

Third Sunday of Easter - 1 May 2022

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Our Lady of Dolours



PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

MAY APPEAL
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2022

Help renew and rebuild families and parish communities in Broken Bay.

Give now before 30 June

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Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
CCD - Catechists

Pastoral Care and Hospital Chaplaincy

St Lucy's School
K-6 students with disabilities

St Edmund's College
7-12 students with disabilities

Ephpheta Centre
Catholic Deaf Community



Diocesan Pastoral Works Appeal

Our May appeal for Pastoral Works Broken Bay, which is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community of Broken Bay takes place from this weekend

Our Pastoral Works are at the forefront serving those in need, helping to renew and rebuild our families and parish communities

Funds raised will directly support these ministries, helping those in hospitals, schools, parishes and the wider community. We need your support. When making a gift please put your donation inside the envelope that is on your seat so that it remains separate from the parish collection.

Or you can donate online by using the website or QR code featured on the envelope. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and contribute to our Parish target.

We rely on your support for these important ministries, making sure the Church can be there to help families in times of need.

Mass Times	Catechists Speaking
5:30 Vigil	Tony Almeida
7:30 AM	Jeanette Cowell
9:00 AM	Gillian Hawkins
10:30 AM	Pauline Larkins
5:30 PM	Lyra Batongbacal

7.30am Mass Morning Tea

Join us this Sunday 1st May, after 7.30am Mass for morning tea on the forecourt.



Flowers donated this weekend
on behalf of Phillip Chaplin

Parish Masses This Week

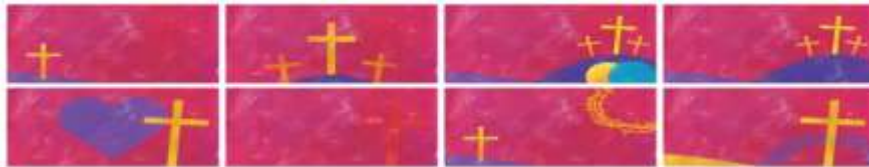
Monday	2 May	12.30pm Mass	St Athanasius
Tuesday	3 May	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Sts Philip and James
Wednesday	4 May	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Wednesday of the 3rd week of Easter
Thursday	5 May	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Thursday of the 3rd week of Easter
Friday	6 May	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Friday of the 3rd week of Easter
Saturday	7 May	9am Mass	Saturday of the 3rd week of Easter
Sunday	8 May		Fourth Sunday of Easter

Please Remember in your Prayers

SICK: Janet Coombs, Maria La Greca, Maria Paino

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dexter Beltran Cabrales

ANNIVERSARY OF DECEASED: Rev Fr PB Dignam MSC, Theodore Yap, Frederick Abenale, Phillip Chaplin



Reflection on the Gospel this Sunday

John 21:1–19

The Gospel for this Sunday begins with the disciples' fishing on the Sea of Tiberias, also called the Sea of Galilee. Knowing that the best time to fish on the Sea of Galilee is at night so that the fresh fish can be sold at the market in the morning, the disciples fish all night. But they catch nothing. Then, "just after daybreak" (21:4), the disciples encounter Jesus on the shore; however, they do not recognize him. Jesus asks the disciples whether they have any fish and they tell him no. Jesus then tells the men to "cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some" (21:6). John is the first to recognize that the person on the beach is Jesus. But Peter is the one who hastens to the Lord by jumping into the sea and making his way through the water to Jesus.

Once on shore, the disciples see that Jesus has prepared fish over a charcoal fire to serve them a meal. This image of Jesus as servant and leader is strengthened throughout the story. Jesus instructs Peter to bring more fish to place on the fire so they can share a meal together. The Gospel tells us that the disciples catch 153 fish in the net. Since the time of Saint Jerome, who said 153 represented the number of species of fish that existed in the world and therefore symbolized the universality of Jesus's message, scholars have speculated what this number symbolizes. The true meaning has been lost to history, but we do know that Jesus shares the bread and fish in a manner similar to the Last Supper when he shared the bread and wine of Passover with the disciples.

