

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 22 May 2022

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Thank you for your voice of support for human life

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay said it is an extremely disappointing situation when we accept the sanction of the State to determine who lives and who dies. "Assisted suicide is a completely unacceptable solution to the problem of suffering," Bishop Randazzo said. A genuinely human society is not how we decide to eliminate those who suffer, but how we care for them. While deeply moved by many comments aired during the years of this debate, it is clear the social mood and the narrative has evolved in a way that the language of personal rights now dominates over our concern for the common good. We should be considering and caring for the rights of all citizens to be well, to have the care they need, and not lost to the margins. We now have to consider what this means to our health care and aged care, the vulnerable and confused."

A majority of tabled amendments were voted down during Wednesday night's debate, including a push to give aged and residential homes the power to block voluntary assisted dying taking place in their facilities. Religious health care providers had expressed concern the bill would force them to facilitate assisted dying. "While the legalisation of euthanasia is a disappointing development, legislative change does not alter the good news of Jesus Christ that every life is sacred," said Emma Baker, team leader for Life, Marriage & Family at Evangelisation Broken Bay. "Fear, economics and access to healthcare should not determine how we respond to the end-of-life process. As we transition to a society in which assisted suicide is an option, we give thanks for the religious healthcare providers who continue to oppose this process and invest in the highest quality medical care for patients who are terminally ill," said Ms Baker. "Let's ensure members of our family, friends, those who are alone, the vulnerable in our community know and understand that they are loved, that we will be with them in their journey, and that they are not a burden."

New South Wales will become the last state to allow voluntary assisted dying although it is not legal in Northern Territory or the Australian Capital Territory due to a Federal law banning the practice in both territories. The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 bill was introduced into the NSW lower house by Independent MP Alex Greenwich in October last year. The bill was co-sponsored by 28 MPs from across the political spectrum, the highest number of co-sponsors for any bill in an Australian parliament. Politicians from both major parties were given a conscience vote on the bill. Labor MLC Greg Donnelly, independent MLC Fred Nile and Liberal MLC Damien Tudehope were the main opponents to the bill's passage in the upper house. Once passed by both houses, the law will become effective next year.

A sincere thank you to parishioners who kindly signed the recent petition to the Legislative Council of NSW to express their opposition to the passage of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021. The petition noted, amongst other things, that "... all human life has an inherent value and must be treated with dignity and respect. Human life is the original and first human right for every person. It is intrinsic to each of us and binds humanity". A total of 160 parishioners signed the petition which was provided to the Archdiocese of Sydney for tabling to the Legislative Council. A similar e-petition attracted over 19,000 signatures of people in NSW.

On 11 May 2022, the Legislative Council voted to pass the Bill at its second reading – 20 votes for and 17 votes against. On 19 May 2022, following debate on amendments, the Bill was passed again - 23 votes for and 15 against. It will now be law in NSW.

Whilst this was not the result that the petitioners and many in NSW hoped and prayed for, might we now please consider keeping in your daily prayer intentions all those who might be affected by this legislation in NSW in the future? Our sincere thanks go to the long-term efforts of all in our parish who work so hard to promote and protect life.

Our Lady of Dolours, pray for us

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	23 May	12.30pm Mass	Monday of the 6th week of Easter
Tuesday	24 May	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Our Lady, Help of Christians—Patronal Feast of Australia
Wednesday	25 May	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Wednesday of the 6th week of Easter
Thursday	26 May	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	St Philip Neri
Friday	27 May	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Friday of the 6th week of Easter
Saturday	28 May	9am Mass	Saturday of the 6th week of Easter
Sunday	29 May		The Ascension of the Lord

Please Remember in your Prayers

SICK: Anna Di Guglielmo, Mrs Elizabeth Martin,

RECENTLY DECEASED: Valda 'Beryl' Selby; Margaret Spence; Paulus Antonius Setiawan Rachman.

ANNIVERSARY OF DECEASED: Dr Franko Stanich, Marko & Mara Stanich, Siegfried & Michaela Korb, Maria Gussnig, Josef Egger, Hubert Gussnig, Diana Carson



Congratulations and Welcome

Summer Hernaez Appalo, Xavier Isaiah Paro-An,
Christopher Ryan Tan

Reflection on the Gospel this Sunday

John 14:23–29 The Gospel for this Sunday prepares us to celebrate the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost, which we will observe on the next two Sundays, respectively.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of his return to the Father and of the gift of the Holy Spirit—the Advocate—that he and the Father will send to the newly formed community. What does *advocate* mean? Its meaning has roots in law: an advocate is one who stands by the side of the defendant. For John, the Advocate has three aspects:

- The Advocate is the continued presence of Jesus on earth after his Ascension.
- The Advocate is the truth-telling Spirit who gives legitimacy to Jesus as the beloved Son of God.
- The Advocate helps the community remember what Jesus said and come to a deeper understanding of Jesus's identity and his message.

