

Bulletin.

**Bringing the Light of Christ to the City:
We Love; We Grow; We Serve**

**Diocese of Broken Bay
Chatswood Parish Newsletter**
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5th Sunday of Lent



Welcome to Chatswood Catholic Parish

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, visiting for the first time, or returning after some time away, we are glad you are here. Our parish is a community of faith, prayer, and service, seeking to bring the Light of Christ into everyday life.

This bulletin is here to help you stay connected with what is happening in our parish, and to discover opportunities to grow in faith, serve others, and journey together as one community.



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耶穌對她說：

“我就是復活，就是生命；信從我的，即使死了，仍要活着；凡活着而信從我的人，必永遠不死。”

若望福音 11:25-26

New to our parish?

If you are visiting or new to our community, we are glad you are here.

Please feel welcome to speak with one of our priests after Mass or contact the parish office for more information about parish life on 02 9410 9000 or chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



A message from Fr David.

Dear Friends,

It is with sadness that I share the death of the mother of Fr Anselam. Scholastica had been unwell for some time, following a stroke but her death has come unexpectedly. We offer our sincere condolences to Fr Anselam and his brothers and sister at this difficult time. Fr Anselam will return to India this weekend to be with his family. Eternal rest grant unto Scholastica, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. And may her soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed rest in peace.

This weekend we introduce our 'new look' bulletin. It is a work in progress, and we will continue to refine it as the weeks go by. However, it introduces our new logo, too. We have been developing a library of such emblems that will assist us in identifying our parish and our church. Their development has also been at the service of our new parish website which we are hoping to launch after Easter. This is now almost complete, but the final version is still just a few weeks away. With the new logos and their palette of colour, we will then look at the various ways they can give form to our signage and various publications.

We are now in the final weeks of Lent. In the coming week, we have some exciting opportunities for reflection and prayer. Siom Carrington will be with us on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week leading evening reflections on Lent. St Mary's Canossian School Orchestra from Hong Kong joins us for our Vigil 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 28 March and then shares a beautiful concert of sacred music afterwards in our church. On next

Sunday afternoon, the afternoon of Palm Sunday, Willoughby Symphony Choir presents a concert "Out of Darkness" which is a beautiful way of entering the most sacred week to follow.

This Sunday we extend a special blessing to Patricia Biddel who, after many, many years, is leaving our parish community – though certainly not our parish family. Pat is moving to Sawtell in the coming days. We will miss you, Pat! Thank you for all that you have been in the life of our community and know that you will always be in our hearts! Our prayers and our love go with you to your new residence.

Fr David Ranson PP



We acknowledge the Cammeraygal People of the Eora Nation, custodians of the land on which our parish stands and we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of national reconciliation.

As a Parish of Catholic Faith we are committed to ensuring always a community of safety and care for all, especially for children, and those who are vulnerable.

Very Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG
Parish Priest, Our Lady of Dolours Church

What's happening this week at the parish.

Monday, 23 March 2026 – Sunday, 29 March 2026



FREE Classes for Seniors

Our friends at Catholic Care are offering a free trial session for our seniors. Brain Games to enhance cognitive function, memory and wellbeing. Group Exercises to enhance physical and social wellbeing. Bring a friend!

Tuesday, 24 March 2026
12:30 – 1:15pm Brain Games
1:15 – 2pm Group Exercises
Both classes in Magnificat Room.



Simon Carrington Lenten Talks

Join Simon from Fire Up Ministries over 3 nights starting with the Rosary in the church at 6:30pm followed by talk in Magnificat Room over Lenten topics including the 'Four Pillars of Lent', the 'Four Last Things,' and 'True Repentance.' All Welcome!

Thursday to Saturday, 26th to 28th March 2026
6:30pm in the church followed by talk in Magnificat Room.



St Mary's Canossian School Orchestra Performance

We warmly welcome visiting teachers and students from St Mary's Canossian School, Hong Kong, to our Saturday vigil followed by a musical performance by the orchestra.

Saturday, 28 March 2026
Performance 7pm



Community BBQ

Our monthly outreach BBQ will be after 10:30am mass on Sunday 29th March! Thank you to Men Alive members and our Community BBQ team for running this event! Come have a chat. All welcome!

