

Sunday 22 February 2026
1st Sunday of Lent

Welcome!
Come and See! Come and Grow! Come and Serve!

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"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."



『人生活不只靠餅，而也靠天主口中所發的一切言語。』 瑪竇福音 4:4

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**Should we be approached for money by our friends Billy or Graham who often come to our church we should never give them this. Both are well supported by other means!
Respectfully and politely say "no"!**



Bringing the Light of Christ to the City: We Love; We Grow; We Serve

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Sunday Masses

5.30pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass

7.30am (followed by Morning Tea on 1st Sunday of the month at the PEW café)

9.00am (Includes Children's Liturgy of the Word on 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays, except on long weekends), followed by Morning Tea on the forecourt

10.30am, followed by Morning Tea on the 2nd Sunday of the month, and Community Lunch on the last Sunday.

11.00am at St Peter's Green Aged Care Facility, North Lane Cove (Note this is for residents only)

5.30pm

Filipino Culture Mass

12noon, 1st Sunday of the month

Indonesian Culture Mass

7.00pm, 2nd Saturday of the month

First Friday of the month: 6.30pm—8.30pm Divine Retreat
Centre Healing Mass and Prayer

Weekday Masses and Devotions

Monday: 12.30pm

Tuesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm

(The Sacrament of Anointing: after each Wednesday evening Mass and after 12.30pm the 3rd Wednesday of the month)

Thursday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Friday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am

Morning Prayer: Tuesday to Saturday: 8.45am

Rosary

Monday: 11.45am (preceded by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11.30am); Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am; Monday to Fridays: 1.00pm

Thursday Adoration After 9am Mass, followed by Rosary then Divine Mercy Chaplet ends at midday with Benediction.

Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and Reconciliation
7.00pm

Saturday Morning: **Reconciliation** from 9.30am.

From Fr David

Some 1500 years ago, the great Christian writer, Augustine penned in his memoirs, *The Confessions*

Too late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient, O Beauty so new.

Too late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside myself, and there I sought you! In my weakness I ran after the beauty of the things you have made. You were with me, and I was not with you. The things you have made kept me from you - the things which would have no being unless they existed in you! You have called, you have cried, and you have pierced my deafness. You have radiated forth, you have shined out brightly, and you have dispelled my blindness. You have sent forth your fragrance, and I have breathed it in, and I long for you. I have tasted you, and I hunger and thirst for you. You have touched me, and I ardently desire your peace.

To come home, home to ourselves. This is the invitation that is put before us as we enter the season of preparation for the great Festival of Easter. As the prophet Joel declares in our First Reading, "Return to me with all your heart." (Joel 2:12) The word *return* matters. For we know we drift. We get distracted. We become tired. We survive more than we live. Of course, that drifting often looks very respectable. We are busy, capable, productive, educated, responsible. We manage full calendars, heavy workloads, family pressures, financial stress, and the constant noise of a fast world. We hold together lives that look fine from the outside — while inside many carry anxiety, grief, disappointment, or quiet loneliness.

It is here then that the season we begin this day greets us: to slow us down enough to tell the truth about ourselves before God. The ashes we are about to receive are a sign to us of our truth. Our receipt of them says to us. We are fragile. To gain this honesty is to come home to ourselves. For our truth lies in that we are people who hunger, who do mourn and who do yearn for what is right. We are people who experience a sense of alienation in ourselves, with each other and with God, and who yearn to overcome the sense of separateness. We are people who so desperately long for a gentle, balanced life in which we know we are accepted without accusation and shame. We are people who search for a sense of our own selves in a world in which we very often feel as victims in one way or another, unable to be who we intuit ourselves to be. It is when we come home to this deep awareness of our self - the truth of our self - that we also realise we are not as self-sufficient, and autonomous as we thought. We see ourselves as needing one another. And for this reason, Jesus turns to the three traditional pillars of Jewish piety – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – and seeks to rescue them from becoming hijacked by ego to being those quiet, hidden practices that reshape our heart. Prayer reshapes our hearts when it is simple and becomes that place of listening. Fasting goes deeper than food — it is also fasting from constant noise, comparison, resentment, harsh judgement, scrolling, and hurry. Almsgiving is not just donating money, but offering time, patience, welcome, and attention to those who feel invisible. Lent then is about becoming more human again — more present, more compassionate, more grounded in what really matters.

We begin our Lent this year at a time when the world feels heavy: Wars continue with no easy end. Social divisions feel sharper. Many people feel unsure about the future. Trust in institutions is fragile. Loneliness is growing, especially among the young and the old. But Ash Wednesday reminds us that we do not change the world by shouting louder. We change it by becoming truer.

So, when the ashes touch our forehead, let us hear the invitation to return. To return — not to guilt — but to grace. To return — not to fear — but to trust. Let us come home to ourselves again and find God waiting there as did Augustine so many centuries ago.

**We acknowledge the Cammeraygal People of the Eora Nation,
custodians of the land on which our parish stands
and we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of national reconciliation.**

**As a Parish of Catholic Faith we are committed
to ensuring always a community of safety and care for all,
especially for children, and those who are vulnerable.**

Come and See!

**What a beautiful Lunar New Year of the Horse we had in our forecourt last Sunday, 15 February 2026! Our church was packed and overflowing. The weather was dry, the forecourts were full, there was delicious food on offer, and excitement in the air.
We thank the Lord with gratitude for this**

This year's celebration highlights included the new Lion Dance Troupe and four musical performances. The four wonderful performance groups generously offered their shows without any charge, so thank you so much.

Our raffle winners were as follows:

First Prize	Amelia Lee - \$500 Westfield Gift Card
Second Prize	Lei Davoren – \$350 Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort
Third Prize	Kristha Mangahas – Whale Watching for Two
Fourth Prize	John Kennedy - \$200 Gift card to Café Sydney Circular Quay
Fifth Prize	Peony Cheung – Quite Time in the Bush for Two, Pymble

An event like this is not possible without the support of committed and generous volunteers. We would like to thank all the volunteers below for their generous contributions to this event.

15 February 2026 Lunar New Year Multilingual Mass

Father David Ranson, Titus Grenyer, all altar servers, Mass readers, choristers and organist.