In essence, for John, the Advocate is the divine presence who gives guidance to the members of the community.

In this Sunday's passage, Jesus prepares his disciples for his return to the Father because he does not want his followers to be anxious about that separation. "I am going away. . . . If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father" (14:28), he tells them. Returning to the Father is a good thing, and Jesus wants his followers to know that there will be positive outgrowth from his Ascension. Jesus promises that he and the Father will send the gift of the Holy Spirit to be their presence in the community. To console the disciples, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (14:27). Jesus does this so the disciples will not be afraid or have troubled hearts after his Ascension. Jesus's return to the Father is really a time for rejoicing. Jesus must ascend so he can send the Holy Spirit to dwell among those who love Jesus and keep his word. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Father and the Son continue to make their home in the believing community today.

人的高傲，必使他卑下。心里口口的，必得尊荣。

A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honour

From Fr David

Dear friends,

Recently some members of our parish family celebrated very significant birthdays! We offer our warmest congratulations to both Margaret Day and to Milton Coleman. May the Lord's richest blessings be theirs as we give thanks for the gift that each of them is to us. Sadly, Milton will soon be leaving us as he is relocation to Taree from whence his family originates. We wish him God's protection and blessing as he makes this significant transition.

Last week we enjoyed having 1084 people with us over all our weekend Masses (923 the week prior). Thank you to our Welcomers for continuing their service of counting our attendees as part of the annual national Mass count.

We are also very grateful to all who have filled out a Census Card. We have received some 400 of these which is a very generous response. The cards will be available in the pews of the church again this weekend and then in the foyer of the church.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 29 May	Ascension Sunday 4pm Peter Kearney Concert - "Signs of Hope—People of Faith" Ethica selling items in our Parish
Sunday 5 June	Pentecost Sunday
Saturday 11 June	6.30pm Forecourt Concert in Honour of St Anthony of Padua
Sunday 12 June	Bach Akadamie Concert
Sunday 19 June	First Holy Communion Masses at 9am and 10.30am Vinnies Winter Appeal
Sunday 26 June	First Holy Communion Masses at 9am and 10.30am



This Week in the Parish

Sunday	22 May	2.30pm—5.00pm	Reflection Afternoon for our Readers at Mass (Magnificat Room)
Monday	23 May	9.45am-11.15am	Atrium for 3-6 years
		10.00am-12noon	Powerpoint Tutorial for all Catechists (Magnificat Room)
		11.30am-12noon	Divine Mercy Chaplet and then 11.45 am Rosary (MMP Cenacle)
		12noon—3.00pm	Visit of Cardinal Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel, Archbishop of Addis Ababa, to our parish and schools.
		11.30am-1.00pm	Atrium for 6-9 and 9-12 years
		4.00pm-5.30pm	Atrium for all 3 age groups
Tuesday	24 May	7.00pm-9.00pm	Alpha (Magnificat Room)
		9.45am-12.15pm	Bible Discussion Group (St Paul Room)
		9.30am-11.30am	Playgroup (Magnificat Room)
		4.00pm-5.30pm	Atrium for all 3 age groups
		7.30pm-9.00pm	Conversation Circle with Fr David (Magnificat Room)
		7.00pm-8.30pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul)
Wednesday	25 May	7.00pm-8.00pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
		6.30pm-8.00pm	Indonesian music practice (Church)
		7.00pm-9.00pm	Parish Finance Committee (St Peter Room)
		7.00pm-9.00pm	MenAlive group (Magnificat Room)
Thursday	26 May	9.30am-12noon	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		9.45am-11.15am	Atrium for 3-6 years
		5.30pm-7.30pm	Legion of Mary (English) (Magnificat Room)
		7pm-8pm	Holy Hour with Reconciliation available
Saturday	28 May	10.00am-11.30am	Meditation (St Paul Room)
		9.30am-11.00am	Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Benediction/ Reconciliation available

From Fr David cont'd

The Census will enable us to keep in good contact with everyone, by ensuring we have accurate details for people. We have now processed 2/3 of the cards so that we can engage with their contents in the not too distant future.