Sunday, 29 March 2026
11:30am at church forecourt.



March 2026

Tuesday, 24 March

'Walking in the Wilderness' Lenten study with Deacon Tan in Magnificat Room 10am and 7pm

Wednesday, 25 March

Zoom Rosary to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord 8pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89128242753>

Meeting ID: 89128242753

No passcode required.

Enquiries: 0466961240

Friday, 27 March

'The Station of the Cross' prayer (5 weeks) in the church 11:30am and 7pm

March 2026

Thursday, 26 March

Simon Carrington Retreat 'The Four Pillars of Lent' 6:30pm Rosary followed by talk in Magnificat Room

Friday, 27 March

Simon Carrington Retreat 'The Four Last Things' 6:30pm Rosary in the church followed by talk in Magnificat Room

Saturday, 28 March

Simon Carrington Retreat 'True Repentance' 6:30pm Rosary and talk in Magnificat Room

Saturday, 28 March

Visit of St Mary's Canossian School Orchestra Hong Kong at 5:30pm Mass

Concert at 7pm in the church

March 2026

Saturday, 28 March

Rehearsals for Youth 'Stations of The Cross' re-enactment.

Sunday, 29 March

Community BBQ at church forecourt after 10:30am mass

Sunday, 29 March

'Out of Darkness...Light' by Willoughby Sympony Choir 2pm in Our Lady of Dolours Church

Please see flyers in church foyer for details.

Community & Diocesan Events

Monday, 19-29 March

40 Days for Life. Sydney 2026

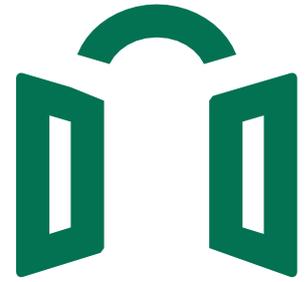
Pray to end abortion. Daily prayer vigils outside NSW Parliament House, 6 Macquarie St, Sydney. Every day 7am-7pm.

Hosted by Family Life

International www.fli.org.au

Church Schedule

Date	Time	Activity
23 March 2026	10:30 – 11:30	Organ Practice SC (silent)
	11:30 – 12:00	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	11:45 – 12:15	Rosary (Cenacle MMP)
	12:30 – 13:00	Afternoon Mass
	14:00 – 16:00	OLOD PS Retreat Day Mass
	15:30 – 17:30	Hub of Hope Liturgy 4:30-5pm
	16:30- 17:15	First Reconciliations
	24 March 2026	9:00 – 9:30
9:30 – 10:30		Chaplet of Divine Mercy
11:30 – 12:00		OLOD PS Holy Week Practice
12:30 – 13:00		Afternoon Mass
14:00 – 14:45		OC Organ Practice
14:00 – 15:00		OLOD PS Holy Week Practice
16:30 – 19:00		First Reconciliations
19:00 – 21:00		Willoughby Choir Concert Rehearsal
25 March 2026	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass
	9:30 – 10:30	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	11:15 - 12:00	OLOD PS Holy Week Practice
	12:30 – 13:00	Afternoon Mass
	15:30 – 16:00	Organ Practice
	18:00 – 18:30	Mass Set Up
	18:30 – 19:30	Evening Mass of Hope
	19:30 - 21:00	Willoughby Choir Orchestra Rehearsal
26 March 2026	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass
	9:30 – 10:30	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	9:30 – 12:00	Adoration & Exposition
	12:30 – 12:30	Afternoon Mass
	13:00 – 14:00	Rosary & allow Mass to wrap up
	14:00 – 14:45	OC Organ Practice
	19:00 – 20:00	Holy Hour Adoration
	27 March 2026	9:00 – 9:30
9:30 – 10:30		Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
11:30 – 12:30		Stations of the Cross @ 11:30am
12:30 – 13:00		Afternoon Mass
14:00 – 15:00		OLOD Stations of the Cross Praticce
14:00 – 16:00		Organ Practice SC (silent)
19:00 – 20:00		Stations of the Cross
28 March 2026	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass



Mass Schedule This Week

Monday, 23 March 2026 12:30

Monday of 5th week of Lent.

