

Sunday 26 October 2025
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

The Parable of the
Pharisee
& The Tax
Collector

人應當時常祈禱，不要灰心。 路加福音 18:1
We ought always to pray, and not to faint. **Luke 18:1**



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

Come and See!

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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. Ends with Divine Mercy Chaplet at midday followed by Benediction.

Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and **Reconciliation** 7.00pm

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

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Dear friends,

This weekend we enjoy our 8th session of Parish-in-Council, and our largest with 140 people attending, including some 20 observers from parishes throughout Sydney and Armidale who are keen to learn from our experience. The vitality of this synodal way of being a parish brings us together in friendship, prayer and discernment about how we can live our Mission to bring the Light of Christ to our city. It is a remarkable experience of community in Christ and gives visible expression to what the Church invites us into in this time of concern and fragmentation. We may be interested to listen to a recent interview of Pope Leo XIV on synodality: https://youtu.be/QK_zn8Yqgus?si=hLIGdQUA6vFIL7w8 Such comments by the Pope give us great confidence in the path we have pioneered. A huge thank you to our Animation Team: Brendan Tertini, Anthony Seeto and Yvonne Corpuz and the many helpers with Kristha Mangahas and Duyen Au who enable such an important occasion.

On Monday 27 October at our 12.30pm Mass we will be joined by relatives of Minnie Walshe, recently departed. Our Mass on that day will be a Memorial Mass for Minnie.

This Thursday 30 October, Bishop Anthony joins us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our children who have been preparing over the past couple of months. We keep our children in our prayers and we ask that God the Spirit will bless them in abundance at this next step in their initiation into our Catholic Church and their unfolding friendship with Jesus.

Please note that because of Confirmation there will be no Holy Hour this Thursday evening.

We have come to the end of October. **Next Saturday is the Solemnity of All Saints.** We will have the one Mass for All Saints—9.00am on Saturday morning. This year, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) falls on a Sunday and therefore the Saturday 5.30pm Mass will be the Mass of All Souls along with the Masses on Sunday 2nd November.

November is the month during which we remember all those who have gone before us. This year we will commemorate those who have died in a slightly different way. We will have a choice to purchase a battery operated candle OR to bring along a framed photograph of the one we are remembering. The battery operated candle will avoid people having to look for their candle and to light the candle when they come to Mass, and all candles can be switched on and off remotely. If we wish to bring along a photo, the frame must be no bigger than A5 size, and we do so at our own risk.

We welcome back Fr Anselam from his annual leave!

Fr David Ranson PP

Ordering our November Candle for the Deceased

To order a candle for our deceased loved ones whom we especially wish to remember in the month of November, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/DGPGU> or use the QR code

However, orders can also be received in cash at the Parish Office.
Candles are \$5.

They will be battery operated and turned on and off remotely before each Mass.



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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Our Meeting Room Schedule This Week

Start Date	Start Time	Activity	Location
27-Oct-25	8:00 AM	Preparation - Refreshment for late Minnie Walshe Memorial Walshe	Magnificat
	4:00 PM	Alpha 2 AET 7pm	Magnificat; St Peter; St Paul
	3:30 PM	Hub of Hope	Pastoral Plan; Magnificat
28-Oct-25	2:00 PM	OC Organ practice	Pastoral Plan; Chatswood Church
	5:00 PM	Breathe- Prayer & Support Group (St Pius)	PEW Garden
	6:30 PM	Indonesian Legion of Mary [AET=7 pm]	St Peter; Pastoral Plan
	7:00 PM	Filipino Choir	Harrington Hall
29-Oct-25	9:30 AM	Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (weekly)	Magnificat;
	6:00 PM	Pius College Immersion event	Magnificat; St Paul
	6:30 PM	CIC Indo Instrument practice	Harrington Hall
	7:00 PM	Exploring the Faith	St Peter
30-Oct-25	11:00 AM	Playgroup Chatswood Parish [AET= 1-3 pm]	Magnificat; Pastoral Plan
	5:00 PM	Confirmation Tea Gathering	Magnificat
	7:00 PM	RCIA program Part 1	St Peter
31-Oct-25	9:30 AM	Meditation Group [AET 10am-11.15am]	St Paul
	6:00 PM	Vesper Coir practice	St Peter; Pastoral Plan
	6:30 PM	Spiritual Growth Book Club with Fr David	Magnificat
1-Nov-25	11:00 AM	Infant Baptism Preparation Class @11.30am	Magnificat
	6:30 PM	Indo Choir- Christmas Practice	Magnificat; St Paul; Pastoral Plan
2-Nov-25	10:30 AM	Filipino Fellowship aft Mass [AET: 1-3pm]	Magnificat; Pastoral Plan
	11:30 AM	Pro Life meeting	St Peter
	3:00 PM	PEW Giftshop Gathering	Magnificat;
	3:45 PM	Mums' Ministry	St Peter
	4:00 PM	Capstone Young Adults Group 6.30-8.30	Harrington Hall; Pastoral Plan