Mini Food Fair and Forecourt Celebration

Indonesian Stall Volunteers and Food contributors

Anna Oei	Jason Utama	Mila Rahmawati
Caroline Lim	Johana Iskandar	Molita Khreich.
Darvy Tjahjadi	Julaiha Ratua	Valencia Febriana
Dyah Soeharno	Juni Cie	Vonny Natan BElla
Erina Tio	Katheleen Lim	Yenny Suhartanto
Indah Tanoto	Livia Tan	Yessy Suherman

Chinese Food Stall Volunteers, Food and other Contributors

Amelia Lee	Gloria Tse	Maggie Chan
Amey Lau	Gloria Yip	Margaret Cheng
Andrea Lhuede	Grace Liang	Max Lei
Andrea's daughter	Grace Tai	Mary Meredith
Angie Chung	Hannah Fong	May Yuen
Anna Chua	Irene Margaret	Peony Cheung
Ben Fong	Janet Hung	Pedro Ng
Caroline Lim	Jen Fong	Peter Dale
Catherine H Chan	Jennifer Kim	Pinky chin
Christina Wong	John Chan	Sharon Yuen
Delia Ng	Kathy Fung	William Tan
Eda Chiou	Katrina Fung	
Elizabeth O'Young	Keng Fong	
Felix Ta	Leonard Chu	

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Small Business Donation

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Anonymous Business

Raffle ticket sales are by far the largest contributor to our fundraising efforts. We sold over 1,850 tickets, with an estimated average value of approximately \$10,000.00. A big thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets so generously and enthusiastically!

Mini Food Fair and Donations figures are closely aligned, each exceeding \$3,000.00, with the Jade Rosary Sale reaching a total of \$600.00 to date.

Pope Francis once said that on the journey of life, purification occurs along the way, often uphill, because it leads to greater heights. Organising this event has pushed me beyond my comfort zone, offering opportunities to act differently from my usual behaviour while aligning with Jesus's values. It is indeed a process of purification and spiritual growth. I am by no means there yet, and I am always a work in progress with much to learn. For this, I thank the Lord. I would also like to thank Amelia Lee, my right-hand person, for her loyal and steadfast support and hard work in helping organise this event.

A big thank you to Father David, who initiated the Lunar New Year celebration since joining our parish in 2021. With his enthusiasm and ongoing support, our celebration continues to grow, helping to raise funds for the Pastoral works of Broken Bay while also fostering unity within our parish community.

Hannah Fong

Come and See!

Audio, Photographer and Videographer

Ben Thurm	Josef Widjaja	Max Lei
Amey Lau	Anthony Seeto	

Cashier Stall

Sussana Siu	May Ho
Justin Cheng	Jen Fong

Forecourts and Kirk Street Set-up and Decoration Team

Ben Fong	Justin Cheng
Janet Hung	Johnny Chung
Jen Fong	William Tan
Johnny Chung	

PowerPoint Creation and Presentation

Hannah Fong	Jen Fong
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Thank you to Mr Ianni, Principal of Our Lady of Dolours Primary School, for lending us the traffic poles for our Chinese Stall located on the Kirk Street footpath.

Thank you to my guardian angels, who appeared at the right time and place to support me when I faced unexpected challenges during my planning and organisation journey. You know who you are; I have expressed my gratitude for your kind and timely assistance and companionship throughout my journey.

Preliminary Financials

Final Actual financials will be known at the end of March 2026.

The preliminary financials are as follows:

Fund Raised to date (still ongoing): increased by 18% over \$17,000.00

Net Fund Raised to date (still ongoing): increased by 37.5% to 50% between \$11,000.00 to \$12,000.00

We are grateful for the significant increase in our donors. We would like to acknowledge and thank them for their generosity; they are listed as follows:

Personal Donation

Amelia Lee	Janet Hung	May Ho
Angela	Janet Hunter	Moh-Ying yip
Ann Meagher	Josef Widjaja	Pat Seeto
Anonymous	Julaiha Ratua	peter Meers
Caroline	Lewis Park	Philomera Yeung
Catherine H Chan	M E Marcet	Ricky Hor
Chris Park	Magdalene Saw Yin Hiew	Rosa Yu
Chris Rothwell	Majorie Tiong	Rosetta LoPresti
Darinka	Margaret Yuen	Sharon Yuen donate 5th Prize
Elizabeth Jung	Maria	Therese Martin
Hannah Fong	Maria Piano	Victoria Tubier
Ian Chow	Maria Wong	
Jana Turcanova	Mary Kelliher	

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FREE!! COMMUNITY BBQ

Why do we do this each month?
Well, yes it's nice to bring parishioners together and strengthen the bonds between us but more importantly, we are laying the foundations for being what our mission says, the face of Christ to the City.

Our Community Lunch is for everyone! Any who are feeling a bit short of companionship, a bit isolated in this frenetic world, or who feel like outsiders in a community that doesn't care about them.

Think about who in your work or social circle or your family or among your friends could do with a bit of love, a bit of warmth or just a friendly meal and invite them along. That is bringing the face of Christ to the city.
Let's do it!!!

SUNDAY
22ND FEBRUARY 2026
11:30am at Our Lady of Dolours church forecourt
94 Archer St Chatswood NSW 2067

• WE INVITE PARISHIONERS TO FEEL FREE TO BRING A DISH TO SHARE!! SHOW US YOUR FAVOURITE CREATIONS!

ENQUIRIES: DEE 02 9410 9035
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Our Lady OF DOLOURS **Stroke FOUNDATION**

Seniors and Grandparents Morning Tea Gathering

Magnificat Room • 5 March • 10am

Stroke Awareness Speaker Henry Ng

Prevent stroke. Save lives. Enhance recovery.

In Australia, a stroke occurs every 11 minutes. In 2023 more than 34,000 Australians, of all ages, experienced stroke for the first time... But the good news is that it doesn't have to be this way. Up to 80% of strokes are preventable.

Join us and Stroke Foundation to hear:

- › What stroke is and how to recognise the signs of stroke.
- › What to do if someone is having a stroke.
- › How to prevent stroke in you or the people you love.

