



Sunday 28 January—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us.


**Our Lady
of Dolours**

*The Parish of Chatswood
94 Archer Street
Chatswood
NSW 2067*

An Aboriginal Blessing on our Australia Day Weekend



May our footsteps, on these ancient lands,
remind us of creation and connectedness, in our search
for truth.

May the Gum Tree, from its roots to its branches,
remind us to dig deep and reach high, in our action for
justice.

May the Eagle, who soars in the sky,
remind us of the power, in our call for love.
May the expanse of the lands and seas, of the sky and
stars,

remind us of God's timing in our faith in hope.

May the Holy three, Creator Spirit, Lord God,
Papa Jesus,

remind us of community.

So with grace, mercy, and peace, go in truth, justice,
love and hope.



A Blessing for the Start of a new School Year

Heavenly Father, as we gather together to prepare
for this new academic year, we ask for your blessing
on all of us. May Your Spirit set our hearts ablaze
with love of You—love that we can share with our
students, their families and each other. Bless our
planning and be with us each day.

Bless us with your wisdom, O God, as we chart out
the course for the upcoming school year. May our
orientation be fruitful in our efforts to mold young
people in faith, competence, conscience and
compassion.

Lord, Your Spirit is transformative. May it inspire us
today as we gather together as teachers, certainly,
but as Christians as well, striving to do Your will.
Embolden us to live our faith each day, in all of our
interactions with students. Grant us open minds and
hearts to observe the way You call us to act. Renew
our strength, that we may persevere through
obstacles that we will surely encounter. Bless all of
our teachers, administrators, support staff and all of
our families. In Your name we pray.

<https://hallow.com/blog/back-to-school-prayers-for-teachers/#:~:text=%E2%80%9CHeavenly%20Father%2C%20as%20we%20gather,be%20with%20us%20each%20day.%E2%80%9D>

Masses This Week

Monday	29 January	12.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 4
Tuesday	30 January	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 4
Wednesday	31 January	9.00am, 12.30pm, 6pm	St John Bosco
Thursday	1 February	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 4
Friday	2 February	10.00am and 12.30pm	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Blessing of Candles)
Saturday	3 February	9.00am and 5.30pm	St Blaise (Blessing of Throats) at our 9.00am Mass
Sunday	4 February	Usual times	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our flowers this week are donated by Elizabeth Wright

Please Remember in our Prayer

For special intention:

For those recently died:

Raul R Lee, John Moore (Aida Moore's father in law), Clinton Grant, Stella Hammond (aka Stella Seery), Peter John Harrison, Francesco Mollace, Vlasta Novacek, Susan McGrath, Loredana Santi, Ksenija Bosnich, George Souama, Fr Bill Aliprandi.

For those who are sick:

Maria Taylor, Bruce Meppem, Moh Har Yip, Bill Piper, Frank Hallissy, John O'Brien, Gerard De Leon, Carlos De Leon, Mary Kin-Soon Ng, Bonnie Lueng. John Tiorg and family, Esther Grant and family,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ian Meredith (12 February), Francis Ward (31 January), Jean-Marie Ta and Margarita Ta (27 January), Juliana Chee (20 January), Angela Ryan (17 January), Lisa McKee, Lubica Bacic Fratric (14 January), Paul Hung (13 January). Michelle Linton (8 January), Bertha Dayton (8 January), Frederick Abenales (4 January), Theodore Cowell. Lawendy Morgan and Sanjora Abraham (31 December), Michelle Linton (8 January)



JOIN IN OUR ZOOM

Rosary

Sunday 11 February 2024

8.00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82339873029>

Meeting ID: 823 3987 3029

No Passcode required.

Join us online to celebrate the Feast of

Our Lady of Lourdes

By praying the Rosary together

OR LEO & ASSOCIATES
Chapelwood Catholic Parish

你們一向聽說過：『以眼還眼，以牙還牙。』

我卻對你們說：不要抵抗惡人；而且，若有人掌擊你的右頰，你把另一面也轉給他。

瑪竇福音 5:38-39

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well. Matthew 5:38-39

Reflection for Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time by Deacon Richard

In today's Gospel, we find Jesus in Capernaum, entering the synagogue on the Sabbath, a sacred time when the Jewish community assembles for worship and instruction. What sets Jesus apart is the authority with which he imparts his wisdom. This authority astonishes the people in the synagogue. In those days, Jewish religious experts typically relied on quoting the elders and the teachings of previous Rabbis. The teachers upheld the authoritative "tradition of the elders."

