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THE BULLETIN

GLAD YOU'RE HERE
Welcome

5 NOVEMBER 2023
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



Christ Among the Pharisees - by Jacob Jordaens



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.

This weekend is your last chance to register yourself and your family for our Parish in Council on November 18! If you can't register online, fill out a form on the tables at the back of the church.

Grab some great Christmas sale items from the Giftshop out on the Forecourt until 2pm on Sunday!

Christmas is just around the corner, and the Filipino community have invited everyone to join the launch of the Novena Masses! Register now to be a part of this wonderful occasion.

Thank you very much to everyone who donated to the Food Drive for the Jesuit Refugee Social Service! Your kindness is going a long way to helping those in our community who need a little help. Read more inside from Jo who organised this.

Enjoy the pictures from the youth group's HolyWins party - the costumes were wonderful! And yes, that is Fr Marek as an angel (St Michael) and yes it may be the inspiration for our next caption competition.

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.

They do not practise what they preach.
This Sunday's Gospel - Matthew 23:1-12





Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

Dear friends,

We are fast approaching our second Session of Parish in Council on Saturday 18 November. Everyone is welcome, including all those who may live beyond the territory of our parish but who affiliate with us, and those who were present at our first session on 26 August. Returning to the second session will not take the place of anyone! Registrations are essential, however. And these will close in the coming days to enable us to finalise our planning. This time, too, we will be joined by some observers from neighbouring parishes as the concept of Parish-in-Council becomes more widely known. Do please register as soon as possible this week!

With pleasure I also share with you some changes to our parish team which brings to completion the re-configuration of our parish team that we have had in place for most of this year:

a. Effective Monday 6 November, we have a new Parish Receptionist. This is Diana Tinambun. Diana will be with us Monday – Friday 9am– 5pm. Diana will be known to a number of us, having been a part of our parish for a number of years, until relatively recently. Diana comes to us from an accounting and finance background with roles within Fund Accountings and Risk and Control. Her last role was a Fund Accounting Team Leader in Colonial First State, a superannuation company. Now she seeks a change in career, inspired by her Catholic faith and her sense of mission, and we very much look forward to her contribution.

b. Also effective Monday 6 November, Chloe Aylward assumes a new position as Parish Projects Officer. This is a three day a week position, Monday – Wednesday, with Wednesday working from home. In this role Chloe will have responsibility for our Parish Planned Giving Program, our database, Sacramental Registers and their administration, Safeguarding Compliance and support for our Parish-in-Council. Chloe has been a great asset to us over the last several months in her capacity in our front office, but is not able to continue with us full-time. Thankfully, however, she remains an important member of our team.

c. On Tuesday 7 November, Mona Saouma takes up a new position in our team as Pastoral Support Worker. This is a three day a week position, Tuesday– Thursday 9am –5pm. Mona will continue to provide her invaluable assistance to Angela Hague in Children’s Ministry but now also broaden her assistance to Families, including playgroup activities and Seniors Ministry.

d. From Monday 13 November, we will also have the services of a Parish Accountant, Ilona Dudek. Ilona will be engaged as an Independent Contractor to work with Amelia, our Book-keeper, to supervise monthly financial reports, publish Quarterly Financial Reports and assist us with high level financial administration. Ilona is well versed in parishes, being also currently engaged with Lower North Shore Parish and the Parish of French’s Forest. Ilona grew up in our own parish and her mother attends our Spanish Masses.

Last Sunday, I visited the North Shore Temple Emmanuel in Chatswood and spent time with Rabbi Nicole Roberts and Rabbi Moshe Givental. I was deeply impressed by their sensitivity and vision. In the midst of such dreadful conflict it was important and significant to reach out and to make new friendships. We are deeply conscious of the suffering in the Middle East: we hold both the suffering of people in Israel deeply traumatised by events of 7 October and the suffering of people in Gaza who are victim to such struggles for power. We hold every person who is suffering equal in our hearts and prayers. We are also very conscious of the rise of anti-Semitism in societies around the world, including in Australia that makes our Jewish friends deeply fearful. Anti-Semitism can never be the response to our concern for the people of Gaza. We must condemn every form of it and seek always the path of friendship. In so doing. It has been a grace over these months to develop friendships now with both our Buddhist and Jewish brothers and sisters in Chatswood and we look forward, when the time and opportunity is right, to grow our new found relationships. In so doing we bring the light of Christ to our city which is always a light that brings peace and fraternity.

