

The Parish of Chatswood
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Our Lady of Dolours

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we gather, the Cammeraygal people, and pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as we continue the journey of Reconciliation.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18 September 2022



Last Saturday, Bishop Anthony Randazzo confirmed 103 children who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish this term.

We celebrated these Confirmations in two separate ceremonies at 10am and 12:30pm and afterwards the children all got to have individual photos with the Bishop. We hope the children carry memories of this special once in a lifetime event throughout their lives.



Year Two

A special welcome to our Year Two children and their families for our Year Two Mass at 9am this Sunday!

New Items!



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	19 Sept	12.30pm Mass	Monday of the 25th Week of Ordinary Time
Tuesday	20 Sept	12.30pm Mass	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions
Wednesday	21 Sept	12.30pm Mass	St Matthew
Thursday	22 Sept	12.30pm Mass	Thursday of the 25th Week of Ordinary Time
Friday	23 Sept	12.30pm Mass	St Pius of Pietrelcina
Saturday	24 Sept	9.00am Mass	Saturday of the 25th Week of Ordinary Time
Sunday	25 Sept		26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mario Wong, Fay Rita Mitchell, Mary Doughety

SICK: Gordon Thomas, Grainne McEvoy, Victoria Tano, Fe Mendoza

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Marica Cetinic, Philomena Rajenayagom, James Siccion, Kevin Bruce, Nunciacion Gadiane, Abraham Gadiane

Reflection on the Gospel this Sunday

Luke 16:1-13

During the time of Jesus, a few who owned land possessed the majority of wealth. They would rent their land to peasants through one of three arrangements: a predetermined percentage of the yield, a fixed amount of the produce (fifty bushels of wheat or twenty gallons of olive oil), or money would be given as payment. In most cases, one of the first two arrangements were made. In this story, it is the second arrangement. To oversee this payment process, most land-owners had stewards or managers. Luke tells us that the manager in this parable fails at managing his master's estate. The manager appears to have no malice toward his master. He is just unskilled and fails to fulfill his tasks. The master informs the manager that he is dismissed from his post, asking him to produce the books to give account of his management. The master has other options for recourse at his disposal: he could have the manager arrested and thrown into jail, make the manager repay the money lost by his mismanagement, or both. Instead, the master dismisses him. What the manager does next catches everyone's attention. Before the news spreads that he is being dismissed from his position, the manager quickly asks the debtors to present their bills of what they owe the master and then reduces the bill by a certain amount. This act creates good will toward the manager, as well as his master, in the community.

The motivation behind the manager's behavior is not clear in the parable. Some scholars interpret the passage this way: the manager, after experiencing the mercy of the master (being dismissed rather than thrown into jail), extends the same mercy to the debtors by removing his own commission from the bill. The manager had assessed the situation and knows that he is not able to do hard manual labor and is too proud to beg. He also knows the master is not going to give him a wonderful letter of recommendation for a job as a manager with another land owner. So he trusts that those whose debt he reduced now will return good will to him in the future when he needs it.

The master, upon seeing what the manager has done, commends him for his shrewdness. The manager responds appropriately in light of his circumstances. It is the quality of the response rather than the morality of the action that is the object of Jesus's praise. The manager is commended for using wealth for the benefit of others. In doing so, he benefits himself. The manager seems to recognize the value in giving and the benefits in return for the giver. The Gospel ends by emphasizing that an individual cannot serve two masters—God and wealth—because they are opposites.

有情吃蔬菜，勝於無情食肥牛。 箴言 15:17

Better a dish of herbs served with love than a fattened ox accompanied by hatred.
Proverbs 15: 17



Our next Kids' Baptism Program will begin on **Sunday 30 October 2022**. If you would like to know more about this program, or would like your child to join, download the information and enrolment forms from

our parish website.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

Click on **Sacraments**

Click on **Baptism** and then **Kids' Baptism**.

