

**NO PROPHET
IS ACCEPTED
IN HIS
HOMETOWN**
LUKE 4:24

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time—30 January 2022

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 **Our Lady
of Dolours**



**On the 2 February each year,
forty days following Christmas,
the Church recalls the Presentation of Jesus
in the Temple.**

It is a day on which the light of Christ shines!
In the liturgy of our Catholic Tradition it is the occasion in
which we bless candles.

It is also a time in which we acknowledge the light of Consecrated Life in the Church and pray especially for Religious.
On page 2 of our Bulletin, Sr Maria Joanna who has been with us in our parish family for the past couple of years shares with us a beautiful account of her journey.

Next Weekend we Celebrate Two Special Events

Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

We will have a special blessing for our Readers and Catechists at our 9am Mass on Sunday 6 February

Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

Celebration of Lunar New Year

This year we are delighted to celebrate Lunar New Year in a special way! We thank our Chinese Catholic Association for enabling us to do so. Our 10.30am Mass on Sunday 6 February will be a bi-lingual celebration in Chinese and English and afterwards there will be much celebration on our Forecourt, including a Lion Dance!

Do come along and be a part of our rich diversity! See the details in the bulletin.



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	31 January	12.30pm Mass	St John Bosco, Pastor
Tuesday	1 February	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Tuesday of 4th Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	2 February	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Thursday	3 February	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Feast of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
Friday	4 February	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Friday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	5 February	9.00am Mass	Saturday Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday	6 February		5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Manoj Manuel, Lucia Pik, Br Norman Hart fms,

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mara & Ivan Martinovich, Ivan Zaknich, Francis Ward (31 January), Juliana Chee (20 January), Lisa McKee (24 January)

FOR THE SICK:

Leo Barry, Gordon Thomas, Jeanette Long

Reflection by Sr Maria Joanna on the Feast of the Presentation

Praised be Jesus and Mary!

First of all, I'd like to express my gratitude to Fr. David for inviting me to write in the occasion of the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus.

I said my *Fiat* to the consecrated life when I was climbing the Cross Mountain(Crizevac) during the pilgrimage to Medjugorje in 1991. I had received the Call from the Lord Jesus earlier, but I hadn't yet given Him my definite reply. While climbing the Cross Mountain, a small mountain full of rocks, with the Stations of the Cross along the side of the track, I felt urged to take off my shoes. Nowadays the rocks are smooth worn by the foot of pilgrims, but then the rocks had rather sharp edges. While I was slowly climbing the Mountain barefoot, I realised the consecrated life to me is to follow Jesus doing the *Via Crucis* with Him because of the reason that I love Jesus and Mary. When I realised this, I said "Yes" in my heart to give my life to Him. Right away my whole being was inundated with immense joy to the point I almost couldn't feel the pain under my foot.

One year later I joined "Marian Community Oasis of Peace (Comunita' Mariana Oasi della Pace)", a new congregation born in Northern Italy in 1987 by Fr. Gianni Sgreva, a Passionist priest, with a group of young Italian. We try to live the life of intercession, expiation, and accoglienza (welcoming with heart) for peace of the world, and, ultimately, to become peace in resemblance of Jesus who reconciled the world on the Cross (Ef 2.14-18).

It is almost 30 years since I joined the Congregation. I never regretted my choice all these years because God makes me understand this life is His Will for me. My life is given to Him, hence my life is always in His Presence and under His Providence.

I still remember when the words of John 3:8 were impressed in my heart while I was praying in our Church of Our Lady of Dolour 30 years ago when I was searching for the Will of God. Even though we can't fathom profoundly works of the Holy Spirit, by trusting in Him we can become like little birds carried aloft on the Eagle's Wing (cfr Ex 19:4). And this leads us to have peace deep in our heart.

Sr. Maria Joanna, cmop

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He who sows wickedness reaps trouble

From Fr David

Dear friends,

The year is beginning to stir into life. We welcome back our students across the three schools in our parish, and prayer that, despite the challenges of the coming weeks, the year will bring much promise.

As you will read throughout the bulletin there are a range of things occurring in our parish community. Trough this week we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation. And on Thursday, on the feast of St Blaise, it is an ancient custom to bless throats. Given our current pandemic this may be quite salutary! And so after the homily at our Masses on Thursday we will offer the ancient blessing.

