



THE BULLETIN

3 MARCH 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)



Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days
I will raise it up.
This Sunday's Gospel - John 2:13-25

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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 our First Saturday Public Rosary group invites everyone to join them in praying in the forecourt this Saturday 2nd March at 4:00pm - with Reconciliation available from 3:00pm.

A new women's group has now launched! Our Lady's Ladies is a new monthly group open to all women of all ages and all walks of life. Join us on March 15 for some drinks, connection, and formation.

Get your \$25 ticket for Prayer Through Painting next Saturday 9 March! We have a wonderful Spiritual Director and artist guiding us through session.

Next week we also look forward to opening our doors for 24 hours for '24 Hours for the Lord'! And we also welcome back Bishop David with his new series on the Passion Narrative of Christ.

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.





As Lent now unfolds, we are offered a wonderful opportunity for prayer and reflection next Friday 8 March. Our church will host for our Diocese this year's "24 Hours for the Lord." This is the eleventh year of this initiative of Pope Francis. As the resource for the occasion explains, "The purpose of the event is to put the Sacrament of Reconciliation back at the centre of the pastoral life of the Church, and consequently, of our communities. This is the centre of the Gospel message: the Mercy of God, which gives us the certainty that before the Lord no one will find a judge, but rather will find a Father who welcomes them, consoles them, and also shows them the way to renewal. "Walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4) is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's 24 Hours For the Lord celebration. In the words of the Apostle one can hear the Holy Father's affirmation in his Apostolic Letter *Misericordia et Misera* reverberate "Mercy renews and redeems because it is the meeting of two hearts: the heart of God who comes to meet the human heart. The latter is warmed and healed by the former. Our hearts of stone become hearts of flesh (cf Ezek 36:26) capable of love despite our sinfulness. We come to realize that we are truly a 'new creation' (Gal

6:15): We are loved, therefore we exist; we are forgiven, therefore we are reborn; We have been shown mercy, therefore we have become a vessel of mercy." (n.16). Forgiveness is love's signature – its pinnacle. Each of us knows that we need to be forgiven and to become, in turn, an instrument of forgiveness for others. When one loves one acts so that the beloved can once again resume a life of communion, of a whole and perfect relationship. 24 Hours for the Lord testifies to precisely this."

Our church will be opened for 24 hours from the morning of Friday 8 March to Saturday 9 March, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and with the availability of Confession throughout the day and the evening. Do feel welcome to come along for a little while during the day or through the evening and night to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord and enjoy the grace of the Sacrament of Penance. Mass will occur at our ordinary times of 9am and 12.30pm and there will be Stations of the Cross as well at 11.30am and 7.00pm

We are always open to new pastoral opportunities that bring people together and that nourish our faith. On Friday 15 March, and every 3rd Friday afterwards, we launch, "Our Lady's Ladies" – a group specifically for women. As we know, we have a very vibrant group for men, – "Men Alive" – that meets monthly of a Wednesday evening. Be sure to read about our new opportunity for women in our bulletin.

We are continuing to plan for the removal of the old pews on the northern transept of the church, replacing them with attractive individual seats (that can be linked into rows). There are examples of the new seats in the transept against the wall. The colour of the padding, however, will be different to the examples as we need to consider the colour in light of a potential colour change to the church more generally when we come to repaint. The replacement of the pews with the single chairs will enable more flexibility to the space – for creating a better 'chapel environ' for Our Lady of Dolours Chapel and before the image of Divine Mercy, for choirs and musicians (particularly for whole of school Masses), for creating a more friendly space for families and young children. We have been enabled to proceed with the project given the recent Demee bequest. It will take several months between order and delivery. Before ordering, if any of us have questions and concerns about what is being envisaged, do be sure to let me know. Once we have completed the project, we could consider providing something similar on the southern transept – though on that side of the church the desired outcome would be more for aesthetic purposes. Personally, I am confident that the new seating would greatly enhance the interior beauty of our church. We are also now actively considering our we can also improve our church library and transform the current location into a prayer space for Eucharistic Adoration, and, in addition, implement an external grotto for Our Lady of Dolours. We have architects considering these projects and I look forward to sharing their concepts in due time.