However, Jesus didn't simply reiterate the teachings of others. He spoke with the authority of God. You may recall his teaching authority, as evident in the Sermon on the Mount, when he said, *"You have heard that it was said of old, but I say to you."* Jesus taught with personal authority, unlike anyone else. When he spoke, his words were divine. His words were the scriptures. His words were inherently authoritative. He didn't need to cite scripture or seek external validation; his words were the essence of authority.

Jesus is the messenger from the Father and the bridge between God and humanity. Therefore, he is the connection between the Divine and the human experience. Jesus' teachings addressed universal human concerns, such as forgiveness, suffering, and searching for meaning. He spoke to the deepest needs and longings of the human heart, making his teachings relevant to all.

The people in the synagogue were right to recognize Jesus as the one who possessed remarkable authority. His words were unlike any other, transcending the teachings of mortals. However, it's crucial to remember that Jesus, who taught with such authority, is not merely a figure from the distant past. He is just as real, alive, and present among us today as he was in that synagogue nearly two millennia ago.

We find his presence in the Eucharist, in the tabernacle, symbolized by the sanctuary lamp that perpetually burns. Through the sacrament of the Eucharist, we invite Christ into our innermost beings, allowing his presence to dwell within our hearts and souls. Here, we can draw upon the power of his grace to fortify our weariness whenever the need arises.

Moreover, Jesus is present in the confessional, acting through the ministry of his priests. Whenever we require forgiveness and healing through his grace, we can encounter him there. This is the same Jesus who once expelled demons and astonished crowds with his miraculous deeds.

Additionally, Jesus is present in the Bible. When our hearts yearn for his words of wisdom, we can find solace in the scriptures.

Lastly, Jesus is here among us during this sacred liturgy. He promised to be present wherever two or three gather in his name. This gathering is a testament to our shared faith and sense of community. It is a reminder that we are not alone in our faith journey as a community of faithful believers. Together, we draw strength from his presence among us.



Our Parish Chinese Catholic Association and friends busily preparing for our Luna New Year festivities!



Lay Initiative for Formation and Evangelization

Catholic L.I.F.E. stands for Catholic Lay Initiative for Formation and Evangelization. It is a formation program for lay people based on John Paul II's apostolic exhortation, *Pastores Dabo Vobis* which is for the formation of priests, but taken in the context for the laity. It incorporates the four foundational pillars of formation which are:

- Spiritual Formation
- Intellectual Formation
- Human Formation
- Pastoral Formation

It also aims to build a community for the support and encouragement of its members.

Catholic LIFE requires these minimum commitments:

- Daily Spiritual Exercises
- Monthly Class, Small Group Meeting, and Parish Ministry/Apostolate
- Two Annual Retreats

Program will start on February. If you are interested, please email Fr. Joey at joey.frez@bbccatholic.org.au



Wonderful Opportunities for our Formation in Faith

METANOIA

A JOURNEY WITH CHRIST INTO CONVERSION

JOIN US FOR A NEW VIDEO SERIES

This 10-part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, President of Franciscan University and founder of The Ministry of the Wild Goose, leads us on a journey with Christ into conversion. Each of the episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. Join us for the most important journey of our lives, a journey of grace, hope, repentance, and transformation.

Come and join us on a journey of conversation. No matter where you are on your faith journey, conversion is an ongoing and deepening process.

Metanoia begins Tuesday 6 February 2024
in the Magnificat Room, Kirk Street
from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Coffee / tea provided

Contact Gillian Hawkins for more
information on 0412 373 324 or
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Year of Prayer 2024

WHETHER WE
REALIZE IT
OR NOT

PRAYER
IS THE ENCOUNTER OF
GOD'S THIRST
AND OURS.

ST AUGUSTINE

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHATSWOOD PARISH

Looking for answers?

Try **Spiritual Direction!**

To be able to discover
the actual will of the Lord
in our lives always involves
the following:

a receptive listening to the
Word of God and the Church,
fervent and constant prayer,
recourse to a wise and loving
spiritual guide, and a faithful
discernment of the gifts and
talents given by God.

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Jesus was born over 2000 years ago.

So what?

Every year we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. But why?

What makes Jesus so special that we remember him year after year – for 2024 years?