Nest Sunday we have two great occasions to celebrate: Word of God Sunday and Lunar New Year. And so there will be a special focus both at our Sunday 9am Mass and our Sunday 10.30am Mass. Do come along and enjoy the festivity after the 10.30am Mass! A very special thankyou to our parish Chinese Catholic Association who have worked so hard to ensure that we can celebrate such an auspicious occasion as the Year of the Tiger.

On the weekend of 12/13 February we will invite everyone to participate in the National Church Life Survey, held over from 2021. This is an important survey taken every 5 years across the Churches in Australia and it provides a most important snapshot of the life of Christian communities. During each of our Masses we will invite people to complete a survey form. However, you can also complete the survey online at <https://attendersurvey.ncls.org.au/> entering the code for Chatswood Parish TA226001. We will have more to share about the survey next week!



Upcoming Events

Monday 7 February	Close of Enrolments for Program of Preparation for Reconciliation
Friday 11 February	Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes— World Day of Prayer for the Sick 9am Healing Mass with Anointing and 8.00pm Online Rosary
Sunday 13 February	National Christian Life Survey undertaken in our parish this weekend
Sunday 27 February	Launch of <i>Being Church in the City</i>
Wednesday 2 March	Ash Wednesday

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO OUR DEAR PARISHIONERS,

THE CHINESE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR ON 6 FEBRUARY 2022 RIGHT AFTER THE 10:30 A.M. MASS. ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDE A LION DANCE AND RAFFLE TICKET DRAW WILL LIKELY CONTINUE UNTIL 12 NOON. IN LINE WITH THIS,

**THE FCCP MASS
6TH FEB 2022
WILL BE AT 1:00 PM**

WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED.
- FCCP FAMILY -

This Week

Monday	31 January		
Tuesday	1 February		Lunar New Year
		9am– 12noon	Parish Playgroup (Magnificat Room)
		7pm-8.30pm	Chatswood Legion of Mary (St Paul Room)
Wednesday	2 February		Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Blessing of candles at Masses)
		6.30pm—9pm	Exploring the Faith Series (St Paul Room)
		7pm-9pm	Parish Liturgy Coordinators' Meeting (Magnificat room)
Thursday	3 February		Feast of St Blaise (Blessing of throats at Masses)
		9.30am—12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (in the church)
		10am –12.30pm	Meeting of Parish Catechists (Magnificat Room)
		7pm-8pm	Holy Hour (in the church)
Friday	4 February	6.30pm-8.30pm	Healing Mass and Prayer conducted by Divine Retreat Centre (in the church)
Saturday	5 February	9.30am	Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Benediction

In our Parish



"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
DNC, SOMERSBY

Fr. Joby George VC
DNC, SOMERSBY

4TH FEB 2022
1ST FRIDAY
HEALING SERVICE
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
CHATSWOOD
6:30PM-8:30PM
(Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Mass & Adoration)

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PARISH ROSARY ON FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND 30TH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK- 11 February 2022



You are warmly invited to join a Parish Rosary on Zoom on **11 February 2022 at 8.00 pm** to pray for the Sick, including all those known to our Parishioners and all that have been touched by Covid-19. We also continue our unceasing prayers for an end to this pandemic.

Following the Rosary, you are welcome to stay for an **on-line pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Lourdes in France** for your silent prayers for the Sick and special intentions.

DID YOU KNOW? Thirty years ago, Saint John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to encourage the people of God, Catholic health institutions and civil society to be increasingly attentive to the Sick and to those who care for them. Pope Francis has chosen the theme for the 30th World Day of the Sick as: *Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful*" (Lk 6:36).

ZOOM Details:

Meeting ID: 823 9526 5265

Passcode: 583250

Parishioners can ring and access the audio of the Zoom Rosary. This may assist our Seniors who may not be able to join by Zoom but would be very welcome to ring up. The telephone number is **+61 2 8015 6011 Australia (Sydney)**



Seniors Morning Get-Together

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Due to the current covid situation, it has been decided that our first meeting will be the first Thursday in April at 10am. This is to make sure that we are all healthy and can meet openly without any risk.

