

*Sunday 25 January 2026
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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



來，跟從我！我要使你們成為漁人的漁夫。瑪竇福音 4:19
Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19



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.

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A Prayer for Australia Day

Loving God,
Creator of all peoples and nations,
on this Australia Day we pause before you
with grateful hearts and honest spirits.
We thank you for the ancient land on which we live,
for the First Nations peoples who have cared for it
across countless generations,
and for all who have come seeking freedom, safety, and a future of hope.
We praise you for the rich tapestry of cultures, languages, and traditions
that now shape our common life.
From many stories you have woven one people,
and in our diversity you reveal the beauty of your creation.
Teach us to cherish difference not as a threat,
but as a gift that deepens our humanity and our faith.
In these uncertain times,
when our world is marked by conflict, fear, and division,
we place our nation in your hands.
Heal the wounds of violence and injustice,
soften hearts hardened by suspicion,
and turn us again toward the ways of peace.
Bless those who lead us in public life:
grant them wisdom, integrity, and courage,
that they may serve not their own interests
but the common good of all.
Strengthen those who are weary:
the anxious, the grieving, the displaced,
the lonely, and the poor.
May we never grow indifferent to suffering,
near or far, but recognise in every person
the face of your beloved Son.
Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace,
teach us how to listen before we judge,
to welcome before we exclude,
and to build bridges where others build walls.
Spirit of God,
renew this land with your justice and compassion.
Make us a people of reconciliation,
a community of courage,
and a nation shaped not by fear
but by hope.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Australia Day Mass on Monday 26 January at 10.00am



**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.**

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Catholic Faith in Malaysia, Singapore - Context and Development

**Our approach of Lunar New Year is a great opportunity
to learn about the Faith in various Asian countries!**

The history of Malaysia and Singapore are closely linked, including the development of Catholic faith in a context of multi-ethnic, multi-lingual, multi-religious environment.

The Malay Archipelago was situated prominently on the sea routes between China and India, Europe, and Africa. Traders from China, India frequented its ports from first century AD, while traders from the Middle East came from the 13th century onward. Coastal city-states were part of a trade network encompassing the Indochinese Peninsula, Malay Archipelago, and Indonesian Archipelago.

Hindu-Buddhism from India arrived in the Malay Archipelago as early as third century BC and flourished in Malay kingdoms in the Malaya Peninsula for more than a Millenium. Later, various maritime empires from the neighbouring regions (e.g., Sumatra, Siam) competed for power over the Malay Peninsula, which weakened these kingdoms. Islam (introduced by Indian and Middle East traders) then took root, influencing court elites, converting Malay kings to establish sultanates.

In 1404, the first official trade envoy from Ming China arrived in Malacca. Later envoys followed with fleets, including the famed Admiral Zheng He. Malaka sought protection from Ming China against attacks from Siam and Java. Chinese immigrants came and settled in Malaka.

The mid-15th century to mid-16th century were a period of fierce competitions among European maritime powers to secure sea routes to China and obtain commodities for trade. In the Malay Archipelago, the competing European powers were initially Portuguese, then Dutch (for a brief period) and finally, British gained control of the Malay Archipelago.

In each wave of European conquest, Catholic clergy followed to serve the European administrators and settlers, and later to evangelise the local population. These missionary efforts bore fruit among ethnic Chinese and Indians, and Indigenous peoples. Muslims were prohibited by their religious laws from conversion to another faith.

Missionary Endeavours Malaka

After the Portuguese conquest of Malaka, St Francis Xavier made 5 visits (1545-1552) to Malaka, establishing schools and spreading the faith. Malaka was the base for his apostolic journey to other parts of Asia. Missionary efforts continued in the 16th century, gaining thousands of converts among ethnic Chinese and Indians. This early momentum was set back when the Dutch took over Malaka, placing severe restrictions on Catholic activities.

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Singapore

It is probable that Portuguese missionaries came to Singapore from Malaka (during its Portuguese period). It did not take root, however. The Paris Foreign Missions Society (MEP) sent a priest on a reconnaissance journey and landed in Singapore (1821). He reported only a tiny number of Catholics there with no resident priest. The MEP mission thenceforth played a key role to establish faith on the island. They built a church, Church of the Good Shepherd (1847), and later, a school for boys run by religious brothers and a school for girls run by religious sisters.

Malay Peninsula

MEP religious sisters and brothers sailed from Singapore to found Christian schools in major towns on the Malay Peninsula (1852). Orphanages started later.