Note: There might be changes to schedules due to late bookings. Please check with parish office to confirm.

Upcoming Events in our Parish

Saturday	25 October	Parish-in-Council
Sunday	26 October	Annual Blessing of Animals and Community Lunch
Thursday	30 October	Sacrament of Confirmation
Saturday	1 November	Forecourt Rosary at 3.30pm Annual St Vincent de Paul Regional Mass and Commissioning at 5.30pm
Monday	3 November	Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi departs
Wednesday	19 November	Annual Red Wednesday Mass at 7.00pm for persecuted Christians
Sunday	23 November	Christ the King
Saturday	29 November	Evening Prayer at 4.45pm
Sunday	30 November	First Sunday of Advent
Saturday	13 December	Parish Catechists Christmas Lunch
Sunday	14 December	Carols on the Concourse

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Our Church Schedule This Week

Monday	27 October	12.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 30
Tuesday	28 October	9.00am and 12.30pm	Sts Simon and Jude, apostles
Wednesday	29 October	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 30
Thursday	30 October	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 30
Friday	31 October	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 30
Saturday	1 November	9.00am	Solemnity of All Saints
Sunday	2 November	Usual Times	Commemoration of All Souls

Start Date	Start Time	Activity
27-Oct-25	11:30 AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	11:45 AM	Rosary (Cenacle MMP)
	12:30 PM	12:30pm Mass
	2:30 PM	Organ Lesson- Bernadette
28-Oct-25	9:00 AM	Mass
	12:30 PM	12.30pm Mass
	2:00 PM	OC Organ practice
	4:00 PM	Organ Practice: AH
	4:00 PM	Confirmation Practise/ Church
	5:30 PM	Mercy- Year 12 information evening
	7:00 PM	Confirmation Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Confirmation Practise/ Church
29-Oct-25	9:00 AM	Mass
	12:30 PM	Mass
	6:00 PM	Mass of Hope set up
	6:30 PM	Copy: Evening Mass of Hope
30-Oct-25	9:00 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	Adoration and Exposition
	12:30 PM	12.30pm Mass
	2:45 PM	Organ Lesson: SC
	3:00 PM	Confirmation Ceremony Setup in Church
	3:45 PM	Organ Lesson: TL
	4:45 PM	Organ Lesson: AH
	5:00 PM	Sacrament of Confirmation
	5:30 PM	Confirmation Ceremony
	7:00 PM	Holy Hour Adoration
	7:30 PM	Confirmation Ceremony
31-Oct-25	9:00 AM	Mass
	10:30 AM	Organ practice- AS
	12:30 PM	12:30pm Mass
1-Nov-25	9:00 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	Exposition, Reconciliation, Rosary, Benediction.
	11:00 AM	TG's Choir Practice
	3:00 PM	Copy: Reconciliation First Saturday Rosary
	4:30 PM	Vigil Singer Bookings
	5:30 PM	5:30 Vigil Mass