This week we publish the first results of the recent National Church Life Survey we undertook in February. We will receive a fuller Profile in a month or so's time. However, the results show us what are the factors that mean most to our parish family and how it experiences the various elements of our life together. These results will enable us to investigate further so that we can develop clear priorities and strategies as part of Being Church in the City: We journey together. The initial Summary Results can be located in the list of documents on our parish website at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/our-parish/parish-finances>

The first phase of Being Church in the City is coming to its conclusion. Over the last month or so we have been invited to share our dreams. And it has been great to read excerpts of these in our parish bulletin from week to week. We are hoping to receive 100 of these submissions. If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete a dreams card, now is the time to do so! We have but another week! Alternatively, do go online and share your dreams there: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/our-parish/being-church-in-the-city>. Our submissions close on 31 May!

A special thanks to those who have joined me in the circles of conversation we have recently offered. These have been very engaging and personally I have learnt a good deal from them. Each one of them has given me 'food for thought' and some new ideas which I will certainly take forward. I will offer another series in the second half of the year. My hope is that they provide a good opportunity for people to share what's on their mind and to have any questions that arise engaged.




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. Our last opportunity in this half of the year is on Tuesday 24 May at 7.30pm in the Magnificat Meeting Room. However, Fr David will conduct the circles again in the second half of the year, too!

Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood

94 Archer St,
Chatswood, NSW



EUCARISTIAS EN ESPAÑOL Contactar: *Virginia Lopez* 0416 148 190

Cada 3er Domingo del mes 12PM



On the third Sunday of the month at 12 noon our parish celebrates Mass in Spanish. All our welcome! After our Mass last weekend some of those attended enjoyed time together in the meeting rooms with some rounds of Salsa!

Happening in our Parish



22 & 29 MAY

FOOD DRIVE for JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- To receive donations in St Peter Room from 9am to 11.30 am on 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

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

First Communion 2022

This week, the children preparing for First Communion have been exploring the Last Supper story in detail and how this links with the celebration of the Eucharist.



We have focussed particularly on the power of the Holy Spirit and the Words of Institution, which transform the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.

During our Vigil, 9am and 10:30am Masses' this week, the children will be called forward to gather closely around the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer.

The children will receive their First Holy Communion at the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses on the weekends of 19 and 26 June.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers during this time of preparation.

If you have any queries about the children's sacraments program, please contact Angela or Mona at:
chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au

The Piety Stall has a range of First Communion gifts and greeting cards in stock. Below are just a few. Please come and have a browse.



Playgroup in our Parish

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



Playgroup

For 0-5 year olds and their parents
and carers meets every fortnight on Tuesdays
during school terms.

Our next playgroup session will be
Tuesday 24 May 2022

In our Magnificat Parish Meeting Room
from 9.30-11.30am

Our aim is to provide a warm and welcoming place for
parents and carers to meet, socialize and support each
other whilst also providing some fun and nurturing
activities for the children.

Everyone is welcome!

For further details contact Mona or Angela at the Parish Office
on (02) 9410 9033 or

angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au
Mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au

Celebrating 110 years of St Vincent de Paul Conference

Most are probably familiar with the St Vincent De Paul (SVP) stores, such as the one at 287 Victoria Ave Chatswood, where reusable clothes and goods which are no longer needed can be donated. This is one of about 250 stores in NSW. Less familiar would be what the SVP is and does. The SVP is a world wide lay Catholic organization working towards a more just and compassionate society. It has a State Council which is broken into Regions with Conferences such as Chatswood at the Parish level. In 20/21 it helped 35,000 people utilizing \$8M of assistance. For Chatswood the corresponding figures would be 80 families (say 250 persons) and \$10,000 of resources.

In the Sydney area SVP provides inter alia: more than 25 crisis accommodation centers for those escaping domestic violence giving food clothing and trauma counselling; meals and drop in centers such as Nagle House in Campbelltown; sheltered workshops for disabled persons through Ozanam Industries (Stanmore, West Ryde); assisted employment opportunities and access to recreation programs; aged care facilities such as Frederick House in Waterloo; specialized homeless services including health care such as Matt Talbot Hostel; Ozanam Learning Centre in Woolloomooloo for education, participation and support. SVP has provided under a NSW Gov programme over 500 social and affordable housing units, most in the country. provided Covid vaccinations to most of Sydney's homeless SVP advocates for social change particularly: housing ; raising jobseeker allowance; adoption of Uluru Statement; change gov attitude to those seeking protection in Australia. As a contribution to the international aspect of SVP, Chatswood Conference provides support to 5 overseas conferences -in Indonesia , Thailand and India, There is a local program teaching lifestyle English conversation (run by Reg Wong from Forestville).