Upcoming Events

12-16 September	Annual Clergy Retreat
12- 19 September	Fr David leading Pilgrimage to Uluru Annual Clergy Retreat
17/18 September	Update on Being Church in the City
25 September @ 2.30pm	Bach Akademie Performance in our Church
29-30 October	Catholic Mission Appeal
6 November	CCD Service Award Presentation and Hospitality



This Week in our Parish

Monday	19 Sept	9.45am-11.15am	Atrium for 3-6 years
		10.00am-11.00am	Mercy College Assembly (Church)
		11.30am-12noon	Divine Mercy Chaplet and then 11.45am Rosary (MMP Cenacle) (Church)
		11.30am-1.00pm	Atrium for 6-9 and 9-12 years
		4.00pm-5.30pm	Atrium for all 3 age groups
		7.00pm-9.00pm	Alpha (Magnificat Room)
Tuesday	20 Sept	9.45am-12.15pm	Bible Discussion Group (St Paul Room)
		10.00am-11.00am	Mercy College Year 12 Mass rehearsal (Church)
		4.00pm-5.30pm	Atrium for all 3 age groups
		7.00pm-9.00pm	Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council (Magnificat Room)
		7.00pm-8.30pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul Room)
		7.00pm-8.00pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
Wednesday	21 Sept	10.00am-11.30am	St Pius X Graduation Mass
		4.00pm-6.00pm	Mercy College Year 12 Graduation Mass
		7.00pm-9.00pm	Exploring the Faith course 2022-2023
Thursday	22 Sept	Public Holiday	
		9.30am-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
		9.45am-11.15am	Atrium for 3-6 years
		5.30pm-7.30pm	Legion of Mary (English) (Magnificat Room)
		7.00pm-8.00pm	Holy Hour
Friday	23 Sept	10.00am-11.30am	Meditation (St Paul Room)
Saturday	24 Sept	9.30am-11.00am	Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Benediction/ Reconciliation available
		12.30pm-2.00pm	Alegre/Bellen Wedding (Deacon Kevin Hale)
Sunday	25 Sept	2.30pm-4.30pm	Bach Akademie Performance (Church)
		9.00am-10.00am	Choir practice with Sunny Chandra (St Paul)

Children's Ministries at Chatswood

Our 9am Family Mass



is a family and child-friendly liturgy oriented to families with young and primary school children. This Mass is central to our mission of empowering parents in their role of bringing their children into relationship with God through their connection to the parish community.

There are many ways you and your child can get involved in this Mass.

- Join the Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Sing in the Children's Choir
- Children from Year 3 and up can join the Prayer Reading Roster

*But the best way to begin is to just turn up, see how everything unfolds and encourage your children to get involved
See you at Mass!*



The Children's Atrium

Of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is such a place

The children's Atrium is a place where children come to spend time in God's presence and experience his love for them. Based on Montessori principles of education, the atrium program is run in 3 stages, and a separate room is prepared for each age group.

The age groups and times available for the children to come to our atrium at Chatswood are:

3-6 year olds:

Mondays 9.45-11.15am and 4-5.30pm

Tuesdays 4-5.30pm

Thursday 9.45-11.15am

6-9 year olds:

Mondays and Tuesdays 4-5.30pm

9-12 year olds:

Mondays and Tuesdays 4-5.30pm

Where children
come to be with
God



To discover,
explore and
experience His
love for them

*If you would like to know more about the atrium for your child, please contact Angela or Rose via email:
old.childrens.atrrium@gmail.com*

Review of Parish Office Staffing

Dear friends,

It has now been some 18 months since I joined you here in our wonderful parish of Chatswood. It has been quite an extraordinary time as we have negotiated the challenges of COVID and yet, at the same time, undertaken a range of initiatives—spiritual, pastoral and material—to animate further the life of our faith community. It has been pleasing to look back and see what has occurred—the initiative of Being Church in the City with its various stages of development, new pastoral associations such as Community Action, many wonderful community events on our church forecourt and in Harrington Hall, the correction to the sound system in our church, enhancements such as the installation of glass doors at the front foyer, the interior renovation of the presbytery - to name just a few.

