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## THE BULLETIN

12 NOVEMBER 2023  
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

GLAD YOU'RE HERE  
*Welcome*

A very warm welcome to you, especially to anyone new and visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us! If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Our Lady of Dolours please contact us at 02 9410 9000 or email us at [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au) - we would love to hear from you.

Join us this Wednesday the 15th November for our first ever annual **Footprints Mass**. A special celebration of the life of babies who did not make it to birth through miscarriage and being stillborn - as well as time of reflection and oneness with parents who have suffered this particular loss.

Next weekend our year 6 end of year Mass is on - reminder to parents to let Angela know if your child in year 6 will be there. Congratulations year 6!

Special message from Fr Marek that you do not need to have the voice of an angel to join in singing Christmas Carols at our local aged care homes (but if you do it helps) - come along and enjoy spreading joy!

Fundraising for our Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) quota has begun again! Our parish is the largest donor to these wonderful programs and initiatives - notably in supporting the work of our wonderful catechists! Check out the backpage for how you can give.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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



*The Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids  
by Hieronymus Francken II c. 1590*

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.  
This Sunday's Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13



Dear friends

All preparations for our second session of our Parish-in-Council are now fully underway! A special thank you to all who have registered. Again, we have some 100 people who have done so, which is quite remarkable. Last Tuesday our many parish Facilitators gathered with Yvonne Corpuz who led us through a marvellous presentation honing our skills in the methodology of 'conversation-in-the-Spirit'. Our Parish-in-Council sessions are unlike any other meeting: they rest on the principles of 'encounter', 'listening', and 'discernment' at the service of developing a shared sense and implementation of our Mission, our sense of purpose. At our Parish-in-Council next Saturday we will continue on our journey of giving form to our vision but also considering some very practical means to reach this. In particular, we express our profound gratitude to Brendan Tertini and Anthony Seeto for their remarkable leadership.



**Fr David Ranson**  
PP VG  
Parish Priest

This weekend we introduce our Pastoral Works Fund appeal for the current financial year. This is the diocesan fund that finances all our wonderful catechists who take our Faith to our many Catholic children in our public schools. This year our parish is obligated to raise some \$64,000. We are very grateful for the way in which people are able to contribute to this Fund. Please know that young lives are changed because of your generosity which directly helps our nearly 50 parishioners in their ministry as Catechists.

Through this month of November, we remember our loved ones who are deceased. What a wonderful response we have had to the initiative of candles in memory of those we are remembering! It is possible to buy a candle at any time during the month. This Wednesday we have a very special event during this month: it is called "Footprints Mass" – a beautiful occasion to remember all those children who have died through miscarriage or stillbirth. This will take place at the 6.00pm Mass on Wednesday 15 November. Please do let others know. All are welcome!

Our Parish is blessed with many opportunities for formation in faith. This week a new series commences on Monday evenings, called "I am Jesus". This is an opportunity to explore the life of Jesus and all who he is, through movie clips. A truly creative possibility! And Bishop Emeritus Walker also provides us with remarkable opportunities on Saturday afternoons. These presentations are also available on our parish YouTube channel. Do explore our bulletin for all the details around these events.

Looking forward to seeing many of us at our Parish-in-Council next Saturday!

## IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

### **Our loved ones who have recently passed away:**

Rinaldo Navarro; Ross Taylor; 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.

### **Our loved ones who are sick:**

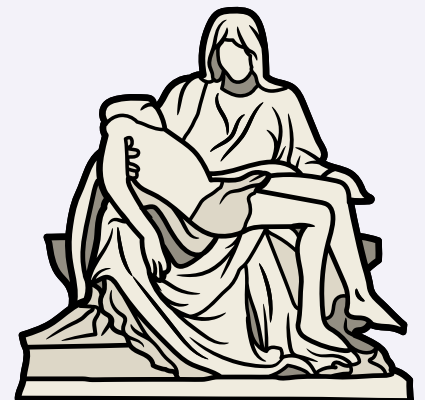
John O'Brien, Giselle Clark; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; Iris Wickert (sister of Chrystal De Croos); Mary Kin-Soon Ng (mother of Elizabeth Chung); Bonnie Leung.

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

Ellen Sunjaya - November 17th (Mother of David Sunjaya); 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 Lei and the wonderful work she does in our gardens to make them so beautiful!