Tuesday, 24 March 2026 9:30 & 12:30

Tuesday of 5th week of Lent.

Wednesday, 25 March 2026 9:30, 12:30 & 18:30

The Annunciation.

Thursday, 26 March 2026 9:30 & 12:30

Thursday of 5th week of Lent.

Friday, 27 March 2026 9:30 & 12:30

Friday of 5th week of Lent.

Saturday, 28 March 2026, 09:00 and 5:30pm

Saturday of 5th week of Lent.

Sunday, 29 March 2026, 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

Palm Sunday.

	9:30 – 10:30	Exposition, Reconciliation, Rosary, Benediction
	9:30 – 12:30	TG's Choir Practice
	16:30 - 17:30	Vigil Singer Bookings
	17:30 - 18:30	Vigil
	19:00 – 19:30	Performance: St Mary's Canossian Orchestra
29 March	7:30 – 8:30	Morning Mass
	9:00 – 9:30	Family Mass
	10:30 – 11:30	Mass
	14:00 – 16:00	Willoughby Symphony Choir Concert
	17:30 – 18:30	Evening Youth Mass

Note: There might be changes to schedules due to late bookings. Please check with parish office to confirm.

Note: Please note there will be no first Saturday Public Rosary this coming April.

Last Week in Review

Friday, 20 March 2026

Social Justice Deanery Meeting

On Thursday night 19 March, our parish hosted the first North Shore Social Justice Deanery meeting in Harrington Hall, led by Michelle Chahine, Peace and Justice Facilitator for our Diocese.

Representatives from 7 North Shore parishes attended and shared experiences and hopes for collaboration in future projects to reach out to those doing it tough in our generally affluent northern suburbs.

In particular we shared our concern at an impending escalation of need as interest rates rise, living costs accelerate, due to the Middle East war, and rentals increase to 50% of household incomes for many on the North Shore, particularly people living on pensions and in social housing.

Warm thanks to all in our parish who enabled us to host such a well-fed and stimulating gathering.



Michelle Chahine, Peace and Justice Facilitator for our Diocese.



Discussion also focused on what responsibility devolves to our Diocese from Bishop Anthony's role as President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Oceania, given the social damage already being caused to the South Sea islands from rising sea levels.

We also raised the possibility of a Diocese-wide forum on affordable housing and homelessness, given that our region has been identified as the most generally unaffordable in Sydney.

These Deanery meetings aim to bring about collaboration between all who work in areas of social justice.

It was evident that we must do more to attract school students and staff and volunteers in organizations such as Vinnies and Catholic Care to take part in our future discussions.

Gifts from Japan to the PEW



Our parishioners who joined the pilgrimage to Japan last month have returned bearing some religious mementos from places they visited. Most items are from local churches in Nagasaki Prefecture, known as the “Rome of the Orient”, that survived centuries of persecution, and where St Paul Miki and his 26 companions were martyred.

The items include Japanese-made rosaries from the Immaculate Conception (Urakami) Cathedral, and carvings ornaments from churches in Hirado and Hiroshima. These very limited items are available for sale at the PEW Gift Shop this weekend after each Mass or after the 12:30pm Mass on weekdays.



Serra Meeting

Serra Mass and Dinner on 18 March. Fr David presented a talk on Voluntary Assisted Dying using the Interim Pastoral Guideline. 'It is an immoral action of a Christian and a grave sin, to participate at any stage of this industry.'



Growing Together in Faith.

Our parish offers many opportunities to deepen faith, prayer, and understanding of God's presence in our lives. Whether through pilgrimage, learning, shared reflection, or quiet prayer, these gatherings invite us to continue growing as disciples of Christ together.

Exploring The Faith

Exploring the Faith offers a welcoming space for those who wish to deepen their understanding of Catholic belief and practice. Through guided discussion and shared reflection, participants are invited to ask questions and grow in confidence in their faith journey.