Come and explore this question and the other big questions about life, faith, God and meaning, as we journey in Alpha together in 2024.



Alpha is an introduction to Christian faith which assumes nothing.

If you've never read the Bible, never prayed, never been to church before, then Alpha is for you.

But it's also for you if you've been coming to church for a long time – maybe your whole life – but you've still got big questions.

In each Alpha session we have a meal together, watch a video and have a conversation about what we've watched. We ask our questions and together work out the answers.

We'll be offering Alpha once a week on Mondays commencing on Monday,

5 February 2024 starting at 7:00pm (for dinner) in the Parish Meeting Rooms – Kirk Street

We'd love you to come! Please bring a friend who would also like to know Jesus!

Let's explore life, faith and meaning together in 2024!

Registration essential: Email: chatswood.alpha@gmail.com

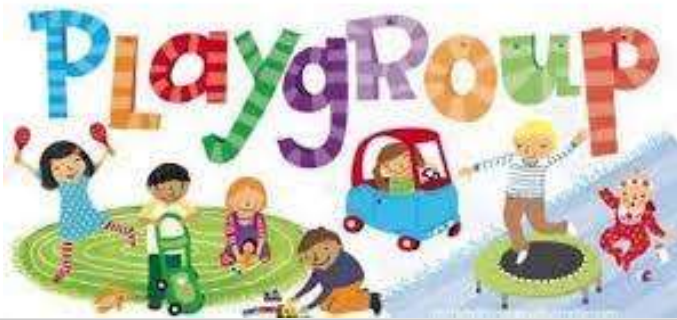
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/alpha>

For queries contact: Gillian 0412 373 324; Email: gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com

Some Upcoming Gatherings

*Our Playgroup gets underway for the year
Magnificat Meeting Room
Thursday 1 February
at 1.00pm*

*Bring the children to Mass at 12.30pm
for a special blessing!*



*Our Seniors Morning Tea
resumes for the year
this Thursday, 1 February*

*10.00am
Magnificat Meeting Rooms*

Bring a friend!



Hearts Alive—Sunday 18 February

Are you curious about music ministry but don't quite know what it involves? Do you want to sing or play at Mass but feel shy or don't know where to start? Hearts Alive is a workshop event for teens and young adults to find out more about what serving God through music at mass is like.

Even if you've never considered involvement in the music ministry but have an interest or love of music, we encourage you to come along! No prior music experience is needed.

The event will include a meal and games, giving you a chance to get to know other young people, and a music workshop with Titus, our Director of Music! Please register your interest so that we can update you on the event by going to the following link or scanning the QR code: <http://tinyurl.com/bddxuhez>. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Youth Mass Team (questions can be directed to bettina.ignacio@bbcatholic.org.au)



Farewell for Fr Marek

*Next weekend
Fr Marek will be with us for the
final time before his new
appointment to the Parish of Manly-
Freshwater
Fr Marek will celebrate most of our
Masses next weekend.*

*However,
join us this Wednesday 31 January
for Mass at 6pm
and supper on the Forecourt
to offer our gratitude to Fr Marek!
in a relaxed way!*



Parish Catechist Presentation

At the annual Diocesan Catechist Mass in Waitara on October 28 last year, Deacon Roberto Corpuz was presented with a Service Award for 25 years of Special Religious Education (SRE) service – a wonderful achievement!

This Sunday, 28 January at our 10.30am Mass we acknowledge a number of others of our parishioners for their dedicated service to the ministry of catechist:

- ◆ Amelia Lee: 10 years service + Level 1 & Level 3 The Psalms Cert
- ◆ Kathleen Lim: 5 years service
- ◆ Barbara Seeto: Level 1 Certificate
- ◆ Virginia Lagos: Level 3 The Psalms Certificate
- ◆ Binnie Tan: Level 3 The Psalms certificate
- ◆ Preciousa (Pressy) Braganza: Level 1/Level 2/Level 3 Certs + Diploma of Special Religious Education

We salute our friends on these milestones and thank them for their great witness of faith!



impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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. O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption. 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

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

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

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

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 30: 17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

or

Mt 5: 3-4

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. 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

LISTEN

Listening is a central part of being a follower of Christ: listening to the Holy Spirit, to the Word, and to each other. Today we are called to listen and give undivided attention to the Lord, to a prophet like Moses, and to Jesus in the Gospel.