North Borneo (Sabah and Sarawak)

MEP established Mill Hill Missionaries in Sabah (1882). They focused on serving Chinese and Indigenous communities. MEP also came to Sarawak at invitation of its ruler, to help establish peace and stability among the Indigenous peoples. MEP lay the groundwork for a flourishing Catholic community in North Borneo, through education and social engagement.

Success and Challenges

The Church has navigated persecution, wars, and political shifts while nurturing faith, education, and community, with remarkable resilience and adaptability.

The Church continues to manage sensitive issues in a multi-lingual, multi-ethnic, multi-religious society; externally with inter-religious dialogue, cooperative social engagement; internally with ministries, events, and catechism to serve the diverse groups.

New challenges relate to the rising number of foreign nationals in the work force and expat professionals from all over the world. Among them are Catholics who come to local parishes for worship. This challenge also presents an opportunity for a parish to consider how to integrate them into local parish life, and how to reach out and serve them.



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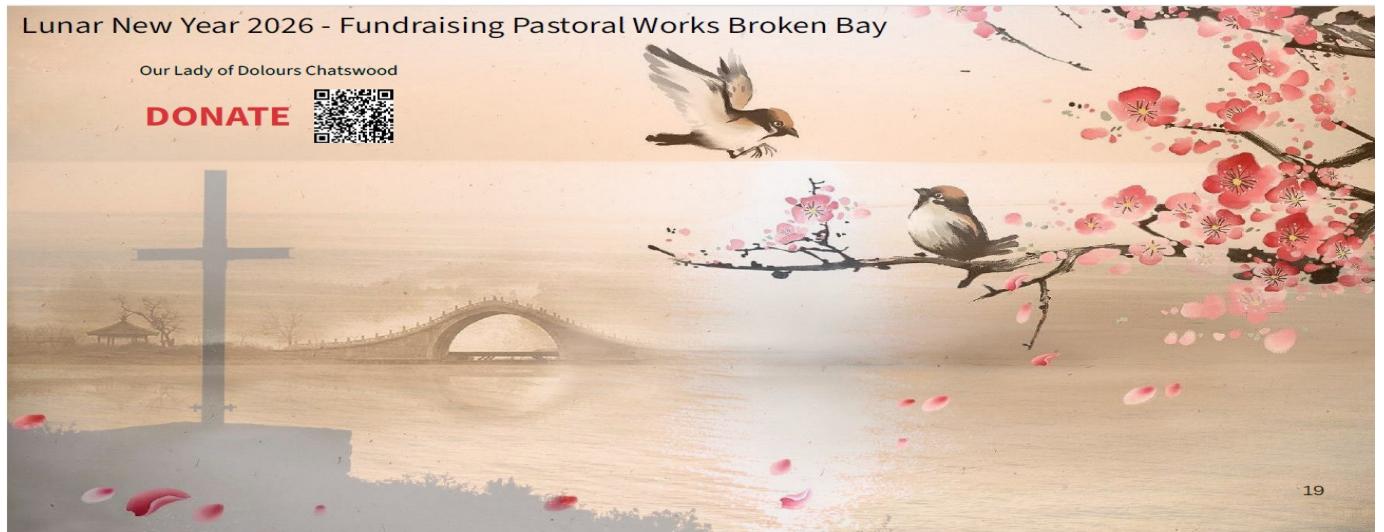
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Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood

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LNY 2026 Program

10:00 am Mini Food Fair Starts

10:30 am LNY Mass with Father David Ranson

11:30 am Group Photo - Church Forecourt

Kids - Free Face Painting and Balloon Twisting Starts

11:45 am Lion Dance

12:00 pm LNY Speeches

12:10 pm Raffle Ticket Draws

12:20 pm Musical Performances Starts

2:00pm LNY Celebration Concludes

Musical Performance

Allen Wang, Solo Violinist

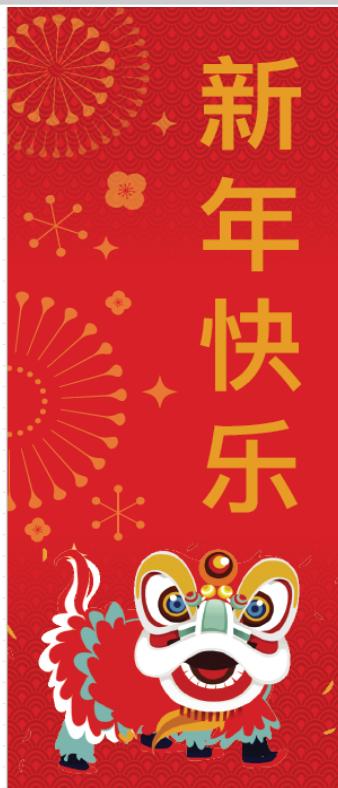
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What do our Forecourt Banners mean?