**Weekly sessions at
St Peter's Room
Wednesdays 7pm.**

**Contact
Anthony@churchinthecity.com.au**

Alpha Program

Alpha is a relaxed and welcoming series that invites people to explore life, faith, and meaning together. Through conversation and shared meals, participants are encouraged to reflect on the Christian story in an open and supportive environment. Offered in English or Cantonese/Mandarin as well.

**Ongoing sessions
Starting 20 April 2026**

**Location: Parish meeting rooms
Contact**

gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com

Meditation Group

The Meditation Group provides a quiet and prayerful space to pause, reflect, and listen to God. Through guided meditation, participants are encouraged to deepen their interior life and grow in attentiveness to God's presence.

Fridays, 9.30am

Location: St Paul's Room

**Jon Nurman
jnnurman@yahoo.com**

RCIA Program

The RCIA program accompanies adults who are discerning entry into the Catholic Church or who wish to learn more about the faith. Through prayer, learning, and community, participants are supported as they explore what it means to live as followers of Christ.

**Weekly sessions at
St Peter's Room**

**Contact Fr Hien
hien.vu@bbcatholic.org.au**

Spiritual Growth Book Club (with Fr. David)

This book club offers an opportunity to reflect more deeply on faith and life through shared reading and discussion. Guided by Fr David, participants are invited to listen, reflect, and grow together in spiritual understanding.

Fridays, 6.30pm

**Location: Magnificat Room
Contact Bernadette Jew**

Parish Life & Community Groups

Alongside our faith formation, our parish is home to groups that foster friendship, cultural connection, and community.

Parish Playgroup

A welcoming space for families with young children to connect, share support, and build friendships.

Thursdays, 11.00am
Location: Magnificat Room.

Lifestyle English Conversation Program

A friendly and supportive group offering conversational English practice in a relaxed parish setting.

Wednesdays, 9.30am
Location: Magnificat Room

Filipino Fellowship

A joyful gathering that celebrates Filipino culture through friendship and shared meals.

First Sunday of the month, after 12pm Mass
Location: PEW and/or church forecourt

Mums' Ministry

A supportive group for mothers to connect, share experiences, and encourage one another.

Sundays, 3.45pm
Location: St Peter's Room

Young Adults Group

A space for young adults to build friendships and engage more deeply in parish life.

Sundays, 7.00pm
Location: Harrington Hall

Choirs & Music Ministry

Our choirs and musicians support parish worship through rehearsal and service. Rehearsals held during the week.

Contact the parish office for details

Legion of Mary (Indonesian Community)

A prayer-centred group fostering devotion, fellowship, and service within the parish.

Tuesdays, 6.30pm
Location: St Peter's Room

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

22 MARCH 2026

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. The raising of Lazarus from the dead was a wonderful event. His sisters were overjoyed and many people came to believe in Jesus. But something more wonderful happened in Jesus' own death and resurrection. While Lazarus was restored to his former life, the death of Jesus produces a life that will last forever, a life that we receive in baptism. Let us pray for all who are to be baptised this Easter.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 42:1-2
Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You open for your people the way from death into life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ezek 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the

soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 129. R. v. 7

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, / Lord, hear my voice! / O let your ears be attentive / to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, / Lord, who would survive? / But with you is found forgiveness: / for this we revere you. **R.**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, / I count on his word. / My soul is longing for the Lord / more than watchman for daybreak. / (Let the watchman count on daybreak / and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy / and fullness of redemption, / Israel indeed he will redeem / from all its iniquity. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 8:8-11

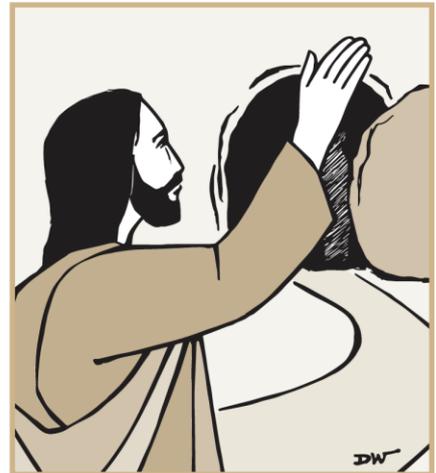
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 11:25, 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he

dies he will live,

and whoever lives and believes in me

will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me. But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Longer form, 11:1-45

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

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

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

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

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

 cf. Jn 11:26

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

OUR SOURCE OF LIFE

As we come to the last Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the central meaning of Jesus' life—his gift of life. The story involves Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary. These are Jesus' friends who are from the village of Bethany. When Jesus gets the message about Lazarus' dire illness, strangely, he does not go immediately to be with them but only after two days have passed.