DATE: Thursday 5th March

VENUE: Parish Magnificat Room

TIME: 10:00Am

strokefoundation.org.au



Last Saturday evening, 14 February, our Indonesian Catholic Cultural community celebrated its 14th Anniversary of gathering monthly at Our Lady of Dolours church (19 February 2011). Fr Handoko MSC, our chaplain, led as at Mass and then we gathered for a great feast in the Magnificat Room,

Our parish community is so blessed to be as multi-cultural: a living sign of the Kingdom of God present in our midst gathering the nations into one.



Come and Grow!

Growing in our love of Jesus



FR ROBERT RIEGER

Leader of the Oasis of Peace Community in Medjugorje, Bosnia Hercegovina

SUNDAY 22 FEB

- 7:00pm - dinner
- 7:30pm - talk

Harrington Hall
Chatswood Catholic Parish, 100 Archer St

CAPSTONE YOUNG ADULTS

Father Robert Rieger from Medjugorje – Lenten Reflection on Eucharistic Adoration



Father Robert Rieger from Medjugorje will be visiting Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood parish on 23 February. Come along and hear Father Robert's Lenten reflection on Eucharistic Adoration.

Father Robert is a Kiwi priest who first visited Medjugorje some 36 years ago – and it changed his life forever. Father Robert now welcomes thousands of pilgrims to Medjugorje every year from all around the world – including our own pilgrims from across the Broken Bay Diocese.

Father Robert leads the Marian Community Oasis of Peace in Medjugorje, and their chapel offers Adoration around the clock, 24 hours a day. But as Father Robert will tell us, Adoration is not about the hours. It's about opening our hearts to the Lord and letting Him do something within us and for us – rather than just assuming that it's all about us doing something for him. It's His work within us that will truly change our lives.

Please join us to meet Fr Robert and hear him speak.



Monday, 23rd February 2026

7:00pm at Magnificat Room, Kirk St Chatswood NSW 2067
Enquiries: 02 9410 9000

CAPSTONE
Young Adults Group



Gather and Grow Night

All young adults are welcome to join us as we reflect on this current season of Lent, and how we can make the most of it.

Come along for dinner, fellowship and faith!

6.30pm - 8.30pm w/
optional compline after

Harrington Hall

Sunday, 1st March



Call out for youth volunteers!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Actors, narrators and crew needed!

Calling all young people! We're hosting our annual Good Friday Stations of the Cross in the Concourse and we need your help!

This youth-led, prayerful event consists of a re-enactment of the 14 stations of Christ's passion. We need young people (ages 10-35) to act out the stations, narrate the script, be part of the crew, welcoming team and more!



REHEARSAL
SATURDAY, 28TH MARCH

GOOD FRIDAY
3RD APRIL

REGISTER BY
20th March

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

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Scan here to be part of this special event:

Come and Grow!

Stations of the Cross during Lent

We will pray "The Station of the Cross" every Friday at our church. We will gather together to join in the suffering of Christ on the hill of Golgotha that the Lord walked, and meditate on the "Passion and Death of Jesus", while as we preparing for the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus,

Dates : **Friday 27 Feb, 13 Mar, 20 Mar, 27 Mar (Note 6 March will be the Divine Retreat Centre Mass)**

Time : **11:30 AM and 7:00 PM**

If there is anyone who would like to lead the "Station of the Cross" prayer every Friday during Lent, please let our parish office know. It would be wonderful In particular if each community or group in our community could lead one of the "Station of the Cross" prayer on a Friday from 20 February at 7:00 PM.

With Mother Mary at the Foot of the Cross

A LENTEN WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother,
his mother's sister, Mary the wife of
Clopas, and Mary Magdalene."
- John 19:25

A quiet Lenten invitation to prayer,
silence, and faithful presence.

- Prayer and Reflection
- Marian Meditation
- Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation
- Journaling & Sacred Music
- Morning Tea & Lunch provided

Date: Saturday 7th March 2026

Time: 10:30am - 3pm

Location: Magnificat Room, Kirk St
Chatswood NSW 2067
(across from church)

Contact Charmaine for enquiries at
charmainewan@gmail.com

Please register by 4th March 2026

<https://www.trybooking.com/DJFIZ>

or via QR Code



 FIRE UP MINISTRIES

 Our Lady
of Dolours

Lenten Parish Mission

with Simon Carrington



Thu, Mar 26 The Four Pillars of Lent:
Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Forgiveness

Fri, Mar 27 The Four Last Things:
Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell

Sat, Mar 28 True Repentance:
Avoiding the Three Nooses of Satan

 **Our Lady of Dolours,
Catholic Church**
96 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067

 **6:30pm** Rosary (Church)
7:00pm Talk (Meeting Room)

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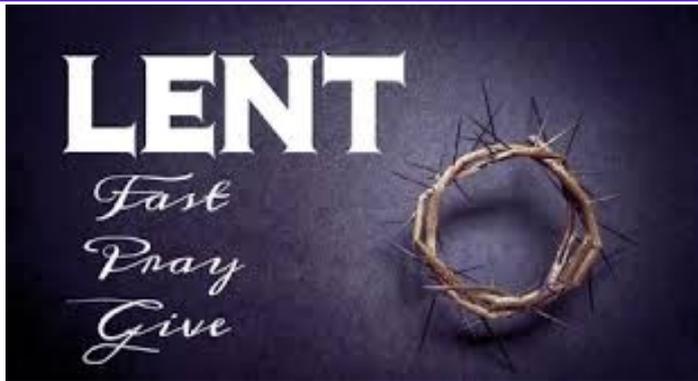
**Lent is not just a time for fasting but is a
time for Feasting on the Infinite Love of our Redeemer.
Come to feast on the Love of this Tremendous Lover.
A Seminar by Sr Damian Lai, Sister of St Paul de Chartres**

Date: Saturday 21 March 2026, Saturday; Time: 3-4:30pm

Venue: Magnificat Room (Enter by Kirk Street.)

Pls. reply not later than 16.3.2026 (email to srdamianspc@gmail.com or phone message 0410002270)

Come and Grow!



Walking in the Wilderness:

A Lenten Journey of Communion, Participation, and Mission

Join us as we journey through the season of Lent starting on Tuesday 24th February 2026. Guided by Deacon Tan Nguyen and our Diocese resource 'Walking in the Wilderness: A Lenten Pilgrimage Towards Easter,' we are invited to enter more deeply into the sacred mystery of our faith and to renew our encounter with Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, as we embrace this time of grace, repentance and renewal.