The project of our extension to the presbytery also has not been forgotten! The question of the presbytery has been before us for many years. In 2021/2022 we renovated the interior of the residence. However, it was always envisaged that we would extend the rear of the house to render it more appropriate as a dwelling for three priests, whilst also allowing for a guest room and a room for a seminarian. Thankfully through our project managers, Project Strategies Australia, and through our architect, Mark Glendenning, we are now close to having the concept and plans of the extension to share with everyone. This will be available for our community consideration before then being submitted to Bishop Anthony for his required approval, and then to Council as a DA.

My we continue to keep each other in our prayer during this time of preparation for the joy of Easter!

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Phillip Manu; Dan Moran – relative of Ray and Jenny Moran; Zora Tolj; Tony Marthenas; Pauline Tan – sister of Irene Cheung (11 February); Carmelina Jiménez Vda. de Tuesta (mother of Aida Moore); Elsa Harting; Souad Kecskemeti; Donald Alexander Stephens (Uncle of Theresa, Josef, Maria, Johana, and Martina Widjaja).

Our loved ones who are sick:

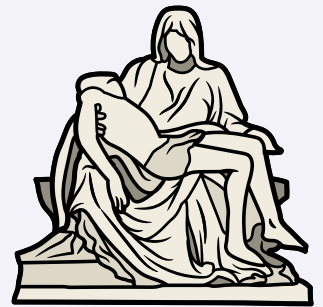
Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; John Luxton; Yvonne Corpuz; Judith Ryan; Maria Taylor; Moh Har Yip; Bill Piper; Frank Hallissy; John O'Brien; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; Mary Kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Lueng; John Tiorg and family; Esther Grant and family.

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

Philomena Clarke – siser of Sr Marie Dayton; Magdalena Bolingot; Joseph Syria Santos (24 February).

- For Pax Aylward who celebrates his 1st birthday on March 5!
- For the Kinkade, Heading, Lightbody, Gangi families who will be presented to our parish this week as they prepare for the baptism of Patrick, Tahlia, Ryan, Lorenzo.
- For Ethan and Fr Bob Bossini who celebrate their birthday this week.
- For Sr Josephine Mitchell who celebrates 70 years since her profession of vows with the Sisters of St Joseph! Sr Josephine has done tremendous work for underprivileged people and in particular, had helped our parish to establish a link with East Timor. From the seed planted by Sr Josephine's (who founded the Australia Timor-Leste Advancement Society – ATLAS) first visit our relationship with the Carmelite Community in Timor Leste continues to flourish. The Parish has just this week finalised the Memorandum of Understanding confirming our partnership with ATLAS which will better equip us to manage our project, known as Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Tertiary Education Scholarship under their auspices.

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.*

*Companion of the sorrowful,
pray for us.*

*Protectress of those who fight,
pray for us.*

*Shield of the oppressed,
pray for us.*

2024 THE YEAR OF *Prayer*

"We have not been commanded to work, to keep watch and to fast continually" – no, this is not demanded – "but it has been laid down that we are to **pray without ceasing**" (CCC 2742).

The heart in prayer. There is therefore an ardour in the Christian life, which must never fail. It is a little like that sacred fire that was kept in the ancient temples, that burned without interruption and that the priests had the task of keeping alive.

So too must there be a sacred fire in us,
which burns continuously and which nothing can extinguish.
And it is not easy, but it must be so.

Pope Francis – Catechesis on Prayer No. 37



**The Pope's Monthly Prayer
Intention for
March 2024**

For the new martyrs:

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

1 Corinthians 1:25

因為天主的愚妄總比人明智，天主的懦弱也總比人堅強。 格林多前書 1:25

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Deacon
Kevin Hale

It is very easy on hearing today's gospel to focus on the Temple. We know it as a building, a place of worship, a gathering place for the Jewish people.

It was a building of beauty, a place of importance. And it was all these things, but the people had profaned it by turning it into a market.

It was a special market, one where you bought animals for sacrifice and other paraphernalia for the temple worship. But it was a market never-the-less.

It is not clear from the passage, but it seems to indicate that the stalls and the animal etc were interfering with the people who wanted to worship God. That's why Jesus cleared out the people running the markets. As always Jesus concern was for the people wanting to worship God, not the actual building.