The evangelist's words at this point link to the story from last Sunday: One 'can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by.' It is this Light, Jesus, that then goes to Bethany, to bring the dead Lazarus to life. The interchange that Jesus has with Martha before he comes to Lazarus' tomb summarises a theology which John wants readers to transcend. Rather than wait for the general resurrection at the end time, Jesus is 'the resurrection and the life' now. Faith in him will bring people to life.

Space prevents a detailed examination of the narrative dynamic at play and the depths of the Gospel's symbolism behind the dialogues, Jesus' weeping, the various reactions to Jesus, Jesus' command to Lazarus to come from the tomb and the order to unbind Lazarus. On this final Sunday in Lent our gaze is squarely on Jesus. He is our source of life, now and into eternity. Today's Gospel invites us into a deeper communion with Jesus, who is 'the resurrection and the life'.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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Parish-in-Council IX

Saturday 16 May 2026

Our parish holds three Parish-in-Council (PiC) gatherings a year. PiC's are for our whole parish community - embracing all who share in the life of our parish through worship, ministry, friendship or family.

At PiC we meet new people, get to know one another better, listen to each other and together, guided by the Holy Spirit, help to discern and shape the future of our parish - what God might be calling us to do, to live out our parish mission of Bringing the Light of Christ to the City – We Love, We Grow, We Serve.

Why does PiC matter?

PiC isn't a 'church' meeting, it's a vital part of our parish's journey of synodality - walking together, listening to one another and discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us. PiC is also for everyone, all ages and all backgrounds, whether you're new to Chatswood Parish or been here since birth, whether you live nearby or travel from afar.

Chatswood PiC IX - Saturday 16 May

Everyone is warmly invited to join us in Harrington Hall on **Saturday 16 May starting at 12.05 pm** for our ninth PiC. The afternoon will feature lunch, thought-provoking presentations, conversations and the opportunity for each and every one of our diverse voices to be heard.

Kids Welcome!

We want PiC to be accessible for all families with children of any age. That's why we created Kids-in-Council, for toddlers through to teens, running in parallel to PiC, with catered lunch and tailored fun activities and games.

Register Today

Visit form.jotform.com/chatswoodparish/picix, scan the QR code, or speak with our parish office. Registration is essential to help us plan for catering and table seating.



Serving Our Community.

Our faith is lived not only in prayer, but in service. These opportunities invite us to support those in need, contribute to parish life, and put our faith into action through generosity, compassion, and care.

St Vincent de Paul — Volunteers Needed

Through your continued support, our St Vincent de Paul Conference has been able to respond to a growing number of requests for help from individuals and families experiencing hardship. We are currently seeking volunteers who can assist with home visits and administrative support, offering both practical help and compassionate presence to those in need.

**Time commitment:
1–2 half days per week**

**Contact: El Herlianto or John
(details available via parish
office)**

Our Community Garden

Our Community Garden was started as part of our parish's commitment to the principle of Laudato 'Si: hearing the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. It has been maintained over a period of two years by a team of parishioners who have planted, watered, fertilised and harvested two crops of herbs and vegetables with varying success. Recent plumbing works required the Pius-styled recycled-pew garden beds to be removed to the perimeter along the

Kirk St fence. Despite the changes to our garden plans, our community gardeners are more enthusiastic than ever.

**Contact: Jo Karaolis
jokaraolis1@bigpond.com**

ATLAS

The latest ATLAS Quarterly Newsletter is available now in the church foyer. Keep up-to-date with what's happening in Timor Leste with the work of our partnership with ATLAS.

We welcome your enquiries if you would like to be part this rewarding ministry.