- **Date:** Every Tuesday during Lent (24 February; 3, 10, 17, and 24 March)
- **Time:** 10:00am or 7:00pm
- **Venue:** Magnificat Room, Kirk Street, Chatswood NSW 2067 (except on 24 February, 7:00pm in St Peter's Room)

All Welcome.



JORDAN & THE HOLY LAND

13 DAYS

Footsteps of Jesus Pilgrimage

Watch the Gospels come alive as we set out on this true pilgrimage of faith and follow the life of Jesus in a deeply personal way. From his younger days in Nazareth and his public ministry in the Galilee, to his passion, death and resurrection in Jerusalem, prepare to be deeply moved, as we create memories for a lifetime.



Accompanied by
Fr David Ranson

DEPARTS MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2026 • 13 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS
Dead Sea (2 nights) • Sea of Galilee (3 nights) • Jerusalem (5 nights)



Jerusalem

the genuine pilgrim experience



Join us for an online Rosary via Zoom

on Wednesday, 25 March 2026 at 8 pm
to celebrate the Solemnity of the
Annunciation of the Lord
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89128242753>

Meeting ID 89128242753

(If using mobile or landline phone,
ring (02) 8015 2088 and follow the prompt by entering
meeting ID 89128242753# and #.)

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / A

22 FEBRUARY 2026

A TIME OF PREPARATION. The forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness can be likened to the season of Lent. Jesus' time in the wilderness was a time of preparation for his ministry, a time in which he confronted the temptation to choose self and not the Father. For us Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of Easter. It is a time in which we are invited to examine whether the will of God is central to our lives.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

P. Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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 Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis
Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

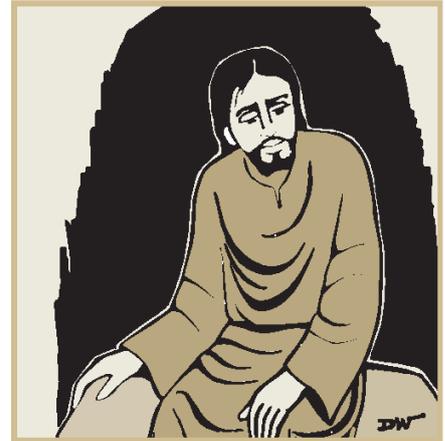
RESP PSALM Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 3

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

2. My offences truly I know them; / my sin is always before me. / Against you, you alone have I sinned; / what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

3. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**



4. Give me again the joy of your help; / with a spirit of fervour sustain me. / O Lord, open my lips / and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 5:12, 17-19.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.

If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Longer form 5:12-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / No one lives on bread alone, / but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Mt 4:1-11

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the
test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these,' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after 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. Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we
pray, to make these offerings, for with them
we celebrate the beginning of this venerable
and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF 1ST SUNDAY 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
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

Mt 4:4

**One does not live by bread alone, but
by every word that comes forth from the
mouth of God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed now with heavenly bread, by
which faith is nourished, hope increased, and
charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that
we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true
and living Bread, and strive to live by every
word which proceeds from your mouth.

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~~ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

SELF-CENTRED SEDUCTIONS

As is traditional on the First Sunday of
Lent, the Gospel passage is about Jesus'
temptation, an appropriate theme as we
begin our own journey in Lent and begin
to explore our own seductive temptations.
We are all prone to these, and Matthew
presents us with a Jesus similarly tested:
an egoism exclusive of others especially
God, the attraction to power and the
seduction of wealth. These temptations
are crafted in Old Testament terminology
and imagery, particularly present in the
Book of Deuteronomy, and ones that
Israel experienced in the wilderness.

In today's story, Satan enters the scene,
originally a member of the heavenly court
(see Job) but, by the time of Matthew,
God's adversary who tests the intention
and fidelity of those who belong to God.
Jesus is his target in three temptations.
The first is about food and the temptation
to break covenantal fidelity to God due
to hunger. The second seeks to question
Jesus' conviction of God's care of him.
From the parapet of the temple, Jesus is
told to throw himself from it, and test
God's protection of him. In the third, with
a vision of all the earth's kingdoms and
seduction of wealth, Jesus is tempted to
change his allegiance from God to Satan.

Matthew's point is quite clear writing
to a Jewish audience most familiar
with Israel's desert failures: Jesus is an
authentic Jew who belongs to the Israelite
people, knows and experiences their
temptations, but resists the seduction of
egoism, power and wealth in fidelity to
God and his covenantal relationship. In
this first week of Lent, today's Gospel
invites us to reflect on those self-centred
seductions that may compromise our true
relationship to God.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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Come and Grow!

Our Lady of Dolours Parish Book Club 2026

You are warmly invited to come along to Our Lady of Dolours Parish Book Club. We meet once a month, and the first meeting for 2026 is at **7.30pm on Wednesday 4 March**. It's a great opportunity to meet other parishioners, and to share and deepen our understanding of Catholic spirituality under the guidance of Father David.

This year we will focus on St. John Henry Newman who is the most recent Doctor of the Universal Church - declared by Pope Leo XIV on All Saints Day in November 2025. Newman is the 38th Doctor of the Church, and sits alongside Augustine, Aquinas and Thérèse of Lisieux. His religious story is one of immense interior struggle as he converted from Anglicanism to Catholicism. Those struggles continued long after his conversion, as he was viewed with suspicion for some time by both Anglicans and Catholics. He was a prolific writer with remarkable foresight – and many of his theological ideas were subsequently taken up by Vatican II, particularly in relation to the role of the laity in the Church. While he died in 1890, his writings remain as relevant today as ever.

As we delve into the spirituality of Newman, we will read **Newman: The Heart of Holiness** by Roderick Strange. It is available to purchase online (including via e-book and audiobook, whichever version you prefer). We will develop a more detailed plan for the year at our first meeting: 6.45pm on Wednesday 4 March in the Magnificat Room.

**Please note participants will need to purchase the book prior to 4 March.
Copies wont be available from the parish office.**



OPEN DAY



**Our Lady of Dolours
Catholic Primary
School**

Our Open Day is a structured morning that will provide you with an opportunity for meaningful insight into our school.