From Eva one of our local Conference members

"My first experience as a brand new Vinnies volunteer was a home visit to a single mom with a 13 & 15 yo living in a housing commission accommodation. She had no extended families in Sydney. She herself was suffering from depression & schizophrenia. The unit was unkept with not much furniture. She related how her son and daughter were too ashamed to invite friends over to their place, how they were not able to participate in school camps & outings due to lack of funds, how they had to fend for themselves when she was required to stay in hospital for a week or two when her depression & illness took over. As a mother myself, my heart ached hearing her story. I remember quietly shedding a few tears. Vinnies offered to provide her with some furniture, speak to the school re school fees, concessions for school outings/camps, etc as well as giving her food vouchers and checking in on her.

It is stories like this and many others that need your help, support & donations. We have the power to ease someone else's suffering. Let's do it."



NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY RESULTS

The National Church Life Survey

In February our Chatswood parish participated in the National Church Life Survey (NCLS), an Australia wide research initiative run every five years. In total, 439 of our parishioners aged 15+ and 62 children aged between 8 to 14, completed the survey.

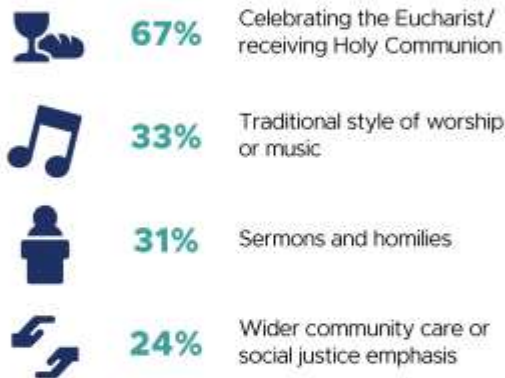
Your answers to the survey questions, provide us with helpful information about the character of our community, what we value most about our parish, and where we have opportunities for continuing growth.

Part one of the summary profile survey results of our parish are shown below.

Later this year, once the full NCLS results are produced, we will be able to share with you how our Chatswood parish has evolved over the past 21 years (since we participated in our first NCLS in 2001) and how our results compare with the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Our parishioners...

Most value:



Want to give most attention to:



Note: Parishioners could select up to three options so percentages may not add up to 100%.

Belonging and inclusion

Belonging
Have a strong sense of belonging



Inclusive
Agree this church is inclusive of different kinds of people



Friendly
Found it easy to make friends in this parish

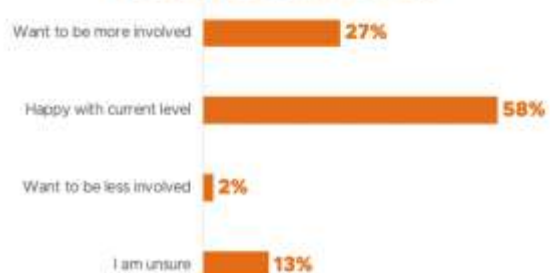


Involvement

Current group involvement



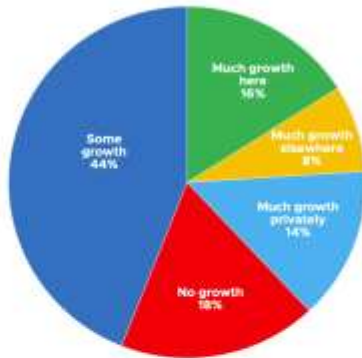
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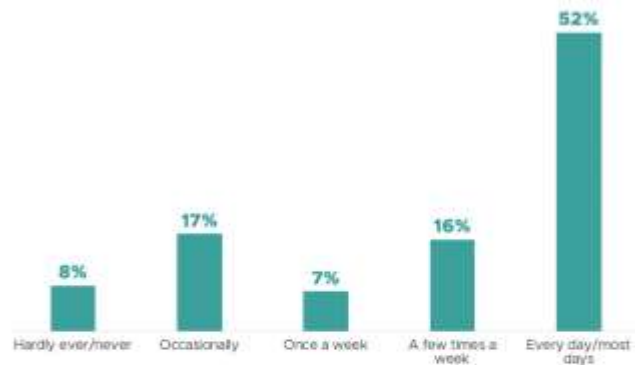
The outcome of the NCLS Survey we undertook last February!

