



GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Welcome

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





All the best to our Filipino Community as they prepare for the Launch of the Christmas Novena Masses this Saturday at 7:00pm! Not too late to come along and join!

Next Saturday after 5:30pm Mass we will have Carols on the Forecourt! Come along and sing and enjoy the decorations!

A reminder that on Tuesday at 7:00pm we will have a special Mass in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe - all are welcome!

A very busy week in our parish, and more busy-ness to come as we prepare to welcome the birth of Our Lord. Do take a chance to receive reconciliation before Christmas - you may like to join us on the 21st in Adoration and Reconciliation.

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.

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 Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

This Sunday's Gospel - Mark 1:1-8

10 DECEMBER 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Hope for Those Who Are Weary

Priest: The Light shines in the darkness,

All: but the darkness has not overcome it.

Priest: For those waiting for answered prayer:

All: Grant your steadfast patience.

Priest: During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.

All: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Priest: We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.

All: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Priest: We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.

All: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Priest: For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:

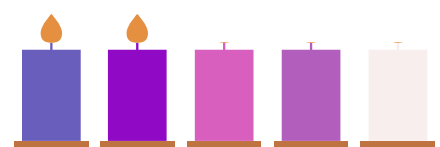
All: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Candle Lighting

Priest: Today we light two candles. The first candle illuminates patience in the areas of our lives where God has called us to wait. The second candle extends the promise of strength to all who feel weary and weak in the shadows of this world. As we continue our Advent journey, may our hope be kindled as the light grows brighter.

Closing Prayer

All: God of mercy and compassion, scripture says that if we draw near to you, you will draw near to us. In a shadowy world where human weakness and weariness reside, we ask for you to draw near and dispel the darkness around us. May the light of this season illuminate our hope, strength, and steadfast endurance as we await the coming Savior. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.





As our year comes to its conclusion, there are a number of people whom we have to thank, especially those that are 'retiring' from their particular involvement in the life of our community.

Last weekend we gathered with a beautiful afternoon tea to thank Judith Ryan and Mary Gallagher for their many, many years of service to our Piety Store. We think this extends over some 35 years! Of course they are both still very much part of our family but they have discerned now is the time to shift their focus. We thank them for their dedication and generosity and for being such wonderful stalwarts.

On Tuesday night our Parish Finance Committee farewelled with dinner Martin Teulan and Chyrstal deCroos, retiring members of the Committee. Martin has been a member for the past 8 years, and Chyrstal for the past 5 years. Each of them has contributed enormously to the growth of our parish enabling many of the very significant developments in recent time: the revision of the St Peter and St Paul Fund Constitution, the development of the Parish Investment Policy and the investment of

parish funds with Morgan Stanley, the retrieval of Harrington Hall and the Kirk St Car Park as parish assets managed by the Parish, the establishment of the Out of School Hours Care License with CatholicCare Broken Bay, new negotiations with Edmund Rice Education Australia in respect to the site of Pius X College, the renovation of the presbytery and planning the extension of the residence, the publication of Annual Parish Reports – to name just a few. We owe them both a great debt of gratitude. Their expertise, wisdom and guidance have been invaluable in steering us through many complex challenges.

Then on Thursday morning we expressed our gratitude to Jan Hunter for her five years of service to our Seniors Morning Tea. This has been a wonderful initiative bringing people together and we look forward now to Mona Saouma building on Jan's (and Linda's) amazing foundations. Thank you Jan!

And we would like to thank all those who participate in our many associations, activities and ministries! Might many like to come along to our 6pm Mass on Wednesday 13 December and join us for drinks on the forecourt afterwards? What a lovely way this would be to show our appreciation to the several hundred people in our parish community who give so much of their time and energy for us all.

Next Saturday 16 December, following our 5.30pm Mass, we will have an hour of carols on the Forecourt! So do think of coming along then too to enjoy some Christmas cheer and the beautiful display now lighting up our church of an evening leading up to Christmas. A very special thank you to all those who have worked hard over this last week on this beautiful project.