**Contact Carla Gageler
carlagageler@outlook.com or
Trish Wilson
patriciaawilson23@gmail.com**

Community Transport Drivers

Drivers who have a great commitment to help other parishioners get to mass! We need you!

**Contact Dee
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au**

DIGNITY Pro-Life Alliance

The DIGNITY Pro-Life Alliance invites parishioners to reflect on and uphold the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death. Through prayer, learning, and respectful advocacy, the Alliance encourages Catholics to engage thoughtfully with issues affecting the most vulnerable in our society. Resources are available for those who wish to learn more and become involved.

**Learn more and get involved via
the DIGNITY Pro-Life Alliance
website**

Additional Parish & Diocesan Notices



International Day of the Unborn Child

The International Day of the Unborn Child is observed annually on March 25 to honour unborn children and promote the value of life from conception. It coincides with the Feast of the Annunciation, which commemorates the conception of Jesus Christ. The day was established by Pope St John Paul II to promote a culture of life and to emphasize the dignity and value of human life at every stage, particularly in opposition to abortion. John Paul II described it as a positive initiative to foster respect for human dignity in all situations.

In his [encyclical *Evangelium vitae*](#) (Gospel of Life) published on 25 March 1995) John Paul II wrote:

In view of this and following the suggestion made by the Cardinals in the Consistory of 1991, I propose that a Day for Life be celebrated each year in every country, as already established by some Episcopal Conferences. The celebration of this Day should be planned and carried out with the active participation of all sectors of the local Church. Its primary purpose should be to foster in individual consciences, in families, in the Church and in civil society a recognition of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. Particular attention should be drawn to the seriousness of abortion and euthanasia, without neglecting other aspects of life which from time to time deserve to be given careful consideration, as occasion and circumstances demand.

The observance of the Day of the Unborn Child began officially in El Salvador in 1993 as the Day of the Right to Be Born and later spread to other countries including Argentina (1998), Poland, Chile, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Peru, Paraguay, the Philippines, Honduras, Ecuador, and Puerto Rico.

The Day of the Unborn Child has been celebrated in Sydney since the year 2000. The procession, accompanied by the Mass and benediction, has been held annually for more than 20 years except during Covid lockdown.

The Day of the Unborn Child serves multiple purposes: it commemorates unborn children, raises awareness about the sanctity of life, and encourages advocacy against abortion. Activities to observe the day include candlelight vigils, educational workshops on prenatal care, art exhibits celebrating life, tree planting, and community events that highlight the importance of life from conception. The symbolic timing, nine months before Christmas, reinforces the connection between conception and the celebration of birth, emphasizing the dignity of life from its earliest stages.

Overall, the International Day of the Unborn Child is both a religious and cultural observance that encourages reflection on the value of life, the protection of the unborn, and the promotion of a life-affirming society. The procession is held on the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Annunciation, which is 25 March. This year it will take place on Sunday, 22 March at 12 noon from the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral. We would invite everyone, young and old, to join in the procession and to reflect on the inherent dignity of the unborn child and to remember in prayer those whose lives have been tragically lost to abortion.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation commemorates the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary in Nazareth, where he announced that she would become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God - the Word of God taking human flesh - and the Marian aspect, celebrating Mary's obedience, humility, and her willing "Yes" to God's plan.

On Wednesday 25 March, Feast of the Annunciation, we invite everyone to join us in praying the rosary together online via Zoom to honour Mary and her Yes to God's plan of salvation:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89128242753>

Or Meeting ID 89128242753

(If using mobile or landline phone, ring (02) 8015 2088 and follow the prompt by entering meeting ID 89128242753# and #.)

Please Remember in Our Prayers.

For Those Recently Deceased

Scholastica Lakra, Barbara Woodall, Robert Cantwell; Pui Yee Yeung; Francis Moey; Darren Eng; Joe Salgado; Reynaldo Alovera; Margaret Fernandes; Phillip Rochfort Fiet Marie Widyasurya; Eva Barion (Marte Tagle's sister); Kenny Tsang; Francesca Di Mento, Eric Rapisardi, Maria Christina Labalan, Peter Charles Prior, Binnie (Maryanne) Tan.