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Love God

Mark 12:30

Worshipping together



Liturgy & Music

Leading reflective lives



Prayer & Spirituality

Growing in faith



Catechesis & Pathways

Caring for one another



Support & Visitations

Animating our future



Planning & Strategy

Igniting young hearts



Inception & Formation

Caring for our World



Ecology & Social Justice

Sustaining our community



Administration & Stewardship

Nurturing relationships



Community & Family

Sharing the Good News



Mission & Evangelisation

Love One Another

John 13:34

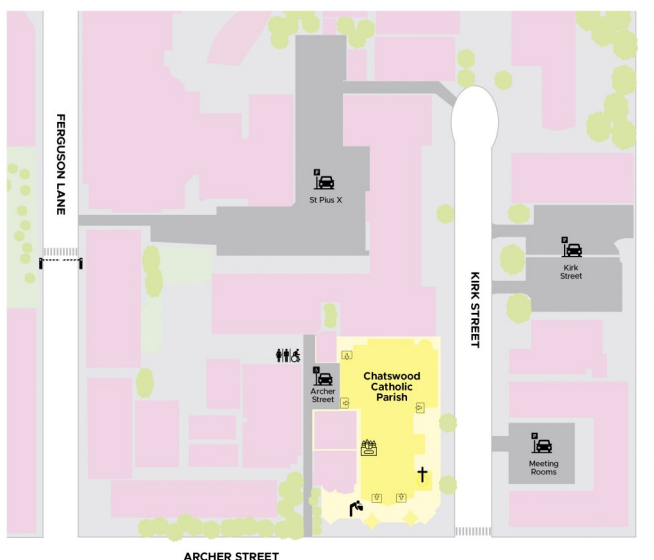
Go Make Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20

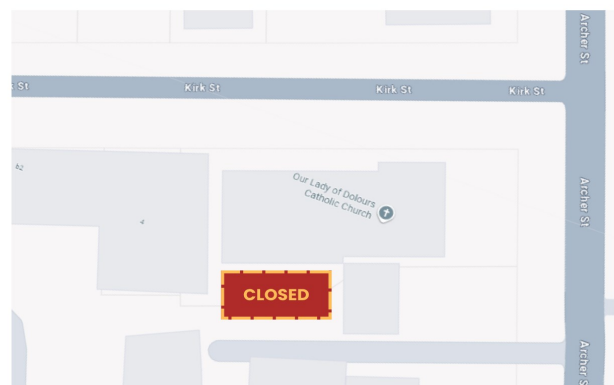
Supporting our Parish Financially

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



The parish carpark will be closed on **Monday, 20 October**. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



**Our Parish church is designated by Bishop Randazzo
as a Shrine of Hope for Young People during the Year of Jubilee.**

Friday	21 March 5.30pm—7pm	Students from Central Coast Catholic Schools
Saturday	5 April 9am Mass	50 Young Adults from Hornsby Parish
Monday	7 April	Parish group from Toukley-Lake Munmorah
Tuesday	8 April 10.30am - 1.00pm	Parishioners from St John the Baptist Woy Woy
Thursday	10 April	Parish group from St Monica's Parramatta Diocese
Saturday	26 April—afternoon	Young Adults from Parish of Manly-Freshwater
Friday	9 May—11.50am-12.30pm	70 Students from Redfield College
Monday	12 May at 10.30am	Students from Tangara School for Girls
Sunday	24 May—afternoon	Young Adults from around our Diocese, walking from Lindfield
Friday	6 June 10am –11.30am	80 Staff from St Brigid's College, Lake Munmorah
	6 June 1.00pm—2pm	120 Staff from St Peter's College, Tuggerah
Thursday	19 June, 11.30am—1.00pm	45 x Stage 3 Students from St Thomas and St Philip Neri, Willougby
Saturday	28 June, 11.30am	Parishioners from Parish of Wyoming
Tuesday	5 August 11.30am,	30-50 Homeschool children
Thursday	14 August at 10.30am	School leaders from St Mary's Manly
Saturday	30 August at 3.00pm	Parish group from Warringah Parish (Dee Why)
Saturday	13 September 12.30pm	Parish Group from Hornsby Cathedral Parish
Saturday	27 September 2.00pm	Youth Group from St Agatha's Parish Pennant Hills Western Sydney Catholic Chinese Community Youth Group
Tuesday	30 September 11.30am	Diocesan Parent Engagement Coordinators
Thursday	9 October 12.30pm	Parish group from French's Forest Parish
Wednesday	15 October, 9.30am	Wyong Parishioners
Friday	24 October 11.30am	Staff of Schools of Lower North Shore Parish
Tuesday	28 October 10.00am	Students from Holy Spirit Primary School, North Ryde
Saturday	8 November	Parishioners from St Patrick's East Gosford, 10.30am Parishioners from Epping/Carlingford at 2.00pm
Thursday	13 November, 1.30pm	Parishioners from the Parish of Pittwater
Saturday	15 November	Parishioners from Parish of Manly-Freshwater. 9.00am
Saturday	22 November	Catholic Indonesian Community

