



Wedding at Cana

"Do whatever he tells you."

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time—16 January 2022

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**Our Lady
of Dolours**

A Reflection on the Sunday Gospel by Fr David

Genuine spirituality is never about the promise about achieving a kind of harmony that no longer has to engage life's randomness and often cruel uncertainty. Authentic spirituality is never about feeling a certain way. It is, rather, about entering the events of our life, many of which—most of which— are beyond our control, entering even the painful experiences of our life, always searching for the invitation, the unexpected possibility, that is present underneath all that occurs to us. And often enough is it only in the failure of our dreams, rather than in the fulfilment of our dreams, that life opens up for us in the richest way, in a way beyond our imagination, in a way that is true and most deeply enriching. Indeed, as the Australian writer, David Malouf, wrote once, "the mystery of life is not solved by success, but by failure, by a perpetual becoming." I think what Malouf is talking about here is that it's often when life does not turn out for us as we would quite like that we discover something altogether remarkable, provided that we have the humility and the receptivity to what might be being offered us in the deepest way possible.

Life begins to open up for us when we let go of how we dreamt things might have been, accept the reality that is before us, and allow it to teach us what it truly wants us to learn. Often it is in our shattered hopes, not in the fulfilment of our hopes that the most important lessons for our life are presented to us. In this way, genuine spirituality does not take us out of our reality; it does not promise us a way out of our reality. Rather it impels us into our reality, just as it is, and opens up a new window precisely there. Our relationships may not be quite what he had hoped for; our children may not have turned out as we had dreamt; our life's work may not be all that we had imagined it might be. But maybe it is in the disappointment of our dreams and hopes, rather than in their fulfilment, that God is holding out to us a particular invitation that is truly transformative of our lives.

Herein lays one of the meanings of today's gospel story. The people gathered in Cana have great hopes about the wedding feast. They clearly want it to be all that it could be. But their hopes are dashed. Their dreams have gone to water. And yet, it is in this failure of their expectations that they meet Jesus. Precisely, as they have to deal squarely with the failure of what they had wanted, they encounter Jesus who offers them something beyond what they had first imagined – a quality of wine beyond their expectation. So too for us: when our own dreams have turned to water there is every possibility that a new wine, a rich wine – a whole new experience and perspective on life – might be ready to be given us. When what appears to be simply a lack, or a failure, or a disappointment, or a disillusionment, or mere water, is transformed into the wine of rich new possibility, of new beginnings, of a whole transformative perspective on life – and not just grudgingly, but with abundance, then we are experiencing that life given us by Jesus.

Entering this new level and perspective of life is the revelation of the genuine promise of God's life, the true sign of God's new life given us by Jesus. In him, we may not be given our dreams. But we are given our life in its true fullness.

Flowers donated this weekend

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	17 January	12.30pm Mass	St Antony, Abbot
Tuesday	18 January	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Weekday of Week 1, Ordinary Time
Wednesday	19 January	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Weekday of Week 1, Ordinary Time
Thursday	20 January	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Weekday of Week 1, Ordinary Time
Friday	21 January	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	St Agnes, Martyr
Saturday	22 January	9.00am Mass	Saturday Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday	23 January		3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gloria Fisher (mother of Archbishop Anthony); Kevin Burrows; Anne Peck-Koon Chung; members of Curtin, Rolfe; Hughes and Egan families.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Francis Ward (31 January), Juliana Chee (20 January), Cleopas Nicdao (7 January); Andrew Nicdao (First Anniversary); Marija Vlatko Rulo; Christopher Dignam; Mollie Curtin; Ljuba Bacic; Francis Ward.

FOR THE SICK:

Leo Barry; Dr Ley Mary Chea; Gordon Thomas.

Message from Bishop Anthony

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord as we commence another year. Many people are hoping for a smooth 2022 compared to 2020 and 2021. With the Christmas Season not far behind us, I have not lost sight of the Star of Hope – the symbol and sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. There have been a few disruptions to our ecclesial and social communities already this year. Despite the challenges that continue to emerge during this pandemic, I would like to encourage you to remain strong in your faith and to be vigilant in your love and care for others. We are people of hope, but we are also people of faith and love ([cf 1 Corinthians 13:4-13](#)).