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



**Our Lady of Dolours, Pray for Us**  
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This week's church flowers are generously donated by Matt & Chloe Aylward to commemorate

*all babies lost by stillbirth and miscarriage*



## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Deacon  
**Richard Houwing**  
Parish Deacon

As we approach the end of our liturgical calendar, the Church invites us to reflect on finality and the end-of-time truths that shape our faith. During this season, our liturgical readings take on an apocalyptic tone, a term derived from the Greek meaning 'to reveal' or 'to lay bare.' It is a time when the Church seeks to disclose the divine vision for the world, offering us a glimpse into the nature of God's kingdom so that we may ready ourselves for its coming.

Let's begin by delving into the second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. Paul's transformative encounter with the risen Christ propelled him to become a pivotal figure in spreading the Gospel. His writings convey a sense of urgency and transformation, a call to be vigilant for the unprecedented events of the end times, heralded by the return of Jesus. Paul's message in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 is unequivocal: be prepared for this momentous event.

The Gospel of Matthew presents us with the parable of the ten bridesmaids, a symbolic narrative that illustrates the necessity of readiness for the Second Coming of Christ. The early Christians lived with the imminent expectation of Christ's return. Such anticipation should not be a cause for anxiety but a call to live in a state of hopeful watchfulness, embodying the love of Christ in our daily lives.

However, as decades passed, from the writing of Paul's epistles to the composition of Matthew's Gospel, a spiritual complacency began to take root. Today, two millennia later, we must confront the same tendency to lapse into spiritual complacency, the mistaken belief that the delay in Christ's return affords us the liberty to live without regard for the Gospel's demands. Yet, the Gospel warns us against such complacency.

In Matthew's account, the kingdom of God is likened to ten bridesmaids awaiting the bridegroom. The five wise bridesmaids are prepared for the bridegroom's arrival with their lamps well-supplied with oil. In contrast, the five foolish bridesmaids find themselves unprepared and, consequently, excluded from the wedding banquet. The message is clear: we must emulate the preparedness of the wise bridesmaids.

The oil in the parable can be interpreted as a metaphor for the grace we receive through the sacraments, the tangible signs of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives. In baptism, we are anointed with oil, symbolizing the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. In confirmation, we are sealed with the oil of chrism. This oil represents not just the sacraments themselves but calls for our active participation in the Church's sacramental life. Through this engagement, the love of Christ is nurtured within us.

When we fall away from these practices, we allow the oil of our faith to run low; we risk missing the joyous communion with Christ. It is not enough to merely perform acts of faith. We must live our faith in our every action with love. This way, we anticipate Christ's return meaningfully.

Therefore, let us be vigilant and persistent in our faith. Let us keep the oil of our lamps replenished through prayer, the sacraments, and acts of love and service. In doing so, we affirm our readiness for the end times and for each day we are granted in this life. Let us live with the conviction that Christ's return, while not predictable by our worldly understanding, is an assured promise that calls us to a life of preparedness, marked by a profound love for God and one another.

智慧是光明的，從不暗淡；愛慕她的，很容易看見她；尋覓她的，就可找到她。

*Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her.*

*Wisdom 6:13*



# MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| <p>Monday<br/>13 November</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy</li> <li>• 11:45am Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)</li> <li>• <b>12:30pm Mass</b></li> </ul>   |
| <p>Tuesday<br/>14 November</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:45am Morning Prayer</li> <li>• <b>9:00am Mass</b></li> <li>• 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy</li> <li>• <b>12:30pm Mass</b></li> </ul>   |
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| <p>Thursday<br/>16 November</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:45am Morning Prayer</li> <li>• <b>9:00am Mass</b></li> <li>• <b>9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, Rosary, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b></li> <li>• 12:00pm Benediction</li> <li>• <b>12:30pm Mass</b></li> <li>• <b>7:00pm Holy Hour Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation also available</b></li> </ul> |
| <p>Friday<br/>17 November</p> <p><i>Memorial, St Elizabeth of Hungary</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:45am Morning Prayer</li> <li>• <b>9:00am Mass</b></li> <li>• 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy</li> <li>• <b>12:30pm Mass</b></li> </ul>   |
| <p>Saturday<br/>18 November</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:45am Morning Prayer</li> <li>• <b>9:00am Mass</b></li> <li>• 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation, Rosary</li> <li>• 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help</li> <li>• 10:30am Benediction</li> <li>• <b>2:00pm Wedding</b></li> <li>• <b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b></li> </ul>                                 |
| <p>Sunday Mass<br/>19 November</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>7:30am Mass</b></li> <li>• <b>9:00am Family Mass</b></li> <li>• <b>10:30am Mass</b></li> <li>• <b>12:00pm Spanish Mass (Harrington Hall)</b></li> <li>• <b>5:30pm Mass</b></li> <li>• <b>7:00pm Indonesian Mass</b></li> </ul>  |



