Second Sunday of Easter - 24 A pril 2022

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Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer & Worship Service 24 A pril 2022 (2.30 pm - 4.00 pm)



The Feast of Divine Mercy is celebrated on the Sunday following Easter Sunday expressing the association between the two feasts. Easter marks the salvation won by Jesus' atoning sacrifice on the cross and His victory over death. The Feast of Divine Mercy celebrates God's loving forgiveness.

On Divine Mercy Sunday 24 April, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 2.30pm with the praying and singing of the Chaplet, blessing of Divine Mercy images etc. Benediction at around 4pm. Reconciliation is available from 2.30 - 4.00pm.

A NZA C DA Y MONDA Y 25 A PRIL

Mass will be celebrated in our church at 10.00am (Please note that this will be the only Mass on Monday)

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Flowers donated this weekend on behalf of Sandra Byak

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	25 April	10am Mass only	Anzac Day Mass
Tuesday	26 April	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday	27 April	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday	28 April	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday	29 April	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday	30 April	9am Mass	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Sunday	1 May		Second Sunday of Easter

Please Remember in your Prayers

SICK: Janet Coombs

RECENTLY DECEASED: Raymond John Shegwyn; Beryl Moloney (Fr Brian's mother)

ANNIVERSARY OF DECEASED: Carlo Suplina, Cedric Abenales, Judge Dignam, Frederick Abenales (28 April)



Reflection on the Gospel this Sunday

The Gospel begins by giving us information about the day and time of Jesus's appearance. The day is the first Easter Sunday and the time is evening. So much has happened already, from the discovery of the empty tomb to the appearance of the risen Jesus to Mary Magdalene. The disciples, gathered together out of fear behind locked doors, have received Mary's report of the risen Jesus. They do not know what to believe. Into this fear-filled situation Jesus appears. Jesus has come to dispel the disciples' fear and give them courage to continue his ministry.

After his greeting, John tells us that Jesus "showed them his hands and his side" (20:20). Jesus does this because he wants the disciples to know that the risen Christ is the same person as the crucified Jesus, who was raised up on the cross and pierced by a lance. The disciples rejoice because they realize this truly is the same Jesus they have been following for the past three years. He then commissions the disciples to continue the ministry he began and to bring the peace and joy they experienced on the first Easter night to future generations of frightened disciples. In sharing the Holy Spirit, Jesus gives the disciples the courage and vision to continue his ministry.

Thomas, one of the twelve, is not present that first Easter evening. Yet Thomas is willing to believe that the crucified Jesus appeared to the disciples only if he can touch Jesus's wounds.

A week later, the disciples again are gathered; this time Thomas is with them. Jesus stands among them and extends the same greeting, "Peace be with you" (20:26). To everyone's surprise Jesus not only accepts Thomas's conditional faith but also challenges him to believe that the risen Jesus is the crucified Jesus. "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe" (20:27), Jesus says to Thomas. Jesus's statement tells us not to put conditions on our willingness to believe that the crucified Jesus is also the risen Jesus. Thomas's response is dramatic: "My Lord and my God" (20:28). Thomas's words are an act of faith. He professes that Jesus is who he says he is—the Son of God.

眼睛就是身上的灯。你的眼睛若了亮,全身就光明 The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light.

From Fr David

Dear friends,

Again, our very special thank you to all those who made last weekend as special. Our church has looked truly splendid and our ceremonies were all very beautiful. So many worked hard in the background to make the celebrations as prayerful and as meaningful. In particular our congratulations to all those received into our Church at the Easter Vigil, to those confirmed and admitted to the Table of the Lord at Eucharist. Our thanks to Grace Tai and to Deacon Kevin for their accompaniment of our neophytes. And what a remarkable Easter morning breakfast! To the team that cooked over 500 eggs along with bacon and pancakes our tribute and our gratitude. Combined with the beautiful sunny morning, it all contributed to a very palpable community spirit of celebration.

We will busy in the coming months of May with a diversity of activity and devotion. It is the month of Mary and there will be a number of opportunities available for us to honour her presence in our life of faith.