Meet our Principal, teachers, students, parents.



Learn about Our Lady of Dolours' faith led approach, including an inclusive model of education.



Visit our classrooms, play area, library, specialised media room, music rooms.



Gain a real sense of the Our Lady of Dolours' community.

**Tuesday
3 March
2026
9am - 10.30am**

Come and experience first hand why Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood is a great choice for your children.

*Ignite,
Innovate,
Include in the Spirit of Mercy*

Marco Ianni, Principal
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School
94A Archer Street,
Chatswood
7256 2118
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here** **SHAPING
TOMORROW
TOGETHER FAITH**

**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent



**Caritas
AUSTRALIA**

**THE LONG WALK
FOR WATER**

You are invited to be part of Team Chatswood Catholic Parish 'The Long Walk for Water' fundraiser this Lent. Walk 30mins a day for 40 days starting Ash Wednesday 18th February 2026.

You can sign up for FREE and get sponsors to donate to the fundraiser or you can donate any amount you wish yourself and do the challenge solo or join a group!

Sign up via link:

www.projectcompassion.org.au/join/ChatswoodCatholicParish87

or scan QR code



**CONTACT DEE:
02 9410 9035**

Come and Serve!

Our Community Garden



When we talk about the environment, about creation, my thoughts go to the first pages of the Bible, to the Book of Genesis, where it says that God puts men and women on

the earth to till it and keep it (cf. 2:15). And these questions occur to me: What does cultivating and preserving the earth mean? Are we truly cultivating and caring for creation? Or are we exploiting and neglecting it? The verb "cultivate" reminds me of the care a farmer takes to ensure that his land will be productive and that his produce will be shared. Late Pope Francis, 5th June, 2013

Our Community Garden was started as part of our parish's commitment to the principle of Laudato 'Si: hearing the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. It has been maintained over a period of two years by a team of parishioners who have planted, watered, fertilised and harvested two crops of herbs and vegetables with varying success. Recent plumbing works required the Pius-styled recycled-pew garden beds to be removed to the perimeter along the Kirk St fence. Despite the changes to our garden plans, our community gardeners are more enthusiastic than ever. Next Sunday offerings from our garden will be given away after Mass. Do come along and collect a bunch in shared celebration of the interconnectedness of all of God's creation



Ornella Byak is the granddaughter of our beloved parishioner Sandra Byak - and at only 26 years old, Ornella has already established a school in Timor-Leste. Ornella will be visiting us in the last week of February to tell us more about this wonderful work.

Ornella Byak founded BETTER Timor to respond to the urgent need for quality education in Timor-Leste. It is one of our closest neighbours, yet many children and young people lack basic learning opportunities. Ornella has established a school in the regional area of Same, Manufahi, where she lives full-time and leads local teams delivering free, high-quality schooling and English education. The school now serves around 200 students with 21+ local staff, and it achieves over 90% attendance (compared to a national average near 36%). The school provides thousands of meals to students each year, since Timor-Leste has one of the highest rates of severe child malnutrition in the world. Ornella has also opened the Bakhita English Institute to provide youth and adults with English skills that will equip them for employment, mobility, and new opportunities.

Come along and hear Ornella tell her story:

- **Daytime:** Monday 23 February at 1.00pm (after the 12.30pm mass) in the Magnificat Room
- **Evening:** Tuesday 24 February at 7.00pm in the Magnificat Room

And you can read more about Ornella's work in Timor-Leste at <http://bettertimor.org/>



Come and Serve!

News from Chatswood Catholic Parish - Timor-Leste Project: Tertiary Scholarships

Timor Leste is one of the youngest nations in the world that became fully independent in 2002 after a long struggle for independence. It is one of the poorest countries in the world and it's only a hop, step and jump from Australia. It was against this background that our parish community made the decision 20 years ago to build a program of assistance to the young people of Timor as the International arm of our Social Justice Ministry. Women and girls in developing countries are often denied opportunities for education, yet it is one of the most critical areas of development and the single most effective way to improve the lives of individuals and families.

From its small beginnings our Social Justice Group has evolved and now comes under the Ministry of "Caring for Our World". Two years ago under the guidance of Fr David we entered into a partnership with ATLAS (Australia Timor Leste Advancement Society) who guided and encouraged our fledgling Social Justice Group 20 years ago. ATLAS has close ties with the Sisters of St Joseph who have been very involved over many years assisting the Timorese people. Working with ATLAS has considerably enhanced our relationships with our Timorese friends, through better communication with speakers of both Tetum and English, but most importantly through proper governance and accountability in accordance with government regulations regarding the transfer of funds internationally.

We're excited when we receive news from the girls who have graduated and to learn of the contribution they are making to their community and beyond.

As part of their ongoing Scholarship support our current university students, submit receipts and results of their courses to date. We are delighted that both Palmira (2 years completed) and Ana (first year completed) are doing and achieving their best. With our sponsorship system and through our collaboration with ATLAS we are able to maintain close communication and relationships that enable us support and encourage the students and respond when the need arises.

Email from Ana, February 14, 2026.

Dear Mrs. Carla and Mrs. Patricia, and committee in ATLAS.

I'm so happy because I have passed three trimester successfully in my study because of the financial support from you all. I and my mother give thank you all Mrs. Carla and Patricia and the committee for the support. I just can pray for you all, God protect and bless you all.

Kind regards

Ana Quezia

Last year, Louise and Chris Bracken (nephew of former OLD parishioner Sally Bracken, one of our founding Social Justice Group members) were able to meet with the Carmelite Sisters of Maubara and Fatuhada and three of their girls seeking support through our Tertiary Scholarship Program for 2026. Louise and Chris have been very faithful to Sally's legacy by visiting Timor and fostering numerous programs of support. Through them we have developed closer relationships with the Carmelite sisters and the girls we are assisting.

This year with the continued generosity of our parish community we are hopeful to be able to fund 5 more students, along with our 2 scholars in progress, in their tertiary studies. Each of them has either come through the orphanage at Maubara or are from impoverished families and recommended by a local parish priest or religious sister.

We welcome your enquiries if you would like to be part this rewarding ministry.
Carla Gageler carlagageler@outlook.com or Trish Wilson patriciaawilson23@gmail.com

Come and Serve!