Regards, Linda Cowell and Jan Hunter



Preparing for Lent beginning 2 March

Join us online
for Three Seminars
preparing for the Start of the Season of Lent

Sunday Feb 13, 2022 07:30 PM
Sunday Feb 20, 2022 07:30 PM
Sunday Feb 27, 2022 07:30 PM

Each seminar, beginning with one with Fr David,
will focus on a dimension of the Season of Lent.

Link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85356367062?
pwd=U1lEZXdKd2lPemVCRHVGR29WcmxTQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85356367062?pwd=U1lEZXdKd2lPemVCRHVGR29WcmxTQT09)

Meeting ID: 853 5636 7062

Passcode: 718861



Lent is a Time for Reflection and Renewal
There are many resources available to assist us

Might you be interested in hosting a small group for prayer and
Scripture during the Season of Lent
Using the resource of one of the Australian Diocese?

Let our Parish office know and we will order booklets for you
and your group.

Invitation

Do you thirst for spiritual conversation?
All are welcome to join us in experiencing and praying the First Spiritual Exercises (FSE)
during a Lenten FSE Retreat in daily life



Over five Mondays we will guide you through this gentle Lenten retreat, and invite you to enter into the mysteries of Love, forgiveness, mercy, reconciliation, healing, freedom and inner peace with the Lord.

The First Spiritual Exercises are a series of prayer exercises created by St Ignatius of Loyola, offering guidance to those seeking a more intimate relationship with our creator, and a deep inner peace.

Inner peace in Darkness and Light FSE retreat, is a four-week retreat where participants are guided by givers of the First Spiritual Exercises through a contemplative prayer each Monday and then continue at home for most days in your own time, with prepared prayer exercises. Through out the retreat you will be invited to pray, be silent, journal in your listening book and the gather to listen and share your experiences with sacred listening and spiritual conversation.

Our facilitators for this retreat are ... Karen Wong , Giver of the FSE Ministry and Cheryl Thomas , Giver of the FSE Ministry

When : Monday nights 28th February, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March and April 4th 2022

Time : 7.30 pm – 8.45 pm

Where: Via Zoom

Bookings : Essential as numbers are limited. Contact: Cheryl by email cherylathomas@bigpond.com

Lent



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHATSWOOD CHURCH

CHINESE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

Lunar New Year Fund Raising for Jesuit Refugee Services



SALE OF RAFFLE TICKETS @ \$5 EACH
OVER 60 PRIZES TO DRAW

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

Donations and purchases of raffle tickets online are welcome:

By EFT:

Bank: CBA

A/C Name: Chatswood Parish Working A/C

BSB: 062-784

A/C Number: 100001609

Reference for donation: CNYD (your name)

Reference for purchase of raffle tickets: (phone no.)(your name)

By Credit

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/chatswoodparish>

Card:

Choose Biller Code 1686211 - Others (min \$10)

Purpose of payment for donation: CNY Donation

Purpose of payment for purchase of raffle tickets: CNY Raffle

Online purchases have to be in by 4 February 2022 to ensure entry for you by us





OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHATSWOOD CHURCH



Chinese Catholic Association cordially invite you to join us at our

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

with fundraising for Jesuit Refugee Services



Date: 6 February 2022 Sunday (the 6th day of the Lunar New Year of the Tiger)

Place: Church Forecourt, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood

Programs:

Celebration in the forecourt after 10:30am Bilingual Mass

(Chinese translation of Homily, Prayers of the Faithful, and Our Father):

- Lion Dance,
- Giving of Red Packets by the Parish,
- Raffle tickets drawn by Rev. Fr. David Ranson, (Over 60 prizes to draw, winner not there will be contacted by phone.)
- Lucky Dip @ \$3 by yourselves (Instant sure wins)
- Mini Flower Fair



Online donations towards the above programs are welcome:

By EFT: Bank: CBA
A/C Name: Chatswood Parish Working A/C
BSB: 062-784
A/C Number: 100001609

By Credit Card: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/chatswoodparish>

Card: Choose Biller Code 1686211 - Others (min \$10)

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.



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