Throughout this period I have also been considering in the background the structure of parish staffing that might best suit the parish going forwards. There have been various factors prompting this. Over the last 18 months I have appreciated more deeply the complexity of the parish's management with its extensive facilities and financial arrangements. I have been acutely aware of the remarkable demand that this has placed on our current Finance and Facilities Officer, Michael Mercer, who is currently contracted just three days a week. Michael has been so generous in often being present on non-work days and has always demonstrated wonderful graciousness. Since the beginning of the year, our parish office has been closed on a Friday. In addition, it has been a personal learning for me through this period combining leadership of such a dynamic parish with my role as Vicar General for Bishop Anthony. In the midst of these, we have identified particular needs to enable our parish to grow pastorally. We also have a volume of projects ahead of us including the extension to the presbytery, the refurbishment of the parish office, the refurbishment of our church and the question of how we might maximize our entire precinct in the heart of Chatswood city.

The outcome of such considerations has been to propose and now, to introduce, a new structure of staffing in our Parish Office. These new roles will bring to an end the current roles of Finance and Facilities Officer and Parish Secretary. The new roles are:

- ◆ **Business Manager**, Monday to Friday 9am—5pm This is to be a permanent full-time role working on a site with multiple precincts and identified plans for growth and will provide guidance and expertise to assist with the next phase of growth. The role will lead business operations including financial management, procurement, site infrastructure, governance and compliance, risk management and office administration.
- ◆ **Parish Support Officer**, Monday to Friday 9am—5pm. This is to be a permanent full-time role which will be the first point of contact for Parish visitors, as well as providing general administrative and communications support.
- ◆ **Administrative Assistant**. This role is to provide administrative and clerical support for communications, administration, parish property and compliance obligations. The role is permanent part-time, working one day per week. The role does allow for flexibility with the working schedule for the right candidate
- ◆ A new pastoral role, **Director of Music** to coordinate, develop and enhance the music ministry at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood. The role is permanent part-time, working initially three days per week.
- ◆ We are to use this time also to recruit for a part time **Housekeeper** for our presbytery, one day a week.

I have been working with our staff over the past few weeks as we introduce this new configuration of roles. I have also been working with our musicians over the past month or so, developing the role of Director of Music.

The new roles are now open for recruitment, both internally and externally. Further information and Application Packs can be obtained by emailing recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications are open until the end of September and therefore we would hope to appoint through the course of October.

Please keep this new structure, with the change it entails, very much in your prayer. I shall update you along the way.

Fr David Ranson
Parish Priest

Opportunities for Faith Formation and Action

Exploring the faith

Why is the Old Testament so important to our Faith?

What really is the Good News?

How can we be so confident in the Resurrection?

Why do we need prayer?

What takes place when we receive the Sacraments?

How do we fit in the universal Church?

**STARTING WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST 2022
(7.15PM-9.00PM)**

Our Lady of Dolours Parish, St Peter's meeting room

- 30 WEEK COURSE
- NO PREREQUISITES OR OBLIGATIONS TO JOINING.
- CONTACT ANTHONY ON 0414 364 522 OR EMAIL EXPLORINGTHEFAITH@GMAIL.COM



Bach Akademie returns on Sunday 25 September



Pilgrimage Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park

15 October, 2022, Saturday
Departure: 7:15 AM
Return: 7:00 PM



Cost: \$50
BYO Lunch;
Snacks provided



Limited seats - to reserve, please book at
TryBooking.com by 30 September
www.trybooking.com/CCFXV



Bach Akademie Australia - In Bach's Orbit

Bach Akademie Australia returns to perform another concert at **Our Lady of Dolours on Sunday September 25 at 2.30pm**. 'In Bach's Orbit' explores the key figures in Bach's life who inevitably influenced and guided him throughout his life, both personally and musically, featuring renowned Australian countertenor Russell Harcourt. They will explore music by J.S. Bach's much-cherished father in law Johann Christoph Bach, his great hero Dieterich Buxtehude, whom he famously walked 280 miles to hear, and Vivaldi who was greatly admired by Bach, as was Telemann. And then there was Pachelbel, his treasured family friend. Each of these titans of music held a very special place in J.S. Bach's life. Their music, and that of Bach's are inevitably woven together, orbiting, influencing and ultimately producing the great art we celebrate today. **Tickets available at bachakademieaustralia.com.au or call 1300 785 377**



Kintsugi is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with lacquer and gold.