We have some very beautiful buildings here in Australia and the pictures I see of the Cathedrals in Europe are, to me, things of great beauty and majesty. I have never visited Europe, but if I did it would be the Cathedrals I would like to visit. So, it is very easy to come to regard the Church as being the actual building. But the church is not just buildings. The building is actually the house where the church congregates and worships God. The church is actually made up of ordinary people like you and me whose faith is built on the extraordinary foundation of Jesus Christ and the apostles and prophets.

The church is God's own "building". Much more than a physical structure, the church is the gathering of God's people, all of whom together form the dwelling place of his Spirit. This church building represents better than some what it means to be church. When you look at those Churches built of stone and look at the stones it is made from, each one, by itself may appear insignificant, but bound together they form a great building.

We may think of ourselves as insignificant but together, and with the millions of believers around the world, we make up the Church. We are members of the living church, the body of Christ. As baptized Christians, we have all been adopted into God's family. Each of us has been commissioned by the Lord to go out and proclaim the good news of the gospel. Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, each of us has been empowered to reach out in love to those around us and build God's kingdom on earth.

But if we are the Temple of God then we need to be ever vigilant that we, ourselves, don't be like the Temple in Jesus' time. So filled with activities of the world that we forget to be people of prayer, we forget that we are God's house.

So today let's pray for the church's leaders, that they may defend our apostolic faith and feed and watch over their sheep. Let's also pray for the courage to evangelize.

There are many people in the world who are corrupting their own temples. It's up to us to reach out to them—beginning with our families and friends—helping them to get right with God so that they can experience the passion of his love and not his anger.

May we all guard the temple of the Lord!



Praying Like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

During this Lenten period, prayer takes on many forms: like the Stations of the Cross, fasting, church visitation, meditation, painting, nature walks etc....each as unique as the soul that breathes life into it.

The Garden of Gethsemane serves as a sacred reminder of Jesus' unwavering faith and humility in the face of adversity. His prayerful vigil beckons us to cultivate a deeper connection with God and to entrust our lives to His Providence. May we, like Jesus, find solace and strength in the quiet moments of prayer, knowing that in surrendering to God's will, we will discover the truest expression of our humanity and our faith.

Guided by a spiritual/painting director, we reflect on Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, we invite you to embark on a journey of prayerful expression through painting. Let your paint brush be your guide and your canvas (or rock or paper) become your sanctuary, as you explore the depths of your faith and your connection with God.

Book here!



Our Lady OF DOLOURS

PRAYER THROUGH Painting

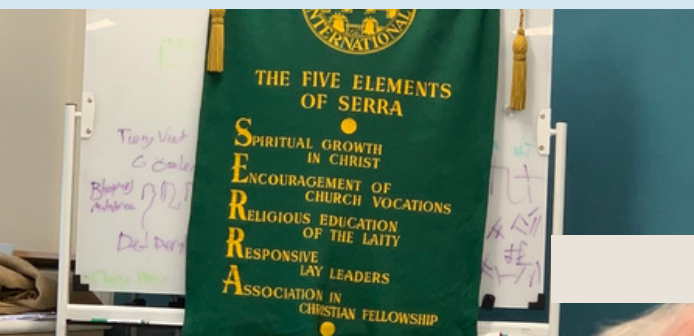
MARCH 09 1:30PM

Where: PEW Garden When: Saturday, 9th March 2024
Time: 1:30 - 4:30 pm Who: All welcome
Fee: \$25 (all painting materials and refreshments provided)
Booking: via TryBooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/CPODT>

As we reflect on Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, we invite you to embark on a journey of prayerful expression through painting. Let your paint brush be your guide and your canvas (or rock or paper) become your sanctuary, as you explore the depths of your faith and your connection with God.

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OUR WEEK IN PICS



Serra's Vocations Mass and Meeting



Congratulations to these very cute candidates who got baptised last week



L.I.F.E Retreat at St Joseph's



Playgroup doing important work! And to the right are the children in this year's Sacramental Program! Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

third Sunday of Lent / B

3 March 2024

I AM THE LORD, YOUR GOD. The Ten Commandments are as valid today as when they were first given by God to Moses on Mt Sinai. They teach us how to live in right relationship with God and with one another. If we seek to live by the Commandments we will avoid the trap of materialism, of being more concerned with buying, selling, and making money, than with loving God and our neighbour.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 24: 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

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

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ex 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Longer form, 20: 1-17.