Faith, hope, and love are virtues which prompt us to behave in an honourably good manner. They are often spotted in the smallest acts of tenderness and kindness made towards others; by putting the weak, the sick, or the vulnerable before ourselves. They are also visible when one defends the rights of others, especially when another person may be compromised or injured. For the Christian disciple, faith, hope, and love are also seen when our duties or obligations are met with cheerfulness, honesty, integrity, and compassion. I am aware that many of our parishes are now dealing with COVID sickness and quarantine, a reality which will remain with us for some time, it would appear . . . Please join me so that together we might remain steadfast in our pastoral outreach, to sustain our communities of faith, continuing to be Christ-centred people in all that we think, and say, and do. Let us offer prayers of gratitude for our frontline workers, that our gracious God may uphold them, give them strength, and keep them safe. I continue to entrust you, your families, and your loved ones to the intercession of Mary, Star of the Sea, asking her to intercede for us all to her son, Jesus Christ Our Lord.

With my prayers and blessing.

+Anthony

恶人借货而不偿还。义人却恩待人，并且施舍。

The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously.

From Fr David

Dear friends,

We now all know those who have been personally affected by COVID. The situation will remain for some weeks yet it would seem, and a great deal of patience is going to be required of us, especially with experiences such as supply shortages in our shops. It is important to remember that Bishop Anthony has not yet reinstated the Sunday Obligation and so it is important for us to make those choices about attending church that are in the best interests of our health and that of our family. The day will come when we can re-gather with greater confidence, but not just yet! In the meantime we have returned to some COVID safety practices such as refraining from singing at Mass and from the Procession of Gifts at the Offertory. Our clergy will also distribute Holy Communion without assistance to limit any potential of exposure to the virus. Remember, that if we are feeling unwell, it is important to stay home.

We must also be alert that if our clergy become personally affected we may need to suspend the celebration of Masses for the period they are quarantining which ordinarily is a seven day period.

Our profound thanks to those who worked so hard last Monday to disassemble our Christmas decorations both inside and outside the church. They were inspirational in their dedication and energy! After the beauty of the Christmas lights our church looks 'ordinary' indeed for the Ordinary Time Season that has now commenced. Now, we settle into the planning for the year with every hope our usual range of gatherings and programs may unfold without the disruption we have gone through over the last couple of years.

Fr Marek will be taking a few days annual leave this week. We wish him a safe journey, and we continue to pray that all our families will be kept safe during these summer holidays.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 26 January	Australia Day: Masses at 9.00am and 12.30pm
Monday 31 January	Commencement of School Term 1
Tuesday 1 February	Lunar New Year
Friday 4 February	Divine Retreat Centre Healing Mass and Prayer at Chatswood 6.30-8.30pm
Sunday 6 February	National Christian Life Survey undertaken in our parish this weekend
	Celebration of Lunar New Year at 10.30am Mass and afterwards
Monday 7 February	Cloe of Enrolments for Program of Preparation for Reconciliation
Wednesday 2 March	Ash Wednesday Commencement of Lent



This Week

Monday	17 January		Fr Marek on Annual Leave Renovation of the Presbytery resumes
Tuesday	18 January		Fr Marek on Annual Leave
Wednesday	19 January		Fr Marek on Annual Leave
Thursday	20 January		Fr Marek on Annual Leave
		9.30am—12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		7pm-8pm	Holy Hour
Friday	21 January		
Saturday	22 January	9.30am	Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Benediction
		5.00pm	Commissioning of new seminarians by Bishop Anthony, Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

In our Parish and Beyond

The Association of Our Lady Help of Christians

The Australian Bishops placed Australia under the patronage of Our Lady Help of Christians in recognition of her powerful intercession when the Catholic Church faced great danger principally from Muslim forces. The Association of Our Lady Help of Christians invokes Our Lady to help us meet the challenges confronting us today and in particular:

- ◆ Assist us in our quest for personal sanctification
- ◆ Promote the Catholic faith amongst non-practicing Catholics and non-Catholics
- ◆ And as a response to Our Lady's request for prayers particularly the daily rosary, penance and reparation especially for conversion of sinners.

Parishioners who are interested in knowing more about the Association are invited to contact Michael via email mctan@optusnet.com.au or 9967-2601.

Our Lady's Message at Fatima – is it still relevant?

The Association of Our Lady Help of Christians invites you to listen via zoom an audio talk by Fr Jason Brooks, LC on the relevance of Our Lady's message given at Fatima in 1917.

Although it is now more than 100 years since Our Lady's apparition at Fatima, the importance of this message remains very relevant in today's world which has moved further and further from God with disastrous consequences.

It is arguably even more important than ever for the world to return to God in line with the request of Our Lady given at Fatima.