We will also undertake our important Pastoral Works Fund Appeal. Our parish is obligated to contribute some \$57, 000 to this fund and we will very much need your support to meet our **Continued on page 3**

Upcoming Events

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Sunday 1 May	Pastoral Works Fund Appeal	
Sunday 8 May	Mother's Day	
	Annual Mass Attendance Count	
	Commencement of Parish Census	
Sunday 15 May	JRS Food Collection begins in Parish	
	10.30am Mass : Celebration of the 110th Anniversary of the Chatswood St Vincent de Paul Conference	
Sunday 29 May	Ascension Sunday	
	4pm Peter Kearney Concert - "Signs of Hope—People of Faith"	
Sunday 5 June	Pentecost Sunday	
Sunday 12 June	Bach Akadamie Concert	



Monday Anzac Day	25 April		Parish Office Closed
		10.00am	Anzac Day Mass
Tuesday	26 April	9.45am-12.15pm	Bible Discussion Group (St Paul Room)
		9.00am-11.00am	Playgroup (Magnificat Room)
		6.00pm-7.30pm	First Communion Parent Meeting (Magnificat Room)
		8.00pm-9.00pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
		7.00pm-8.30pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul)
Wednesday	27 April	7.00pm-9.00pm	Parish Finance Committee (St Peter Room)
		7.00pm-9.00pm	MenAlive Group (Magnificat Room)
		7.00pm-9.00pm	Exploring the Faith course (St Paul Room)
Thursday	28 April	9.30am-12noon	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		1.00pm-2.30pm 6.00pm-7.30pm	First Communion Parent Meeting (Magnificat Room)
		5.30pm-7.30pm	Legion of Mary (English) (Magnificat Room)
		7pm-8pm	Holy Hour with Reconciliation available
Friday	29 April	10.00am-11.30am	Meditation (St Paul Room)
Saturday	30 April	9.30am	Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Benediction/ Reconciliation available
		2.00pm-5.00pm	First Communion Parent Meeting (Magnificat Room)
Sunday	1 May	8.30am-11.30am	First Communion Parent Meeting (Magnificat Room)
		9.00am-10.00am	Choir practice (St Peter Room)
		12noon	Filipino Mass

From Fr Davíd cont'd

responsibility in this regard. We are most grateful for any consideration you may be able to provide. Our annual food drive for Jesuit Refugee Services will also be undertaken. Please see the notices in the bulletin about this.

From the weekend of 8 May we will also undertake our annual Mass Attendance Count. This year, combined with this project, we will also undertake a renewed parish census, asking everyone to provide us updated contact details. This is very much at the service of our journey together: Being Church in the City. So we will have more details about this next weekend.

On Sunday 15 May at our 10.30am Mass we will have a very special celebration of the 110th anniversary of the establishment of our Chatswood St Vincent de Paul Conference. (Our parish was established 8 December 1910). For such a long period, dedicated men and women in our parish, following the example of Frederic Ozanam, have been responding to the practical needs of people in our community who find themselves in all manner of need. Their service is unheralded and undertaken without publicity. However, they are tremendous examples of the love of Christ. We look forward to highlighting the mission of the St Vincent de Paul Conference throughout the coming month.

We are holding an open day in the presbytery on Saturday 23 April for those who would like to see the renovations that have now completed. However, don't forget the same opportunity is there on the afternoon of Sunday 1 May! **102nd anniversary of our church's Foundation Stone: 18 April 1920**

Conversation Circles with Fr David

As Term 2 commences towards the end of April Fr David invites members of our parish community to join him for a series of conversation circles at which we can engage him with the questions we might have about Our Parish, as Parish Priest, Our Diocese, as Vicar General The Fifth Plenary Council of the Church in Australia, as Secretary of the Council.

Circles will be limited to about 12 people at a time and conducted over a range of dates to enable as many to participate.

The dates will be Tuesday 3 May, Tuesday 17 May, Wednesday 18 May, Tuesday 24 May at 7.30pm or on Thursday 12 May at 10am or Monday 16 May at 10am.

Please register through the parish office by leaving your name, preferred date and contact number.

Presbytery Renovation—Stage 1 Completed!