Personal faith

Over the previous 12 months I have experienced...

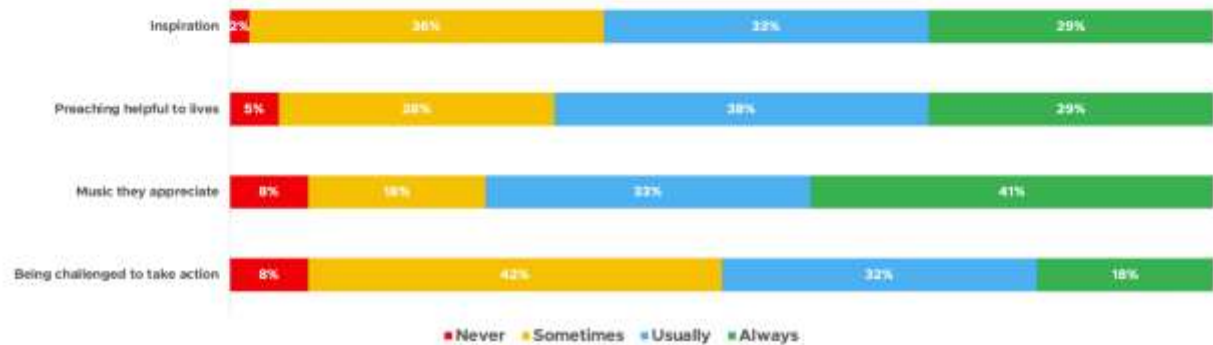


I spend time in prayer, Bible reading, meditation...



Mass & worship

During Mass/worship services at OLD, our parishioners experience...



Of our parishioners...



talk about matters of faith with other members of their household



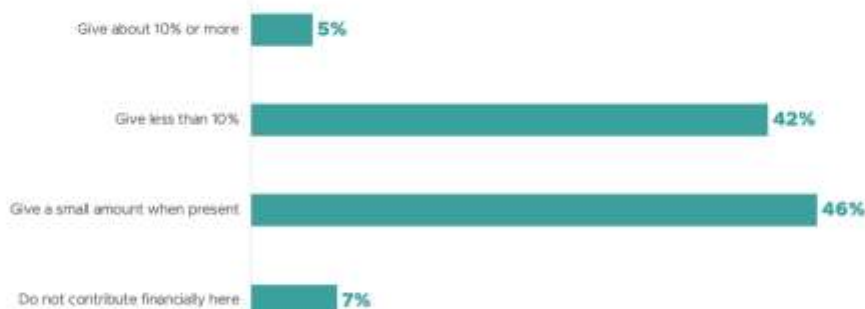
feel at ease talking about faith with others and look for opportunities to do so



invited friends and relatives to Mass or another church service in this last year

Financial giving

Of our parishioners...



To read the full Results Summary Report visit:
www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/our-parish/parish-finances

or scan here



Spiritual and Pastoral Resources

Please Join Bishop David Walker for a Series of Reflection Talks

Sundays in June at 7.30pm

Pentecost 5th June

Holy Trinity 12th June

Corpus Christi 19th June

Zoom ID: 81388324808 / Password: 682864

*Alternatively, go to Our Lady of Dolours Parish Website
and click on Online Gatherings*



Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua

Novena - June 4 - 12

Mon - Fri @ 9:30 AM; Sat @ 10:30 AM; Sun @ 11:30 AM

BLESSING OF BREAD * LIVE MUSIC * ITALIAN FOOD * REFRESHMENTS

11 JUNE (SATURDAY) AFTER THE 5:30 PM MASS



Festa di Sant' Antonio di Padova

Novena - Giugno 4 - 12

Lun - Ven @ 9:30 AM; Sab @ 10:30 AM; Dom @ 11:30 AM

BENEDIZIONE DEL PANE * MUSICA DAL VIVO * RISTORO ITALIANO

11 GIUGNO (SABATO) DOPO LA SANTA MESSA DELLE 17.30

A plea for your musical help!

Given a number of changes in peoples' circumstances this year, we find ourselves now short or musicians for our weekend Masses. We are looking especially for singers and musicians for our Sunday 9am Mass and Sunday 10.30am Masses

For the 10.30am Mass, both Sunny and Peter will provide all hymn lists and contents earlier in the week and the actual practice starts at 9:00 am on the day before the Mass Peter is also kind enough in teaching singing techniques during each rehearsal session. So, if any singers are interested, they can join them in the coming sessions.

