



## THE BULLETIN

10 MARCH 2024  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)



Christ and Nicodemus by Matthias Stom



God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

This Sunday's Gospel - John 3:14-21

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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](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au) - we would love to hear from you.

*This weekend, we welcomed visitors from across the Diocese to join us in celebrating 24 Hours for the Lord—it was truly a remarkable experience! A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to making this event possible.*

*Our Holy Week schedule and Divine Mercy timetable for the upcoming weeks are now available—please mark these dates in your diary and join the celebrations!*

*During this Lenten season, we reflect on the significance of Almsgiving and spotlight the invaluable efforts of the Alfresco Community Kitchen in serving the most vulnerable members of our community.*

*In similar news, Bryce from our young adults group, first Saturday Rosary group, and choir has decided to shave his luscious locks for a great cause!*

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





I write this on the eve of our 24 Hours of the Lord. I pray that this day be one of much grace for all our parish. May that grace touch every part of our community life and bring forth new life. Thank you to all those who have been able to participate, and in particular to our many priests who have joined us throughout the entire 24 hours. Yes, Confession was available at 3am on Saturday morning!

As many of us may be aware, Chatswood Chase is undergoing significant development. We have now been advised of commencement of the development works at Chatswood Chase Shopping Centre affecting the Ground Level and Levels 1 and 2. From 15 March the multideck carpark will be temporarily closed with no access to the carpark via the Archer Street speed ramp or the Malvern Avenue ramp. Access to the carpark will be via Victoria Avenue only. Vicinity and Multiplex are in the process of investigating opportunities to open up additional levels in the multideck later this year so we'll keep you informed as that progresses. In addition, work along Archer Street will occur in late March. These works will include the demolition of the

existing awnings and erection of B-Class hoardings along the Archer Street frontage. These works will be completed during a night shift and will require Council out of hours permits, footpath closures and pedestrian and traffic control. Multiplex are continuing to work through the details with Council to secure exact dates and times, so we'll continue to keep you informed as we have more exact information ahead of commencing the works. Similarly, Multiplex are working towards commencing the B-Class hoarding install along Victoria Avenue in early April, which will involve the same process as Archer S. So, much development on the horizon. It is expected that the main body of the shopping centre will not re-open until the end of 2025.

Some very good news: with the settlement of all our accounts for our recent Lunar New Year celebrations, we have been able to contribute the amount of \$5,109.18 towards the Pastoral Works Fund. This is a mighty achievement and is a very significant help to us meeting our obligations towards the Fund.

Many will appreciate the historical link our parish has enjoyed with an orphanage in Maboura, Timor-Leste. Our support, over the years, has enabled a number of young women to receive an education. To underscore our continuing commitment and to provide us with a sustainable framework by which to keep supporting young women in Timor-Leste in this way, our Parish has recently entered a Memorandum of Understanding with the Australia Timor-Leste Advancement Society (ATLAS) based here in Sydney. Through this partnership we will be able to ensure that our support is well directed, transfer funds securely and receive regular reports on the effect that our contribution is making. We are very grateful to Carla Gageler who has agreed to be our Parish Project Leader in this regard. Carla will provide us now with occasional updates on how our contributions are making a difference in young people's lives.

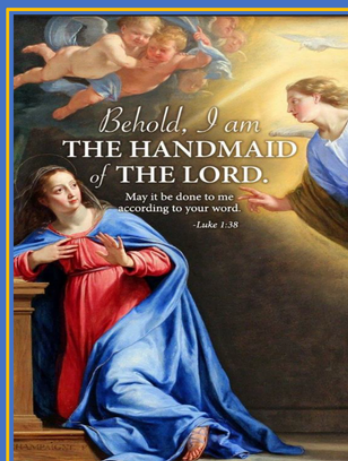
This year we have an extraordinary number of people being baptised on our Easter weekend: 46 in total! This is a sure sign of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Our catechumens have been prayerfully preparing for this most important occasion in their journey of faith and life through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. As part of this Rite, on the 4th and 5th Sundays in Lent there is a prayer of blessing, called the Scrutinies, that takes place after the Homily for those preparing for Baptism. We will pray this Rite with our catechumens at our 10.30am Mass on the following two Sundays.

Praying that our Lenten journey is a time of grace for us all.



This week's church flowers in the shrine are  
generously donated by

*Cindy Karniadi*  
in thanksgiving to God



JOIN IN OUR ZOOM

*Rosary*

**Monday 25 March 2024**  
at 8.00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85468322301>

Meeting ID: 854 6832 2301

(No Passcode required)

Join us online to celebrate the Solemnity of

**The Annunciation**

by praying the Rosary together.

[Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood]



## IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

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

Patrick McAuliffe (friend of Josef Widjaja); John Swinsburg; Peter Brink (husband of Dot Brink); 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:

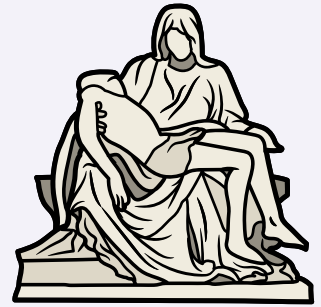
Stanley Ng (husband of Teresa Ng); Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; John Luxton; Yvonne Corpuz; Judith Ryan; Maria Taylor; Moh Har Yip; Bill Piper; Frank Hallissy; John O'Brien; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; Mary Kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Lueng; John Tiorg and family; Esther Grant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

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

Marie Elisabeth; Roy Wagland (9 March – related to Carolyn Wagland); Philomena Clarke – siser of Sr Marie Dayton; Magdalina Bolingot; Joseph Syria Santio (24 February).

- For Hellen Shortall who celebrated her birthday this week on the 7th of March – happy birthday, Helen!
- For our beloved former parishioner, John Swinsburg who passed away on February 21. May he rest in peace and may his family and friends be comforted during this difficult time.
- For the late Beatrice Orge whose birthday is celebrated this month.
- For Stanley Ng as he prepares for his upcoming surgery. May the procedure be successful, and may his recovery be swift and complete.
- For Victor Villanueva Herriquez who celebrates his birthday this Sunday – happy birthday, Victor! Wishing you a lovely day ahead.
- For Linda, Sandra, and Victoria who celebrated their birthdays this week!

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*



**"For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."**

*St Teresa of Avila*

## FASTING DURING LENT

Fasting teaches us how to say "no" to certain things in order to say "yes" to something greater. By denying ourselves temporary pleasures or indulgences, we make room for the deeper fulfillment that comes from drawing closer to God. It's a transformative journey of discernment, where we choose to prioritise spiritual nourishment over momentary satisfaction. By willingly abstaining from certain comforts, we refocus our attention on what truly matters – our relationship with God and our journey towards holiness. It's a deliberate choice to resist the pull of immediate gratification and instead pursue the higher calling of spiritual growth and self-discipline. Through fasting, we learn to navigate life's temptations with clarity and purpose, keeping our eyes fixed on the eternal rewards of faithfulness and obedience to God.



### Something to reflect on

In this week's Gospel Jesus said to Nicodemus: "The Son of Man must be lifted up...so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him".

In what ways does fasting during Lent help me to lift my gaze from earthly desires to the eternal promise of salvation?



**Deacon**  
**Richard Houwing**  
Parish Deacon

In considering the Scriptures today, we delve into the lessons of loss, redemption, and divine promise. The First Reading from Chronicles recounts the tragedy of the Hebrews' defeat and exile by the Babylonians. Here, we can see that Jerusalem's fall, the desecration of Solomon's temple, and the people's enslavement in Babylon serve as a sombre backdrop to a deeper, spiritual narrative that echoes through time to the story of Christ Himself.


This historical moment, though marked by loss and despair, is interpreted not as a consequence of Babylonian might but as a reflection of the Hebrews' own departure from their covenant with God. It serves as a moving comparison to Christ's own path. While the Hebrews faced the consequences of their actions, Christ willingly embraced human frailty and the weight of sin, which, by its very nature, erodes and destroys our capacity for love, joy, and communion with others and with God, leading us into isolation and despair. Jesus opens for us the complete opposite: a life of fullness and

unity with God and each other.

Moving through the readings, we see God does not leave us in the shadows of sin's consequences. The Gospel, according to John, offers this radiant contrast, revealing the boundless scope of divine grace. Christ's dialogue with Nicodemus opens a window to the heart of God's plan for humanity—a plan not for condemnation but for salvation. Through the lifting up of the Son of Man, we see not the finality of death but the dawn of a new promise, a testament to God's unfailing love and mercy.

Jesus assures Nicodemus, and all of us, of God's unwavering presence and the fulfilment of ancient promises. In the light of Christ's resurrection, we are invited to see beyond the immediacy of human weakness and failure to a horizon where grace triumphs. The message is clear: divine love and salvation are within reach for all who embrace God's design for our lives, choosing the path of grace over the solitude of our own destruction.