Do you remember the project we initiated last June 2021 to renovate the presbytery? We had scheduled an inspection day on which everyone could come and see what needed to be done. However, two days earlier we went into Covid lockdown!

Nonetheless, the project has indeed unfolded step by step, and we are happy to share that through all the challenges of COVID we have now completed the interior renovation of the house! We would love to show you what we have achieved and how the house has been transformed into a warm and inviting home.

We are especially grateful to Mr Glen Worne who has seen the project through as our primary builder, and to Michael Mercer our parish Finance and Facilities Manager who has overseen and guided the project so generously. **Come along on the afternoon of Sunday 1 May from 12noon to 5pm to have a look.** Everyone is most welcome to call in to say hello and enjoy a cuppa!

We have now begun planning on the second stage of the project which is to build an extension at the rear of the house to provide



more adequate living space for our Assistant Priests. We will then repaint the exterior of the house and re-landscape the front of the house. This has been a major undertaking for the long term benefit of our parish and its important assets.

Our Parish celebrates Easter!



Curina Pui-yess Chang Stephan Khoanh Tien Alicia Maddison Tien Zachary Joshua Tien Annie Liu Nathan Ho Emma Ho Nick Weidong Guan Sophia Shu Hua Huo Dylin Guan Ethan Guan Ching Sze Puzny Suen Samual Mark Puzny Angie On Kei Chung Natalie Guo Cassie Jiang Chor Tuen Wong

Our warmest congratulations to all those received into our Church at our Easter Vigil

Joey Nagai Belinda Ka Yan Lee Jaelen Ngai Jaxton Ngai Stephanie Man Sim Wong Francis Hugo Mai

And to those also confirmed and admitted to Eucharist:

Curina Pui-yess Chang Stephan Khoanh Tien Annie Liu Nick Weidong Guan Sophia Shu Hua Huo Ching Sze Puzny Suen Angie On Kei Chung Natalie Guo Chor Tuen Wong Joey Nagai Belinda Ka Yan Lee Steph Man Sim Wong









OUR HOPES & DREAMS

A SAMPLE OF WHAT HAS BEEN RECIEVED SO FAR

My hopes & dreams for our Chatswood church are...

"Community Dinner - This is a good idea as we all come together for dinner and talk to one another in Harrington Hall. I think it is time to bring it back." "Maintenance of the church building is kept to a high standard ... That it continues to remain open everyday so people can come in anytime to pray and feel that it is a sanctuary (a safe place to be)." "To be a vibrant parish and to be held up as an example of a flourishing church in Sydney. To be a hub for Christians across the North Shore and the whole of Sydney."

Peter

My hopes & dreams for our parish community are...

"Whilst we're guided by the Holy Spirit the teachings, goals and dreams of Pope Francis should be paramount to all we strive for. Laudato si', Fratelli Tutti and Let us Dream should be the basis for our planning." "That young families are encouraged and supported so they are actively involved in parish matters... Build a strong youth base as they are crucial to the future of our community." "My hope is to see the Parish of our Lady of Dolours become a Eucharistic cantered Community, with an increased personal attendance at the opportunities offered for Eucharistic adoration."

Trish

Cynthia

Cynthia

Parishioner

Hamish

My hopes & dreams for our church and schools precinct are...

"Have a large area with a community cafe. Foodtech students can make and donate some foods.	Any profits can be put back towards community activities or charity or to invite "clients/community members" who may be isolated or lonely to enjoy a free	"A true multi use space that the parish can host a range of events in, with meeting rooms, music rehearsal space, hall/theatre space, children's ministry
Students and parishioners can donate their time and/or food. Students can learn barista skills and it can be a place	cuppa and /or meal. A place where they will be welcomed and know there is someone with listening ears on site. "	space etc."
of gathering for the Community.	EI	Hamish

How to share your hopes & dreams

We would love for you to share your dreams and help to shape the future of our church, parish, and precinct.

Feeding these back to our community and building on them with further initiatives will begin to give shape to the possibilities being given us by the Spirit of God.