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On Friday 24 October we are visited from the school staffs of the Parish of Loewer North Shore. Last Sunday we were able to showcase the superb exhibition of Carlo Acutis' "Eucharistic Miracles of the World."



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**The Sacrament of Confirmation next Thursday
30 October in our Parish**



Next Thursday 30 October the children who have been preparing over the last two months, will be confirmed in our church by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. There will be two ceremonies, one at 5:30pm and the second at 7:30pm.

On behalf of all the children and their families, we ask you to please keep these children in prayer during these final days of preparation.

**Please note that because of Confirmation
there will be no Thursday Holy Hour this week.**

**SENIORS & GRANDPARENTS
MELBOURNE CUP DRESS UP
MORNING TEA**

6 November 10am
Parish Magnificat room

Dress to impress play games and win a prize!



Agatha has painted us a most spectacular portrait of St Joseph! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to her for this amazing generosity to our parish. We will hang the portrait where the statue currently stands in similar fashion to the picture of Divine Mercy on the other side.



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Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross 2025-2026 *Monday 20 October at our 12.30pm Mass pm on Monday 20 October*

This vision of St John in the Book of Revelation is not only wishful thinking. It is God's dream for our approaching future: a gathering of people of all cultural backgrounds and languages praising God with one voice. And that is one that we can start to live here on earth. As Pope Leo says, in the face of so much global disruption, "it is important that there be a growing desire in people's hearts for a future of peace and of respect for the dignity of all. Such a future is essential to God's plan for humanity and the rest of creation."*

Later on in St John's vision, one of the elders explains that these people have gone "out of the great ordeal" and have been made new in Christ. When we have been through suffering and tragedy, such as those who have faced religious persecution, exile or the trauma of dislocation, we share our common dependence and vulnerability under the cross of Christ. We learn to appreciate the gifts of life, safety and freedom, and grow in compassion for others.

So this reminds us to value the faith and resilience of migrants; they help us to sing even stronger together in praise and trust of our God. This is symbolised in so many ways by this Migrant Cross.

The Australian wood and Southern Cross deepen our connection with this land, which has been blessed by God. After a long journey through many ordeals, the stars guide the way as they shine with the light of Christ.

The relics are markers of faithfulness. The first is from the Holy Family. As they were forced to flee to Egypt, Jesus walks in understanding and solidarity with all migrants. The second is from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She helped shape a society of refuge and welcome, where we live the values of God's kingdom.



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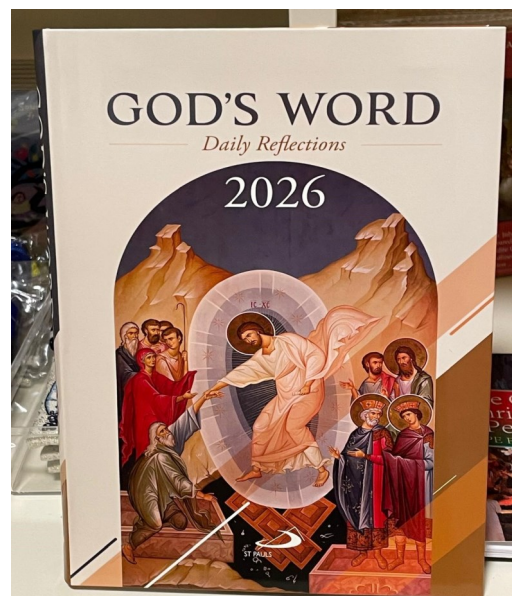


With our subterranean drains now installed, we have now implemented a permanent termite guard system around the entire perimeter of our church and office.