RESP PSALM Ps 18: 8-11. R. Jn 6: 68

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, / it revives the soul. / The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, / it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, / they gladden the heart. / The command of the Lord is clear, / it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. **R.**

4. They are more to be desired than gold, / than the purest of gold / and sweeter are they than honey, / than honey from the comb. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1: 22-25

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

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.



While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 3: 16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Jn 2: 13-25

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the

words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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 these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. 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 OR II OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

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

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

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

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

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

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 83: 4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

CHRIST, THE POWER AND WISDOM OF GOD

The image of a limp, distorted body on the cross, which we know as the crucifix, has a long history of development. While its central place with the altar in our churches and its focus for personal devotion may seem normal to us, it is an anathema to others. How is this the focus of our belief and worship? A reminder of the sacrifice, its very presence points to the resurrection, salvation and the hope of everlasting life with God who loves us.

Today's readings grapple with this dilemma. Paul's words to the Corinthians capture something of the complexity of those early days of preaching the Good News: "preaching a crucified Christ." Who would believe in a dead Messiah? Yet Paul insists "but to those who are called, Jews and Gentiles, a Christ who is the power and wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1:24). Paul's tussle with this is juxtaposed with John's account of Jesus cleansing the Temple where Jesus says, "Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). This imagery made no sense to the Judeans for this Temple, the Holy of the Holies and dwelling place of God took 46 years to build. The narrator adds that the temple Jesus spoke of was his own body. The narrator also recounts that the disciples had heard Jesus' words but it made no sense to them either until the event of the resurrection. Let us contemplate Christ as the power and wisdom of God.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH

Monday
4 March

- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 1:30pm Organ Practice
- 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal

Tuesday
5 March

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 10:30am Organ Practice
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 2:00pm Organ Practice
- 7:00pm Filipino Choir Practice

Wednesday
6 March

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00 Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 10:30am Organ Practice
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 1:30pm Organ Practice
- 2:30pm Organ Lesson
- 3:30pm Organ Practice
- 4:00pm Organ Lesson
- **6:00pm Mass**

Thursday
7 March

- 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**
- 2:00pm Organ Practice
- 3:45pm Organ Scholar Lessons
- 4:00pm Wedding Decorating
- 5:30pm Parish Choir Practice
- **7:00pm Holy Hour** Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation also available

Friday
8 March

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- **10:00am 24 Hours for the Lord Adoration Begins with Reconciliation (Confession) from 9:00am until 1:00pm.**
- 11:30am Stations of the Cross
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
- **2:00pm - 12:00am (midnight) Reconciliation**

Saturday
9 March

- **12:00am (midnight) - 5:00am Reconciliation**
- **7:00am to 9:00am Reconciliation**
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am 24 Hours for the Lord ends with the Blessed Sacrament Reposed before Mass.**
- **9:00am Mass**



In our busy world, more and more women are experiencing a desire for deep connection, engaging conversation, and personal and spiritual nourishment. This evening is an opportunity for women to connect, reflect, discuss, and create meaningful friendships while deepening their relationship with God.

3rd FRIDAY EVERY MONTH
7:00pm - 9:30pm
Harrington Hall



Women can come as they are, share their stories, and find strength and fellowship

Drinks and light nibbles provided, please feel welcome to bring a plate to share. To register your interest or to find out more please email chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au or call 9410 9000

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Reflection Day

With Fr Aldrin Valdehueza

*“Abide in Me as I abide in you.”
John 15:4*

March 9, 10am - 3pm

Sacred Heart Church
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24 Hours for the Lord

24 Hours for the Lord

Saturday
9 March

- 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation, Rosary
- 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- 10:30am Wedding Preparation
- 11:00am Wedding (Private)
- 12:30pm Organ Practice
- 4:30pm Vigil Singers
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass**

24 Hours for the Lord

Sunday Mass
10 March

- **7:30am Mass**
- **9:00am Family Mass**
- **10:30am Mass**
- 12:00pm Baptisms
- 1:00pm Super BLOOM Concert by the Song Company
- **5:30pm Mass**
- 6:30pm Organ Practice

NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

Monday
4 March

- 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 6-9 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
- 7:00pm Alpha (Magnificat, St Paul)