You can share your dreams by...

visiting www.churchinthecity.com.au/dreams and filing in the questions; or

emailing dreams@churchinthecity.com.au and sharing your dreams; or



filling out the dreams booklet found in the church foyer and pews



Being Church in the City: Our Journey Together



Sharing our Dreams

We are very grateful to the number of people who have already shared their dreams for our church, our community, our precinct.

We continue to invite everyone to share their thoughts and hopes through until the end of May 2022.

Would you like to form a group and offer something together? Do let our parish office know and as Term 2 commences on 26 April we can facilitate the formation of small groups for this intention.

In addition, we bring to everyone's attention Willoughby City Council has recently released its own vision for the future.

Council undertook seven months of community engagement which was synthesised and incorporated into the development of the *Our Future Willoughby 2028*. The *Our Future Willoughby 2028* identifies the vision for the future of Willoughby City as: 'Willoughby's diversity underpins our livable and prosperous City'.

This vision is supported by five strategic outcomes as outlined below and supported by a number of priorities:

- A City that is green
- A City that is connected and inclusive
- A City that is livable
- A City that is prosperous and vibrant
- A City that is effective and accountable

These plans will have a direct implication for many of our parishioners, and especially for our parish precinct. We are therefore studying the document with great care.

https://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Community/Planning-for-our-Future/Our-Future-Willoughby-2028 Submissions open until 8 June 2022

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion

of the Father and the Son,

forever and ever.

Amen.

May-the Month of Mary

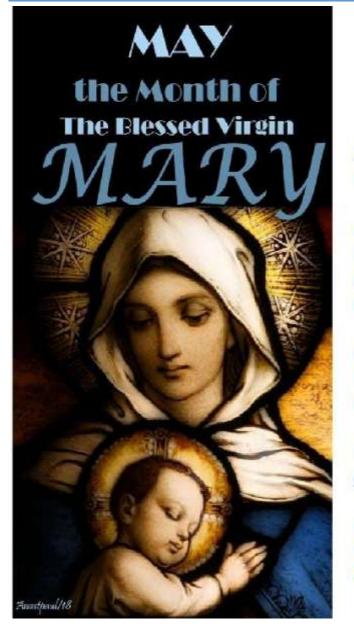


Flores de Mayo (Spanish for "Flowers of May") is a festival held in the entire month of May in the Philippines .

The children offer flowers before the image of the Virgin Mary as a symbol of love, affection and veneration. This is a commemoration and reminiscent of the Our Lady of Fatima apparition to the three children which first took place on 13 May 1917.

At Our Lady of Dolours we will celebrate Flores de Mayo in our church. The statue of the Blessed Virgin will be placed at the sanctuary the entire month of May.

On 1st of May at 12 noon, the Filipino community invite children to come dressed in white and bring flowers to present at the foot of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Before the start of the 12 noon Filipino Mass, we will gather the children so they can take part in the entrance procession.



VISITATION OF MARY TO YOUR HOME

Do you want to be part of the home visitation of Mary in the month of May?

A statue of the Blessed Virgin is available to be picked up from O·L·D· Church to stay in your home for at least one day (your choice but no more than a week)·

A booklet of prayers will be provided to help you venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary during her visit

If interested, please email by 29th April <u>chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au</u>

or contact Cecilia at 0466 961 240; or, Ditas at 0405999510

Important Events in May



Australia's Catholic bishops have called for a shakeup that focuses the country's politics on the common good of all, including - and especially - those who struggle to participate in the community.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge said no one political party fully embodies Catholic Social Teaching. The bishops are, however, offering an election statement to encourage Catholics and people of good will to reflect on the good they can do for their community by using their vote for the good of all. Archbishop Mark said "we all long for what Pope Francis calls 'a better kind of politics, one that is truly at service of the common good."

The Statement takes the theme **"Towards a Better Kind of Politics"** from Pope Francis' encyclical letter **Fratelli Tutti**. While not endorsing political parties, the document identifies some key issues that the bishops believe voters should consider before deciding which candidates or parties to support. The statement was prepared with reference to the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching, which are outlined in the statement. Access the election statement online at: <u>https://bit.ly/BishopsElection 2022</u>.