Welcome to the Pew Gift Shop

With pleasure we invite you to visit our PEW gift shop where we have a new popular limited item the *God's Word 2026 Daily Reflections*. Also, in welcoming the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition this Sunday, Carlo Acutis rosaries and statues in different sizes along with other interesting items such as prayer cards, candles, bibles, etc. will be available for purchase.



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

26 OCTOBER 2025

THE PRAYER OF THE SINNER. Last Sunday's Gospel told of the determined struggle of a good person, a widow, for justice. Through this story Jesus teaches that God hears the persistent cries of the just. In today's Gospel it is a sinner who prays to God for mercy and, wonderfully, God hears the sinner's humble prayer also. The only prayer to which God cannot respond is that of the self-righteous who effectively says to God: 'I do not need you.'

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf. Ps 104:3-4*

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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, increase our
faith, hope and charity, and make us love
what you command, so that we may merit
what you promise. 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 *Sir 35:12-14, 16-19*

A reading from the book of Sirach

*The prayer of the humble will penetrate the
heavens.*

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the
detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves
God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes
notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM *Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7*

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his
praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my
soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall
hear and be glad. **R.**

2. The Lord turns his face against the
wicked / to destroy their remembrance from
the earth. / The just call and the Lord hears /
and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**



3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; /
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. /
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. /
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING *2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

*All that remains is the crown of righteousness
reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a
libation, and the time has come for me to be
gone. I have fought the good fight to the end;
I have run the race to the finish; I have kept
the faith; all there is to come now is the crown
of righteousness reserved for me, which the
Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on
that Day; and not only to me but to all those
who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence,
there was not a single witness to support
me. Every one of them deserted me – may
they not be held accountable for it. But the
Lord stood by me and gave me power, so
that through me the whole message might be
proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I
was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord
will rescue me from all evil attempts on me,
and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *2 Cor 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the world
to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he
has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Lk 18:9-14

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

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. Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service

may be directed above all to your glory.

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 ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

PONDERING OUR ATTITUDES

Today's Gospel presents us with a mirror to help us reflect on the way we regard others. It is especially pertinent when we feel assured that our religious attitude and approach to our Faith and God is correct. It is even possible that out of this attitude we can regard others, especially those from other faith traditions, as uninformed or perhaps targets of divine condemnation.

Jesus offers Luke's audience an opportunity to reflect on similar attitudes. It takes the form of a parable focused on two people: a person of religious scrupulosity and a public sinner. The first is called a 'Pharisee', an identification that requires nuanced historical understanding. For Luke writing in the mid-80s of the first century in the period after the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, Pharisees enabled Judaism to survive and grow. They represented its leadership. To followers of Jesus at that same period they represented those who were critical of the Jesus-movement and didn't join in. In the time of Jesus, in the 30s, the situation was very different. They were very attuned to Jesus' mission and, like him, concerned about authentic Jewish faith and Torah practice.

In the story in Luke's Gospel, Jesus compares a 'Pharisee' (in this later historical understanding) to a tax-collector judged a sinner, collaborating in Rome's oppressive taxation system. This 'sinner' recognises his need for God's mercy; the Lukan Pharisee, self-assured about his religious credentials, arrogant and without any need for God, is self-focused. These parable characters invite us to ponder our attitude to God and others.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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Come and See!



FREE COMMUNITY BBQ

We Love. We Grow. We Serve

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,
26th
October

Our Lady of
Dolours
Church
Forecourt

From 11:30am



Come and See!

Blessing of the Animals

SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER
AFTER 10:30AM MASS



Join us to celebrate the gift of our pets
to our lives!