After they eat breakfast, Jesus says to Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" (21:15). Jesus is creating an opportunity for Peter to profess his love for Jesus in contrast to Peter's denial of Jesus after Jesus's arrest. Three times Jesus asks Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" (21:16). Three times Peter responds, "Yes Lord; you know that I love you" (21:15). Each time Jesus tells Peter what to do with that love: "Feed my lambs" (21:15) . . . "Tend my sheep" (21:16) . . . "Feed my sheep" (21:17). Peter, when given the chance, chooses to affirm his love for Jesus and seeks reconciliation for his denial of Jesus. Peter desires atonement for his actions so he can again be one with Jesus. *Atone* contains the words *at* and *one*. When we experience true atonement, we are once again in a right relationship—one with God and with others.

无知的人，把房子盖在沙土上

A foolish man builds his house on sand.

From Fr David

Dear friends

This weekend we conduct the third occasion this financial year for our diocesan Pastoral Works. This is the very important means by which we support our catechists. We have over 50 members of our parish community visit our Catholic children in our State schools each week. The Appeal resources them in this most important ministry. Our parish is obligated to contribute some \$57,000 to this appeal each year. We still have an outstanding \$31,000 to provide. If we are not able to generate the amount through the appeal then the monies need to be drawn from other parish sources. So, your generosity is most appreciated! Most importantly, however, your generosity directly supports our wonderful parish volunteers. Let's show them our committed support!

Another extraordinary group of people in our parish community is our St Vincent de Paul Conference. This May, our local conference celebrate 110 years of establishment. This is a mighty achievement. For all this time, members of our parish community have been reaching out, responding to those critical situations that can arise in people's lives. Our own small Conference has a constant outreach particularly to those in social housing in the

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Upcoming Events

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



This Week in the Parish

Monday	2 May	10am & 4pm	Atrium Term 2 begins
		11.30am-12noon	Divine Mercy Chaplet and then 11.45 am Rosary (MMP Cenacle)
		7.00pm-9.00pm	Alpha (Magnificat Room)
Tuesday	3 May	9.45am-12.15pm	Bible Discussion Group (St Paul Room)
		7.00pm-8.30pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul)
		7.30pm-8.30pm	Conversation Circle with Fr David (Magnificat Room)
		8.00pm-9.00pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
Wednesday	4 May	7.00pm-9.00pm	Exploring the Faith course (St Paul Room)
		7.00pm	Parish Liturgy Coordinators Meeting (Magnificat Room)
Thursday	5 May	7.00am-8.30am	Mercy College Easter Liturgy (Church)
		9.30am-12noon	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (moved to St Paul Room)
		10.00am-12noon	Seniors' Morning Tea with Trivia (Magnificat Room)
		5.30pm-7.30pm	Legion of Mary (English) (Magnificat Room)
		7pm-8pm	Holy Hour with Reconciliation available
Friday	6 May	10.00am-11.30am	Meditation (St Paul Room)
		9.00-10.00am	OLD Primary whole school mass
		10.30am-11.30am	St Pius X College Mother's Day Mass
		6.00pm-8.00pm	Divine Retreat Centre Healing Mass & Prayer (Church)
		7.30pm-8.30pm	Indonesian Choir practice (St Paul Room)
Saturday	7 May	9.30am	Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Benediction/ Reconciliation available
		11.30am-12.30pm	Infant Baptism Preparation (Magnificat Room)

From Fr David cont'd

Artarman end of our parish. We are planning to hold a special Mass on Sunday 15 May at 10.30am to celebrate the anniversary of our Conference and to welcome all to Morning Tea afterwards. Through the final weeks of May we will also highlight some of the stories of our Conference members and consider new ways by which we might support our Conference.