Happy New Year!



The Lord's Love Endures
Forever



Enjoy Everlasting Peace



Anointed in Heaven's
Grace



Fr Hien continues to
enjoy his time of an-
nual leave in Vietnam
with his family and
friends!

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You are invited to join: **OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHOIR!**

Make new friends, improve confidence, learn to sing hymns, join in being part of making our mass sound harmonious and beautiful whilst praising our Lord!



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PARISH CHOIR

Every Sunday for 10:30am mass

FAMILY CHOIR 2nd Sunday of the month, 9am mass

CHILDREN'S CHOIR 3rd Sunday of the month, 9am mass

What's New in the PEW

New arrivals have landed in the PEW! Discover **St Mary McKillop** of the Cross statues and rosaries, celebrating a life of faith lived with courage and love. We're also excited to offer **St Carlo Acutis** gift items from Italy—inspired by a modern saint who reminds us that holiness is for everyone. Perfect to keep or gift, these items encourage prayer, inspire faith, and make thoughtful reminders of God's love in daily life.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

25 JANUARY 2026

JESUS, OUR LIGHT. At times we can find ourselves 'walking in darkness.' We get caught up in difficulties and cannot see a way out. Today's liturgy reminds us that Jesus is our light and our salvation. As with the first disciples, he calls us to follow him. In the Gospels we have the Good News that brings light into the dark moments of our lives.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 95:1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

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.

GLORIA

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

Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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 Isa 8:23-9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

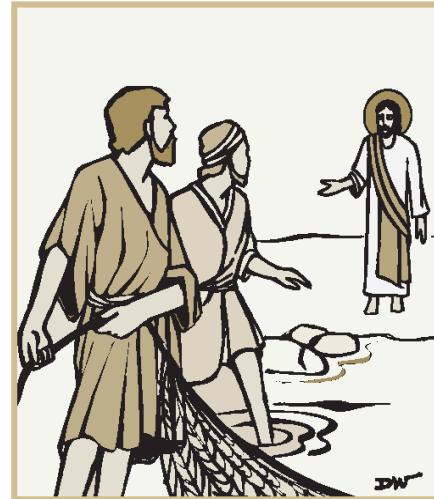
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 26:1, 4,13-14. R.v.1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, / for this I long, / to live in the house of the Lord, / all the days of my life, / to savour the sweetness of the Lord, / to behold his temple. **R.**



3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1:10-13,17

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

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! / Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, / and healed all who were sick. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 4:12-23

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! / Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, / Galilee of the nations! / The people that lived in darkness / has seen a great light; / on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death / a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form: 4: 12-17

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. Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. 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-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

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

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

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

COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

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

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

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

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIOPHON cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. 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 the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

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

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

REPENT

Last Sunday's Gospel from John, though critically important for our spiritual reflection, seemed unusual in this year of Matthew. So, today, we return to Matthew. In the past two Sundays, John the Baptist has been central in the Gospel selections. Today he is no longer with us, having been arrested. Our focus is squarely now on Jesus. He moves from his hometown of Nazareth to Capernaum. Both towns are on the fringe. The first, Nazareth, is the symbolic place of exile in Matthew. When Mary, Joseph and Jesus returned from Egypt they could not go back to their hometown of Bethlehem because of the vengeful ruling presence of Herod's son Archelaus. They go to live in Galilee, to Nazareth. They, like the Israelites several centuries earlier, are in exile. It is from here that the rest of Matthew unfolds.

Jesus next moves to Capernaum located geographically close to pagan and Gentile territories. It is a fishing village and a taxation collection centre at the crossroads of two major E-W and N-S highways. It is here that Jesus proclaims the great clarion cry in the Gospel: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand' (4:17). This cry 'to repent' (Greek *metanoia*) is an urge to have an openness of heart. It comes with a conviction that God is already present and active in the world ('the kingdom of heaven is close at hand').

Finally, after Jesus calls four fishermen to be his first disciples, our Gospel proclamation ends with a note about Jesus' teaching and healing ministry. The first-called disciples will model for Matthew's audience how to be repentant and live out the conviction of God's presence in their lives and world.

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Come and Grow!

Come along and hear 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 Oasis of Peace community 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.