Photo: Emi, our first scholar to graduate in 2024

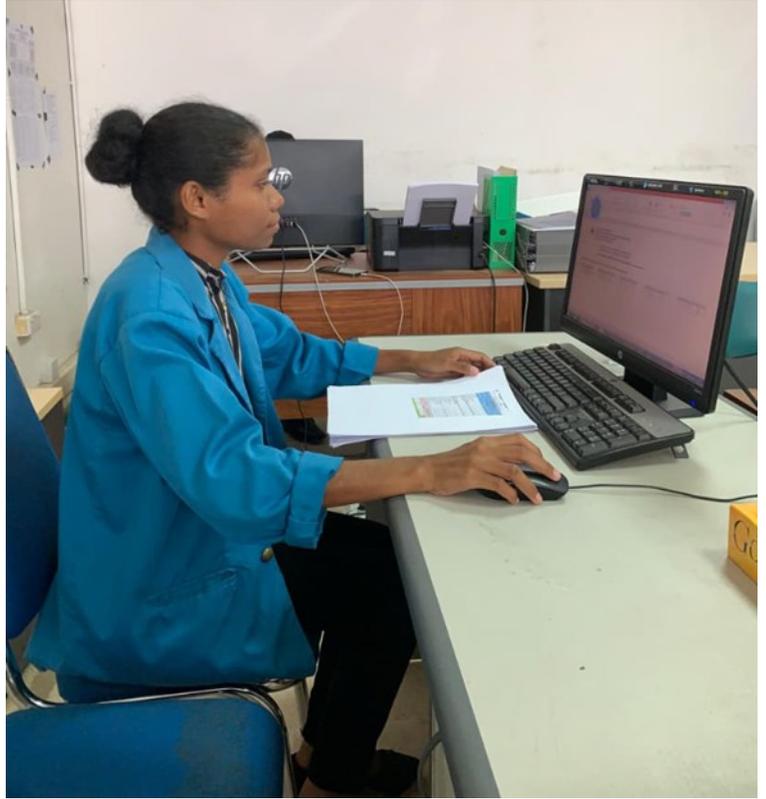


Photo: As part of her 3rd year Course requirement, Palmira is an Intern at the Department of Agriculture.



Photo: Chris and Louise Bracken with Catarina, Teresa and Mariana from Maubara Orphanage who completed Secondary School in 2025 and are applicants for this year's Tertiary Scholarship intake.

Come and Serve!

St Vincent De Paul Chatswood Conference January 2026 Report

January saw 14 requests OLD Chatswood for help-of these 8 were new. Three we could not make contact with. Three were victims of DV (it was pleasing to see how some these were working through their probs and moving ahead). It was sad to see how another was struggling with substance abuse.

We helped two homeless young men; one with furniture for new digs and the other with food. Two others needed help with furniture removal/storage. We continued to assist 3 longer term "cases" trying to get their acts together. The other requests were for food and help with bills.

We reported last month a couple on temporary visas struggling with a serious illness which was temporarily rendering the husband unable to work. He is improving and their outlook is a bit brighter for their future in Australia-he is now looking again for work. Their visa conditions permit only limited hours. He was an electrical technician-she was a dentist currently working as a cleaner.

We expended \$5000. (When we say "we" it is really you who help with our appeals)

Our little group is still seeking new members , particularly males, to help in this ministry. If interested, please contact El, El.Herlianto@vinnies.org.au or John 0439783956.

Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) is delighted to announce that a new K-12 Co-educational College is being established in Pymble from 2027.

The setting for the proposed new College, Siena Catholic College, is the existing school sites of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School, West Pymble, and Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Pymble. Students in Kindy-Year 4 will be located on the West Pymble site, and students in Years 5-12 will be located on the Pymble site.

While Siena Catholic College will be a K-12 school, there will be an annual intake of new Year 7 students, with the first intake commencing in January 2027. This means that students completing Year 6 in any of our CSBB primary schools will be given preferential consideration for enrolment at Siena in Years 7-12.

Families are warmly invited to attend the Siena Catholic College Open Days in March 2026 to meet key staff, hear about the vision for the new College, and explore the facilities and programs that will be available.

For further information visit the Siena website <https://www.sienadbb.catholic.edu.au> or email us at sienacatholiccollege@dbb.catholic.edu.au



SIENA CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Senior Campus, Pymble

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH | 4:00PM – 7:00PM

TUESDAY 24 MARCH | 9:00AM – 10:30AM

Campus address: 1 Bobbin Head Road, Pymble
Enrolling for Year 7 2027 & 2028

Junior Campus, West Pymble

TUESDAY 17 MARCH | 9:00AM – 10:30AM

THURSDAY 26 MARCH | 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Campus address: 64 Kendall Street, West Pymble
Enrolling for Kindergarten 2027 & 2028

Discover Siena

A new Kindergarten to Year 12 co-educational, multi-campus Catholic college in Sydney.

DON'T MISS OUT - REGISTER TODAY

REGISTER NOW



NorthShoreOpenDays.com.au



Around and About

Lower North Shore Volunteer Expo

11.30AM - 1.30PM
 THURSDAY 12 MARCH, 2026
 DOUGHERTY COMMUNITY CENTRE
 7 VICTOR ST, CHATSWOOD

Enjoy the many benefits of volunteering - make friends, learn new skills and make a real difference.

Come along to find out about how to get involved with a range of organisations from delivering Meals on Wheels, helping on bus outings and assisting with community lunches.

FREE EVENT*



Contact Jackie Playle 9777 7826 or Jackie.Playle@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

The Commonwealth Home Support Programme provides funding for these services.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

SYDNEY 2026

18 February to 29 March

40 Days for Life is a world-wide pro-life campaign to pray for an end to abortion. Over half a million people have prayed peacefully outside abortuaries to change hearts and save lives.

Will you join us in 2026 as we pray for both mother and child, as well as all those involved in the abortion industry?

REGISTER NOW!