May is going to be a rather busy month! From next weekend until the end of the month, we are to conduct our annual Mass Attendance count. However, over the same weeks, we will also invite everyone to participate in a renewed census of our community. This will be done by inviting everyone to complete a Census card by which we can either record or update our details. However, on the card will also be an opportunity to register your interest in becoming more involved in our parish life in different ways. This will be an important aid for us to keep in touch with everyone, especially as our Journey Together: Being Church in the City continues to unfold.

I am very happy to share that we have now received the Summary Profile of our parish community from the National Church Life Survey in which we participated in February. The results are truly informative and encouraging! Our Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council is now thinking through how best to make this available to us. We hope to share it with you very soon.

Conversation Circles with Fr David

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 opportunities are on 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.

Of course, choose only one date!

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.



Happening in Our Parish



SENIOR MONTHLY GET TOGETHER

Seniors Get Together - Trivia competition
Are you Our Lady of Dolours smartest Senior?
Join us for a game of trivia.
Our next get together is on Thursday 5th May
at 10am in the Magnificat Room.

If you are attending could you please email either Jan Hunter Gfiadi-no@bigpond.net.au or Linda Cowell lcowell22@gmail.com
Jan Hunter and Linda Cowell

ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR SIGNUP FOR 2022

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

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



UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

When I was diagnosed with cancer this time last year, I was immediately surrounded with caring support: from organisations like the Cancer Society but also by my friends inside and outside the Church. Although it was detected early and easily fixed through surgery and radiation therapy, I was made to feel like a heroine as I went through the treatment. But if or when I am diagnosed with dementia, will the response be the same, I wonder?

What those of us in the Community Action group who have just completed a course in Understanding Dementia have learned is that dementia, whatever its form, is a terminal illness like cancer, with identifiable stages like terminal cancer, but without any known cure as yet. Although the longer we live, the greater our chance of getting dementia, it is not an illness of ageing. Young people are also diagnosed with dementia, including children.

Our on-line 9 week course provided by the University of Tasmania included fundamentals of brain anatomy and function, the diseases of dementia and their stages and what the individual and their carer(s) experience as they journey through those stages. We undertook the course as preparation for future activities to support people diagnosed with one of the diseases of dementia either by participating in a Dementia Café or by visiting residents in the nursing homes that are part of our Church's ministry. It's a great course, demanding enough to be worthwhile but sufficiently well-structured to make it achievable in the 9 weeks of study.

The Wicking Centre at Tasmanian Uni is offering the free course again starting in July this year. <https://mooc.utas.edu.au/> It's a great way to tackle the fear and even aversion that many of us feel towards diseases like Alzheimer's as we age and it makes explicable the behaviours that sufferers may demonstrate and the fears they become prey to.

Congratulations to Nenita Axalan, Rosetta Lo Presti, Cynthia Martin, Ditas Nguit, Yvonne Corpuz, Cheryl Thomas and all who have gained their Certificate in Understanding Dementia.

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.

When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved, He said to His Mother “Woman, behold your Son! Then He said to His disciple, “Behold your Mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his home. - John 19:26-27

VISITATION OF MARY TO YOUR HOME

Do you want to take home Mary's statue in the month of May?

You may have your own statue of Mary. That is wonderful but consider this a blessed “visit” with spiritual blessing.

A statue 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.