Please take this opportunity to listen to this stimulating and provocative talk which will be available via zoom at 7.30 pm on Sunday 23 January – <https://zoom.us/j/8034195601>

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

JANUARY 2022

- 7th (Friday) DIVINE MERCY FRIDAY**
6:00pm - 8:30pm
- 7th (Friday) 1ST FRIDAY HEALING SERVICE, CHATSWOOD**
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067, Tel 02 9410 9000
6:30pm - 8:30pm
- 21st-23rd (Fri-Sun) INNER HEALING RETREAT**
"And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:32
with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4:00pm
- 30th (Sunday) ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)**
9:00am - 4:00pm
with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
• Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass

FEBRUARY 2022

- 18th-20th (Fri-Sun) INNER HEALING RETREAT**
"He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3
with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4:00pm

• BOOKING REQUIRED • LIMITED NUMBERS
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Around and About

EastFest presents a chance for young adults to come together and kick start their 2022. We have Fr Rob Galea presenting a reflection and music to inspire us and a chance for Adoration and Reconciliation. The event will be at the Footbridge Theatre at Sydney University and tickets must be booked online and are just \$20 (\$15 for groups) For further info please contact easterndeanerysydney@gmail.com or to book go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BWEZS>

Feel free to call Hamish Lavery if you need any other details (0408702418)

EASTFEST 2022

UNPLUGGED

AN EVENING WITH

FR ROB GALEA

agape

FRIDAY, 28TH JANUARY

FELLOWSHIP FROM 6:00PM | 7:00PM START

FOOTBRIDGE THEATRE, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY



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CHINESE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

Lunar New Year Fund Raising for Jesuit Refugee Services



SALE OF RAFFLE TICKETS @ \$5 EACH

Sales BEFORE Sunday Masses

From 1 Jan 2022

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am and 5:30pm

To 6 Feb 2022 10: 30am

Sales at Church Office

94 Archer Street Chatswood

Monday to Thursday during office
hours (9am to 4 pm)

**DRAW DATE: 6/2/2022 Sunday after 10:30am Mass & Lion Dance
(The sixth day of the Lunar New year of the Tiger)**

PLACE: Church Forecourt 94 Archer Street Chatswood

RAFFLE TICKETS DRAWN BY REV FR. DAVID RANSON

Prizes include:

23cm standing crochet tiger, Crochet big cat & dolls, Sushi set for two,
premium ceramic bowl set, classic travel cot, Fantasy Britney Spears
& Sukin Hydrating Body Lotion, Chinese silk pyjamas, Chinese
embroidery cloth bag, evening handbags, various styles ladies
handbags and more...

Please contact Amelia at amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au or call 94109032 for any enquiry,
and/or if you would like to volunteer to help with this event.



Our Lady of Dolours Church Chatswood

Appeal for gifts donations

Chinese Catholic Association
Lunar New Year Fund Raising for Jesuit Refugee Services

Items required: Large gifts for raffle tickets draw
Small gifts for Lucky Dip draws

Draw date: 6/2/2022 Sunday after 10:30am Mass & Lion Dance
(The sixth day of the Lunar New year of the Tiger)

Place: Church Forecourt 94 Archer Street Chatswood

Raffle tickets drawn by Rev Fr. David Ranson
Lucky Dip by yourselves (Instant sure wins)

Gifts drop offs to the Parish office- 94 Archer Street Chatswood
from Monday to Thursday during office hours (9am to 4 pm):
From now to 23 December 2021 Thursday, and
From 4 Jan 2022 Tuesday till 27.1.2022 Thursday.

Please contact Amelia at amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au
or call 94109032 for any enquiry, and/or if you would like
to volunteer to help with this event



Contact:

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Welcome!

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

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

Inside there is much wonderful reading for our spiritual nourishment.

Would you like to receive our Parish Bulletin by email?

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Sunday Masses

5.30pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass

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

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

10.30am

5.30pm

Filipino Culture Mass

12noon, 1st Sunday of the month

Spanish Culture Mass

12noon, 3rd Sunday of the month

Indonesian Culture Mass

7.00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month

Weekday Masses and Devotions

Monday: 12.30pm

Tuesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

(Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated after Mass on the 3rd Wednesday of the month)

Thursday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Friday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am

Morning Prayer: Tuesday to Saturday: 8.45am

Rosary

Monday: 11.45am (preceded by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11.30am); Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am

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

Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and Reconciliation 7.00pm