This weekend I am in Canberra, honoured to be joining Stephen and Carla Gageler and their family for Stephen’s installation as Chief Justice of Australia in the High Court on Monday 6 November. Again, we congratulate Stephen on this most eminent appointment and wish him and Carla and their family our prayerful best wishes on this important occasion.

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Peter Dwyer; 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.

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:

James Biddell (husband of Patricia Biddell); Poi Suen Hui; Paul Truc Le (5th anniversary), Margarita Tu anniversary and Jean Marie, 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 the family of the child who passed away at St Lucy's; and for all the school community as they try to heal from this tragedy.

For Bernard Le and Eugenie Tai.

For Cecilia who moves back home to be with her family, may she enjoy this new part of her life.

For Esther and all the joy she brings to everyone's life.

*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.*

A Prayer in Times of Sorrow

May you see God's light on the path ahead
When the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear,
Even in your hour of sorrow,
The gentle singing of the lark.
When times are hard may hardness
Never turn your heart to stone,
May you always remember
when the shadows fall,
You do not walk alone.

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



This week's church flowers are generously donated by the Korean Bible Reading and Discussion Class to commemorate and pray for all the

Korean Martyrs

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.



第二條(誡命)與此相似：你應當愛近人。如你自己。

瑪竇福音22:39

*The second (Commandment) is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
Matthew 22:39*

Cultural Community Mass:

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



**Deacon
Kevin Hale**

Here are some unsettling questions:

Am I happy to help others without being praised for my service?

Am I content even when my good deeds go unnoticed?

Do I live out my faith or simply give lip service to my beliefs?

These are not easy questions to ask, and the answers may be hard to uncover. Yet, uncomfortable as such a question-and-answer session may be, it can reveal attitudes and behavior that Jesus wants to heal in us so that our hearts can be free to serve him more effectively. Jesus warned his disciples not to imitate those scribes and Pharisees who didn't put their own preaching and teaching into practice, yet expected everyone else to do so.

He also reproached those teachers who performed "all their deeds to be seen by others," taking pride in their positions and in public honours.

Jesus didn't mince any words in criticizing these Pharisees for their outward display of holiness. That's because he knew that many of them weren't living up to the standard they expected from others. We can be sure they had good intentions. They studied the Law because they wanted to follow God's will, but their behaviour contradicted it. They modified their religious clothing to make it stand out more, and they sought the respect of the people, not for who they were but for their position in society.

We might wonder why the Pharisees were so concerned about other people's opinions. It's not that they were insecure. It's more likely that they were trying to protect their faith against corruption by their Roman occupiers. They wanted to preserve Judaism at all costs. And so, they stressed ritual and tradition to the point that they lost sight of what was supposed to be underneath it.

In the process, they started looking down on those who weren't "true believers" according to their standards. Unfortunately, none of us is above this type of temptation. Though we may not carry enormous Bibles or wear huge crosses to show off, we may still want to be recognized for who we are and what we can do. Or we may hide our gifts, imagining we're not worthy enough to share them—which can also be a subtle form of pride.

But our weakness in these areas shouldn't discourage us. On the contrary, it should make us even more eager to seek God's mercy!

If we want to be humble, we don't have to look any further than Jesus for our example. He never tried to get attention. He never promoted himself, and yet he drew far more people than the Pharisees ever could. That's because he had what they needed—the Father's love.

We don't have to impress anyone if we are following Jesus. We just have to stay close to him, and people will recognize his presence within us. He will purify our hearts, so that we can empty ourselves, take up our crosses, and serve him with joy! In their conceit, those Pharisees were acting as if the gifts and responsibilities God had given them came from themselves and not from God. And what's worse, they were using these heavenly gifts to gain the admiration of their fellow Jews.

This doesn't mean that God wants us to hold a negative view of ourselves.

Actually, He delights in our achievements and even wants us to delight and take pride in them — but not in a way that steals from him. It's good to be pleased with our work and to be proud of our abilities.

But when we begin to act as if we've accomplished things on our own, without God's grace, or to think that our gifts make us better than other people, we need to remember Paul's admonition: "What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?"

Each one of us has been gifted by God. We have God given abilities, but we have to be free in our love of God to know that we can do them for Him not for ourselves. As I said at the beginning Jesus wants us to be free to serve him more effectively.