Copies in church foyer

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	Food Drive for Jesuit Refugee Services	
JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE	JRS continues to provide support for increasing numbers of refugee and people who are seeking asylum. People on temporary protection visas are not permitted to work. They depend on agencies such as JR to assist them with practical support. JRS does not receive government funding.	
Volunteers Needed	The following items can be dropped in to St Peter Room on Sun- days 15, 22 & 29 May between 9am and midday, preferably in	
\Rightarrow To receive donations in St Peter's	cloth supermarket bags.	
Room from 9am to midday on 15, 22, and 29 May	BASMATI RICE	
	COOKING OIL	
⇒ To sort and pack items on Monday 30 May	DRIED LENTILS	
\Rightarrow Drivers to take donations to JRS in	DRIED CHICKPEAS	
\Rightarrow Drivers to take donations to JRS in Parramatta in the beginning 30 May		
(JRS not open on weekends)	SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER	
Contact	LAUNDRY POWDER	
Gail at gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au	DISHWASHING LIQUID	
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Some Spiritual and Pastoral Resources



TIME WELL SPENT

(Marian Catholic Action Group)

Many of us have busy lives with much time devoted to achieving personal goals and demands made of us by life. In this situation prayer can often be omitted as it may seem that our inactivity equates with lack of achievement yet we know that Jesus calls us to prayer and himself found time and a place for prayer.

In heaven we will join the angels and

saints in continuous adoration of God and here on earth we have a foreshadowing of that experience when we come before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and adoration.

Here in Chatswood we have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday mornings following 9 am Mass through to 12 noon and again in the evenings 7 pm to 8 pm. Many holy men and women have attached great importance to the making of a daily holy hour and parishioners are invited to take up the opportunity we have on Thursdays to do the same. For those whose commitments prevent them from making the full hour, even 15 minutes dedicated to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament would be time well spent.

We ask you to register your willingness to participate in parish adoration by signing on to the schedule in the main foyer of the church indicating the time you will be available during the morning exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. You are also invited to nominate an intention or intentions that you would like included in the prayers before the Blessed Sacrament. Those who are unable to attend during the existing times of adoration are invited to nominate a day and time during which they would be able to engage in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Thanks and God bless, Cecilia/Michael



CatholicCare Brochure Stand

We have a new stand in our church foyer. The stand shares the many resources of CatholicCare Broken Bay to assist those in need of one kind or another. Do have a look at the various services available to us if we are in need.





THE TIME IS NOW: A CALL TO UNCOMMON COURAGE

A FORUM WITH SR JOAN CHITTISTER OSB

TUESDAY 31 MAY 7pm - 9pm MC Geraldine Doogue

Monte Sant Angelo College, McQuoin Hall 128 Miller St North Sydney (no onsite parking) Bookings: \$30.00 per person <u>https://www.trybooking.com/BYTTG</u> or Phone 02 4971 4090 e: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au

STORIES OF FAITH (Association of Our Lady Help of Christians)

This month we listen to the fascinating story of Mary Vogrinc who responded in a remarkable manner to a call from God to foster children, 54 in total, all coming from very dark backgrounds. Told with humour and pathos, this is an engrossing account of faith in action with lessons that we can all apply to our own lives, in our own personal situations. Tune in to zoom https://zoom.us/j/8034195601 on Sunday 1 May at 7.30 pm

Our Pastoral Works Fund Appeal-1 May



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Supporting our Parish Financially

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

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? Please contact our Parish Secretary : chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au				
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Sunday Masses	Weekday Masses and Devotions			
 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 	Monday:12.30pmTuesday:9.00am and 12.30pmWednesday:9.00am and 12.30pm(Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated after Mass on the 3rd Wednesday of the month)Thursday:9.00am and 12.30pmFriday:9.00am and 12.30pmSaturday:9.00am			
11.00am at St Peter's Green Aged Care Facility, North Lane Cove 5.30pm Filipino Culture Mass 12noon, 1st Sunday of the month Spanish Culture Mass	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.			
12noon, 3rd Sunday of the month Indonesian Culture Mass 7.00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month	Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and Reconciliation 7.00pm First Friday of the month: 6.30pm Divine Retreat Centre Healing Mass and Prayer			