Feast of Mary Help of Christians (Patroness of Australia) - 24 May



The Feast of Mary Help of Christians is celebrated on 24 May. The tradition of this advocacy goes back to 1571, when the whole of Christendom was saved by Mary Help of Christians when Catholics throughout Europe prayed the Rosary. The great battle of Lepanto occurred on 7 October 1571 and for this reason this date was chosen as the feast of the Holy Rosary. In 1573 Pope Pius VII instituted the feast in thanksgiving for the decisive victory of Christianity.



Near the end of the 17th century, Emperor Leopold I of Austria took refuge in the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Pasau, when 200,000 Ottoman Turks besieged the capital city of Vienna, but a great victory occurred thanks to Mary Help of Christians.

On 8 September, Feast of Our Lady's Birthday, plans were drawn for the battle. On 12 September, Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, Vienna was finally freed through the intercession of Mary Help of Christians. All Europe had joined with the Emperor crying out "Mary, Help!" and praying the Holy rosary.

The Australian bishops have long ago placed Australia under the patronage of Our Lady Help of Christians. It is therefore fitting that we turn to Our Lady Help of Christians seeking her intercession in our times of needs particularly the assault on Christian values in our own land and for the conversion of Russia and peace in the Ukraine.

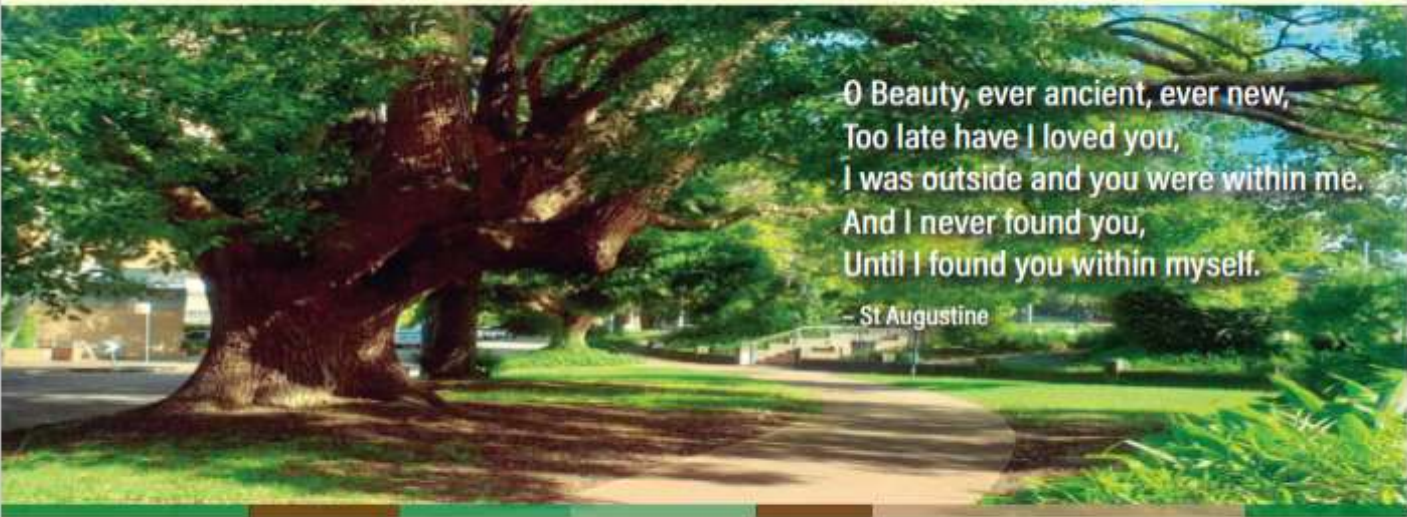
So on the 24 May, we are encouraged to pray with fervour, with special reliance on the rosary, for Our Lady's protection against those forces hostile to human dignity and freedom.

The Association of Our Lady Help of Christians

This association was formed having regard to the special place which Our Lady Help of Christians occupies in our Church and in particular Australia. It is designed to encourage Catholics to grow in their faith and in their devotion to Our Blessed Lady. Parishioners are invited to join us in prayer, reflection and fellowship via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/8034195601>) on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 pm. Enquiries: Cecilia/Michael 0466 961240.