During Mass, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to the Lord again. Let him teach us how to use these gifts in a way that gives him glory and advances his kingdom. We can be proud of ourselves! So let him teach us the way to "godly pride."

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.



MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

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

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

- Thursday
9 November
- Feast day of The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- 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
10 November
- Memorial of Saint Leo the Great
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
 - **9:00am Mass**
 - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 - **12:30pm Mass**

- Saturday
11 November
- Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours
- 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
 - **12:00pm Wedding**
 - **5:30pm Vigil Mass**

- Sunday Mass
12 November
- **7:30am Mass**
 - **9:00am Family Mass**
 - **10:30am Mass**
 - 12:00pm Baptism
 - 4:00pm Baptism
 - **5:30pm Mass**



MORNING TEA AFTER 7:30AM MASS

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



REGISTRATION CLOSES THIS WEEKEND!



PARISH IN COUNCIL

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



**SATURDAY
18 NOVEMBER**



HARRINGTON HALL



12:00PM - 5:00PM

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
fill out a form at the table at the back of the church.



**GIFT SHOP
THIS
SUNDAY
8AM - 2PM**



Remember to check out the Gift Shop on the Forecourt this Sunday!

Come and see our unique and interesting items - whether to decorate your home or to gift yourself and loved ones for Christmas!

GATHERINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| <p>Monday 6 November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Atrium 3-6 year olds (Atrium) • 4:00pm Atrium 3-6, 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium) • 4:30pm Organ Practice Sunny (Church) • 5:30pm Beta Program (Magnificat, St Paul) |
| <p>Tuesday 7 November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Bible Discussion Group (St Paul) • 11:00am Parish Staff Team Meeting (Magnificat) • 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 Facilitators and Scibes for PIC (Harrington Hall) • 7:00pm Filipino Choir (Church) • 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter) <p><i>*Please note the Liturgy committee meeting is cancelled</i></p> |
| <p>Wednesday 8 November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat) • 9:30am English Speaking Class with Reg (St Peter) • 2:00pm Organ Lesson (Church) • 4:00pm Wedding Rehearsal (Church) • 6:30pm Indonesian Traditional Instrument Practice (Church) • 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter) |
| <p>Thursday 9 November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium) • 1:00pm Indonesian Team Meeting (St Paul) • 1:30pm Meeting set up (Magnificat) • 2:00pm Diocesan Private Meeting (Magnificat) • 3:45pm Organ Scholar Lessons (Church) • 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church) • 5:30pm Beta Program (Magnificat, St Paul) |
| <p>Friday 10 November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Peter) • 4:00pm Organ Practice (Church) • 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing • 7:00pm Indonesian Choir Practice (St Paul) |
| <p>Saturday 11 November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Legion of Mary (St Paul) • 10:30am MCAG Meeting (St Peter) • 2:00pm Organ Practice (Church) • 3:30pm Living Out Our Faith with Bishop David (Magnificat) • 5:00pm CIC Community Meeting (Magnificat) |
| <p>Sunday 12 November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:15am Children's Choir Practice (St Paul) • 9:00am Shop for a Cause, Give from the Heart (Magnificat) • 9:30am Parish Choir Practice (St Paul) • 11:30am RCIA (St Peter) • 2:30pm Organ Practice Ashley (Church) • 3:45pm Mothers' Group (Magnificat) • 6:30pm Cornerstone and Keystone Youth Groups (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter) |



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

Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish
94 Archer Street Chatswood

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

Our Lady OF DOLOURS



MOTHERS GROUP

Are you interested in joining a Mothers Group?

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

STARTS NEXT SUNDAY!



Last public rosary of the year! We offered this up for peace in the world and peace in our country. Thank you to all who came along and to Elaine and Cecilia for organising!



Left: Jo and Caroline's selfie break whilst they pack the donations for Jesuit Refugee Service - looking good doing good work! Right: Capstone Young Adults at their movie night watching The Shack.



Left: At the CatholicCare Staff Awards Dinner - congrats to all who won!

Right: Celebrating Deacon Richard's birthday! Not pictured is the dancing competition we had to celebrate.



Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

Your gift is helping the Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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YOU HAVE ONLY ONE TEACHER. St Paul was a great religious leader. Like a mother, he nourished and watched over his people. He tried not to be a burden on them. He sought to preach God's message and not his own. He helped the people, whom he called his brothers and sisters, to look to Christ as their only Master and Teacher. Today we pray for religious leaders as they strive to express in their own lives the qualities of leadership embodied in Paul.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 37: 22-23

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!**

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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 and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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 Mal 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi
You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 130

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R.**



2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **R.**
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13

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

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 23: 9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! / You have one Father, your Father in heaven; / you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 23: 1-12

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.

