

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood 94 Archer Street Chatswood NSW 2067

Sunday 7 September 2025
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father's Day
The Canonisation of Carlo Acutis and PierGiorgo Frassati
Welcome!



你們中不論是誰,如不捨棄他的一切所有,不能做我的門徒。 **路加福音 14:33**Every one of you that doth not renounce all that he possesseth, cannot be my disciple. **Luke 14:33**



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

Masses This Week

Monday	8 September	12.30pm	Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	9 September	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Wednesday	10 September	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Thursday	11 September	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Friday	12 September	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Saturday	13 September	9.00am and 5.30pm	St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
Sunday	14 September	Usual Times	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Remember in our Prayer

For those recently died:

John Stanley Hedley; Dianne Brown; Yolandu Yu; Elizabeth Terry; Eileen Swinsburg; Marijan Mihaljevic; Joyce Sequiera; Ofelia Co (Anne Blayney's mother); Justine Straiton Elbourn; Michael de Dombal; Gregoria Cagoro; Jiennch Nones; Carmela Battaglia; Joseph Chow.

For those who are sick:

Ervita Wiroatmodjo; Elsa Omaira Rodriguez Caldas; Almira Aurora Sabulao; Ditas Naguit; Christina Chen; Mary Oakley; Maureen Potter; Eugenia San Gabriel; Jim Dennis; Jeremy Moon; Wai Ping Tan; Ley Peng Tan; Lody Herlianto; Chet Catapang; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Xu He Ooi; Carmel Villanueva; Mr Gurung; Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Ying Leong Fong; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Minnie Walshe; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlasic; 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; Mary kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Haryl Daposala; Miranda Teresita Celedonio; Johanes Njo Tedjo Usmanto; Robert Playdon; Lydia & Jolan Moreno; Teresita Daposala; Rose Nanayakkara; Irene Ward; Peter Sardelic; Maria Sardelic; Marin Sardelic; Roland Patrick Riel; Hilary Coutinho; Yim Ling Wong; Shing Kam Yip; Vlaho Vlatko; Suk Hing Ip Olivia; Bartolo Paino; Atanasius Teno Tjung; Zele Cetinic Pensa; Frances Hung; Wah Chew Chan; Charles Shortis; Marie Keenan.

Funerals

Jaka Bosnic — Monday 8 September at 11.00am

Weddings—Sewoong Lee & Monica Wang (Saturday 13 September)

Upcoming Events in our Parish

Saturday	6 September	Chatswood Annual Fair Day and Parade		
		Forecourt Public Rosary at 3.45pm		
Sunday	7 September	Canonisation Mass for Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati at 5.30pm		
Saturday	13 September	Parish Bush Walk celebrating Season of Creation		
Sunday	14 September	Parish Feast Day		
Friday	19—21 September	Inaugural Parish Festival of Beauty		
Sunday	28 September	Community Lunch after 10.30am Mass		
Sunday	5 October	Blessing of Community Garden to conclude Season of Creation		
Wednesday	15 October	Annual Footprints Mass at 7.00pm		
Saturday	25 October	Parish-in-Council		

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.

From Fr David

Dear friends,

A very special blessing upon all our fathers' this day! We give God thanks for the gift of life from you and the inspiration you have given us by your faithful presence. For all fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, and fatherlike figures in our lives, may God bless them abundantly, we pray to the Lord. For all the fathers who have passed, may we hold them in our memory and in our hearts and honor them today. For all those longing to become fathers, may the Lord guide them through this hard time. St. Joseph, may you intercede in the lives of all fathers struggling, and may you pray for them to draw near to God the Father.

This is very big weekend for our parish with our involvement in the Chatswood Fair and Parade, the third session of our Parish Angelus Film Festival, and the canonization of Carlo Acutis and for PiergGorgio Frassati which we have been anticipating for so many months. Our Mass on Sunday 7 September 2025 at 5.30pm will be celebrated by Bishop Randazzo. Our student orchestra from Pius X and Mercy Colleges will lead us in music. The celebration will be live-streamed too on https://youtube.com/live/CWIE5rEB5m0?feature=share Thank you to all those who have been working behind the scenes to make this a very special event, and especially to those who have donated so generously for our altar flowers for the occasion.

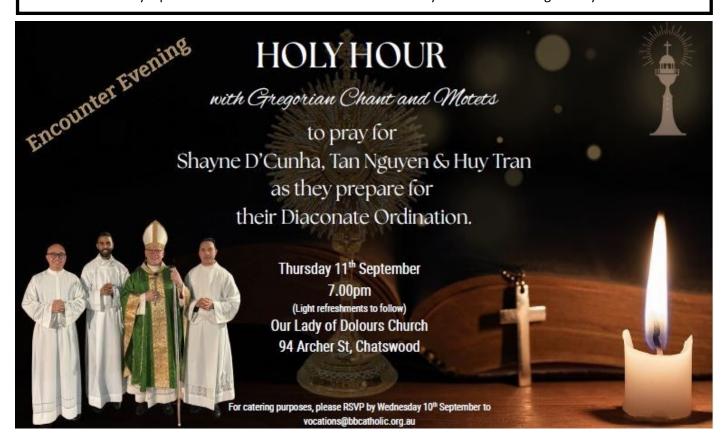
The ABC has produced a very fine podcast on the canonisation which features significantly our own Parish. It can be heard on:

https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/soul-search/carlo-acutis-the-first-millennial-saint/105690282

Last week, Catholic Earthcare was excited to release a new video, *Catholic Earthcare celebrates 10 years of Laudato Si'*. Marking the 10th anniversary of this landmark encyclical, the film showcases and celebrates how Catholic communities across Australia are living out ecological conversion and action. Watch here https://vimeo.com/1112169729?share=copy

Sts Carlo Acutis and PierGiorgio Frassati pray for us!