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Hosted by Family Life International
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PRAY TO END ABORTION

17 February Shrove Tuesday
LAUNCH EVENT
 6pm to 9.30pm

St Thomas of Canterbury,
 3 Thomas St, Lewisham
 (right near the train station)
 BBQ, Pancakes & Refreshments
 followed by THE ELEPHANT IN
 THE ABORTION ROOM
 a talk by Anouska Firth

18 February Ash Wednesday
40 DAYS BEGINS!

Daily prayer vigils outside
 NSW Parliament House
 6 Macquarie St, Sydney
 Every Day 7am - 7pm

29 March Palm Sunday
FINAL HOLY HOUR
 followed by Victory Celebration

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Launch Event

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ABORTION ROOM

A talk by Anouska Firth

"Anouska Firth has been Education Director at Right To Life WA since 2021. She has campaigned and shared her own abortion story across the country at ProLife marches and events. Her personal testimony to the power of the truth about abortion and the Gospel has provoked many to rethink their own perspectives and to act against Australia's Killing Fields. I enthusiastically endorse Anouska and her powerful message."

Paul Hanrahan, Director FLI (Aust) Ltd

Tues 17 February
 6pm to 9.30pm

St Thomas of Canterbury,
 3 Thomas St, Lewisham
 (right near the train station)
 6.00 Adoration
 6.50 Benediction
 7.00 BBQ, Pancakes
 & Refreshments
 8.00 Anouska Firth

FREE EVENT



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Please book with QR code to assist with planning
 Hosted by FLI (Aust) 02 9519 9111
 mail@fli.org.au www.fli.org.au

We live in time such that what we achieve in life depends upon the manner in which we use the time given to us before we enter into eternity. Sadly thousands of unborn babies have their lives ended by abortion even before they have the opportunity which life would afford them. The Church gives us certain periods of time to focus our attention and actions on those matters that are important for our salvation. One of those periods is Lent in which we prepare for the celebration of Easter and Jesus' sacrifice that opened up to us the promise of eternal, unending life of heaven.

The pro-life apostolate having regard for the special nature of this period has adopted what it terms 40 DAYS FOR LIFE. In these 40 days we are asked to make a special effort to stand up and defend the lives of those who are yet unborn. Knowing that as things stand, hundreds of unborn babies will lose their lives by abortion during this time. To counter this the pro-life movement asks you to take part in the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE campaign. Join the other people praying for the unborn and their mothers outside Parliament House, Macquarie Street, between 7 am to 7 pm on any day from 18 February to 29 March. For more details please see <https://prolife.getotomary.com>

Around and About

**Our Serra Association invite us to remember one of the bishops, priests and deacons in our Diocese
in our prayer each day during February 2026**

February 2026						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 Fr Roger Delmonte
2 Fr Vitalis Oguh	3 Fr Hien Vu	4 Fr Lucious Choi	5 Fr Peter DeSouza	6 Fr Peter Dowd Fr Stephen Hume	7 Fr Biju Matthew Koikatil	8 Fr Jose Philip OSH
9 Fr Vincent Nguyen	10 Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB	11 Fr Sam French	12 Fr David Ranson VG	13 Fr Anselam Lakra HGN	14 Fr Joey Frez	15 Fr Joshi Naduppu- ra Fr John Puliparam- bil
16 Fr Biju Jose OSH	17 Fr Joy Thomas OSH	18 Fr Satheesh Antho- ny OSH	19 Fr Biju Mathew	20 Fr Joseph Methanath OSH	21 Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ	22 Fr Vincent Musin- dalo AJ
23 Fr Stephen Wayoyi AJ	24 Father Rosan Mathew	25 Brother John Verhoeven	26 Fr Tomy Kuruvellil Ouseph CFIC	27 Fr Baby Thomas CFIC	28 Fr Raul Balute SOLT	

THANK YOU! Because of your stamps we now can help many poor and under privileged people.

Your used stamps enabled Mary MacKillop Today (MMT) to:
 Give disabled children an education in Papua New Guinea;
 Fund training programs for poor women to learn life-skills in Peru;
 Provide vital health care to poor communities in Timor-Leste.

Your stamps were sold at auctions in Sydney, as well as to collectors. The money raised was sent directly to Mary MacKillop Today (MMT) in Sydney.

We do this as volunteers, so there are no overhead costs, no wages, no waste. Every dollar we raise makes a big difference in the lives of the poor and disadvantaged.

Once again, thank you for your commitment to sending stamps!

God bless you,
 John Altham



Parish Information

Love God

Mark 12:30



Love One Another

John 13:34

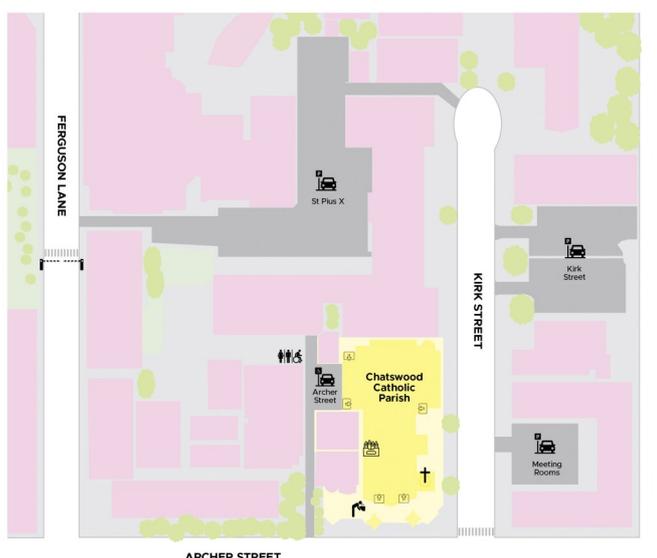
Go Make Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20

Supporting our Parish Financially

Donation for	Description	BSB	Account Number
Clergy Giving (First collection) (support for Clergy)	Chatswood Parish Pastoral Revenue A/C	062-784	100001606
Parish Giving (2nd collection) Planned Giving by EFT & general donation to Parish (support for Parish operation)	Chatswood Parish Working A/C	062-784	100001609