Tuesday
5 March

- 10:00am Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)
- 2:30pm Staff Team Meeting (Magnificat)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 6-9 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
- 7:00pm Metanoia faith program (Magnificat, St Paul)
- 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter)

Wednesday
6 March

- 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat)
- 6:30pm Indonesian Music Practice (St Paul)
- 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter)

Thursday
7 March

- 10:00am Seniors Morning Tea (Magnificat)
- 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 12:30pm Playgroup room set up (Magnificat)
- 1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat)

Friday
8 March

- 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul)
- 6:30pm L.I.F.E 1 Formation (Magnificat)
- 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing
- 7:00pm Indonesian Choir Practice (St Paul)

Saturday
9 March

- 8:30am Atrium Teen Group Meeting (St Peter)
- 9:30am Chinese RCIA Meeting (Magnificat)
- 10:00am Legion of Mary room set up (St Peter)
- 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter)
- 1:30pm Prayer Through Painting (PEW Garden)
- **3:30pm Bishop David's Talk: The Passion Narrative of the Gospels (Magnificat)**

Sunday Mass
10 March

- 8:15am Children's Choir Practice (St Paul)
- 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul)
- 10:00am Kids Baptism (St Peter)
- 10:30am Kids Choir Practice (St Paul)

ALL ARE WELCOME!



KINDY

Blessing



17 March 9:00am Family Mass

Our Lady of Dolours

94 Archer St Chatswood

Please bring a plate of food to share and join us after Mass in the school playground for morning tea.

For any queries contact: Angela at
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Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

THE PASSION NARRATIVES OF THE Gospel

MARCH

09

MARCH

16

MARCH

23

3:30PM - 4:30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THESE SERIES
OF TALKS BY BISHOP DAVID WALKER



Magnificat Room
96 Archer St, Chatswood
Entry from Kirk St



**Our Lady of Dolours
Catholic Primary School Chatswood**



OPEN DAY

Tuesday 5 March 2024 9am - 10.30am



Meet our Principal, teachers,
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Learn about our School's faith led
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Visit our classrooms, play area,
library, TV studio,
music rooms



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Sunday Mass
10 March

- 11:00am RCIA room set up (St Peter)
- 11:30am RCIA (St Peter)
- 3:30pm Mothers' Group Set up (St Peter)
- 4:00pm Mothers' Group (St Peter)
- 4:30pm Youth group set up (Magnificat, St Paul)
- 6:30pm Keystone & Cornerstone Youth Group (Magnificat, St Paul)

Cultural Community Mass:

Filipino: 12:00pm, 1st Sunday

Spanish: 12:00pm, 3rd Sunday

Indonesian: 7:00pm, 3rd Sunday

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD



WALKING IN A New Life

From Friday, March 8th to Saturday, March 9th we are invited to join with the universal Church around the world in observing "24 Hours for the Lord" - a way to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration.

Starting with 9 am Mass on Friday and ending with 9 am Mass the next morning, with Eucharistic adoration and hourly Confession, draw near to the Father who is truly "rich in mercy", who extends it abundantly upon those who appeal to Him with a sincere heart.
Come experience God's love and God's grace.

MARCH 8-9 9AM - 9AM

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH
94 ARCHER ST, CHATSWOOD
CHATWOODOFFICE@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

Join us for "24 Hours for the Lord," a special event where the doors of our church remain wide open for an entire day. Across the world churches in every diocese will be doing the same thing, welcoming all people in to find some peace in the presence of the Lord.

The purpose of the event is to put the sacrament of reconciliation back at the center of the pastoral life of the Church, and consequently, of our communities, parishes, and all ecclesial realities. This is the centre of the Gospel message: the Mercy of God, which gives us the certainty that before the Lord no one will find a judge, but rather will find a father who welcomes him, consoles him and also shows him the way to renewal. Therefore, as Pope Francis stated: "Mercy gives rise to joy, because our hearts are opened to the hope of a new life." (Misericordia et misera, No. 3).

"Walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4) is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's 24 Hours for the Lord celebration. In the words of the Apostle one can hear the Holy Father's affirmation: "Mercy renews and redeems because it is the meeting of two hearts: the heart of God who comes to meet the human heart."