This Christmas, due to the generosity of many, we are able to provide a gift of \$600 to our seven seminarians – the outcome of the \$4,268 raised at our Seminarian Benefit Dinner in September.

Ethica, a work of the Sisters of St Joseph supporting women in Peru, is with us on Sunday with lots of Christmas ideas.

We are now in full swing with our Christmas preparations. Our Christmas Masses will be as follows

- Christmas Eve – 24 December – 5.30pm, 8.00pm and Midnight Mass
- Christmas Day – 7.30am, 9.00am and 10.30am

The morning Masses on 24 December will be of the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

On Thursday 21 December at 7pm we will have a special Holy Hour through which we will also celebrate the Second Form of the Rite of Reconciliation. This will be a special opportunity to prepare for the Christmas Celebration!



"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord."
Henri Nouwen

"A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes – and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent."
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, God is in the Manger

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Chunguang Lin (father of Mary Lin); 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:

Bill Piper; Frank Hallissy (Husband of Coralie); John O'Brien; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; Mary Kin-Soon Ng (mother of Elizabeth Chung); Bonnie Leung.

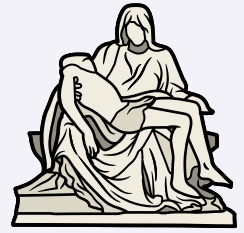
Our loved ones, at rest with God, whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Agnes Alice Press – December 12th (Mother of Karen & Greg Press); Joyce D'Lemos; Barney Fernandes; Giovanni Moschella – December 11th (father of Rita Biviano); Franko Separovic (Romo); Kata Cetinic Pensa; Mate Bacic Fratric; Phil Ryan – November 24th (Husband of Judith, father of Gerard).

For the deceased members of the Dayton family.

For Jan and all she has done for the Seniors Morning Tea Ministry!

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.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION



This Sunday of Advent, we focus on the theme of preparation and repentance, a time for us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. The readings for this Sunday each contribute uniquely to this theme.

This passage from Isaiah is a message of comfort and hope to the people of Israel, signifying the end of their hardship and the beginning of a new era of salvation. The call to "prepare the way for the Lord" and make straight paths for Him is a metaphor for spiritual preparation. It invites us to smooth out the obstacles that keep us from God. The valleys and mountains are symbols of our highs and lows, the uneven ground of our imperfections, and the rugged places of our complexities. This preparation involves repentance, turning away from sin, and aligning our lives more closely with God's will.

The Letter from St Peter reminds us that God's perception of time differs from ours and that what may seem like a delay in fulfilling His promises is an opportunity for salvation. The call to live holy and godly lives emphasises the need for spiritual readiness as we await the Day of the Lord. Peter's encouragement is for us to be found spotless, blameless, and at peace with God, which echoes the Advent theme of preparation and repentance, urging us to examine our lives and make necessary changes.

The passage from St Mark's Gospel introduces John the Baptist, a key figure in our Advent season. John was the last and greatest of all the prophets of Israel. John's role was to prepare the way for Jesus, calling people to repentance and baptism as a sign of their commitment to change. His message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins is at the heart of the Advent call to prepare. John's humble acknowledgment that someone greater than he is coming after him points to Jesus, the true focus of our preparation and anticipation.

Together, these readings call us to a spiritual awakening and readiness. They remind us of the importance of repentance, not just as a singular act but as a continuous journey towards becoming more Christ-like. They encourage us to reflect on our lives, acknowledge our shortcomings, and make concrete changes. This aligns perfectly with the Advent season's call to prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming, both in commemorating His birth and anticipating His second coming.

As we engage with these readings, we are invited to join together as a community in a shared journey of transformation and renewal, embracing the spirit of Advent not just individually but as a unified body of believers anticipating the joy of Christ's presence among us.

MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| Monday 11 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy 11:45am Rosary (Cenacle, MMP) 12:30pm Mass |
| Tuesday 12 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy 11:30am Mercy College Advent Liturgy 12:30pm Mass 2:30pm Baptism 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass |
| Wednesday 13 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00 Mass 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy 12:30pm Mass 6:00pm Thank You Mass for Volunteers |
| Memorial of St Lucy | |
| Thursday 14 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 |
| Memorial of St John of the Cross | |
| Friday 15 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy 10:00am OLOD End of Year Liturgy 12:30pm Mass |
| Saturday 16 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Mass 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation, Rosary 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help 10:30am Benediction 5:30pm Vigil Mass - Carols on the forecourt after! |
| Sunday Mass 17 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30am Christmas Novena Mass 7:30am Mass 9:00am Family Mass - Santa joining! 10:30am Mass 5:30pm Mass 7:00pm Indonesian Mass |
| Third Sunday in Advent | |



Our Lady OF DOLOURS

CAROLS IN THE Forecourt

16 DECEMBER

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR:
MASS AT 5:30PM THEN CAROLS ON THE FORECOURT
AT 6:30PM
BRING YOUR BEST VOICES!

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Our Lady OF DOLOURS

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF Guadalupe

12 DEC

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

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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

他宣告說：「那比我更有力量的，要在我以後來，我連俯身解他的鞋帶也不配。我以水洗你們，他卻要以聖神洗你們。」馬爾谷福音 1:7-8

And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the holy Spirit." Mark 1:7-8

OUR WEEK IN PICS



Our Chinese RCIA Community had a wonderful Christmas celebration!



Congratulations to the Community Action Group on a wonderful party for young people with disability – Santa had a busy day attending this then heading over to Judith's farewell (below)!



Top: Paul Bizannes gave our young adults a fantastic talk on Science and Faith!

Below: We farewell Judith after her many years of service to the Piety Stall – thank you Judith!



Yes there were Camels in Chatswood! They journeyed a long way to join the wonderful live nativity organised by St Pius X College!



Look at our gorgeous wreath makers! Thank you so much for helping create an atmosphere of joy in our church!



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT | 10 DECEMBER (B)

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD. Engulfed by many chores in the lead-up to Christmas, we can fail to hear a voice that cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord. Let us resolve to include some time to pray, to reflect on the Gospel stories of Jesus' birth, and to seek reconciliation with God and others, in our Christmas preparations.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Isa 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

The Gloria is not said during Advent.

COLLECT

P. Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for,

that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes. The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84: 9-14. R. v. 8

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice that speaks of peace, / peace for his people. / His help is near for those who fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**
3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Pet 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter.

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.



There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised; the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 1-8

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

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. Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection 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 OF ADVENT

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

Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the
heights, and behold the joy which comes
to you from God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

IN THE WILDERNESS

In Australia we experience the desert and wilderness in all its beauty and expanse, yet it can be a lonely, dangerous place. Today we hear a voice crying out in the wilderness in the time of Isaiah and echoed in the Gospel. This voice also cries out to us today, in the wilderness and the desert of our lives. The voice is consolation: "Console, console my people" (Is 40:1). It bellows, "In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Is 40:3). Isaiah's words create an image of the landscape of our life and soul, in need of God.