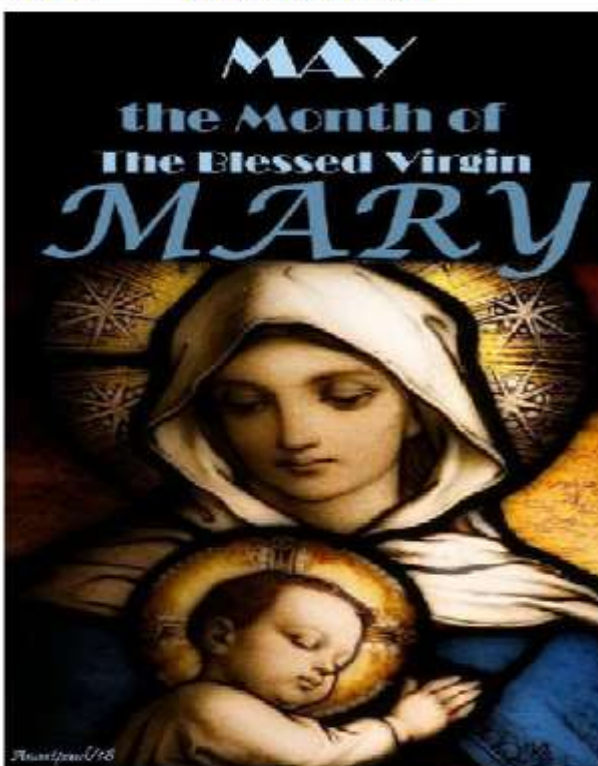
If interested, please email chalswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

or approach a priest

or contact via text or call

Cecilia at 0466 967 240; or,

Ditas at 0405999510



Important Events in May



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- To receive donations in St Peter Room from 9am to midday on 15, 22 & 29 May.
- To sort and pack items on Monday 30 May.
- Drivers to take donations to JRS in Parramatta in the week beginning 30 May. (JRS are not open on weekends)

Contact Gail at
gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au

FOOD DRIVE for JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES



15, 22 & 29 May

JRS continues to provide support for increasing numbers of refugees and people who are seeking asylum. People on temporary protection visas are not permitted to work. They depend on agencies such as JRS to assist them with practical support. JRS does not receive government funding.

The following items can be dropped in to St Peter Room on Sundays 15, 22 & 29 May between 9am and midday, preferably in cloth supermarket bags.

BASMATI RICE
COOKING OIL
DRIED LENTILS
DRIED CHICKPEAS
SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
LAUNDRY POWDER
DISHWASHING LIQUID



Divine Mercy Sunday

Last Sunday, 24 April, the 2nd Second Sunday of Easter is also celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Our parish was one of the main centres for the devotion and over 200 people joined us during the afternoon to pray.

Fr David celebrated Mass for the occasion at the Divine Retreat Centre Somersby for some 500 people gathered there. As special aspect of the celebration was the reception of the relics of St Faustina Kalowski and the promulgation of the Retreat Centre as a diocesan shrine of veneration for the relics.

A special thanks to Fr Marek and all those who helped make our afternoon of devotion as prayerful.



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.



OUR HOPES & DREAMS

A SAMPLE OF WHAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED SO FAR

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

"To grow and especially in the Holy Spirit when locked away fearful of everything so we're paralysed."

Parishioner

"The Church is environmentally responsible - being self sustainable in energy needs, and optimised using passive design principles in keeping with minimising impact on the environment and its surroundings."

Anthony

"Stronger music ministry."

Terence & Bernadette

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

"My hope and dreams for our parish community are built on strong foundations we will flourish like trees and bear much fruit which will attract others to want to be a part of our community."

Mary

"Establish a food bank and group to support this. A group ready to supply cooked meals."

Seniors Group

"For the parish to contact agencies working with refugees, to give the parish/parishioners' business/workplace opportunity to help e.g., by helping with English, employing them (office, maintenance, accounting, secretarial, etc) so they have a first, second and third step."

Penny

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

"K-12 Co-Ed schools: outdoor, naturalistic reflection space to provide a place of peace in busy, bustling Chatswood."

Terence & Bernadette

"The generation of regular income for the parish and community through development of existing land."

Anthony

"Encourage all the young ones to help with pot plants."

Parishioner

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 filling 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

or scan here!



Foundation Youth Ministry

Upcoming Events

General Information

YOUTH GROUP

JOIN US FOR YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY

DATE & TIME

1ST MAY, 10AM

LOCATION

PARISH MEETING ROOMS

PRAISEFEST

ON FRIDAY, CATHOLIC YOUTH BROKEN BAY HOSTED THE FIRST PRAISEFEST OF THE YEAR. PRAISEFEST'S ARE A TIME OF FRIENDSHIP, PRAISE AND PRAYER. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR UPDATES ON WHEN THE NEXT PRAISEFEST WILL OCCUR!