For Those Who Are Sick

Rosa Solomon, Alexander Papandrea; Leo Papa: Evelyn Azar; Bruce Meppem; Ely Herft; Augustine D'silva; Catherine M Chan, Mirjana Marinovic; Mellita Jones; Daniel West; Ying Leong Fong; Rosetta Lo Presti; Celine Robinson; Rafael Senedrin; Gina Marotta; Deysi Villanueva; Ervita Wiroatmodjo; Almira Christina Chen; Mary Oakley; Eugenia San Gabriel; Jim Dennis; Jeremy Moon; Ley Peng Tan; Lody Herlianto; Chet Catapang; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Carmel Villanueva; Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlastic; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapria; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; Gerard de Leon; Carlos de Leon; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time

Corsino Vicoy Sr; Maria Bui Thi Phap; John Luxton; Aida Freeman; Edward Mendes; Moh Har Yip; Magdalena Bolingot Shirley Greathead; Elizabeth Shin' John William Arblaster; Jakica Bacic; Ivan Bacic; Franko Stanich Marko; Mara Stanich; Siegfried Korb; Michaela Korb; Maria Gussnig; Hubert

Gussnig ; Diana Carson Alphonso Le, Sr Marie Elizabeth, Edna Kenna, Raymond Grannall, Edward Abanilla

Wedding

Michael Henderson & Natalia Reyes
on Saturday, 21 March 2026 at 2pm

Sacraments Celebrated

Infant, Children & Adult Baptisms

Zara Kaye Carpenter & Lucy
Annabelle Shaw

Saturday, 22 March 2026

**Location: Our Lady of Dolours
Church 12pm**

Our Altar Flowers This Week

Flowers at Our Lady's Shrine are in thanksgiving to God for all the benefits bestowed on to family, and for Mark Oberholzer's recovery from injury.

Flower Donations

Honour a special occasion or remember a loved one with Altar Flower arrangements.

Suggested donations: \$130 for a standard arrangement with your choice of flower colours. \$200+ for fuller or specific flowers like roses.

Email Chloe at chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au, at least 1 month prior with your preferred date/colours.

Our Volunteers, Irene and Cynthia, will beautifully arrange your flowers and place them by the tabernacle for the weekend.

Prayer for Vocations

During this month, the Serra Association invites parishioners to remember in prayer the bishops, priests, and deacons of our Diocese, asking God to strengthen and sustain them in their ministry and to inspire future vocations.

Around and About.

Our Serra Association invite us to remember one of the bishops, priests, deacons and sisters in our Diocese in our prayer each day during the month of March 2026.

Month	Date	Name
March	1	Fr Teody Medina SOLT
	2	Fr Brian Moloney
	3	Fr Paul Durkin, Fr Paul Finucane
	4	Fr Bogdan Skupien, Fr Eliseus Shin
	5	Fr Chima Ofor, Fr Marek Waldon
	6	Sister Agnes Dinh
	7	Fr Phillip Thottam MSFS
	8	Fr Grzegorz (Greg) Skulski
	9	Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Piettrusewics SDS
	10	Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sadowski SDS
	11	Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS
	12	Fr Bill Stephens
	13	Fr Harry Kennedy
	14	Fr Stephen Hamilton
	15	Fr Rex Curry
	16	Fr Jack Robson
	17	Fr Stan Skibicki
	18	Fr Robert Brogan
	19	Fr Geoff Bugden
	20	Sister Marea Ross rsj, Sister Ann Duncan rsj
	21	Sister Josefa Mabini OSA
	22	Sister Jennifer Canillas OSA
	23	Deacon Shayne D'Cunha
	24	Seminarian Matthew French, Deacon Tan Nguyen
	25	Seminarian Victor Atuhura, Deacon Huy Tran
	26	Fr Robert Crawford
	27	Fr Carmelo Sciberas
	28	Fr Jim Tierney
	29	Fr Clem Hill
	30	Fr Terry Johns
	31	Sister Damian Lai



SIENA CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Senior Campus, Pymble

