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THE BULLETIN

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE (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.

This weekend a diocesan pastoral letter is released regarding the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act that will be implemented in NSW. Please take the time to read this important document.

Congratulations to our playgroup that started up again since ending during COVID in 2020. All parents and kids are invited to come along every Thursday afternoon!

This weekend we invite you to take your remembrance candles home. As November ends and Advent begins our church will now be adorned in celebration of this new season! Candles will be left in the office for you to pick up until December 10th.

Have a wonderful and safe weekend!

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



Separation of Sheep and Goats - Mosaic in Ravenna, 20th century.

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

This Sunday's Gospel - Matthew 25:31-46





Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

It is difficult to believe that we are now in the final week of our Church's liturgical year – Week 34. This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, bringing all that we have experienced over this last year to the Lord, knowing that in him everything is gathered up and nothing lost. Next week we commence a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent, and the journey towards Christmas which is now only four weeks away.

Again, a very deep word of gratitude to all those who enabled our second session of Parish-in-Council last Saturday 18 November as successful. It was a time during which we reflect on what makes for a true sense of 'belonging' in our community and at our church. To make our church and community a place of belonging is one of the five outcomes of our vision at the service of our Mission to bring the light of Christ to our city. There were excellent practical steps discerned and in the coming while we will process these so that we may enact them as early as possible in the new year. We will now meet as Parish-in-Council three times a year – in May, in August and in November.

Special thanks to all those who made our annual Red Wednesday Mass last week so effective. Our church looked stunning, bathed in red for the occasion. This is an important moment in the year for us to stop, to be reminded of and to pray for all those in the world suffering for their faith.

This week, on Tuesday 28 November, the NSW Voluntary Assisted Dying Act (2022) is implemented. Five days later those 'eligible' will be able to end their life through the ingestion of a lethal substance. Though strong voices will suggest that this is a triumph for compassion, it is a sad day for our society which has abandoned its commitment to surround those who are suffering with care, and instead opted for the assertion of individual autonomy. Human dignity is only realised in the giving and receiving of care; it is not promoted through the isolation of a clinical death all at our apparent control. When government inserts itself into the mystery of death, society changes and what was once considered unimaginable becomes possible. It is very disappointing that upon the implementation of Voluntary Assisted Dying, the NSW Government has slashed \$150 million from the budget for palliative care, directing \$97 million of this to Voluntary Assisted Dying. This is the time for us to re-affirm our Catholic understanding of life, care, and death. Bishop Randazzo this week publishes a diocesan guideline on Voluntary Assisted Dying which is available in our church. I urge us all to read this pastoral resource and to ponder upon its directions.

This week we introduce a special weekly Mass for "Mums and Bubs". It will be the 12.30pm Mass of a Thursday. Mothers with young children are invited to come to the transept on the right-hand side of the altar (the northern side) and let their young children roam and play. In order to make our church as welcoming as possible, and in line with the outcomes of our Parish-in-Council of 18 November we may look at replacing the pews in the transept with more flexible seating so that families with young children can be more a part of our liturgies. The extra space will also enable more flexibility for musicians and choirs. Before introducing any change, we will provide much more information for everyone's consideration.

Last weekend we learnt of a tragedy for a young boy in one of our catechist's classes, Theng Chan who suffered a drowning incident. Thanks be to God he was able to be revived and after some days in an induced coma is now back home. The power of prayer!

Below: Our church lit up red for Red Wednesday as we remember those persecuted for their faith.



Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Malcolm Oakes (brother of Mary Oakes); Antonio Marin Jr - November 6th (brother of Virginia Lagos); Sr Ellen Cahill rsm; Fr John Alt; 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; 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:

Phil Ryan - November 24th (Husband of Judith, father of Gerard); 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 the family members of Deysi: Ernestina Shupingahua, Francisco Henriquez Vega, Francisco Henriquez Shupingahua, Encarnacion Villanueva Henriquez, Constanca Cadillo Romero, Reynaldo Castillo Cadillo, Rosario Castillo Cadillo, Juan Cangahuala, Margarita de Cangahuala, Reynalda Quinones de Condezo, Mercedes Dominguez, Abraham Trujillo Ramos.



This week's church flowers are generously donated by Dr Jimmy Lea to honour his wonderful wife on the week of her birthday:

I thank the Holy Lord for blessing my wife with good health!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

POPE FRANCIS

To those whom he has placed at his right he says: "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me". The righteous are taken aback, because they do not recall ever having met Jesus, much less having helped him in that way, but he declares: "as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me". These words never cease to move us, because they reveal the extent to which God's love goes: up to the point of taking flesh, but not when we are well, when we are healthy and happy, no; but when we are in need. And in this hidden way he allows himself to be encountered; he reaches out his hand to us as a mendicant. In this way Jesus reveals the decisive criterion of his judgment, namely, concrete love for a neighbour in difficulty. And in this way the power of love, the kingship of God is revealed: in solidarity with those who suffer in order to engender everywhere compassion and works of mercy.