7pm, Monday 23 February: Please join us to meet Father Robert and hear him speak in the Magnificat Room at Our Lady of Dolours in Kirk Street Chatswood.

Beach Rosary – 7pm, Friday 20 February: You are also invited to join Father Robert and Father Marek for a rosary along the beach promenade at Manly Beach, followed by gelato and Compline. Meet outside St Mary's Church, 6 Raglan Street Manly at 7pm.



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**A Catholic Lay Association conducting a perpetual novena of Masses
for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.**

Friends of the Suffering Souls (FOSS) originated in devotion to Our Lady of Knock, whose apparition, in 1879, followed the offering of 100 Masses for the Holy Souls. Today, our perpetual novena of Masses not only helps the Holy Souls but also gives members an assurance of remembrance after death and a means of surrounding their loved ones with Heavenly intercessors. Each member commits to arranging one Mass a year, for the intention, **"For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially the deceased members of FOSS."** By our continuing commitment to this intention, our members are assured that they, too, will be remembered after death in our Masses. Members may also enroll family or friends, committing to an additional annual Mass on behalf of each enrollee. The same Mass intention is offered, in the confident expectation that the Holy Souls who benefit from the Mass will become intercessors for the enrollee. At present, our members in 50 countries around the world offer upwards of 35, 000 Masses a year for this intention. If you have a love for the Holy Souls, a desire to be upheld in prayer, and a longing for spiritual assistance for your friends and family, we invite you to join us.

To enrol and for further information visit: www.fossnovena.org

Come and Grow!

CAPSTONE
Young Adults Group

 Our Lady
OF DOLOURS



Finding God in the Present Moment

Hear Capstone member Hazel discuss mental prayer, as well as how to truly be attentive, open and receptive to God.

All young adults are welcome to join us as we spend time learning and growing together, with dinner and fellowship!

 6.30pm - 8.30pm w/
optional compline after



Harrington Hall

**Sunday
1st
February**



Come and Serve!

SOCIAL ISOLATION AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY TABLE TALK IN OUR PARISH

Last Saturday afternoon over 40 parishioners and others from the Northern Suburbs gathered in the parish meeting rooms to share their experiences and ideas about two factors that are harming our community right now. Young people and old are reporting an unusual level of loneliness, anxiety and loss of social connection and we all know how the lack of affordable housing is driving young people away from their northern suburbs homes and leaving their parents and grandparents without anyone to care for them.

Those in attendance commented afterwards on how much they had learnt from the great speakers. Michele Bell, CEO of the Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre, spoke of the impact of COVID, the barriers to building social connections and the impact of the housing crisis. She shocked us by telling us that 40% of houses in Ku-ring-gai are sitting vacant, which is what happens when housing becomes an investment strategy instead of a human right. Dr Lucy Dahill, Student Support Officer at Killara High School, identified the mobile phone as a major cause of anxiety and loneliness among young people while John Engeler spoke of the need for more targeted and effective action by all levels of government to deal with the housing crisis.

In feed back at the end of the Table Talk, people nominated the talk by Amanda Bailey from Faith Housing Australia as most informative because she showed us how churches around Australia are building social and affordable housing on land they no longer need. Most popular speakers were our own Mercedita Martinez and Maleke Barekzai who talked to us about their difficult experiences when faced with potential homelessness and being offered inhuman solutions.

Everyone commented on how good it is to be able to sit at table with others and share experiences and ideas. Spirits were lifted half way through the intensive workshop by a delicious afternoon tea provided by Caroline Lim. The whole afternoon depended on the skill of the facilitators and table scribes, the leadership of Mariza Sollano and the impeccable style and management of our loved and talented Yvonne Corpuz. The recommendations from the Table Talk will now be taken by delegations to our two State MPs, Tim James and Matt Cross, and our federal representative, Nicolette Boelle.



Come and Serve!

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST to the city



Nothing eases loneliness like sharing a coffee together

We are bringing a coffee and chat once a week to Community Housing residents in Artarmon. Can you volunteer to join a roster one Tuesday a month, 10.30-12.00? All that's required is a warm heart, an unjudging attitude and 1½ hours per month.