YOUTH LEADERS

CAILIN, JOSEPH, RIYA AND SEAN

FOUNDATION YOUTH MINISTRY IS MADE UP OF:



CORNERSTONE
FOR YEAR 6 TO 9



KEYSTONE
FOR YEAR 10 TO 12

WE MEET FORTNIGHTLY AFTER THE 9AM FAMILY MASS

Updates

We can reveal the theme for youth group this term:

CORNERSTONE: Foundations of the Mass

KEYSTONE: Supporting Figures in the Bible

Our Facebook Page

FOLLOW US TO STAY UPDATED



PLEASE CONTACT US VIA EMAIL

FOUNDATION.CORNERSTONEYOUTH@GMAIL.COM

FOUNDATION.KEYSTONEYOUTH@GMAIL.COM

Our Recent Youth Activities



Recently, our Foundation Youth Ministry enjoyed two fun activities. One was before Easter: an Easter Scavenger Hunt. Easter eggs were decorated but also Stations of the Cross were hid around the meeting room and people had to find them and put them all in order. And then on Friday 22 April, a great group of our young people went rock-climbing! It was a great way to prove our fitness but also to develop our friendship with each other.



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2002

Chatswood
Dawn Service



Spiritual and Pastoral Resources



TIME WELL SPENT

(Marian Catholic Action Group)

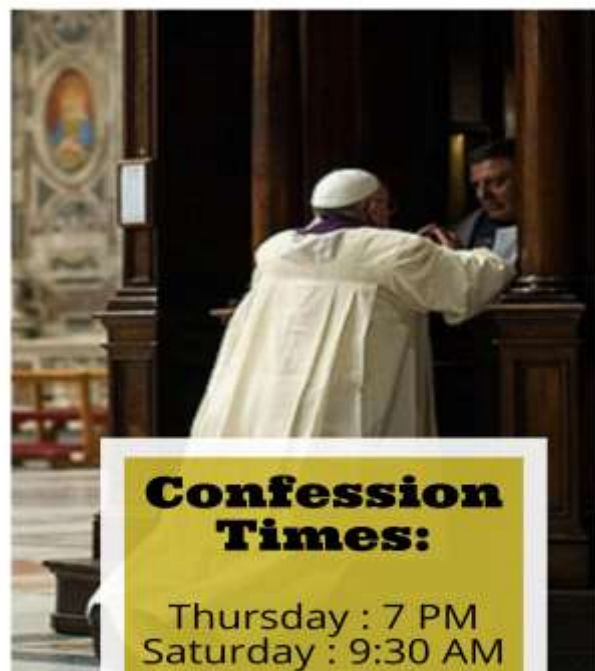
Many of us have busy lives with much time devoted to achieving personal goals and demands made of us by life. In this situation prayer can often be omitted as it may seem that our inactivity equates with lack of achievement yet we know that Jesus calls us to prayer and himself found time and a place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



Confession Times:

Thursday : 7 PM
Saturday : 9:30 AM

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94 Archet St. Chatswood

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

<https://www.trybooking.com/BYTTG>

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



GOT YOUR WEDDING PLANS UNDER CONTROL?

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site: www.engagedencounter.org.au Choose any of the coming Weekends: **Apr 30 - May 01; Aug 06-07, Nov 12-13**

If covid-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom



Spiritual and Pastoral Resources

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






Fr. Roni George VC
DRC, SOMERSBY

Fr. Joby George VC
DRC, SOMERSBY

St Faustina's
1st class relic
is kept for
public veneration
at the
Divine Retreat Centre

**1ST FRIDAY
HEALING SERVICE**
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
CHATSWOOD
6:30PM-8:30PM
(Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Mass & Adoration)
6TH MAY, 3RD JUNE, 1ST JULY, 5TH AUG, 2ND SEPT

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The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.