The Parable of the Judgment continues, presenting the King who shuns those who, during their lives, did not concern themselves with the needs of their brethren. Those in this case too are surprised and ask: "Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?". Implying: "Had we seen you, surely we would have helped you!". But the King will respond: "as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me". At the end of our life we will be judged on love, that is, on our concrete commitment to love and serve Jesus in our littlest and neediest brothers and sisters.

That needy person who reaches out his hand is Jesus; that sick person whom I must visit is Jesus; that inmate is Jesus, that hungry person is Jesus. Let us consider this. Jesus will come at the end of time to judge all nations, but

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

*Rock of constancy,
pray for us.*

*Refuge of the abandoned,
pray for us.*

*Mirror of patience,
pray for us*

*Mother of consolation,
pray for us.*

he comes to us each day, in many ways, and asks us to welcome him. May the Virgin Mary help us to encounter him and receive him in his Word and in the Eucharist, and at the same time in brothers and sisters who suffer from hunger, disease, oppression, injustice. May our hearts welcome him in the present of our life, so that we may be welcomed by him into the eternity of his Kingdom of light and peace.



Head: What do you think about the idea that we will be judged based on our commitment to love and serve Jesus found in the lowliest amongst us?



Heart: Have you ever had an experience of someone reaching out to you when you needed it most? What happened and how did you feel?



Hands: What could we do as individuals, as a parish, as a diocese, to "engender everywhere compassion and works of mercy"?

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society holds two appeals each year, A Winter Appeal in June and a Summer Appeal In December.

The Christmas Appeal will be held next weekend 2/3 Dec. It plays a crucial role in ensuring our ability to provide support to the locals who ask for help and to meet their needs .

Those seeking help are often pensioners (including Jobseekers) struggling to put food on the table or pay bills. Rental and accommodation emergencies are often encountered as well as medical/pharmaceutical difficulties.

Since the Winter Appeal and in the last 6 months Chatswood has responded to over 50 calls for help and expended over \$7000 in resources. Your generosity to the Winter Appeal provided nearly \$4000 of these resources. We provide a brief report on each month's activities in the Parish notices.

Your support and generosity are much appreciated to ensure the continuation of our work of serving those in need Envelopes as usual will be around the church for cash and credit card donations.. A QR code can also be found at the poor boxes . Donations are tax deductible.



SCAN HERE TO DONATE

every little bit helps



We are seeking helpers/volunteers from the parish to help us with the delivery of Christmas food hampers to the local community.

Every Year, the St Vincent de Paul Conference receives Christmas food hampers generously donated by students, their families and teachers from the OLD Primary School and Mercy College.

These Christmas hampers will be distributed to low-income families and people living in our local area who sought help from us in the past 12 months.

We are expecting that these hampers will be delivered in the first and second week of December.

If you wish to assist, please email to: teresa.ng@vinnies.org.au for further details.

主啊 我幾時見了**你**饑餓，或口渴，或作客，或赤身露體，或有病，或坐監，而我們沒有給**你**效勞？

凡**你**們沒有給這些最小中的一個做的，便是沒有給我做。這些人要進入永罰，而那些義人卻要進入永生。」 瑪竇福音25:44-45

'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'

'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me. And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.' Matthew 25:44-45

MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday
27 November

- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 11:45am Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)
- 12:30pm Mass
- 5:00pm St Pius X Year 6 Graduation Mass

Tuesday
28 November

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

Wednesday
29 November

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

Please note there is no 6:00pm Mass.

Thursday
30 November

Feast of St Andrew

- 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
1 December

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- 9:00am Mass
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 12:30pm Mass
- 3:00pm OLOD Primary Graduation Liturgy

Saturday
2 December

- 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
- 11:00am Indonesian Community Mass for Seniors
- 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Mass
3 December

First Sunday of Advent

- 7:30am Mass
- 9:00am Family Mass
- 10:30am Mass
- 12:00pm Filipino Community Mass
- 5:30pm Mass



Friday December 8th
- 5.30pm - 8.30pm
CHRISTMAS FESTA
OLOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$5
FAMILY TICKETS \$20
UNLIMITED RIDE TICKET \$20

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YOUTH GROUP

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

YOUNG ADULTS

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

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / A

26 November 2023

WELCOME INTO THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU. Neither baptism nor the profession of faith in Christ guarantees our entry into Christ's kingdom. What is most important is the way we treat the least of Christ's brothers and sisters. What we do for them we do for Christ. By our care for them, we reveal that our profession of faith at Mass is more than just words.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Apoc 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Christ, have mercy.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Amen.