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



## END OF YEAR MEN'S MASS AND BAR-B-Q

WEDNESDAY **MERCY COLLEGE CHAPEL**

101 Archer Street, Chatswood

**6**

DECEMBER

Mass: 6:30 PM

Bar-B-Q: 7:30 PM (besides church)

Food & Beverages supplied

Cost: \$25 Donation (No EFTPOS)

Further Details/RSVP 02/12/23

Peter: 0433 030 016 | Scott: 0406 512 425

Michael: 0410 226 787 | Rick: 0408 674 623

designed by Peter Sakazaki

### Cultural Community Mass:

Filipino: 12:00pm, 1st Sunday

Spanish: 12:00pm, 3rd Sunday

Indonesian: 7:00pm, 3rd Sunday

Scan this QR code to donate to the first or second collection for our Parish.

Thank you for the many ways in which you already support our parish!



# GATHERINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Monday  
13 November
- 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)
  - 5:00pm Setting up for I Am Jesus (St Peter)
  - 7:00pm I AM Jesus (St Peter)

- Tuesday  
14 November
- 10:00am Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)
  - 1:45pm Organ Practice Olivia (Church)
  - 4:00pm Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
  - 4:00pm Atrium 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
  - 4:30pm Organ Practice Sunny (Church)
  - 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
  - 6:30pm LIFE Formation (St Paul)
  - 7:00pm Filipino Choir (Church)
  - 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter)

- Wednesday  
15 November
- 9:30am Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)
  - 9:30am English Speaking Class with Reg (St Peter)
  - 10:00am Mercy College Assembly (Church)
  - 11:00am Parish Staff Team Meeting (Magnificat)
  - 2:00pm Organ Lesson (Church)
  - 6:30pm Indonesian Traditional Instrument Practice (Church)
  - 6:30pm Scribes and Facilitators fo PiC 2 (Harrington Hall)

- Thursday  
16 November
- 10:00am Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
  - 11:30am Private Meeting (Magnificat)
  - 1:30pm Private Meeting (Magnificat)
  - 3:45pm Organ Scholar Lessons (Church)
  - 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

- Friday  
17 November
- 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Peter)
  - 4:00pm Organ Practice (Church)
  - 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing
  - 7:00pm LNY Mini Food Fair Meeting (St Peter)

- Saturday  
18 November
- **9:00am Parish in Council (Harrington Hall, Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter)**
  - 11:00am Choir Practice (Church)
  - 7:00pm Korean Bible Reading & Discussion Group

- Sunday Mass  
19 November
- 9:30am Parish Choir Practice (St Paul)
  - 11:30am RCIA (St Peter)
  - **12:00pm Bach Akademie (Church, Magnificat)**
  - 1:00pm Spanish Mass Fellowship (Harrington Hall)
  - 5:00pm Indonesian Choir Practice and Fellowship after Mass (Magnificat, St Paul)
  - 6:30pm Capstone Young Adults (St Peter)