If you would like to be part of a team to bring some laughter and a listening ear to lonely residents please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the church entrance or email :
jokaraolis1@bigpond.com

New Year and New Life

Each year we greet the new year with a fireworks display and other celebrations. In doing so we acknowledge the gift of life that we enjoy even if without exploring the full dimension of that gift and the eternal life that it precedes. But if we celebrate the life that we enjoy, our thoughts might turn to those newly conceived human beings whose life journey has just begun. Unfortunately we know that many of these newly created persons will have their lives terminated even before they are born as a result of the resort to abortion. For these newly conceived there will be no celebration of new years to come in the future. Our society upholds the irreconcilable attitudes of celebrating New Year while denying the right of the unborn to participate in the life that lies before them. We encourage all parishioners to defend those little ones who cannot speak for themselves or exercise any influence to protect their own lives. So as we celebrate the gift of life that we enjoy, we might spare a thought for the unborn whose lives may well be cut short even before birth.

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/>



Your support for the Dignity Pro-Life group will help to defend the lives of those unborn babies so that they too may enjoy the benefit of life and join in the celebration of new years yet to come.

For enquiries: ring Michael on 0466961240 or visit <https://prolife.gotomary.com> for resources and updates.

Around and About

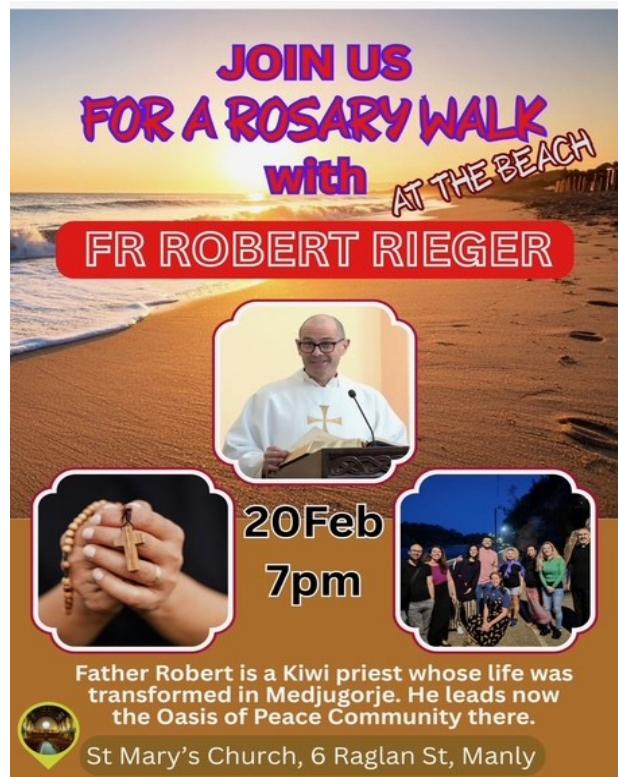
Our Serra Association invite us to remember one of the bishops, priests and deacons in our Diocese in our prayer each day during January 2026

◀ December		January 2026					▶ February	
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun		
			1 Bishop Anthony Randazzo	2 Bishop Emeritus David Walker	3 Bishop Emeritus Robert McGuckin	4 Fr Colin Blayney		
5 Fr Stephen Hill	6 Fr Timothy Raj MSFS	7 Fr Alex Peter MSFS	8 Fr Vincent Lourduswamy MSFS	9 Fr Michael Belonio OSA	10 Fr Michael Sullivan OSA	11 Fr Jumbin Torres OSA		
12 Fr John Zhang OSA	13 Father Van Tu Nguyen OSA	14 Fr Robert Borg	15 Fr Jim McKeon	16 Fr Aldrin Valdehueza	17 Fr Vince Casey Fr John Hill	18 Fr Greg Chee OCD		
19 Fr Gerard Moran OCD	20 Fr Sunny Peacock OCD	21 Fr Restituto Ogismer cs	22 Fr Jose Aliro Gutierrez cs	23 Fr Savino Bernardi cs	24 Deacon Roberto Corpuz	25 Deacon Richard Houwing		
26 Deacon Adrian Gomez	27 Deacon Paul Simmons	28 Deacon Kevin Hale Deacon Kevin McGregor	29 Fr Ireneuz Czech SDS	30 Fr Brendan Lee Fr Anoop Devasia	31 Deacon Peter McCulloch			

Position Vacant - Pymble Parish Catechist Coordinator Casual Position

Our Parish is looking for a new Catechist Coordinator. The primary purpose of the Catechist Coordinator (CC) is to lead and support the catechists of the Pymble Parish (Parish) who provide Special Religious Education (SRE) to the Catholic Students in State Schools within the Parish. To achieve this, the CC works under the direction of the Parish Priest and with the Parish team to lead the Catechist program and provide coordinated support services to enhance the SRE ministry within the Parish. If you are interested in supporting the faith development of children in the public schools in our Parish, please contact the Parish Office for a copy of the Position Description. The appointment is subject to a satisfactory Working with Children Check and National Police Check.

