 - **12:30pm Mass**
 - **5:00pm Public Rosary in the Forecourt**

- Wednesday
1 November
*Solemnity of
All Saints*
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
 - **9:00 Mass**
 - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 - **12:30pm Mass**
 - **6:00pm Mass**

- Thursday
2 November
*The Commemoration
of All the Faithful
Departed*
- **7:00am Mass**
 - 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 Mass** - please note that Holy Hour is cancelled.

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

- Saturday
4 November
*Memorial of Saint
Charles Borromeo*
- 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
5 November
- **7:30am Mass**
 - **9:00am Family Mass**
 - **10:30am Mass**
 - **12:00pm Filipino Community Mass**
 - **5:30pm Mass**



The Pope's Prayer Intention for November

For the Pope:

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

耶穌對他說：『你應全心，全靈，全意，愛上主你的天主。』 這是最大也是第一條誡命。 瑪竇

福音22:36-38

*He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and the first commandment.*

Matthew 22:37-38

GATHERINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday
30 October

- 10:00am Atrium 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 4:00pm Atrium 3-6, 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
- 4:30pm Organ Practice Sunny (Church)
- 5:30pm Beta Program (Magnificat, St Paul)

Tuesday
31 October

- 10:00am Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)
- 10:30pm Organ Practice Sunny (Church)
- 1:30pm Organ Practice Olivia (Church)
- 1:30pm Staff Team Workshop (Magnificat, St Paul)
- 3:00pm Mercy College Info Night (Church)
- 4:00pm Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
- 4:00pm Atrium 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
- 7:00pm Filipino Choir (Church)
- 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter)

Wednesday
1 November
*Solemnity of
All Saints*

- 9:30am Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)
- 9:30am English Speaking Class with Reg (St Peter)
- 2:00pm Organ Lesson (Church)
- 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter)

Thursday
2 November
*The Commemoration of All
the Faithful Departed*

- 10:00am Seniors Morning Tea (Magnificat)
- 10:00am Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Organ Scholar Lessons (Church)
- 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 5:30pm Beta Program (Magnificat, St Paul)
- 5:30pm Legion of Mary (St Peter)

Friday
3 November

- 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Peter)
- 4:00pm Organ Practice (Church)
- 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing

Saturday
4 November
*Memorial of Saint Charles
Borromeo*

- 11:00am Legion of Mary (St Peter)
- 11:30am Baptism Preparation (Magnificat)
- 2:00pm Organ Practice (Church)
- 3:30pm **Living Out Our Faith with Bishop David (Magnificat)**
- 5:00pm CIC Community Meeting (Magnificat)

Sunday Mass
5 November

- 9:00am Parish Choir Practice (St Paul)
- 10:00am Teen Choir Practice (St Paul)
- 10:30am Filipino Choir Practice (Magnificat)
- 11:30am RCIA (St Peter)
- 1:00pm Filipino Community Fellowship (Magnificat)
- 2:30pm Organ Practice Ashley (Church)
- 6:30pm Capstone Young Adults (Magnificat)



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.



OUR WEEK IN PICS



Monday Mass with the Mercy and Pius students! The theme for the Mass came from the words of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop: "We are all but travellers here." Mass is celebrated at both Colleges regularly and is one of the important ways the two school combine.



Fr Marek, Lei, and Matt travelled to Gosford to celebrate the 1st anniversary of the opening of the St John Paul Shrine on his Feast Day!



A HUGE congratulations and thank you to our wonderful Streetworks BBQ Fundraising team who handed over \$17 600 in donations to support the wonderful work of Streetworks.



Above: Our catechists had their training and retreat day with the CCD Team and loved the chance to connect!
Right: 72 parishioners gathered for our Vision Planning night - it was a wonderful space of discussion and learning.





Seniors Morning Tea

Please join us on Thursday 2nd November at 10am for morning tea, in the Magnificat room. Jeanette Cowell will be joining us to talk about the pilgrimage trip she has just undertaken with Fr. Joey and other parishioners.

Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

Footprints Mass



There is no foot too small that it will not leave an imprint in the world

Please join us for a special Mass for all our deceased children through pregnancy loss

Wednesday 15 November 6pm

We invite you, and all those affected by miscarriage and stillbirth to come and hold the life of your deceased children before the Lord, in whom everyone lives and in whom no one is lost

Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

PARENT & INFANT MASS

Come along to our child friendly weekday Mass every Thursday 12:30pm

Attending Mass can often be stressful for a parent, particularly while juggling the needs of your child. This Mass would be an opportunity to gather with other parents, without judgement, with the support of the Priest and parishioners.

STARTS THURSDAY 23.11.23

PLAYGROUP

All parents, babies, toddlers and infants are welcome to join our Playgroup in the Magnificat Meeting Room every Thursday from 1pm - 2:30pm.

An opportunity for the children to socialise and play, while the parents can come together in fellowship. To register, please email chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au or call 9410 9000

INDIA TOUR 2024 WITH FR DAVID

Fr Shiju and Fr David Ranson VG will lead a Tour to India in February 2024, visiting Delhi, Agra, Jaipur and Kerala!