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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. May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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 15: 11*

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray,

so that, renewed by these heavenly

Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. 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

CALLED TO SERVE

Leadership has always been a risky business. With leadership comes prestige and the esteem of others and yet these can be dangerous and murky waters. Those involved in leadership often experience being caught in the tension between the respective privileges and responsibilities that accompany their position. Today's readings converge in their concern to reflect on the nature of authority and how it should be exercised.

At the time Malachi wrote, the people of Israel were in dire need of religious reform and the priests were called to account for their role in creating that situation. If the charge could be laid at the feet of the priests in Malachi's time that they did not care for the people, the same could not be said for Paul. While Paul was called to be an apostle, he was also most concerned to offer the gospel without charge. In the ancient world wandering teachers were usually sponsored financially. Paul avoided such ambiguous relationships by not accepting any help from a community till he had established it and was ready to move on to another.

When Jesus sets out to address the disciples and the people about the scribes and Pharisees it probably sounded fairly safe. Anyone can be comfortable when another person is being subjected to scrutiny and criticism! But the second half of the Gospel suddenly changes direction and disciples in every age are given some guiding principles. Firstly, leadership comes from God, secondly, we belong to one family and thirdly, leadership means service.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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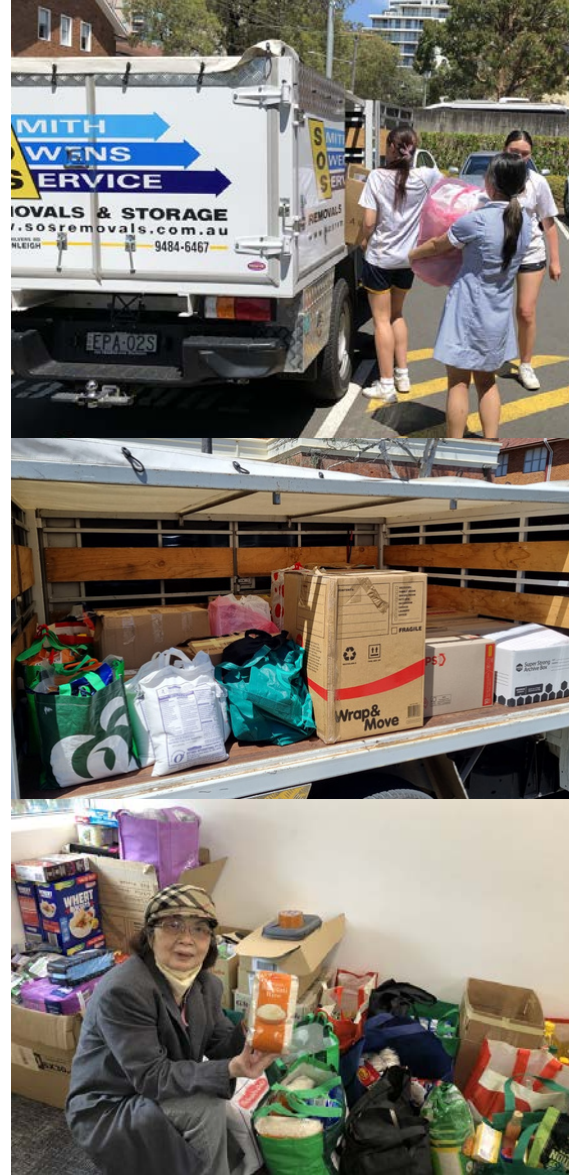
Thank you to all parishioners who donated so generously to our annual food and toiletry drive for the Jesuit Refugee Service. Your high-quality donations half-filled a furniture delivery truck and the collection we afterwards picked up from Mercy College topped it up to the roof. It was amazing to see, when we arrived out at the JRS outlet in Parramatta, that our donations just about doubled the stock of food and toiletries that they had available to refugee families who come in weekly for supplies to feed their families.