Moses reveals that "God will raise up a prophet like myself from among yourselves, from your own people ... to him you must listen" (Deut 18:15). He reminds the people that this is what they have asked for. In the letter to the Corinthians Paul addresses the anxieties of the community as "the present form of the world is passing away" (1 Cor 7:31). Paul expresses his wish that they be free from anxieties by giving attention to the Lord.

The Gospel continues the beginning of Jesus' ministry in what I call "Jesus Central" – Capernaum (Kefar Nahum). It is where Jesus made his home during his Galilean ministry. We notice it is Shabbat, the sabbath, and Jesus is in the synagogue teaching. "They" (those in the synagogue) are astounded by his teaching. "They" are listening as he teaches with authority. Juxtaposed with this is the exorcism of an unclean spirit which brings both amazement and the question: "what is this? A new teaching with authority" (v. 27). We hear that his fame spreads, but are they truly listening, and do they recognise who he is? Jesus proclaims the good news in word and deed and expects a change of heart. How are we listening today?

DR ROSEMARY CANNAN

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

28 JANUARY 2024

A TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY BEHIND IT. Power and authority usually go together and are often confused. If Jesus exercised authority it was not in the oppressive fashion of many earthly rulers but in service of the poor. His power was directed towards liberating people from unjust laws, evil spirits, debilitating illnesses and the slavery of sin. It is this power that is at work in us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 105: 47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

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.
P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

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. Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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

Deut 18: 15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: "Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly: "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9. R. v. 9

R. If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us kneel and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work." **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 7: 32-35

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

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4: 16

Alleluia, alleluia! / A people in darkness have seen a great light: / a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 21-28

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep

Twenty Four Pilgrims and One Priest

A trip to the Holy Land in September-October last year was always going to be a life-changer and so the group of OLD parishioners who joined the Pilgrimage formed a special bond. Even before the pilgrimage was over, a plan to have a reunion was hatched and a date agreed upon.

We gathered at Bernadette's place on the 13th of January with food to share, souvenirs to show, stories to tell and enjoy each other's company once again. We missed those who couldn't come because of illness, overseas trips or other commitments.

As we watched a video presentation of the pilgrimage highlights, we all agreed that we came back home different from the person we were before we embarked on this journey.

We were touched in different ways, had various moments of enlightenment and grateful for all our blessings.

We thank God for keeping everyone safe during a tense couple of days at the end of the pilgrimage as the war in Israel erupted. Everyone arrived home back in the loving arms of their families and our Parish community.

Thank you Bernadette for hosting the reunion, Rene for coordinating the event and Ryan for compiling the hundreds of photos into a nice vignette of memories.

Special thank you to Fr Joey for being our Chaplain shepherding us, Ditas for organising everything, Peter for being an excellent tour guide, and all the pilgrims because without them, there wouldn't have been a pilgrimage.





Celebrating Australia Day with a BBQ after our 10am Mass





Martyrs Saints of China

中華殉道聖人

中华殉道圣人

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/120-martyrs-of-china-533>

'We should not call China a "pagan land." She too has given witness to the Catholic faith. She too has laid the foundation upon which the Church is built.' (Anthony E Clark, Catholic Answers Magazine, 12/30/2022)

Canonisation. On October 1, 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized 120 martyrs of China who died between 1648 and 1930. They were martyred because of their ministry, or for their refusal to apostatize. Of the 120, 87 were Chinese and 33 foreign missionaries.

The 87 Chinese-born martyrs ranged in age from 9 to 72 years old, and included 4 Chinese diocesan priests.

The 33 foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or religious, especially from the Order of Preachers, the Paris Foreign Mission Society, the Friars Minor, Jesuits, Salesians and Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

Pope Saint John Paul II pointed to the martyrs as an example of courage and faith. Their feast day is on 9 July.

A quick summary of some of the martyrdoms as follows.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez de Capillas (1607-1648) was the proto martyr among the 120. A Spanish Dominican priest, he worked as a missionary in the Philippines for 10 years before being assigned to evangelize China in 1641. He set out from Manila, and went to the Fujian province, where he made many converts. In a wave of anti-Christian persecution, he was arrested in Fu-an in 1647, tortured and beheaded in 1648.

Fr Augustine Zhao Rong (1746 – 1815) was the first native Chinese priest to be martyred. He was one of the soldiers who escorted the French Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse to his martyrdom in Beijing. During the long journey the witness of the bishop moved Augustine to seek baptism at age 30. He was ordained a priest five years later. In 1815 he was arrested, tortured and martyred.