Parking at our Parish



Sustaining our community



Administration & Stewardship

Parish Information

Our Meeting Room Schedule This Week

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Subject	Location
23/02/2026	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	Ornella Byak - Chatswood Parish Presentation	Magnificat
24/02/2026	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Bible Discussion group	St Paul
	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Lenten Program with Deacon Tan	Magnificat
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	AoF Meeting (fortnightly)	St Peter
	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	Pre Meeting by BJ	Magnificat
	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Ornella Byak: Timor Leste Talk @7pm	Magnificat
	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Lenten Program with Deacon Tan	St Peter
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Filipino Choir Practice	Harrington Hall
25/02/2026	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	PLACE - Practise Language and Conversational English (weekly)	Magnificat;
	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	CIC Indo Instrument practice	Harrington Hall
	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	menAlive Meeting (AET 7-9pm)	Magnificat
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Exploring the Faith	St Peter
26/02/2026	11:00 AM	4:00 PM	Playgroup Chatswood Parish [AET= 1-3 pm]	Magnificat
27/02/2026	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	Meditation Group [AET 10am-11.15am]	St Paul
28/02/2026	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Legion of Mary @10.30am	St Peter
	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Infant Baptism Preparation Class @11.30am	Magnificat
	1:00 PM	3:30 PM	Atrium adult formation [in Magnificat]	Magnificat
	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Bible Study group - CCA + General	St Paul
	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Vinnies Chatswood Region meeting	St Peter
1/03/2026	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	TG's Choir Practice	St Paul

Please note that there may be last minute additions to this table.

Upcoming Events in our Parish

Day	Date	Occasion	Time	Location
Saturday	21 February	Lunar New Year	Chatwood Fair and Parade	Concourse
		Vespers for 1st Sunday of Lent	5.00pm	Church
Sunday	22 February	Lunar New Year	Chatswood Fair	Concourse
		Capstone Talk by Fr Robert Reiger	7.00pm	Harrington Hall
Monday	23 February	Talk by Ornella Byak on Timor Leste	1:00pm	Magnificat Meeting Room
		Talk by Fr Robert Reiger	7.00pm	
Tuesday	24 February	Talk by Ornella Byak on Timor Leste	7:00pm	Magnificat Meeting Room
Wednesday	4 March	Start of 2026 Book Club	7.30pm	Magnificat Meeting Room
Saturday	7 March	Parish Women's Lenten Retreat Day		Magnificat Meeting Room

Parish Information

Our Mass Schedule and church Schedule this Week

Monday	16 February	12.30pm	Monday of 1st Week of Lent
Tuesday	17 February	9.00am, 12.30pm	Tuesday of 1st Week of Lent
Wednesday	18 February	9.00am,,12.30pm, 6.30pm	Wednesday of 1st Week of Lent
Thursday	19 February	9.00am, 12.30pm	Thursday of 1st Week of Lent
Friday	20 February	9.00am, 12.30pm	Friday of 1st Week of Lent
Saturday	21 February	9.00am	Saturday of 1st Week of Lent
Sunday	22 February	Usual Times	2nd Sunday of Lent

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Subject
23/02/2026	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	OLOD Beginning School Liturgy
	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Organ practice - EC (silent)
	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	11:45 AM	12:15 PM	Rosary (Cenacle MMP)
24/02/2026	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12:30pm Mass
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass
25/02/2026	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	OC Organ practice
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Mass
26/02/2026	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	ROSARY & allow Mass to wrap up
	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	Mass set up
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Evening Mass of Hope/ Serra Vocation Mass
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
27/02/2026	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Adoration and Exposition
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	ROSARY & allow Mass to wrap up
28/02/2026	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Holy Hour Adoration
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Stations of the Cross @11.30am
1/03/2026	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12:30pm Mass
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Stations of the Cross @7pm
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Exposition, Reconciliation, Rosary, Benediction.
	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	TG's Choir Practice
	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Vigil Singer Bookings
	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	5:30 Vigil Mass
	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	7:30am Mass
	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	9:00am Mass
	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	10:30am Mass
	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	5:30pm Mass (Youth Mass)

Please Remember in our Prayer

For those recently deceased:

Francis Moey; Darren Eng; Joe Salgado; Reynaldo Alovera; Margaret Fernandes; Phillip Rochfort Fiet Marie Widyasurya; Eva Barion (Marte Tagle's sister); Kenny Tsang; Francesca Di Mento

For those who are sick:

Leo Papa: Evelyn Azar; Peter Charles Prior; Binnie (Marianne) Tan; Bruce Meppem; Ely Herft; Augustine D'silva; Catherine M Chan, Mirjana Marinovic; Mellita Jones; Daniel West; Ying Leong Fong; Rosetta Lo Presti; Celine Robinson; Rafael Senedrin; Gina Marotta; Deysi Villanueva; Ervita Wiroatmodjo; Almira Christina Chen; Mary Oakley; Eugenia San Gabriel; Jim Dennis; Jeremy Moon; Ley Peng Tan; Lody Herlianto; Chet Catapang; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Carmel Villanueva; Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlastic; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapria; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; Gerard de Leon; Carlos de Leon; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Shirley Greathead; Elizabeth Shin' John William Arblaster; Jakica Bacic; Ivan Bacic; Franko Stanich Marko; Mara Stanich; Siegfried Korb; Michaela Korb; Maria Gussnig ; Hubert Gussnig ; Diana Carson Alphonso Le; Denise Suplina; Francis Ward; Manuel Antonio Gaspar; Carmen Yaptinchay; Antonio Yaptinchay; Romeo Ramos Robles; Juliana Chee; Earle Deitz; Jean-Marie Ta.

Birthday:

Sally Luxton; Frieda Madaida; Grace Goodman; Lucas & Lyanna Mangahas; Margot Robinson (born 19 Feb 2026)

Deceased Birthday: Bartolo Paino

Vespers for the 1st Sunday of Lent: Saturday 21 February at 5.00pm.

Infant Baptism on Sunday, 22 February 2026 at 12 pm: Asher James Li Reinaldi

Our Altar Flowers this Week

Flowers at Our Lady's Shrine are donated by Stan & Beryl in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary on 17 February.



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Honour a special occasion or remember a loved one with altar flower arrangements

Donations can be one-time or annual.



Suggested donations: \$130+ for standard arrangements, \$150-\$200 for fuller or specific flowers like roses.



Our volunteers, Irene, Cynthia, and Teresa, will beautifully arrange and place them by the tabernacle for Sunday.



Submit your donation at least one month in advance.
To reserve a date, contact Chloe at Chloe.Aylward@bbccatholic.org.au.