Reflecting on these truths and knowing that while the journey may be marked by trials and moments of doubt, we may see that the promise of God's love and salvation is eternal and unshakeable. In embracing this promise, we step into the light of Christ, allowing His grace to transform our lives, guiding us from the shadows of human destruction into the fullness of life in God's presence.



<b>26</b> MAR	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> 7:30pm Chrism Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral: 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara
<b>27</b> MAR	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
<b>28</b> MAR	<b>Holy Thursday</b> 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>29</b> MAR	<b>Good Friday</b> 10:00am Stations of the Cross at Chatswood Concourse 3:00pm Passion of the Lord 7:00pm Prayer and Reflection Night on the 7 Last Words of our Lord.
<b>30</b> MAR	<b>Easter Saturday</b> 7:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>31</b> MAR	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Sunday Mass at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am no evening





**APRIL**  
**07**  
**2:30PM - 4:15PM**

- PROCESSION
- EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
- DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
- ADORATION & BENEDICTION
- BLESSING OF HOLY ARTICLES

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AVAILABLE FROM 3:00PM**

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery."

(Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska - No. 1507)



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因為你們得救是由於恩寵，藉着信德，所以得救並不是出於你們自己，而是天主的恩惠。 厄弗所書2:8  
For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God. *Ephesians 2:8*



## OUR WEEK IN PICS



Jo, Lei, Diana enjoying the beautiful flowers Lei and the gardening volunteers have been cultivating!



Jan's wonderful monthly Morning Tea after 7:30am Mass!



Spotted on the streets of Sydney - our Director of Music, Tltus! Not sure if he's signing autographs.



First Saturday Public Rosary!



Playgroup celebrated Pax's birthday!



Leukaemia  
Foundation

**World's  
Greatest  
Shave**

*On April 2nd, Bryce is shaving off his hair for a beautiful cause!*

*To donate and support his journey by going to the link below, or scanning the QR code.*

*All the best to you, Bryce!*

<https://tinyurl.com/ms6xyvt7>



There are 140,000 families facing blood cancer right now. And it takes the lives of 16 Australians every day. I'm raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation, to give life changing support to Australians facing blood cancer, and to fund critical research, bringing us closer to the day when zero lives are lost to blood cancer. Will you be part of my World's Greatest Shave community and donate to my page? Your donation means that together, we're working to stop blood cancer in its tracks. Any amount - big or small - will make a real, tangible difference. Thank You!



# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10 March 2024

GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH. During the season of Lent we humbly acknowledge the ways in which we have failed to respond to our Christian vocation. We do this before a God who is infinitely rich in mercy and grace, who sent the Son into the world not to condemn it but to be its saviour. Acknowledging our failings and accepting healing and forgiveness from Christ prepares us to celebrate the feast of Easter with great joy.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Isa 66: 10-11

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling  
breast.**

## 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.**

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.

**R. Amen.**

*The Gloria is not said during Lent.*

## COLLECT

P. O God, who through your Word reconcile  
the human race to yourself in a wonderful  
way, grant, we pray, that with prompt  
devotion and eager faith the Christian people  
may hasten toward the solemn celebrations  
to come. 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** 2 Chron 36: 14-16, 19-23

**A reading from the second book of  
Chronicles.**

*The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are  
revealed in the exile and liberation of his  
people*  
All the heads of the priesthood, and the  
people too, added infidelity to infidelity,

copying all the shameful practices of the  
nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord  
had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The  
Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly  
sent them messenger after messenger, since  
he wished to spare his people and his house.  
But they ridiculed the messengers of God,  
they despised his words, they laughed at his  
prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord  
rose so high against his people that there was  
no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of  
God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set  
fire to all its palaces, and destroyed

everything  
of value in it. The survivors were deported by  
Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to  
serve him and his sons until the kingdom of  
Persia came to power. This is how the word of  
the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through  
Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its  
sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone  
by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days  
of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia,  
to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken  
through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit  
of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation  
and to have it publicly displayed throughout  
his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of  
Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has  
given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he  
has ordered me to build him a Temple in  
Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among  
you of all his people, may his God be with  
him! Let him go up."'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 136. R. v. 6

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever  
forget you!**

1. By the rivers of Babylon / there we sat and  
wept, / remembering Zion: / on the poplars  
that grew there / we hung our harps. **R.**

2. For it was there that they asked us, /  
our captors, for songs, / our oppressors, for  
joy. / 'Sing to us,' they said, / 'one of Zion's  
songs.' **R.**

3. O how could we sing / the song of  
the Lord / on alien soil? / If I forget you,  
Jerusalem, / let my right hand wither! **R.**