The Gospel engages this imagery for John the Baptist, a guide in the wilderness who heralds the Messiah. Mark gives name to the voice just as he identified that this writing is "The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (1:1). Although the name of Isaiah is invoked, the first quote is from Malachi "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way (1:2 cf. Mal 3:1); then comes the echo from Isaiah 40:3. Here in the wilderness John announces the one who is to come who will baptise with the Holy Spirit (Mark 7-8). This is the announcement of the Messiah, the one longed for. As we hear that voice in our wilderness, we know that Jesus is with us. We can reflect on our attention to his presence and our welcome to him in our souls and lives.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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GATHERINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| Monday 11 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am Atrium 3-6 year olds (Atrium) Mercy College Rehearsal (Church) 4:00pm Atrium 3-6, 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium) 4:30pm Organ Practice (Church) 6:30pm Young Adults Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Church) |
| Tuesday 12 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am Bible Discussion Group (St Paul) 2:30pm Organ Practice (Church) 2:30pm Staff Personal Training (Magnificat) 4:00pm Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium) 4:00pm Atrium 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium) 4:30pm Music Audition (Church) 7:00pm Filipino Choir (St Paul) 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter) |
| Wednesday 13 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat) 9:30am English Speaking Class with Reg (St Peter) 10:00am Catechist Delegate Planning (St Paul) 11:00am Staff Team Meeting (Magnificat) 6:30pm Indonesian Traditional Instruments (St Paul) 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter) |
| Thursday 14 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 15 December | <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 |
| Saturday 16 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Legion of Mary (Magnificat) 11:00am Choir Practice (Church) 2:00pm Organ Practice (Church) 4:00pm Filipino Fellowship (Harrington Hall) 6:30pm Korean Bible Reading and Discussion (St Paul) 6:30pm Choir Christmas Party (Harrington Hall) |
| Sunday Mass 17 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00am Fellowship after Dawn Novena Mass (Magnificat, St Paul) 9:30am Parish Choir Practice (St Paul) 11:30am RCIA (St Peter) 2:30pm Organ Practice (Church) 6:30pm Capstone Young Adults (Magnificat, St Peter) |

Third Sunday in Advent

REMINDER ABOUT CANDLES

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE CANDLES READY TO TAKE HOME

Thank you to all who purchased a remembrance candle for the month of November. Please feel free to now take your candle home - they can be found on the left wing of the church until the **10th of December**. After this they will be moved to be used for Adoration.



LUNAR NEW YEAR RAFFLE
PRIZES
TICKET \$10

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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.

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!





Congratulations to the Indonesian Community on a fantastic end of year celebration for the seniors in the community!



Final Seniors Morning Tea for the year and we ended with Carols and a farewell to our beautiful Jan! Thank you for everything Jan!



Check out these cute familiar faces enjoying the lights on the forecourt - and these other cuter familiar faces at playgroup!



CATECHIST CORNER

Over 30 Catechists across Broken Bay attended an Advent Reflection morning at the Magnificat room, Chatswood Parish on December 1.

The CCD Broken Bay team hosted the workshop: Maricel Malapira, Kristy Komadina – CCD Regional Co-ordinator and Alison Newell – CCD Diocesan Co-ordinator. The workshop presenter was the wonderful Virginia Ryan – Executive Leadership Coach Catholic Education Canberra, Goulburn who facilitated an inspiring and interactive session.

Catechists were invited to explore their connection with their faith and seek a greater understanding of their vocational journey. Catechists reflected on their own experiences of being invited to work in a Catholic ministry and shared these with the group – the people, places and events that have shaped their decisions and stood out for them. Activities included discussing Mary's invitation from the angel Gabriel and her resounding 'Yes' in Luke's Gospel – The Annunciation Luke 1: 26 – 38, and the birth of Jesus Luke 2: 1 – 20.

Catechists enjoyed a delicious morning tea and Father Marek gave a blessing at the end of the workshop.

Many thanks to the CCD team, Virginia, Father Marek and the Catechists who attended for a most enjoyable and memorable morning.



DEC 16

CAROLS ON THE FORECOURT 6:30pm – 7:30pm

JOIN US FOR A CAROLS SING A LONG ON THE FORECOURT AFTER MASS. BRING SOMETHING TO SIT ON AS CHAIRS ARE LIMITED AND BRING YOUR BEST SINGING VOICES!

DEC 17

SANTA JOINS US AT MASS 9:00AM – 11:00AM

SANTA WILL JOIN US AT THE 9AM MASS! TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET A PICTURE WITH SANTA AFTER THE FAMILY MASS.

DEC 21

ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION 7:00PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TOGETHER WITH THE SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION. TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR YOUR HEART AND SPEND TIME WITH JESUS BEFORE CHRISTMAS COMES.