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH | 4:00PM – 7:00PM

TUESDAY 24 MARCH | 9:00AM – 10:30AM

Campus address: 1 Bobbin Head Road, Pymble
Enrolling for Year 7 2027 & 2028

Junior Campus, West Pymble

TUESDAY 17 MARCH | 9:00AM – 10:30AM

THURSDAY 26 MARCH | 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Campus address: 64 Kendall Street, West Pymble
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DEPARTS MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2026 • 13 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS
Dead Sea (2 nights) • Sea of Galilee (3 nights) • Jerusalem (5 nights)

Accompanied by
Fr David Ranson

Jerusalem

the genuine pilgrim experience

Mass of the Angels

For parents who have experienced the loss of a child through stillbirth, miscarriage, or at early infancy—especially those who have carried this weight in silence and never had the space to truly mourn.

25 March 2026

Annunciation of the Lord

St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater

6pm followed by Adoration

15 Johnson St, Freshwater NSW 2096

OPEN DAY

SAT 28 MAR 10-1PM
TUE 25 AUG 9-11AM

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Our Parish Information

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood

94 Archer Street,
Chatswood NSW 2067

Bringing the Light

of Christ to the City

We Love • We Grow • We Serve

Parish Office

Office Address:

PO Box 1446,
Chatswood NSW 2057

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Contact

Phone: 9410 9000

Emergency Calls: 0473 046 906

Email:

chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Instagram:

@ourladyofdolourschatswood

Clergy & Parish Staff

Parish Priest

Very Rev Dr David Ranson VG

david.ranson@bbcatholic.org.au

Assistant Priests

Rev Fr Anselam Lakra

Rev Fr Hien Vu

Deacon (Transitional)

Rev Mr Tan Nguyen

Parish Team

Receptionist: Diana Tinambun

Administration & Facilities Officer:

Kristha Mangahas

Parish Engagement Officer:

Duyen Au

Project Officer: Chloe Aylward

Director of Music: Titus Grenyer

Children's Ministry Coordinator:

Angela Hague

Pastoral Support Worker:

Mona Saouma

Catechist Coordinator: Karen Forbes

Youth Ministry Officer:

Sienna Klarica

Bookkeeper: Amelia Lee

(Contact details available via the Parish Office)

Supporting Our Parish

Clergy Giving (First Collection)

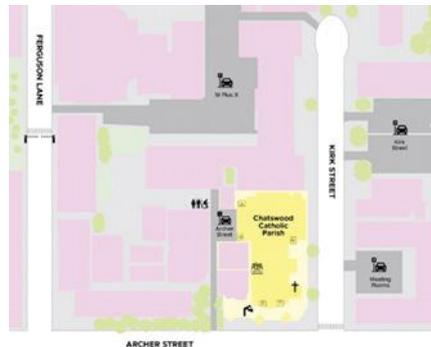
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Parish Giving (Second Collection)

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Parking at Our Parish

Parking is available around the church precinct. Parishioners are asked to observe local parking regulations and be considerate of our neighbours.



Mass Times & Devotions

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am,
10.30am, 5.30pm

Weekday Masses

Monday: 12.30pm

Tuesday, Thursday and

Friday: 9.00am & 12.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am, 12.30pm
& 6.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am

St Peter's Green

Aged Care Facility

Sunday: 11.00am

(for residents only)

Cultural Masses

Filipino Mass: 12.00pm,
first Sunday of the month

Indonesian Mass: 7.00pm,
second Saturday of the month

Devotions & Sacraments

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday–Saturday: 8.45am

Rosary:

Monday: 11.45am

Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30am;

Monday - Friday: 1.00pm

Adoration:

Thursday: after 9.00am Mass
(Benediction at midday)

Holy Hour & Reconciliation:

Thursday: 7.00pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday: from 9.30am

Anointing of the Sick:

Wednesday:

After evening Mass

3rd Wednesday:

12.30pm Mass

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Palm Sunday

- Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
- Sunday Mass 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

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Wednesday of Holy Week

- Parish Stations of the Cross 7pm

02
APR

Holy Thursday

- Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

03
APR

Good Friday

- Stations of the Cross at Chatswood Concourse 10am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

04
APR

Easter Saturday

- Vigil Mass 7pm

05
APR

Easter Sunday

- Sunday Mass at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

No evening Mass.