4. O let my tongue / cleave to my mouth /  
if I remember you not, / if I prize not  
Jerusalem / above all my joys! **R.**



## SECOND READING

Eph 2: 4-10

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Ephesians.**

*When we were dead through sins, he brought  
us to life.*

God loved us with so much love that he was  
generous with his mercy: when we were  
dead through our sins, he brought us to life  
with Christ – it is through grace that you have  
been saved – and raised us up with him and  
gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ  
Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come,  
through his goodness towards us in Christ  
Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace.  
Because it is by grace that you have been  
saved, through faith; not by anything of your  
own, but by a gift from God; not by anything  
that you have done, so that nobody can claim  
the credit. We are God's work of art, created  
in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the  
beginning he has meant us to live it.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3: 16

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus  
Christ! / God loved the world so much, he  
gave us his only Son, / that all who  
believe in him might have eternal life. /  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## GOSPEL

Jn 3:14-21

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.**

*God sent his Son into the world that we  
might be saved through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:



'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

**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. We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully reverent them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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 AND 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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

## COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

**R. Amen.**

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

**R. And with your spirit.**

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

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

## LAMB OF GOD

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

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

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 121: 3-4

**Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.**

**It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. 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

### GOD'S LOVE, GIFT AND GRACE

On this *Laetare* Sunday (so called for the first word of the liturgy is "rejoice") we find in the Letter to the Ephesians: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God" (2:8). To contemplate this statement is to begin to understand the generous mercy and love of God for each of us.

This reading follows 2 Chronicles that recounts the fall of Jerusalem, despite the compassion of God for the people, but then King Cyrus of Persia liberating the exiles. So as the passage begins in Ephesians we see the continuity with God, who is rich in mercy. Three times "grace" is repeated: "by grace you have been saved," "the immeasurable riches of God's grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus" and "for by grace you have been saved through faith." This reiteration accentuates the love of God and invites us to know that "we are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus for good works."

John's Gospel reminds us "God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (3:16). With his clear illumination of light and darkness, John affirms that "those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

How will we respond to God's love, gift and grace?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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## NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH

- Monday  
11 March
- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)
  - **12:30pm Mass**
  - 1:30pm Organ Practice

- Tuesday  
12 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  
13 March
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
  - **9:00 Mass**
  - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
  - 10:00am Mercy College Assembly
  - 11:00am 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  
14 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
  - 5:30pm Parish Choir Practice
  - **7:00pm Holy Hour** *Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation also available*

- Friday  
15 March
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
  - **9:00am Mass**
  - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
  - 10:30am Organ Practice
  - 11:30am Stations of the Cross
  - **12:30pm Mass**
  - 2:00pm Organ Practice
  - 4:00pm Organ Practice
  - 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

- Saturday  
16 March
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
  - **9:00am Mass**
  - 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation, Rosary
  - 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
  - 11:00am Choir Practice
  - 12:30pm Organ Practice



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](mailto:chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au) or call 9410 9000

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### 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.



Are you interested in joining a Mothers Group?

Mums of all ages and stages welcome!

**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](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au) or call 9410 9000



Saturday  
16 March

- 4:30pm Vigil Singers
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass**

Sunday Mass  
17 March

- **7:30am Mass**
- **9:00am Family Mass**
- **10:30am Mass**
- 1:30pm Organ Practice
- 2:30pm Organ Practice
- **5:30pm Mass**
- **7:00pm Indonesian Mass**

## NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

Monday  
11 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  
12 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  
13 March

- 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat)
- 3:30pm Staff Retreat Planning (Magnificat)
- 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter)
- 7:00pm MenAlive

Thursday  
14 March

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

Friday  
15 March

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

Saturday  
16 March

- 8:30am Atrium Teen Group Meeting (St Peter)
- 10:00am Legion of Mary room set up (St Peter)
- 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter)
- **3:30pm Bishop David's Talk: The Passion Narrative of the Gospels (Magnificat)**
- 7:00pm Korean Bible Reading and Discussion (St Paul)

Sunday Mass  
17 March

- 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul)
- 10:00am Kids Baptism (St Peter)
- 11:00am RCIA room set up (St Peter)
- 11:30am RCIA (St Peter)
- 4:00pm Executive Advisory Meeting (St Peter)
- 5:00pm Indonesian Choir Practice (St Paul)
- 5:30pm Indonesian Fellowship After Mass (Magnificat)
- 6:30pm Capstone Young Adults (Harrington Hall)

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



## THE PASSION NARRATIVES OF THE Gospel

MARCH

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**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



**ST PIUS X COLLEGE  
CHATSWOOD**

**OPEN DAY  
SATURDAY 16 MARCH**

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](http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au)



## SENIORS MORNING TEA

Our seniors community enjoyed a lovely morning tea and celebrated three Birthdays for this month – Sandra, Linda, and Victoria! The lovely Elle from Gregory and Carr brought us some yummy cake and sandwiches and puzzle books!