GLORIA

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

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may

render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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 Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v. 1

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

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. **R.**

2. Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. / He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

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

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has



come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 25:31-46

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.

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a

stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?” And the King will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.” Next he will say to those on his left hand, “Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

APOSTLES' CREED

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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. As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you,

we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. 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 OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

One of the duties of a king in the ancient world was that of being the judge of the highest court in the land and the last court of appeal for anyone seeking justice. In the readings for today, we are invited onto a large stage to witness a drama in which the lives of individuals, nations, and all forms of authority and power, must stand before God's judgement.

In Ezekiel, the cries and suffering of the people have not gone unnoticed by God. The religious leaders had proved themselves to be unworthy and God will now provide the care and leadership that had been entrusted to them. Using the beautiful image of the shepherd who shelters, comforts, and heals, Ezekiel shows how God's judgement and rule are accompanied by loving care for those who suffer.

For his part, Paul reflects on the role of Jesus in the larger scheme of salvation history. The resurrection of the Lord had convinced him that a new age, a new creation was dawning. Jesus had been exalted as Lord and King and his rule would last until death had been conquered. Then he will offer a renewed creation back to God the source of all.

The fascinating development in the Gospel passage is that we are called to share in the development and growth of the kingdom by means of our loving concern for others. The responsibility of caring for the flock is one in which we are all called to share, and it is on this basis that we will be judged.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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GATHERINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Monday
27 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 (Church)
 - 5:00pm Setting up for I Am Jesus (St Peter)
 - 7:00pm I AM Jesus (St Peter)
 - 7:00pm Filipino Community - Mae (Magnificat)

- Tuesday
28 November
- 10:00am Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)
 - 2:00pm OLOD Primary Graduation Practice (Church)
 - 3:00pm Bump in for the Red Mass (Church)
 - 4:00pm Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
 - 4:00pm Atrium 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
 - 4:30pm Organ Practice (Church)
 - 7:00pm Filipino Choir (Church)
 - 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter)

- Wednesday
29 November
- 9:30am Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)
 - 9:30am English Speaking Class with Reg (St Peter)
 - 11:00am Staff Meeting (Magnificat)
 - 1:30pm Willoughby Christian Ministers Association (Magnificat)
 - 2:00pm OLOD Primary Graduation Practice (Church)
 - 3:30pm The Song Group Carols and Set Up (Church)
 - 5:00pm Indonesian Choir Practice (St Paul)
 - 6:30pm Indonesian Traditional Instrument Practice (Harrington Hall)
 - 7:00pm Parish Finance Committee (Magnificat)
 - 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter)

- Thursday
30 November
- 10:00am Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
 - 12:00pm Playgroup Set up (Magnificat)
 - **1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat)**
 - 3:45pm Organ Scholar Lessons (Church)
 - 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

- Friday
1 December
- 9:00am CCD Reflection Day (Magnificat, St Paul)
 - 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Peter)
 - 4:00pm Organ Practice (Church)
 - 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing
 - 7:00pm Filipino Community - Mae (Magnificat)

- Saturday
2 December
- 9:30am Indonesian CIC Choir Practice (St Paul)
 - 10:30am Legion of Mary (St Peter)
 - 11:00am Choir Practice (Church)
 - 12:00pm Indonesian Seniors Celebration (Harrington Hall)
 - 1:00pm Party for Young PWD (Magnificat)
 - 2:00pm Organ Practice (Church)
 - 3:00pm Piety Stall Afternoon Tea (St Paul)

- Sunday Mass
3 December
- 9:30am Parish Choir Practice (St Paul)
 - 10:15am Teen Choir Practice (St Paul)
 - 10:30am Filipino Choir (Magnificat)
 - 11:30am RCIA (St Peter)
 - 1:00pm Filipino Community Fellowship (Magnificat, St Paul)
 - 2:30pm Organ Practice (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

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!



OUR WEEK IN PICS



Happy Birthday to Virginia! A loving person who is always at the centre of all church events helping in any way that she can.



Making packs to accompany the St Pius X students on their immersion trip!



Our first kids and parents thursday Mass before playgroup!



Congratulations to Titus and the St Mary Singers on another wonderful performance!



Final Parish-in-Council of 2023 underway!



Thanks to JP for this fantastic photo of a rainbow that looks like it's coming out of our church!