To apply, please email your current CV and cover letter to claudia@pymblecatholicparish.org.au by 6 February 2026. Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and the closing date may be adjusted if a suitable candidate is identified.



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	Location	Subject
27/01/2026	10:00 AM	St Paul	Bible Discussion group
29/01/2026	11:00 AM	Magnificat	Playgroup Chatswood Parish [AET= 1-3 pm]
31/01/2026	10:00 AM	St Peter	Legion of Mary @10.30am
	10:00 AM	St Paul	TG's Choir Practice
	4:00 PM	Magnificat	PEW Quarterly Meeting
	11:30AM	Magnificat	Infant Baptism Preparation Class
1/02/2026	9:00 AM	St Paul	TG's Choir Practice
	10:30 AM	St Paul	Filipino Choir
	9:00 AM	Magnificat	Ministers of The Word Reflection Day @12:00PM
	4:00 PM	Harrington Hall	Capstone Young Adults 6:30-8:30 pm

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

Upcoming Events in our Parish

Day	Date	Occasion	Time	Location
Monday	26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday	Parish Mass at 10.00am Office closed	
Tuesday	27 January	School Staff return		
Sunday	1 February	Lunch and Seminar for Mass Readers		Magnificat Meeting Room
Monday	2 February	Start of Term 1		
Wednesday	4 February	Start of 2026 Book Club		Magnificat Meeting Room
Sunday	15 February	Lunar New Year Celebration	10.30asm Multilingual Mass Forecourt Celebrations	
Wednesday	18 February	ASH WEDNESDAY	Masses at 7am, 9am, 12.30pm, 7.00pm	
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

Parish Information

Our Mass Schedule and church Schedule this Week

Monday	26 January	10.00am only	Australia Day
Tuesday	27 January	9.00am, 12.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 3
Wednesday	28 January	9.00am., 12.30pm and 6.30pm	St Thomas Aquinas
Thursday	29 January	9.00am, 12.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 3
Friday	30 January	9.00am, 12.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 3
Saturday	31 January	9.00am	St John Bosco
Sunday	1 February	Usual Times	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Subject
26/01/2026	11:30 AM	12:00PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	11:45 AM	12:15PM	Rosary (Cenacle MMP)
27/01/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	10:30 AM	12:00PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
28/01/2026	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass
	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	OC Organ practice
28/01/2026	9:00AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	10:30AM	11:30AM	Funeral of Fany Posa
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Mass
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Evening Mass of Hope
29/01/2026	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	12:00PM	Adoration and Exposition
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass
30/01/2026	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Holy Hour Adoration
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12:30pm Mass
31/01/2026	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30AM	Exposition, Reconciliation, Rosary, Benediction.
	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Vigil Singer Bookings
1/02/2026	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	5:30 Vigil Mass
	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	7:30am Mass
	9:00 AM	10:00AM	9:00am Mass
	10:30 AM	11:30AM	10:30am Mass
	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	5:30pm Mass

Please Remember in our Prayer

For those recently deceased:

Kenny Tsang; Francesca Di Mento; Andre Hariman; Janet Namey; George Lo (husband of Binnie Tan); Lina (Ng) Sing (sister of Elaine Wong); Tjioe Giok Tjoe; Apung Darma Sugandi; Mable Savage; Pamela Crampton; Violet Joyce.

For those who are sick:

Binnie (Marianne) Tan; Bruce Meppem; Ely Herft; Augustine D'silva; George Lo; 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; Mr Gurung; 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 Vasic; 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:

Francis Ward; Manuel Antonio Gaspar; John Luxton; Carmen Yaptinchay; Antonio Yaptinchay; Romeo Ramos Robles; Juliana Chee; Earle Deitz; Jean-Marie Ta; Lisa McKee; Angela Ryan; Rodolfo Dy; Ljubica Bacic Fratric; Tricia Batongbacal; John Keenan; Rodolfo Dy, Felix Lodero Jnr, Felix Lodero; Remedios Lodero; Siplicio Sabillo; Paul Hung; Tess Fitzgearld; Max Fowler; Theodore Cowell.



FLOWER DONATIONS

Would you like to donate flowers to adorn
our church?

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@bbcatholic.org.au.

Our Altar Flowers this Week

Our Altar Flowers this week are donated by Valencia Febriana in gratitude for the fulfilment of prayer through Holy Mary.



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

To pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