The World Community for Christian Meditation

International Website: www.wccm.org | Australian Website: www.wccmaustralia.org.au



O Beauty, ever ancient, ever new,
Too late have I loved you,
I was outside and you were within me.
And I never found you,
Until I found you within myself.

— St Augustine

ALL WELCOME Begin your Christian Meditation Journey with us!

Face to face meditation: 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays 10am in St Paul | **Online zoom meditation:** 2nd and 4th Fridays 10am

Contact: Jon N. 0439 449 554 | jnnurman@yahoo.com

Special concert event in our church next week Sunday 29 May 4pm

Signs of Hope - People of Faith

PETER KEARNEY Concert-Reflection

Songs and stories about people whose faithful lives have brought hope and compassion into the world. Subjects include *St. Joseph, *Mary Mother of Jesus, *St. Francis of Assisi, *St. Mary MacKillop, *Sr. Irene McCormack - Australian Josephite nun killed in Peru, *L'Arche, *Fr. Mark Croker - shearer become shepherd, *Fr. Ted Kennedy of Redfern

- Songs and Stories-

Sunday 29th May
4.00—5.10pm

Followed by Mass at 5.30pm

Our Lady of Dolours Church
94 Archer Street
CHATSWOOD
Free admission

Peter's CDs & music will be available

"Peter has the special gift of making the stories and message of Jesus relevant to our modern daily life."
(Fr. Val Patterson MSC)



PETER KEARNEY
Australian singer and songwriter who has travelled Australia and overseas since 1995 to share his music and stories. His best known compositions include 'The Beatitudes', 'Fill My House', and 'Where is your Song, my Lord'. Fifteen CDs of Peter's songs have been published. Several of his compositions are included in the 'As One Voice' hymnal.



Mary MacKillop & children. Artwork by Dorothy Woodward
from a window at St. Joseph's School, Milperra

Laudato Si' Week began on 14 May and concludes on 24 May



ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY IN A PARISH CONTEXT

SATURDAY 28 MAY
10am - 12noon

St Anthony in the Fields Parish
46 Myoora Rd Terrey Hills

Facilitators are Thea and Neil Ormerod. Thea is the President of Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ACCRR). This is a multi-faith organisation that began in 2007. Thea's husband Neil is a retired Professor of Theology at ACU and has written a number of articles about integral ecology and *Laudato Si'*.

REGISTER with Emma Baker emma.baker@bbcatholic.org.au

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS

Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral 23 Yardley Avenue Waitara commencing at 6.00 pm on Thursday 26th May 2022.

This is a special Mass to celebrate the vocations of our 8 seminarians and our 4 diaconate aspirants and the 40th anniversary of the charter of the Serra Vocations Ministry in Broken Bay.

Members of the Diocesan Vocations Team and the Diaconate Formation Team will be in attendance.

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.



*St Pius X College
celebrates
its 85th Anniversary
with a special musical event*

In 1937, Fr Barry, then Parish Priest of Chatswood, invited the Christian Brothers to conduct a school for boys on our parish site. Eighty five years later, our parish continues to host the college—though it has grown to over 1100 students and is conducted by a new entity, Edmund Rice Education Australia.. St Pius X College remains an important part of our parish precinct, and it was a delight for Fr David to be present at a special musical event in the Chatswood Concourse Concert Hall on Tuesday 17 May 2022 to celebrate the occasion of the anniversary.



For our Group Leaders and People using our Meeting Rooms

Our meeting rooms are provided for Parishioners to enjoy and have their meetings. The rooms have remained in good condition for a few years now due to everyone's cooperation.

- ◆ All windows should be locked before leaving.
- ◆ All Air Conditioners and Hot Water Heaters should be turned off before leaving.
- ◆ If window blinds have been shut, please reopen before leaving.
- ◆ As you leave please make sure you lock the door behind you.
- ◆ Keys are provided in each room for the toilets. Please ensure that if you use the toilet, please lock it up when finished and return the keys to the room.
- ◆ All rooms are set up with coffee making facilities for your use. The two bigger rooms are also set up to have some form of catering with cutlery and crockery provided. Catering is certainly welcome. However we do ask that some protocols be followed:
 - a. If there is a spillage, please clean it up.
 - b. Fridges are provided in two rooms for us to keep food fresh whilst our meeting is on. At the end, please take home any excess food as it is not good to have food left in the fridges.
 - c. Please do not leave anything on the benches.
 - d. Dishwashers are provided in these two rooms. If full of clean dishes, please remove before placing the dishes we have used in the dishwasher and turn on before we leave.