Dates: Departing mid February 2024 (15 days)

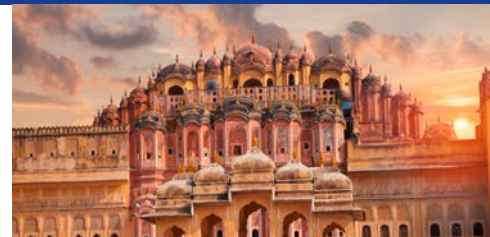
Costs: Tour Package \$3000pp Twin Share. (Visa, Air ticket and Travel Insurance not included)

Highlights include:

- Visit the Oblates Mission in Punjab
- The Pink City of Rajasthan
- Amer Fort, ancient capital of Jaipur
- Taj Mahal
- Periyar National Park and Tiger Reserve
- Elephant Safari at Thekkady
- Spice Plantation Tour at Thekkady
- Cultural Show at Cochin
- Visit OSH Monastery, Kerala
- Boating on Kerala's famous labyrinthine backwaters.

If you would like to join us, or for more info contact Fr Shiju or Jessica in the Parish Office: parishoffice@ffcp.org.au or 9451 5097.

This tour will be limited to 30 people - so get in fast today!



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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OBSERVE THE SORT OF LIFE WE LIVE. In every society people observe the actions of others. When many people ignore a particular law others conclude that it is alright for them to do the same. Children often imitate the behaviours of their parents. When we practise the law of love in our lives we benefit not only those who need our help but also those who observe our actions.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 Ex 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

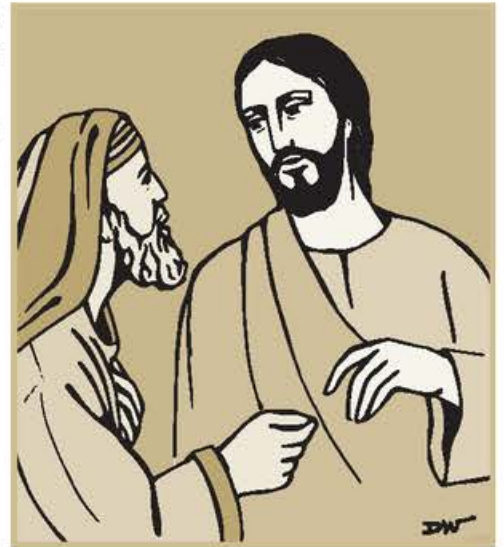
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, / my rock, my fortress, my saviour. / My God is the rock where I take refuge; / my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. / The Lord is worthy of all praise: / when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**



2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! / Praised be the God who saves me. / He has given great victories to his king / and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thess 1:5-10

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

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! / All who love me will keep my words, / and my Father will love them and we will come to them. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 22:34-40

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.**

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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. Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. 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 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. 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 in peace.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Communities, like the individuals that make them up, cannot exist or grow without reflecting on their stories. In remembering our past, we are reminded of lessons learnt, values shared, and obstacles overcome.

While the setting for the first reading is that of the time of the Exodus it clearly reflects the problems the Israelites faced when they had settled in the land. In order to resolve these problems, they are called to remember that they are a people where every member should be valued, especially those who cannot defend themselves. The other person is precious to God and has a dignity that is to be respected and preserved. They are reminded of their past so as to build a present that is just and equitable.

Jesus in his turn was asked what the most important commandment of the law was. The law of Moses was that formative and guiding tradition that shaped the Jewish people's self-understanding. In a sense, by asking what is the greatest commandment the Pharisees were asking, who are we? Jesus' reply is that we can only be truly ourselves when we can balance a wholehearted love of God with care for our brothers and sisters.

As Paul reflects on the history of the Thessalonian community, he praises God for the way they have overcome numerous obstacles. In the midst of opposition, they remained faithful to each other and to the Lord, so much so that they became a base for Paul's further missionary endeavour in the rest of Greece.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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CHRISTMAS LANTERN-MAKING WORKSHOP

Join the free Christmas lantern-making workshop in the PEW Garden! Anyone interested to join is welcome. The finished lanterns will be put on display at and around the Church during the launch of the Novena Masses for Christmas on 9th December then will be made available for general sale at the PEW Gift Shop.

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View some of the beautiful items available for sale at the back of this bulletin or view them on our Parish website and FB page.

The PEW (Pray, Evangelise, Worship) space is located beside the Church back of the Parish Office where you will find the PEW Gift Shop display, PEW Grotto Garden and PEW Café. For Gift Shop inquiries, call the Parish Office on 02 9410 9000 or email giftshopinthecity@gmail.com

MUSIC UPDATE



Titus Grenyer
Director of Music

Last Sunday at the 10:30am mass, the Parish Choir sang an Alleluia from the Graduale Romanum, a book containing the main collection of Gregorian chants. This was certainly a challenge, as it is still new to many in the choir, but it was also immensely satisfying to sing this beautiful music.

The Catholic church has always put on singing the music of our own heritage, of which Gregorian chant is of particular significance. We need look no further than paragraph 116 of the Vatican II document Sacrosanctum Concilium: "The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as specially suited to the Roman Liturgy: therefore, under normal circumstances, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services."