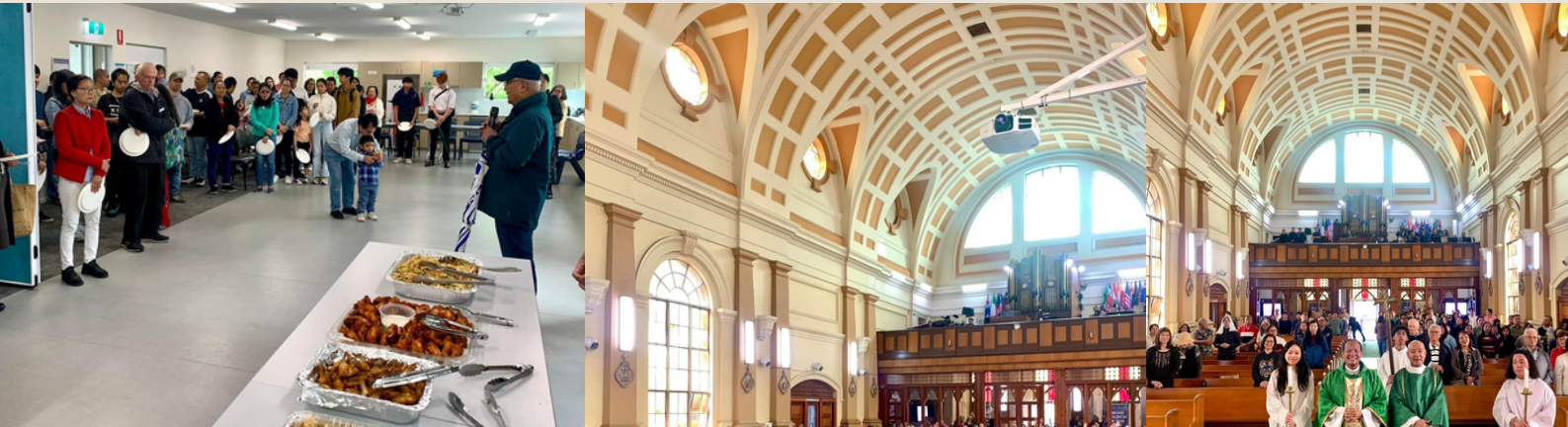




# OUR WEEK IN PICS



Member for Willoughby, Tim James, held a gathering for religious leaders in Willoughby where Fr David represented our parish. Discussions between all the different faith communities is always so special and we look forward to continuing this dialogue.



Our Filipino Community celebrated their monthly Mass - as always it was a wonderful celebration of community milestones and very good food!



The Gift Shop team at last week's Christmas expo! There's still time to get your presents and gifts!



Left: This year we are remembering our loved ones who have passed away through the lighting of candles with their names on them.  
Above: Carols at the Dougherty Centre!



# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time / A

12 November 2023

**KEEP YOUR LAMPS BURNING.** We human beings need fuel to keep going. Without food and drink we become weak and eventually die. Our spiritual life also needs fuel, namely the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. We are nourished also by prayer, the Scriptures, the community and by loving others. If we seek this nourishment regularly our light will be shining brightly when Christ comes in glory.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 87: 3

**Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.**

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

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

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

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

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

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

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

**R. Amen.**

## GLORIA

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

## COLLECT

P. Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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** Wis 6: 12-16

**A reading from the book of Wisdom.**

**Wisdom is found by those who look for it.**

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;

you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go.

in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 62: 2-8. R. v. 2

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**



4. On my bed I remember you.

On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Thess 4: 13-18

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

**Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.**

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*Shorter form, 1 Thess 4: 13-14*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 24: 42, 44. R. v. 2

**Alleluia, alleluia! / Be watchful and ready; / you know not when the Son of Man is coming. / Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Mt 25: 1-13

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.**

**Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

#### **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 with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

#### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**R. It is right and just.**

#### **PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME**

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

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

#### **THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

P. The mystery of faith.

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

#### **COMMUNION RITE**

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

**R. Amen.**

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

**R. And with your spirit.**

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

*All exchange a sign of peace*

#### **LAMB OF GOD**

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

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

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

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

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

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 22: 1-2

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen**

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, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

### **BEING ON THE ALERT**

Some thirty years of Christian life and experience separate the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians and the writing of Matthew's Gospel. When Paul wrote in the late Forties and early Fifties there was a keen sense and expectation that the Lord was going to return at any moment. These earliest Christians were so convinced that this was the case that they were unprepared and ill-equipped to deal with the death of other Christians before the Lord's return. It is not as though Paul himself had foreseen this difficulty and, as is often the case in his letters, we see how a concrete problem prompts him to further reflection. It is important not to press Paul's description of the return of the Lord too far. This is theology in the making and Paul himself will continue to develop his thought on these matters (see 1 Corinthians 15).

If Paul's Christians faced the problem caused by assuming the Lord would return soon, Matthew's community had to confront another set of circumstances. The fact that by the early to mid-Eighties the Lord had not returned placed another dilemma before them. For Matthew, the problem was that of a community becoming apathetic and seeing its initial enthusiasm and commitment wane. The parable of Jesus about the bridesmaids who fell asleep and missed their opportunity was the perfect means to stress the need for Christians to be prepared as they waited for the Lord's return.

Christopher Monaghan CP

#### **A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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# UPCOMING PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **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 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.

[Registrations are now closed but keep an eye out for 2024 dates!](#)

- **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](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)

This will also help with catering for gifts.

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

All welcome!

- **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 6TH MEN ALIVE END OF YEAR MASS AND BBQ**

6:30pm Mass at Mercy College Chapel 101 Archer St, Chatswood

7:30pm BBQ in the PEW Garden on the side of the church

\$25 - no EFTPOS

RSVP by December 2nd to Peter: 0433 030 016

- **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.