Anna Wang. (1886 – 1900) A 14-year old Chinese girl who was born into a poor Catholic peasant family and developed a strong faith at an early age. In 1900 during the Boxers rebellion, her village was captured. She was tortured and forced to renounce her faith. She refused and was beheaded.

Chi (Xi) Zhuzi. (1882 – 1900) An 18 year old Chinese youth martyred during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900. He had been preparing to receive baptism when he was caught on the road one night and ordered to worship idols. He refused and was savagely tortured to death: his right arm was cut off and he was flayed alive.

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OF DOLOURS

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LUNAR NEW YEAR

Lunar New Year

**SUN
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11
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**MASS TOGETHER AT 10:30AM THEN
CELEBRATION ON THE FORECOURT**

**LION DANCERS | RAFFLE DRAWN BY FR
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Beat the lines by booking your food, drink, or raffle tickets online!
Tickets for all these things will also be available for purchase on the day

All funds raised.....for the Pastoral Works Fund

LUNAR NEW YEAR TICKETS

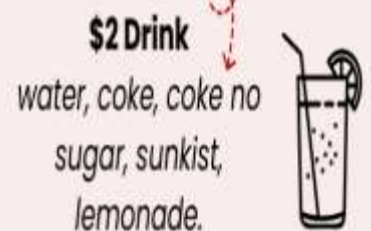
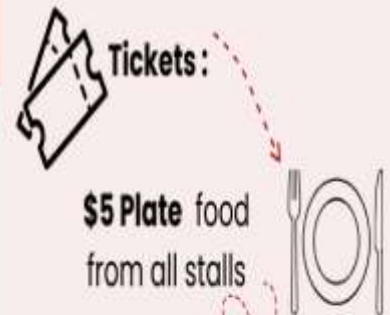
Lunar New Year tickets for food, drinks, and the raffle are now on sale online!

Lunar New Year is a wonderful celebration centred around removing the old and bad of the previous year, and ushering in a new year of goodness! In our parish, culture and religion intersect peacefully by celebrating the Lunar Year as a time of renewal, excitement, and community.

On **Sunday February 11th** the Chinese Catholic Association of Chatswood invites you and your loved ones to join us at Mass at 10:30am and then for celebrations out on the forecourt where you can taste the food of our cultural communities, have a go at the lucky dip, watch the lion dancers, and get yourself a ticket into our raffle!

This year we are fundraising to help meet our parish's **\$64,730.00** allocated quota for Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) which supports the work of two key Diocesan ministries: our catechists, and Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities and the Ephpheta Centre which supports the deaf community.

Get your tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/COAXT> or scan the QR code!
Cash payments can be made at the parish office during opening hours.



First Prize - \$800 Coles Gift Voucher

Second Prize - \$200 Westfield Gift Voucher

3rd Prize - \$100 Movie Voucher!



Scan for tickets!

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Tickets \$10 for 1
\$15 for 2 and \$20 for 4
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First Saturday Devotions To the Immaculate Heart Of Mary Public Rosary

- Holy Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Divine Mercy Chaplet*
- Every first Saturday of the month, commencing on the 3rd of February at 4pm*
- On the forecourt, Our Lady Of Dolours, Chatswood*
- All are welcome!*



CHATSWOOD **men** **ALIVE**

Chatswood menALIVE is part of a National Catholic Mens Movement these past 20 years and is represented in 26 dioceses throughout Australia and New Zealand encompassing some 25,000 men.

The purpose of menALIVE is to help men discover God at work in their lives, a God who is walking beside them on their own personal journey.

Chatswood menALIVE meets twice monthly to discuss men's topics, leading to in-depth personal reflection & prayer with a scriptural basis.

In addition to regular monthly meetings, other events include:

- A National Conference (menALIVE MAX)
- State of Origin Nights
- Sydney Camino Walk
- Men's Masses & Bar B Q's
- Men's Breakfast
- Men's Movie Nights

**MEETINGS EVERY 2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
MAGNIFICAT ROOM**

PARISH MEETING ROOMS
CNR OF ARCHER & KIRK ST, CHATSWOOD
OPPOSITE OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH
MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7 PM

**ALL MEN WELCOME
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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

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 and 6.00pm

(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

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