The idea is that the whole history is valuable.

The gold draws attention to the points of breakage.

The places of healing are important, the scars are to be celebrated, not to be hidden.

Season of Creation 2022

If the present ecological crisis is one small sign of the ethical, cultural and spiritual crisis of modernity, we cannot presume to heal our relationship with nature and the environment without healing all fundamental human relationships. Laudato Si' 119

To listen to the cry of creation is not like shutting out all other sounds in order to hear a single bird's cry in a forest. The environment is around us, within us, above us, beneath us and beyond us. Its voice is the voice of the universe. When we listen to the cry of one part of the environment for which we have responsibility we are led also to attend to all the relationships that compose our environment and to the way in which they interact with one another to form the world in which we live.

Care for the environment will embrace all our relationships, ranging from those with the air we breathe, the food we eat, the things we buy, the way we travel, dress, speak, listen and work, to our relationships with ourselves, with family, friends, hospitals, people who are homeless and excluded, schools, workplaces, banks, politics and with our world. Care for the environment is not one single aspect of our lives. It embraces all aspects of our lives.

SAFEGUARDING MONTH *families*

SEPTEMBER 2022



CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF
BROKEN BAY

BUILDING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS IN EVERY FAMILY

The Diocese of Broken Bay promotes awareness of Safeguarding each September.

We invite all families to share with us your experiences of how you connect as a family in the form of a story, a video or a photo during Safeguarding Month of September.

Some suggestions might include exercising together, bushwalking, baking or play a game.

Scan for more activity ideas



bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding/engaging-with-your-family

The most creative and inspirational entries will be showcased on our Diocesan Safeguarding Month webpage.

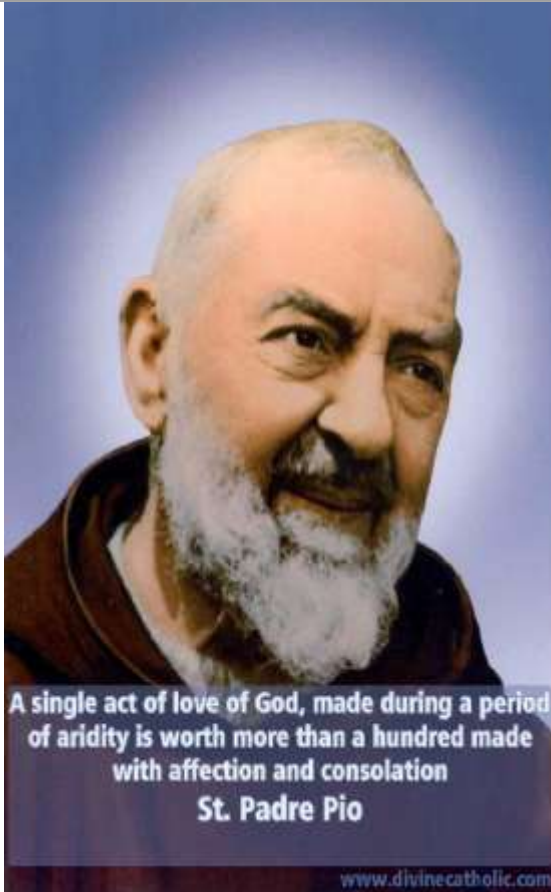


SCAN TO ENTER



Entries will be open September 1 to September 30.
*Submission of entries will be taken as consent to share
bbcatholic.org.au/safeguardingmonth2022

General Notices



Novena Prayers for Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

**15 – 23 September
8:00 PM
via Zoom**

**Meeting Id - 869 6338 5616
Passcode: 819174**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86963385616?pwd=a0crSXhWl3AydURSaG9lWVNSMVZVdz09>

October – Month of the Holy Rosary



The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be available again to visit your home in the month of October for at least a day.

A booklet of prayers will be provided to help your family and friends to venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary.