Please join us for some fun and light activities, this time we did Easter jokes and had a booklet to take home with us. We meet on the first Thursday of each month, we enjoy our activities, and each other's company.

Please contact Father Anselam or Mona on [mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au) if you need to know more about our morning tea meeting.

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### SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Bishop Emeritus David Walker will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 21st March 2024. There is plenty of parking available in the Parish car park.

The evening commences with Mass at 7.00 PM (kindly note the change of commencement time) followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting Bishop David will be our guest speaker, his topic will be "Being a Disciple of Jesus".

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on 0478 083 116 or email [henrywk@yahoo.com.au](mailto:henrywk@yahoo.com.au) or telephone Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you are planning to attend.

## ALMSGIVING DURING LENT

During Lent, almsgiving takes on a profound significance, reminding us of the importance of detachment and selflessness. As we strive to detach from material possessions and worldly attachments, almsgiving becomes a powerful tool for transformation. Each act of **giving**, whether it be through monetary donations, acts of service, or charitable deeds, teaches us the valuable lesson that **we can let go of things for the betterment of others**. In giving, we learn to prioritise the needs of others above our own desires, cultivating a spirit of generosity and compassion. This journey of selflessness not only enriches the lives of those we help but also deepens our connection to the divine. Through almsgiving, we emulate the self-sacrificial love of Christ, embodying His teachings and drawing closer to the essence of our faith – love.

Here's some easy ways you can practice almsgiving:

- Buy grocery gift cards and leave them in your bag or wallet. Then next time someone in need approaches you for help, you are already prepared to give. (Thanks to Jo Karaolis for this tip!)
- Charitable Gift Registry: Create a charitable gift registry for special occasions like birthdays or weddings, allowing friends and family to donate to charity in your name instead of giving traditional gifts.
- Donate a Meal: Instead of eating out or ordering takeout, calculate the cost of a meal and donate that amount to a local food bank or charity, such as the Jesuit Refugee Services or Vinnies that provides meals and support for those in need.





# THE ALFRESCO KITCHEN

If you joined us at last month's Lunar New Year celebrations and visited the Chinese food stall, you likely met the lovely Amy, who was busy preparing her signature noodles! Amy's passion for both food and people shines through her work as part of The Alfresco Community Kitchen (TACK), a dedicated group of volunteers who cook and serve meals to the homeless and vulnerable at Martin Place every Tuesday and alternate Saturday.

In Amy's own words, "Our aim is to cook and provide healthy, homecooked meals to the street community to ensure they do not go without. We also extend our support to those facing vulnerability – low income individuals, victims of domestic violence, halfway houses, and more. Many in our community don't know where their next meal will come from, so we also make takeaway dinners from leftovers from our service."

During regular sessions, TACK serves approximately 150-200 meals, with their Christmas service seeing close to 300 meals served last year. Additionally, they distribute necessity hampers to help the vulnerable through the Christmas and New Year break.

None of this would be possible without the kindness and generosity of volunteers and businesses who donate their time or resources to support this vital cause.

Currently, the kitchen is seeking more volunteers to assist with serving and cooking, as well as businesses willing to provide healthy food. **Can you lend a hand?** If so, please reach out to [Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au) who can connect you with Amy and the team. Please don't underestimate the difference your giving can make!



**THE Alfresco**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**KITCHEN**  
*Nutritious & Delicious*

## OUR CIRCLES OF MINISTRY

**Love  
God**

Mark 12:30



**Love One  
Another**  
John 13:34

**Go Make  
Disciples**  
Matthew 28:18-20

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## Regular Mass Times:

Monday	Mass 12:30pm.
Tuesday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Wednesday	Mass 9:00am, 12:30pm & 6:00pm.
Thursday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm. Reconciliation: 7:00pm.
Friday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Saturday	Mass: 9:00am Reconciliation: 9:30am. Vigil Mass: 5:30pm
Sunday	Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:30am</li> <li>• 9:00am</li> <li>• 10:30am</li> <li>• 5:30pm</li> </ul>



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## 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