DEC 24

BECAUSE CHRISTMAS EVE IS ON A SUNDAY THIS YEAR, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BELOW OF WHICH MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATING THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, AND WHICH WILL BE CELEBRATED AS A CHRISTMAS MASS.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS

SATURDAY 23 DEC 5:30PM
SUNDAY 24 DEC 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM

NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS EVE)

SUNDAY 24 DEC 5:30PM, 8:00PM, 12:00AM (MIDNIGHT MASS)

DEC 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY) MASS

7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM

SINGERS NEEDED FOR THE 5:30PM MASS

The 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass will feature the children's nativity performance and the children's choir. But to make this a special event, we need more singers to sing in our choir! All ages are welcome – the more the merrier. Come sing your favourite Christmas carols! The rehearsals will be at these times:

17th December: Rehearsal after the 9:00am Mass after morning tea, in the St Paul room with Mona.

21st December: rehearsal in the church from 1:30-3:00pm.

24th December: rehearsal from 4:30-5:30, for Mass at 5:30pm.

Contact the Director of Music for details and sheet music.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR THE 5:30PM MASS

Another chance to sing carols joyously, we need some volunteer singers for Christmas morning. There will be an 8:15am rehearsal in the church on the morning, and then Mass at 9:00am. Contact the Director of Music for details.



VINNIES NOVEMBER REPORT

In November, as well as finalising four ongoing cases, the Chatswood St V de P received four new requests for emergency help, 2 from persons previously unknown, both these cases were significant. One was from a DV affected mother and child who had been helped by authorities and Catholic Care. They needed fit out for a government housing unit. We helped with white goods, furniture and kitchen ware as well as providing information on our No Interest Loan scheme.

The other was from a mother of Middle Eastern background whose child was showing symptoms of instability and who was receiving conflicting advice.

We assisted with the cost of specialist psychological consultation. The other 2 cases involved food and furniture support. Expenditure of some \$3500 was incurred.

St V de P participates in the NSW Government's Energy Accounts Payment Assistance program.

Information on accessing this program is to the right. – John R


EAPA
Energy Accounts Payment Assistance

The Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) program is the NSW Government's scheme, administered by the Office of Energy & Climate Change, to help NSW households having difficulty paying their electricity or natural gas bill due to a sudden financial crisis or emergency. It assists in the form of digital vouchers that can be redeemed towards energy expenses, providing relief during financial hardship.

HOW CAN I GET HELP WITH MY BILLS?

Just speak to someone at the VSC or ask a member next time they visit you at home

* Please note that eligibility criteria do apply including identifying as having a short-term financial crisis or emergency and finding it hard to pay your recent energy bill

Phone 131812 press option 3 and follow the prompts to speak with your nearest Vinnies support centre today!

Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Mass

All children who would like to be involved in the Nativity play at the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass, please come to the **Blue Room** (Where we hold Children's Liturgy), after the 9:00am Family Mass on **Sunday 10th December**.

We will allocate roles and have a quick first practice at this meeting.

There will be two further practices as follows:

Sunday 17th December in the Blue Room after 9:00am Mass

Saturday 23rd December Rehearsal in the Church at 1:00pm



Any enquiries about the Children's Christmas Mass please contact Angela in the parish office on 9410 9033 or angela.hague@bbccatholic.org.au

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Regular Mass Times:

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| 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 |



Christmas Mass Times:

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| December 21 Adoration and Reconciliation | Adoration of the blessed sacrament together with the second rite of reconciliation. Take this opportunity to clear your heart and spend time with Jesus before Christmas comes. |
| December 23 4th Sunday of Advent Mass | 5:30pm |
| December 24 4th Sunday of Advent Mass | 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am |
| December 24 Christmas Eve | 5:30pm (Kids and Families) 8:00pm (Youth Led) 12:00am (High Solemn Mass) |
| December 25 Christmas Day | 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am |

*Please note no evening Mass.