If interested, fill out the form at the front entrance of the church; or,
contact via text or audio call
*Cecilia @ 0466 961 240; or,
Ditas @ 0405 999 510*



PROM PRAISE SYDNEY

Saturday 24 September
Sydney Town Hall
7.30pm

Come join the
Choir!

Click [here](#) for more info:



introduced by Colin Buchanan
with
CityAlight
Gospel Orchestra of Sydney
St Andrew's Cathedral Choir
RSCM Festival Choir
Penelope Mills - Soprano
conducted by Ross Cobb

Tickets from \$40: www.sydneyprompraise.com



The Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry will host a national online conference from October 20-22. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through *encounters* with Christ, formation in *discipleship*, and *mission* in the world.

A wide variety of topics will be offered, including areas of evangelisation, leadership, ministry, liturgy and sacraments, social justice, youth, and marriage and family.

Cost is \$25 per person, \$20 for 5 or more registrations.

Further information and registration details: <https://nce.catholic.org.au/bcelm-conference/events/bcelm-conference>

This is a great follow-up to the recent Laying a Missionary Foundation course that many parishes participated in. To discuss how this Conference could be part of a wider parish strategy towards parish renewal, and to receive support in implementing outcomes, please contact Pina Bernard on 0432 682 239 or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au

For our Group Leaders and People using our Meeting Rooms

Our meeting rooms are provided for Parishioners to enjoy and have their meetings. The rooms have remained in good condition for a few years now due to everyone's cooperation.



- ◆ All windows should be locked before leaving.
- ◆ All Air Conditioners and Hot Water Heaters should be turned off before leaving.
- ◆ If window blinds have been shut, please reopen before leaving.
- ◆ As you leave please make sure you lock the door behind you.
- ◆ Keys are provided in each room for the toilets. Please ensure that if you use the toilet, please lock it up when finished and return the keys to the room.
- ◆ All rooms are set up with coffee making facilities for your use. The two bigger rooms are also set up to have some form of catering with cutlery and crockery provided. Catering is certainly welcome. However we do ask that some protocols be followed:
 - a. If there is a spillage, please clean it up.
 - b. Fridges are provided in two rooms for us to keep food fresh whilst our meeting is on. At the end, please take home any excess food as it is not good to have food left in the fridges.
 - c. Please do not leave anything on the benches.
 - d. Dishwashers are provided in these two rooms. If full of clean dishes, please remove before placing the dishes we have used in the dishwasher and turn on before we leave.

If there are any issues with the rooms, please email Michael on michael.mercer@bbcatholic.org.au