## VINNIES SEPTEMBER REPORT

9 requests for help were addressed during October, 2 from persons new to us. We received 3 requests for food assistance; significant bills, mainly power, had been paid leaving insufficient funds for them to live on. Some outstanding pharmaceutical bills were paid for a Disability Support Pensioner with depression problems. One new case involved an Old Age Pensioner who had received some internal injuries from a hit and run incident and the non Medicare investigation to determine the extent of these was out of reach. The other new case was a single mother separated from ex and children who could no longer maintain her current accommodation on her income, and was seeking help till she moved. We also assisted a disabled pensioner with transport to essential medical care. Expenditure of some \$1400 was incurred.

John R



### 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!

## PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS



**JOHN PAUL II**



**SR FAUSTINA**



**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE**

**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!**



**WHAT WOULD BE YOUR CHOICE?  
SCAN FOR A SURVEY**





**Parish Working Account:**  
**BSB - 062-784**  
**Account: 100001609**  
**Description: For Andy**



# THE BAY AND BEYOND

BEGIN  
Ben Ponniah

# I'll meet you there.

Katy Abbott

Sat 18 Nov 2023 - 7pm

SUITE  
REMEMBRANCE  
Melissa Dunphy

BY THE RIVERS  
OF BABYLON  
Camille Saint-Saens



## NOVEMBER 12TH - Maria S.S. Assunta

A celebration for the Feast of the Assumption is being held on the 12th November at 1:00pm at St Leonard's Church, Naremburn. This Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo and will include a procession. Refreshments to follow and prizes to be won!

## NOVEMBER 17TH

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

Join the St Mary's Singers at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney as they present Church Music Through the Year - featuring Mozart's Coronation Mass. Tickets are available at the door or at [www.trybooking.com/1097546](http://www.trybooking.com/1097546)

Premium: \$35 General: \$25 Concession: \$15.

Children under 16 years of age have free entry.

## NOVEMBER 18TH

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

Listen to the wonderful talents of the Willoughby Symphony Choir! Tickets available at [willoughbychoir.com.au](http://willoughbychoir.com.au)

## NOVEMBER 23RD

### SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Aldrin Valdehueza our Chaplain and Assistant Priest at Epping/Carlingford Parish will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 23rd November 2023.

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

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

## NOVEMBER 29TH

### Hark! Christmas Carols with the Song Company

The Song Company invites you to a calming and beautiful performance of a cappella Christmas Carols at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood.

Start the festive season with well-loved Christmas carols and heart-melting harmonies. A Christmas concert for the whole family to enjoy together.

Info and tickets to all performances:

<https://the.song.company/hark>

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## DECEMBER 1st

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

Hosted at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick. For more info and to book your tickets go to [trybooking.com/CLNRB](http://trybooking.com/CLNRB)

Earlybird discounts are available until October 31st!

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## JANUARY 1 - 6 Immaculata Mission School 2024

Start the new year by going deeper in God's love through awesome speakers on the Catholic faith, daily Mass, Adoration and the Rosary, praise and worship, fellowship and more! There are two different programs, so there is something for everyone ... Youth & adults (14 years & up): 1-6 January 2024

Married couples & families: 7-10 January 2024 (specifically designed for married couples, includes ministry for children aged 13 & under)

Special guest speakers: Dan & Stephanie Burke from the USA (co-founders of the Avila Institute, presenters on EWTN & Dan is an author of over 15 books on Catholic spirituality), plus Fr Francesco Gavazzi (from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal)

Where: NEGS (New England Girls' School), Armidale NSW

For costs, additional information and TO REGISTER visit:

<http://www.immaculata.org.au/ims>

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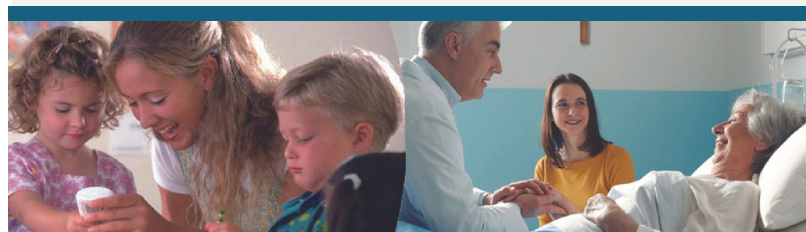
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**Regular Mass Times:**

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:30am</li> <li>• 9:00am</li> <li>• 10:30am</li> <li>• 5:30pm</li> </ul>



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