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94 Archer St.
Chatswood, NSW



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EN ESPAÑOL**

Contactar:
Virginia Lagos
0416 148 190

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Fatima and the Rosary

May is the month of Mary The rosary is prayed almost daily in our church - Mondays - 11.45 am, Tuesdays to Saturdays - following the 9 am Mass. Everyone is most welcome to join in.

According to tradition, the Rosary was given to **Saint Dominic** (1170-1221) in 1208 in a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary to spread this devotion. It was later promoted by **Blessed Allan de la Roche** (1428-1475) a Dominican Friar who received from the Blessed Virgin herself through a private revelation 15 promises to those who pray the Rosary devoutly.

15 Promises of the Virgin Mary to Christians Who Recite the Rosary:

1. To all those who shall recite my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and very great graces.
2. Those who shall persevere in the recitation of my Rosary will receive some signal grace.
3. The Rosary will be a very powerful armour against Hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin, and dispel heresy.
4. The Rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies; it will substitute in hearts love of God for love of the world, and elevate them to desire heavenly and eternal good. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!
5. Those who trust themselves to me through the Rosary will not perish.
6. Those who shall recite my Rosary piously, considering its mysteries, will not be overwhelmed by misfortune, nor die a bad death. The sinner will be converted; the just will grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Those truly devoted to my Rosary will not die without the consolations of the Church, or without grace.
8. Those who shall recite my Rosary will find during their life and at their death the light of God, the fullness of His grace, and will share in the merits of the blessed.
9. I will deliver very promptly from Purgatory the souls devoted to my Rosary.
10. The true children of my Rosary will enjoy great glory in Heaven.
11. What you shall ask through my Rosary you shall obtain.
12. Those who propagate my Rosary will obtain through me aid in all their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Son that all confreres of the Rosary shall have for their brethren in life and death the saints of Heaven.
14. Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are all my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination

Towards the Federal Election—21 May 2022



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: <https://bit.ly/BishopsElection2022>

COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT IN THE CHURCH FOYER

NORTH SYDNEY ELECTORATE "MEET THE CANDIDATES VOICE YOUR VALUES" 2022 FEDERAL ELECTION

The Catholic Parish of North Sydney invites you to meet the candidates, hear them and question them on the issues which matter most to you. This will be a special occasion for members of faith communities in the Federal Electorate of North Sydney to come together to assist in personal discernment on the many important issues in Australian society today that confront and concern us. Each candidate has been invited to initially respond to the following questions:

Why are you standing?

What are your 3 most important values?

What are your 3 priority policies?

What do you see as the greatest challenge facing Australia in the next 5 years?

Why and how do you think you can have an impact?

A Q & A session will follow.