The blessing will occur on the side
garden facing Kirk Street.

*Please make sure that your pet is not a
threat to the safety of others before
bringing them to this event.

Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

GOD, THANK YOU FOR

**ALL THE GIFTS YOU'VE
GIVEN ME IN MY LIFE**

Come and Grow!



ALL SAINTS' CEMETERY VISIT

Saturday, 1 November

Meet at Macquarie Park Cemetery at 11:00 AM

*'I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.'* (Ps 27:13)

Through the intercession of all the Saints,
we pray for our loved ones who have gone before us.

Join us for a simple and prayerful gathering as we visit
the cemetery to remember and pray for our deceased
loved ones, relatives, and friends.

Activities include:

- Short cemetery walk
- Rosary and prayers of intercession
- Light gathering afterwards (BYO snacks & drinks)



Location: Macquarie Park Cemetery

Cnr Delhi and Plassey Roads North Ryde NSW 2113



Time: Saturday, 1 November – after Morning Mass
(meet at 11:00 AM)



Contact: Fr Hien or the Parish Office to register before
Wednesday 29 October 2025.

Come and Grow!



YOUTH GROUP



This week we'll enjoy some outdoor games, have fun with our friends, and do a short bible study!

After 5.30pm youth mass,
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Meet at the Church forecourt

**Sunday
26th
October**

Cornerstone:

Grades 5-8

Keystone:

Grades 9-12



On the Occult

What is the occult? How does it manifest today? And most importantly, how can we counter it as faithful Catholics?

Find out the answers to this and more with Walter at Capstone this Sunday

Dinner, Fellowship and Faith!

⌚ 6.30pm - 8.30pm w/
optional compline after

📍 Harrington Hall

**Sunday 2nd
November**

**CAPSTONE
YOUNG ADULTS**



Philosophy of the Human Person

**16th NOV
6:30 PM**

Harrington Hall, Our Lady
of Dolours Catholic
Church, Chatswood

**Special Guest Speaker
Cecilia Hunt**



For more information:
foundationyouth@bbcatholic.org.au



Over the last two weeks our group of parish Jubilee pilgrims to Rome and Assisi have been meeting in preparation. We have 35 in our group with about two thirds from our own community and others joining us from wide and far.

This Sunday at 10.30am Mass we will bless our pilgrims. We depart on Monday 3 November!

Come and Serve!

Fundraising Dinner

for Cebu earthquake survivors



All proceeds go towards relief efforts

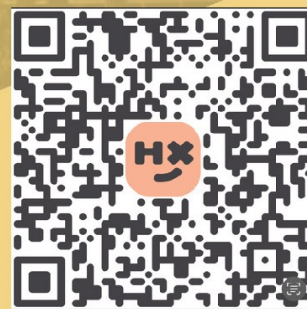


Saturday 15 November, 2025

6:30pm
Harrington Hall, Ferguson Lane,
Chatswood
(parking adjacent to St Pius X College)

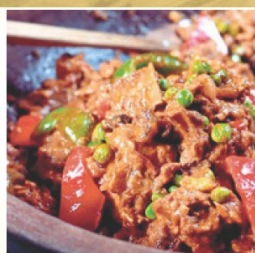


Get tickets from:



\$50 per person

Plus plenty of items to raffle
and auction



For enquiries contact:
Mariza - 0422 225 960 or
Sally - 0430 190 543



https://events.humanitix.com/cebu_earthquake_2025

Come and Serve!

DONATIONS OF PRIZES FOR FUNDRAISER NEEDED

On Saturday 15 November in Harrington Hall our parish is coming together to raise enough money to provide water filters for survivors of the earthquake that hit the Cebu Province on 30 September. There has been a series of after-shocks continuing since then and people are in great need, particularly as water is unsafe to drink. We have a direct line to deliver water filters directly to distribution points in Cebu Province. We just need to raise enough money. How can you help?

Please donate a prize to either the raffle or the auction to be held on the night. Ask businesses you know, friends with access to discounts, or donate a new unopened item you can spare. Vouchers for restaurants or activities are always popular. Contact Mariza Sollano at marizasollano@gmail.com or call 0422 225 960 or drop your donation off at the parish office.