In the heart of Lent, a season of introspection and renewal, this is the perfect moment for you to set aside intentional time with God. Want to challenge yourself further? Come during one of the hours of reconciliation and go to confession with one of our priests.

Want to challenge yourself even further? Try coming at an hour that means a little more work from you - perhaps 2am? Or perhaps it's finally the chance for you to offer an invitation to someone you know to come and join you in prayer?

Whether you seek solace, seek forgiveness, or simply seek a moment of quiet amidst the chaos of life, you and your loved ones are very welcome to celebrate 24 Hours for the Lord with our parish.



24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

RECONCILIATION Confession TIMES

MARCH 8 9AM - 1PM 2PM - MIDNIGHT

MARCH 9 MIDNIGHT - 5AM 7AM - 9AM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO USE THIS SPECIAL TIME TO ACCESS THE SACRAMENT GIFT OF RECONCILIATION

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Chatswood Campus 9am - 2pm
35 Anderson Street Chatswood

Oxford Falls Campus 8am - 12noon
1 Dreadnought Road, Oxford Falls

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL at www.spx.nsw.edu.au



Our Lady of Dolours

MOTHERS GROUP

Mums of all ages and stages welcome!

Are you interested in joining a Mothers Group?

When: 2nd & 4th Sunday of each Month
Time: 4pm - 5:15pm
Where: St Peter Meeting Room

Our Mothers Group will be an opportunity for participants to share their experience on being a mum, while focusing on a new topic each session. Discussion topics will include talks such as virtue, character building, prayer, mortification, examination of conscience, charity and interior life.

Interested mums will also have the opportunity to learn how to knit clothing for premature and stillborn babies, with these items being donated to local hospitals.

If you would like more information, please email chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au or call 9410 9000

LENTEN FAST 2

Were you able to spend some time last week in nature, revelling in the beauty of creation and feeling the lift in the spirit that comes to us from being close to trees and water, fresh air and bird song? In this second week of the Laudato Si' Lenten fast, we are asked to reflect on God's call to us to be stewards of His creation. It is easy to feel helpless, in the midst of political fighting over global warming and rising sea levels, and the consequent threats to humans and wildlife. In Laudato si' Pope Francis wrote: 'to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God'. What fast can we commit to this Lent that will convert us from abusers of our planet to conservers? Catholic Earthcare urges a fast from our use of soft plastics. The Australian Marine Conservation Society says plastic bags (lightweight and heavyweight) are one of the most lethal plastic killers of ocean animals. They escape and float easily in air and water, travelling long distances. Small animals, seabirds and even turtles get entangled in them and drown. Turtles mistake their smell for their favourite food, jellyfish. Once eaten, these soft plastics block their stomachs and they starve. New research even shows plastics like these smell like food to turtles. Sharp pieces of plastic cutlery are also being found in large quantities in our waterways and cause internal injuries to birds and sea life when ingested. And then there are balloons. Did you know Balloon pieces are the biggest plastic killer of seabirds.



A soft plastics fast takes time, it requires inventiveness and it is inconvenient. In short, it is a very appropriate Lenten fast for us at Our Lady of Dolours who remember 'in His hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of allmankind' Job 12:10

- OLOD Earthcare Community

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A 1920s English seaside town bears witness to a farcical and occasionally sinister scandal in this riotous mystery comedy. Based on a stranger than fiction true story. Some coarse language.



Friday 5th April
Roseville Cinema



Bar opens for socialising from 7.00PM Movie starts 8.00PM

Buy individual tickets which include 3 raffle tickets for \$30 each

Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/CPQMH>

Please bring copy of ticket or proof of purchase

GATHER FRIENDS AND COME ALONG FOR A FUN NIGHT

PLEASE BRING EXTRA CASH FOR ADDITIONAL RAFFLE TICKETS
Donations are not tax deductible

Any questions please contact Richard Larkins 0419 522 356

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 3:45-5:30pm
Tuesdays 3:45-5:30pm
Thursdays 10am-11:30am



9-12 year olds

Mondays 3:45-5:45pm
Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm



6-9 year olds

Mondays 3:45-5:45pm
Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm



To find out more watch this
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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



Chatswood Catholic Parish
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PARENT & INFANT MASS

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

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



Bring the children for a special blessing!

PLAYGROUP

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

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