There are many people who helped in addition to the wonderful donors. Carolyn Ho, Trish Wilson and Virginia Purpura were our hard-working packers. Fr David, Mary Anne Van Roie and Cheryl and Marty Thomas moved goods across into storage in St Peter's. Fr Marek, sent by the angels, provided the muscle required to get the boxes and bags from St Peter's into the delivery truck. And Jo-Anne Moffat, part-owner of SOS Removals, provided the truck and all the labour needed to pack in the donations from Mercy College and unpack everything at JRS, giving up her day and working like a Trojan, simply out of friendship and a desire to be of use.

At a time when the world and society seem to be in such trouble, it is heartwarming to see what people of goodwill can achieve in the community by pulling together.

This week at Our Lady of Sorrows, we have done our bit to 'feed the hungry with good things'. Thank you!

Jo Karaolis



HOLYWINS PARTY

The Youth Ministry team hosted a Holy Wins party for the children of the Parish last Sunday evening. All the children dressed up as their favourite Saints for an exciting and fun-filled evening of games, quizzes and delightful food! New friendships were also made amongst children and parents.

The Holy Wins party was a wonderful way to celebrate All Hallows' Eve and an excellent reminder for all of the real reason for this Christian celebration. Many thanks to Bettina, the Youth Ministry team and their Chaplain, Fr Marek! Hope to see you all at next year's party!!

Kate, Paul & Elizabeth B.





to register
before 15th
November



HAVE YOU EVER ASKED YOURSELF: HOW CAN I MAKE CHRISTMAS BETTER FOR OTHERS? HERE IS ONE OF THE ANSWERS: WE SEARCH FOR VOLUNTEERS TO VISIT OUR NURSING HOMES FOR

Christmas Carols



SUPPORTING ANDY'S IMMERSION TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES

I am Andy Cho, a member of this parish since 2015. I currently attend St Aloysius' College Milsons Point as the graduating class of 2024. Early December this year, I have committed myself to attend the school's Philippines' Immersion as a group of 18 or so boys. As a Jesuit boys' school, one of our mottos is **being "a man for others"** and this is simply being applied as we head to the Philippines to help the people who are not as fortunate as we are in Australia. Some major events that will occur during the 3 week trip include a trip to a medium security prison, visiting the St Aloysius' "Village" and even building a house to replace the old sheds that some people are currently living in. I am looking for some sponsorship from our parish to help defray the cost of this experience. To help fund this trip you can transfer to the parish account below and use the description "For Andy". Thank you for any help you can give!

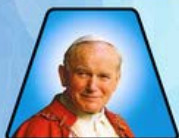
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LAST YEAR VISIT TO THE DOUGHERTY NURSING HOME

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS



JOHN PAUL II



SR FAUSTINA



MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR CHOICE?
SCAN FOR A SURVEY



A PILGRIMAGE IS BEING ORGANISED IN 2024 (MAY OR SEPTEMBER) TO POLAND AND EITHER MEDUGORJE OR ITALY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED TO JOIN, PLEASE CLICK ON THE QR CODE TO RESPOND TO A SURVEY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE TO BE ABLE TO FINALISE THE PROGRAM AND TO GET A FIRM QUOTATION FOR THE PILGRIMAGE. THANK YOU!



SUPPORT WORKER WANTED

47yo female Parishioner is looking for a friendly support worker, to join her on fun outings.

Likes to attend sporting matches (go the Swans!), but can be shy on first meeting. She is a caring, family oriented lady, who works full time, but would like to spend weekends having fun.

If you are a female, over 45 who thinks they fit this description, please send your application (cover letter and resume) to Laura from Disability Answers via email at Laura.daley@disabilityanswers.com.au

Please note you will need your own ABN and insurance, but these can be easily arranged. Payment will be via NDIS funds.

UPCOMING PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

14TH NOVEMBER 2023
FEARLESS
ONLINE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Join Catholic Alpha teams from across Australia with our guest Melinda Dwight, National Director of Alpha Australia for an engaging evening to celebrate and be renewed, so that together we can go out on mission with boldness.

- Celebrate the impact of Alpha across the nation in the Catholic Church
- Check out new Alpha resources
- Connect with Alpha Teams and Leaders

Tuesday 14th November, 2023

NSW | VIC | ACT | TAS - 7:00pm
SA - 6:30pm
QLD - 6:00pm
NT - 5:30pm
WA - 4:00pm

<https://bit.ly/fearless-alpha>



- **NOVEMBER 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!

- **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

- **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**

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

- **NOVEMBER 19TH | Year 6 End of Year Mass 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

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!