And come along for a feast of Filipino specialty dishes of Cebu province and a night of entertainment on 15 November at 6.30 p.m. https://events.humanitix.com/cebu_earthquake_2025?



Come and Serve!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling All Volunteers! We Need Your Help!

We are looking for volunteers to help with serving at our BBQ after Saturday 5:30pm Vigil mass on 1st November at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood.

This special mass is for the St Vincent de Paul Regional Festival/Commissioning Mass.

Contact Dee on 02 9410 9000 or chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



Our St Vincent de Paul Conference September Report

Through your support for our appeals and poor box donations Chatswood was able to respond to a record 22 requests for help in September expending over \$2000. It never ceases to amaze us how difficult it is for some people to manage to live. Five of the requests came from people with mental difficulties, 2 from families of Asian background ineligible or Centrelink benefits one of whom is an asylum seeker. Sickness was the reason for another request, one elderly person sought companionship as much as anything else. Most of the others came from people weighed down with difficulties without the life skills to cope which most of us take for granted. A homeless lass advised of having a very tough upbringing and family being in jail. She confessed of drug addiction but that she was currently clean. She said she had unhappy recent relationships including DV. She had very few belongings. We helped her with food, clothing, Opal top up and told her about places where she could do washing. We are looking for more volunteers to help meet the high demand for help. If you can spare 1 or 2 half days a week and have some admin and computer skills, and willingness to do home visitations please get in touch with El at el.herlianto@vinnies.org.au or call John on 0439783956

Come and Serve!

Join our Kirk St Community Garden Group!

Caring for
our World



Ecology &
Social Justice



Meet every Thursdays 1-2pm and
Saturdays 10-11am

Call: 02 9410 9000

Email: jokaraolis1@bigpond.com

Feel like some company?

**CHATSWOOD
COFFEE & CHAT**

**DOUGHERTY CENTRE'S
BLEND CAFE 7 VICTOR ST
CHATSWOOD**

Every Thursday 10:30-12

Add a description of the package here. This

Look for the bright
coloured tablecloth

ATLAS CHRISTMAS CAKES will be back for sale in November!

Both regular and Gluten free available at only \$30
for 500g cake full of fruit.

To Order:

Please email carlagageler@outlook.com
or phone Carla on 0402 373 728

They would make an ideal Christmas gift for family
members, friends or your community group.
Businesses, what ideal Christmas gifts for your
clients! Fifty percent of proceeds from sales go
towards the funding of our own Tertiary
Scholarship Project and fifty percent to other
worthy ATLAS Projects in Timor-Leste.



Come and Serve!

?? DIGNITY Pro-Life Alliance

Upholding the dignity and rights of every human being from conception.
Honoring the dignity of women as mothers and co-creators with God.

?? Abortion – Today's epidemic

Abortion claims thousands upon thousands of lives each year yet
It is endorsed by Government;
It has the assistance of sections of the medical profession;
It turns parents against their very own children.

This amounts to an enormous assault on the dignity of the unborn and of the role which women play as co-operators with God in His plan of creation. It flaunts God's commandment 'Thou Shall Not Kill' and the natural law. In short it is an outrageous situation which has to be regarded as totally intolerable and unacceptable in a civilised society.

?? A Catholic Call to Action: Catholics are called to –

Defend the **innocent and powerless**—especially the unborn
Uphold the **dignity of women** in God's plan
Reject indifference and live out the commandment to **love our neighbour**

Catholics do much to help the sick, the poor and the marginalised in response to God's command of love. Such compassion and care is particularly applicable to the unborn since they share the same dignity in God's eyes as does any other human person but are totally without capacity to fend for themselves. To remain indifferent to the plight of the unborn is to reject God's commandment of love. Please join in saying the prayer below daily.

?? Prayer for Life

"Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood. Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image, as well as theirs, made for eternal life. Dispel their fears and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen."