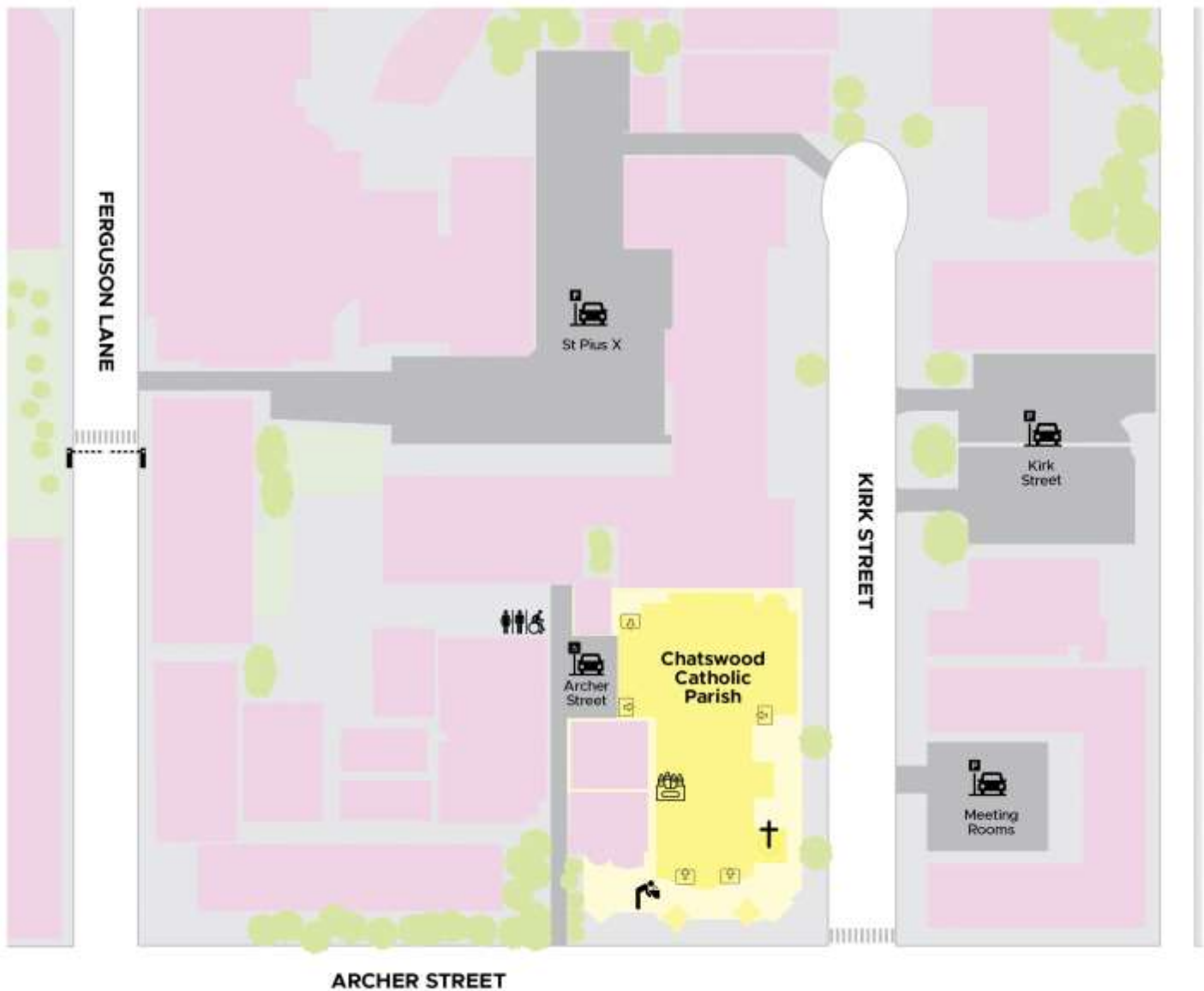
This is your chance to ask questions on the matters that concern you.

Tuesday May 10th at 7.30pm (finishing at 9pm) Bookings essential (no charge).

TRYBOOKING REGISTRATION CLICK ON THIS LINK: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZASF>
The Ron Dyer Centre, 40 Ridge St North Sydney (behind St Mary's Catholic Church).

Parking on site

Parking at Our Lady of Dolours



Requests for Mass Intentions

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

Supporting our Parish Financially

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

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Welcome!

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

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

Inside there is much wonderful reading for our spiritual nourishment.

Would you like to receive our Parish Bulletin by email?

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Sunday Masses

5.30pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass

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

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

10.30am

11.00am at St Peter's Green Aged Care Facility, North Lane Cove

5.30pm

Filipino Culture Mass

12noon, 1st Sunday of the month

Spanish Culture Mass

12noon, 3rd Sunday of the month

Indonesian Culture Mass

7.00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month

Weekday Masses and Devotions

Monday: 12.30pm

Tuesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

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

Thursday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Friday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am

Morning Prayer: Tuesday to Saturday: 8.45am

Rosary

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

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

Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and Reconciliation 7.00pm

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