- **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

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

Our Lady of Dolours

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

• **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



Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

DONATIONS WANTED

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

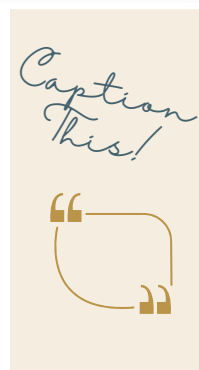
We are currently seeking **large gift** for the raffle ticket prizes and **small gifts** for the Lucky Dip draws.

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.

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 Ditas on 0405 999 510



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.

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

Location: St Joseph's Baulkham Hills

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9erhxx> or email cmaqna@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 18TH

I'll Meet You There 7:00pm Uniting Church Turrumurra

Listen to the wonderful talents of the Willoughby Symphony Choir! Tickets available at willoughbychoir.com.au

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

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.

BEGIN
Ben Roniah

I'll meet you there.

Katy Abbott

Sat 18 Nov 2023 – 7pm

SUITE
REMEMBRANCE
Melissa Dunphy

BY THE RIVERS
OF BABYLON
Camille Saint-Saëns

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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CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

CHRISTOPHER WEST

THEOLOGY of the BODY

LOVE & RESPONSIBILITY

IMMERSION COURSE

21-26 JANUARY 2024

W:Tobi.SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG

COST: \$1900 AUD.

INCLUSION: Immersion Course with all materials, five nights (single occupied) accommodation and meals. Partial subsidies available for approved students.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 15 DECEMBER 2023

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Youth Minister: **Bettina Ignacio**

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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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Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au





Embrace the Spirit of Christmas with Novena Masses

Amidst the holiday rush, the Filipino Community warmly invites you to celebrate a cherished tradition – “Simbang Gabi” (Novena Masses for Christmas) – that beckons us to embrace the spirit of Christmas with open hearts and radiant faith.

Originally known as Misa de Aguinaldo, this nine-day Novena Masses for Christmas was introduced to the Philippines by Spanish missionaries from Mexico. The term, “Aguinaldo,” signifying ‘gift,’ beautifully captures the essence of Christmas.

For nine consecutive days leading to 25th December, we gather to offer our “Aguinaldo” to God, expressing gratitude for the precious gift of Jesus, the Saviour of the world. It is a time for reflection, unity and devotion as we prepare our hearts to welcome the Christ Child, the divine gift.

For Filipino Catholics, this tradition of “Simbang Gabi” is a heartfelt devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. Over these nine days, we stand by Mary as she eagerly awaits the birth of her Son, honouring her with solemn votive Masses.

We celebrate with grandeur, singing the “Gloria” and donning white vestments. Carols fill the air and prayers lift our spirits, painting a tapestry of unity and togetherness. We light candles and lanterns and let the glow of faith guide us to Him who is the Light of the world.

The timing of the tradition has been adjusted to fit modern schedules, allowing for both dawn and evening Masses. This flexibility ensures that we can all participate, even amidst our busy lives. Whether you choose the dawn or evening Masses, “Simbang Gabi” promises spiritual nourishment and an opportunity to rekindle the true meaning of Christmas.

Join us in this practice of the Novena Masses for Christmas, remembering that the greatest gift of all is the love and unity we share with one another.

We look forward to welcoming you at the launch of our Novena Masses for Christmas scheduled for 7pm on Saturday, 9th December, at Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood. For catering purposes, we request that you kindly pre-register via Trybooking using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yzb6acak> or by conveniently scanning the QR code.

Hope to see you there!

Broken Bay Diocese
FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY

Simbang Gabi 2023

CHRISTMAS NOVENA
LAUNCH MASS

SATURDAY | **09** | AT 7:00 PM
DEC

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHATSWOOD PARISH
Fellowship & Short Program follow from 8 - 9 PM

DAWN MASSES
Chatswood
16 - 24 DEC | 5:30 AM
OUR LADY OF DOLOUR PARISH
94 ARCHER ST CHATSWOOD

EVENING MASSES
Waitara & Dee Why
15 - 23 DEC 2023
7:00 PM | 7:30 PM
HORNSBY CATHEDRAL | ST KEVIN'S CHURCH
23 YARDLEY AVE, WAITARA | 50 OAKS AVENUE DEE WHY

TRIDUUM MASS
Wyong
21-23 DEC 2023 | 7:00 PM
ST CECILIA CHURCH
23 BYRON ST. WYONG



Scan here to register and join the celebrations!