Chanted music alone is the musical language created by and more for the church, with its earliest notations dating back to the 9th century, of which many melodies are based on an even oral tradition that probably dates back to the early Church. It is one of the great treasures of the Catholic faith. I hope we can continue to sing more of it, as well as find ways to introduce it to all our weekend sung masses, as has long been the wish of the popes before and after Vatican II.

Our Parish Choir spent a delightful sunny Sunday afternoon for a Spring BBQ at Pedro & Om Ng's lovely home! We also celebrated Pedro's birthday with delicious food, yummy desserts as well as singing our hearts out with Sunny Chandra accompanying us on the piano. – *Virginia L*



*We are in need of more singers to join our musical groups. In particular, we are looking for:
More men to join the Parish Choir (rehearsals are on Thursdays 5:30pm).
Singers interested in helping for the Sunday Youth Mass -- more modern worship music
Any singers or instrumentalists who'd like to contribute to our Thursday 7pm Holy Hour.*



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! We will kick off with lunch together at 12:00pm



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



St John Marie Vianney (1786 –1859) and the Blessed Sacrament

John Vianney was a man undistinguished by his intellectual capacity and struggled to meet the academic requirements for ordination to the priesthood. As a priest however, he was so distinguished by his holiness that he attracted penitents from near and far and was outstanding in his love of the Blessed Sacrament. His priesthood was such that he has been designated the patron saint of priests.

The following reflection on his love for the Blessed Sacrament is well worth consideration by anyone who regards imitation of the saints as a way to personal growth in holiness:

St. John Vianney was known to sometimes in the pulpit, wishing to preach on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, get so choked up that he could hardly speak and would, with tears, point to the tabernacle and say: "There He is!" and that is all he could say. "We should consider those moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament as the happiest of our lives. Our Lord is hidden there, waiting for us to come and visit Him, and make our request to Him".

Currently we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for adoration and prayer on Thursday mornings following the 9 am Mass to 12 noon and again from 7 – 8 pm in the evenings. Of course Jesus is truly present in the tabernacle and available to us at all times for prayer and adoration by all those who recognize his real presence in the tabernacle. Parishioners are encouraged to avail of these opportunities to spend time with the Lord.

Michael O'Connell

Children's Choir

On the third Sunday of each month, we invite the children of the parish to sing in the Children's Choir for the 9:00am mass. Music is a wonderful and natural gift of children, and this is the perfect opportunity for them to be a part of the music in the church. Rehearsals take place after the 9:00am mass, on the second Sunday of the month. If you have any questions, please contact titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au

UPCOMING PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS



Our community of Chatswood invites Year 6 children and families to a special Mass for Year 6 Children during

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR CLASS MASS

19 November 2023 | at 9:00am

At 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. This will also help with catering for gifts.

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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



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



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

LUNAR NEW YEAR Lunar New Year

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@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

• OCTOBER 31ST 5:00pm | 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 Magnificat Room

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!

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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

• NOVEMBER 15TH Footprints Mass | 6:00pm

Join us for our first ever Footprints Mass to commemorate the little lives lost during pregnancy. All are welcome to this event, and we extend a special invitation to all those whose lives have been touched by the tragedy of miscarriage or still birth.

• NOVEMBER 18TH | Parish in Council 12:00pm – 5:00pm | Harrington Hall

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• **NOVEMBER 19TH | Bach Akademie 2:30pm in the Church**

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 - and more!

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

Ph: 1300 785 377

• **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

• **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.

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.

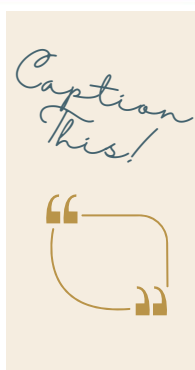
As we watch the short movie clips, we'll imagine ourselves standing there, on the edges of the crowd, listening, watching - what do we see? what impresses us? what confuses us? how would we have responded to this son of a carpenter from Nazareth?

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



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.



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.

AROUND AND ABOUT

FEATURING MOZART'S CORONATION MASS



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

NOVEMBER 10 – 11

That They May Have Life – National Catholic Medical Association Conference

Ethical Medicine is at an important crossroad and Catholic practitioners are confronted everyday with an increasingly secular workplace. This conference aims to address a number of the current and emerging issues confronting the Catholic practitioner. This is also a time where we can connect with each other and become more acquainted with the professionals within our network.

It is a time for being informed, for joining in fellowship and, most importantly, connecting with Christ.

We're looking forward to seeing you at this important time.

Location: St Joseph's Baulkham Hills

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9erhcx> or email cmaqnal@gmail.com

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

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 sent photos in for the album please email parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au

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

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".

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 if you have any queries regarding the immersion course or to book.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH, KILLARA

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday
26 November
2023
JOIN US

killara
church 60th
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

EASTFEST
PRESENTS
JOURNEY
WITH FR.
ROB GALEA

AT OUR LADY OF THE SACRED
HEART CHURCH RANDWICK

FOR MORE INFO & TO
BOOK YOUR TICKETS:
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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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 bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood

Want to receive the bulletin via e-mail?

Contact Olivia at

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