If there are any issues with the rooms, please email Michael on Michael.mercer@bbcatholic.org.au

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2022

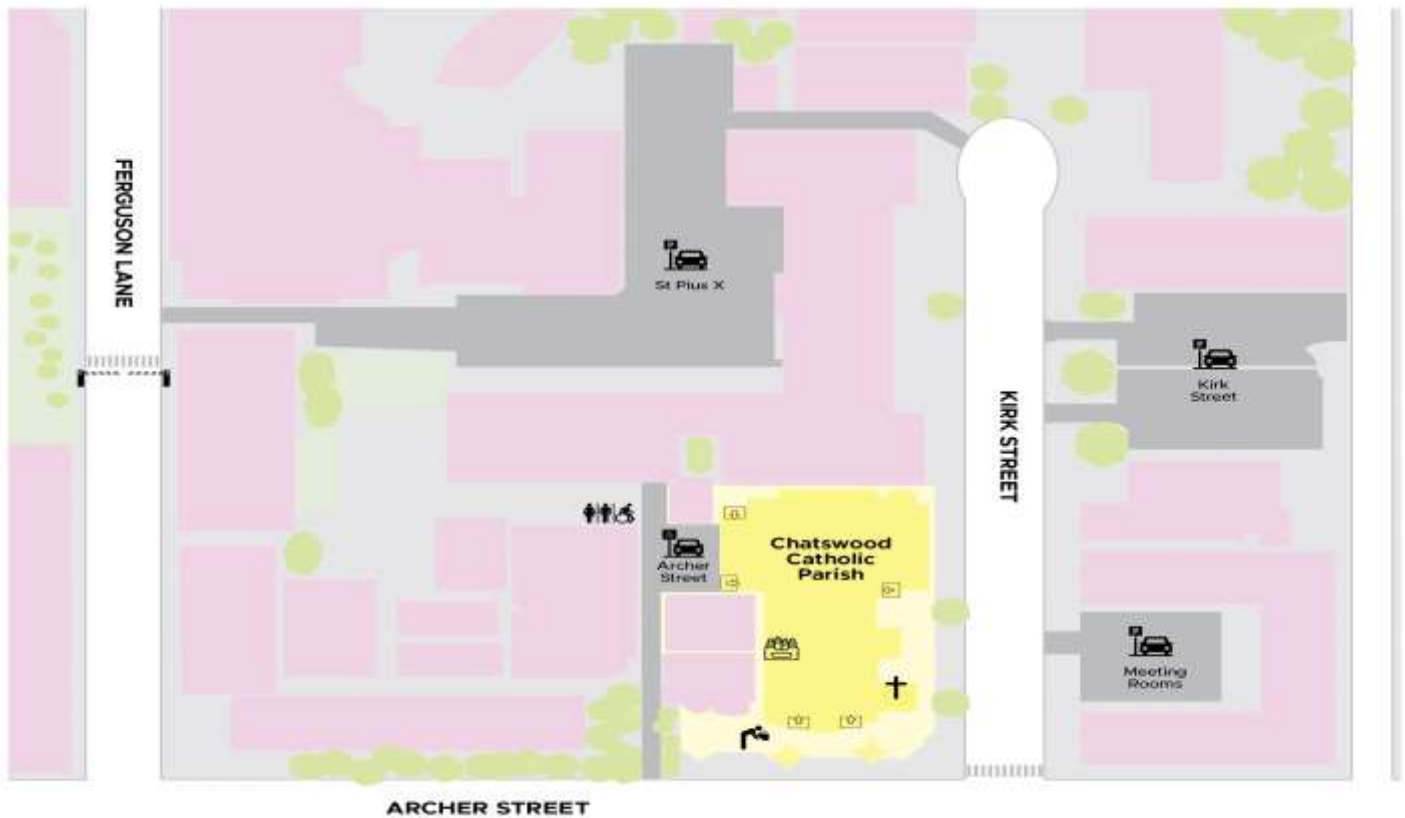
“
We all have ears, but many times even those with perfect hearing are unable to hear another person. In fact, there is an interior deafness worse than the physical one...The true seat of listening is the heart.”

Pope Francis
“Listening with the ear of the heart”



2022

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. All emails are on the back page of this bulletin.

Altar Flower Signup 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.

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 (note this is for residents only)

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