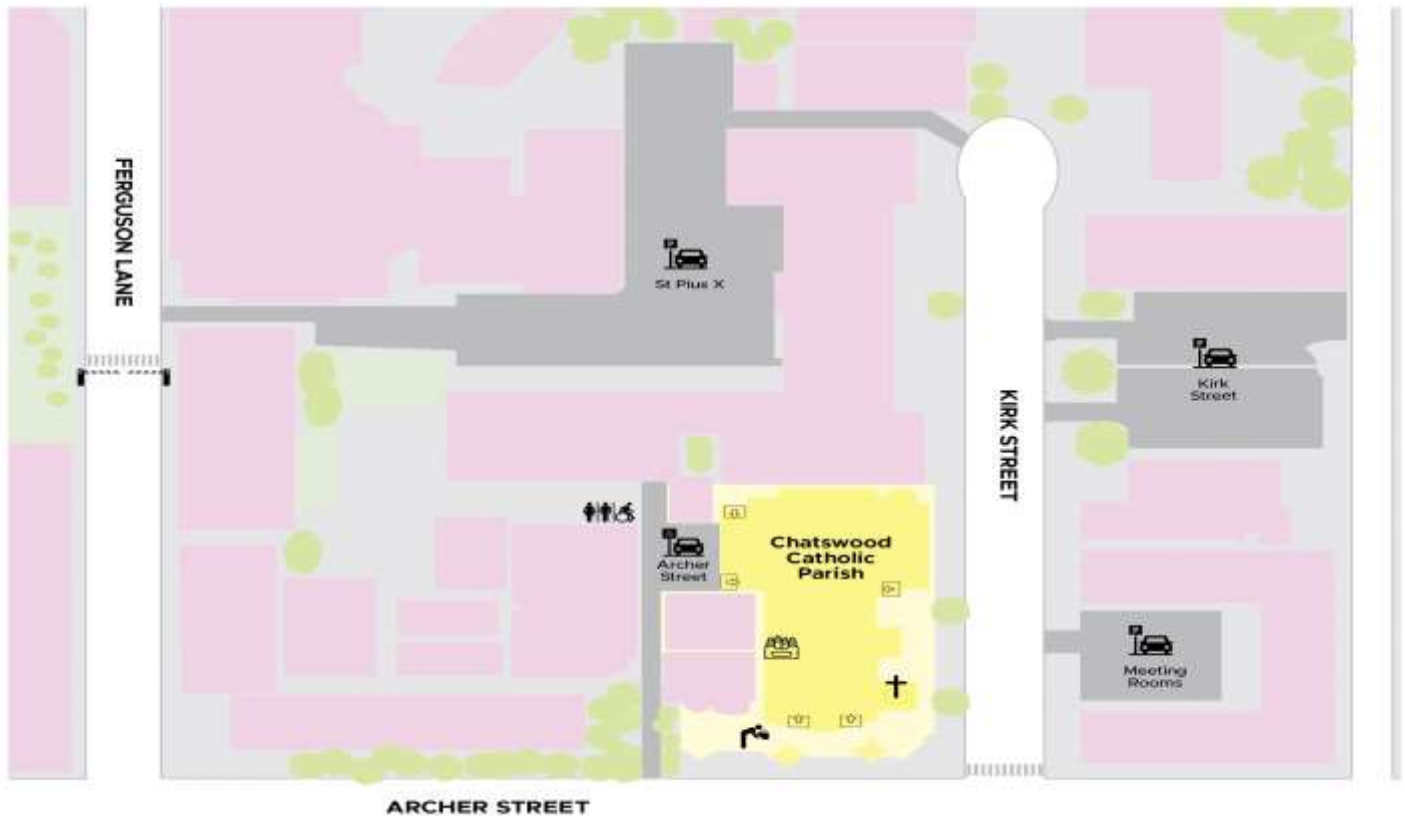


POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Parking at Our Lady of Dolours



Requests for Mass Intentions

It is a privilege for one of our priests to be able to offer Mass for a special intention, especially at the time someone has died or on the occasion of their anniversary. We welcome such requests. It is important to note, however, that a priest can only receive one intention per Mass. Therefore, it may not be possible to have a Mass offered on a specific day and at a particular time, given that the priest may already have allocated an intention for the Mass. Do be assured that if a Mass cannot be offered on a specific occasion it will be offered by a priest at the first available opportunity. Notwithstanding, if you would like a Mass for a specific purpose at a particular time, please contact a priest directly to seek to arrange this. All emails are on the back page of this bulletin.

Altar Flower Signup 2022

If you would like to reserve a date for Altar flowers, please contact Nicole in the Parish Office on 9410 9020 or nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au. Altar flower arrangements can be in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion; birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, marriages, etc.. The suggested donation for flower memorials is \$100. Volunteers will then beautifully and simply arrange the flowers for Sunday.

Please submit your donation at least one week prior to the date you would like to dedicate the flowers. This will give the parish office time to ensure your dedication is in the weekly bulletin.

Supporting our Parish Financially

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

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Our Lady of Dolours please visit our parish website at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

Do be sure to take a copy home of "Our Sunday Celebration" available at the entrances to our church.

Inside there is much wonderful reading for our spiritual nourishment.

Would you like to receive our Parish Bulletin by email?

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Sunday Masses

5.30pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass

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

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

10.30am

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

Spanish Culture Mass

12noon, 3rd Sunday of the month

Indonesian Culture Mass

7.00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month

Weekday Masses and Devotions

Monday: 12.30pm

Tuesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

(Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated after Mass on 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

Thursday Adoration After 9am Mass. Ends with Divine Mercy Chaplet at midday followed by Benediction.

Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and Reconciliation 7.00pm

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