?? Stay Informed & Get Involved

?? **Dr Joanna Howe** – Pro-Life Advocate & Law Professor:

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?? [Watch: How an Abortion is Performed](#) (Graphic content warning)

?? [Visit: https://prolife.gotomary.com](https://prolife.gotomary.com) for resources and updates

Around and About

Formation Day for Clergy and Parish Senior Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All Clergy, Senior Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are warmly invited to join **Bishop Anthony** for a special **Formation Day** following the release of his new Pastoral Letter, *The Mystery of Faith: Encountering Jesus Christ in the Eucharist*.

Time: 10am – 1pm

Date: Saturday 1 November

Venue Update: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills

To register: <https://forms.office.com/r/7tzmzaCRPh>

This day will be a valuable time to grow together in faith, deepen our love for the Eucharist, and strengthen our service within the parish community.

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

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 Be- lonio OSA	10 Fr Michael Sulli- van 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 Mo- ran OCD
20 Fr Sunny Peackal OCD	21 Fr Restituto Og- simer cs	22 Fr Jose Aliro Gutierrez cs	23 Fr Savino Ber- nardi cs	24 Deacon Roberto Corpuz	25 Deacon Richard Houwing	26 Deacon Adrian Gomez
27 Deacon Paul Simmons	28 Deacon Peter McCulloch	29 Deacon Kevin Hale Deacon Kevin	30 Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS	31 Fr Brendan Lee		

**This is a quick note to let you know about Willoughby Symphony Choir's upcoming concert on Sunday
November 9
at 2.00 pm at the Chatswood Concourse.**

The choir is presenting Handel's *Messiah*, a work that includes drama, hope and the famous Hallelujah Chorus: the ever-popular *Messiah* by Handel has it all. Presented by Willoughby Symphony Choir, Willoughby Symphony Orchestra and four soloists. This concert may be of interest to some of your parishioners, particularly as Willoughby Choir is such a well-known and respected local north shore institution which is renowned for its outstanding performances.

Date

Sunday 9 November 2025 2:00 PM

The Concourse, Chatswood

Tickets: Adult \$60 Concession \$50

Please Remember in our Prayer

For those recently died:

Almira Aurora Sabulao; Tom Rowan; Aljoša Žuvela; Ada Otero; Amir Siburian; Minnie Walshe; Crisanto Tablante Sosito; Elsa Omaira Rodriguez Caldas; Alfredo Gonzaga; Monica Cotter; Terry Meagher; Br Bob Wallace CFC; Imee Quitasol; Rosalina Balderam; Myrna Acosta; Pulchera Jovita; Micheal Hayes; Imee Qutasol; Rosalina Balderam; Joe Woods; John Stanley Hedley; Dianne Brown; Yolandu Yu; Elizabeth Terry.

For those who are sick:

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 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; Mary kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Edgar Rodriguez; Silvio Ventura; Poi Suen Cheng Hui; Slava Julia Suplina; Maria Raffaele; Salud Rodriguez; Luz Rodriguez; Alipio Celedonio; Maria Cristina (Tina) Robinson; Chun Ying Cheng; Phoebe Montana; Kevin Bruce; Anunciacion Gadiane; Abraham Gadiane; Francisca Elnas; Marcos Elnas.

Infant & Children Baptism: Sunday 26 October at 12 pm: Aidan Zion Rivas, Matteo Pierre Culbi & Michaela Soleil Castro Marcos.

Memorial Mass for Minnie Walshe: Monday, 27 October at 12.30 pm Mass

Public Rosary on Forecourt: Saturday 1 November at 4.00pm.

A banner for flower donations featuring a large bouquet of pink and white flowers. In the top left corner is a logo for 'Our Lady OF DOLOURS' with a blue background and white text. The word 'FLOWER' is written in large white capital letters, and 'DONATIONS' is written in even larger white capital letters below it. At the bottom, in a cursive script, it says 'Would you like to donate flowers to adorn our church?'

Our Lady OF DOLOURS

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

This week's Altar flowers are donated by a brother in Christ in thanksgiving, to glorify God and to honour Him.
He prays that God will bless our priests and all parishioners