DONATIONS WANTED

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

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

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

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

Chatswood Parish Working A/C
062-784
100001609
Ref: Your Name LYN donation

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

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



Broken Bay Diocese
FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY

Simbang Gabi 2023

CHRISTMAS NOVENA
LAUNCH MASS

SATURDAY | 09 DEC | AT 7:00 PM

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHATSWOOD PARISH

Fellowship & Short Program follow from 8 - 9 PM



Scan here to register and join the celebrations!

December 9th - Launch of the Christmas Novena Masses 7:00pm

Join us at the Broken Bay Diocese launch of the Novena Masses for Christmas and rekindle the true meaning of Christmas. The launch will be held at 7pm on Saturday, 9th December at Our Lady of Dolours Parish followed by fellowship and a short program in the church forecourt. For catering purposes, we request that you kindly pre-register via [Trybooking](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1130725) using this link (<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1130725>)

Parish Vocations Volunteer

The Broken Bay Vocations Team is seeking your help to nurture a culture of vocations in our local Church. As a Parish Vocations Volunteer, you could play a vital role in promoting vocations awareness, encouraging prayer, and supporting local events in your parish. If you feel called to this rewarding service, your involvement would be greatly valued. To express your interest, simply scan the QR code provided and follow the prompts. In Christ, Fr Sam.



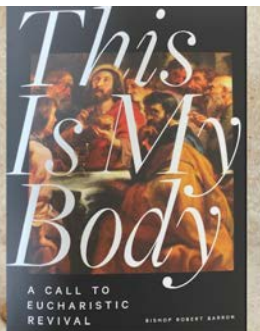
Celebrating St Andrew, November 30

St. Andrew, an apostle and brother of St. Peter, exemplifies immediate and faithful response to God's call. His willingness to leave the familiar, bring others to Jesus, and serve humbly teaches us the importance of active discipleship, evangelization, and humility in our own faith journeys. Despite being part of the inner circle of disciples, he is depicted as quietly working behind the scenes. This aspect of his character teaches us the value of serving selflessly, without seeking recognition, and embracing a humble and unpretentious approach to our spiritual journey.

May we aim to emulate the virtues of St Andrew.

St Andrew, pray for us!

A CALL TO EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



If you're interested in joining a study group sometime in February - March 2024 that will focus on this book, please register your interest by scanning the QR code

Happy Reading!



There are 80 copies of the book "This is My Body" written by Bishop Robert Barron available for free. You can pick up a copy from the parish office or Piety stall.

OR going to <https://forms.office.com/r/mL6zjuLsDy>
OR
e-mailing chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

DECEMBER 6 | 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.

THE SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II
PRESENTS...

FIAT

AN ADVENT RETREAT DAY

@ ST PATRICK'S
CHURCH GOSFORD
SHRINE OF JP II

2ND
DECEMBER
9am - 3pm

Mass | Formation Sessions | Adoration | Prayer | Community
Childcare/Christmas Activities available for children
Register via <https://www.trybooking.com/CNDOW>
or through the QR code
Contact JP II Centre @ bbcatholic.org.au for more info



Streetwork Supporters Christmas Dinner

We can't believe it's that time of the year...but if nothing else, this invitation is a great reminder for us all to pause and take stock of another amazing year of 'turning young lives around'.

We can't achieve what we do without your support, so please join us for a festive meal and drink, all while enjoying stories about the many young people whose lives we have positively impacted in 2023 and learning about what's in store for Streetwork in 2024.

Saturday, 9 December 2022 - 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm dinner

Willoughby Uniting Church Auditorium
10-12 Clanwilliam Street, North Willoughby
\$70 per person, \$60 concession and students - includes a festive dinner, dessert, drinks, and coffee/tea.

This is our last supporters' event for 2023. We are taking telephone bookings - (02) 9419 7559 - or you can email us at events@streetwork.org.au

RVSP by 5 December for catering purposes.
See you there!

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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"> • 7:30am • 9:00am • 10:30am • 5:30pm

The Children's Atrium
 of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
 for children aged from 3 to 12 years.

A place where children come to be with God to discover and explore God's love for them.

The Atrium is a specially prepared room, where children spend time with God so that they can nurture their relationship with him. The program is based on Scripture and Liturgy and framed by Montessori principles of Education. Run in three age groups, each room is prepared for them based on their stage of development and their religious needs and capacities at each stage. The age groups and times available for the children to come to our Atrium at Chatswood are:



3-6 year olds
 Mondays 10am-11:30am
 Mondays 4.00-5.45pm
 Tuesdays 4.00-5.45pm
 Thursdays 10am-11.30am



6-9 year olds
 Mondays 4.00-5.45pm
 Tuesdays 4.00-5.45pm



9-12 year olds
 Mondays 4.00-5.45pm
 Tuesdays 4.00-5.45pm



To find out more watch this video or contact Angela or Rose at: old.childrensatrium@gmail.com