Our Altar Flowers this week are donated by a parishioner to honour the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



A Year of Jubilee

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



Our Parish church is designated by Bishop Randazzo as a Shrine of Hope for Young People during the Year of Jubilee.

Friday 21 March 5.30pm—7pm Students from Central Coast Catholic Schools

Saturday 5 April 9am Mass 50 Young Adults from Hornsby Parish

Monday 7 April Parish group from Toukley-Lake Munmorah

Tuesday 8 April 10.30am - 1.00pm Parishioners from St John the Baptist Woy Woy

Thursday 10 April Parish group from St Monica's Parramatta Diocese

Saturday 26 April—afternoon Young Adults from Parish of Manly-Freshwater

Friday 9 May—11.50am-12.30pm 70 Students from Redfield College

Monday 12 May at 10.30am Students from Tangara School for Girls

Sunday 24 May—afternoon Young Adults from around our Diocese, walking from Lindfield

Friday 6 June 10am –11.30am 80 Staff from St Brigid's College, Lake Munmorah

6 June 1.00pm—2pm 120 Staff from St Peter's College, Tuggerah

Thursday 19 June, 11.30am—1.00pm 45 x Stage 3 Students from St Thomas and St Philip Neri, Willougby

Saturday 28 June, 11.30am Parishioners from Parish of Wyoming

Tuesday 5 August 11.30am, 30-50 Homeschool children

Thursday 14 August at 10.30am School leaders from St Mary's Manly

Saturday 30 August at 3.00pm Parish group from Warringah Parish (Dee Why)

Saturday 13 September 12.30pm Parish Group from Hornsby Cathedral Parish

Saturday 20 September, 2.00pm Parish group from Pittwater Parish

Tuesday 30 September 11.30am Diocesan Parent Engagement Coordinators

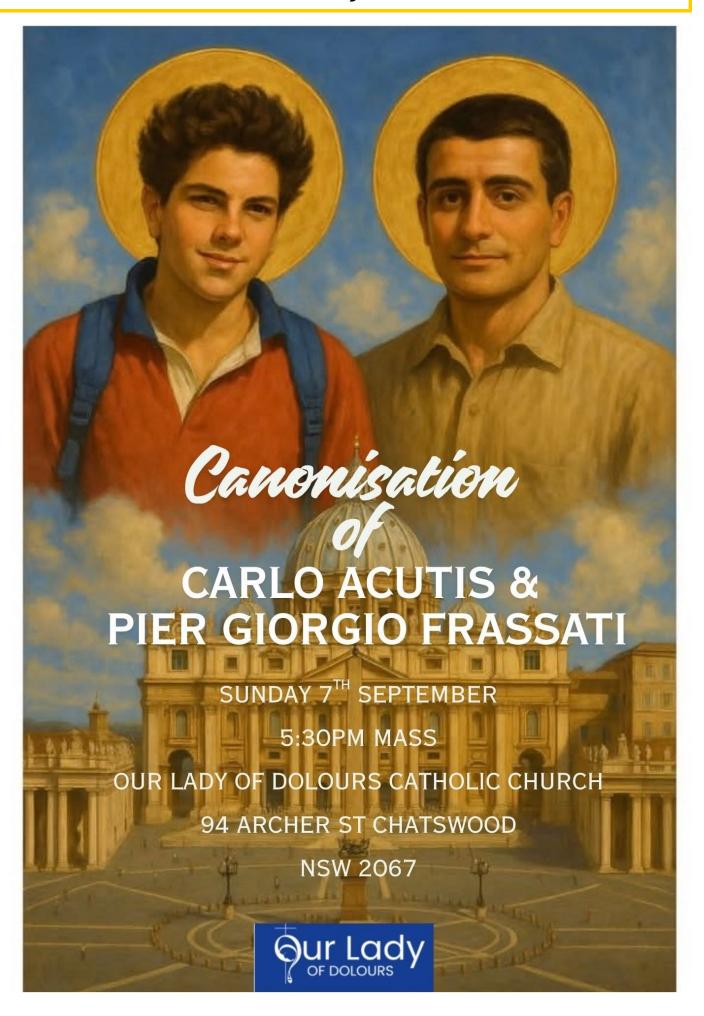
Wednesday 15 October, 9.30am Wyong Parishioners

Friday 24 October 11.30am Staff of Schools of Lower North Shore Parish
Saturday 8 November 10.30am Parishioners from St Patrick's East Gosford

Saturday 22 November Catholic Indonesian Community



Our Celebration of Canonisations



Anticipating our Celebration of the Canonisations











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Since last Sunday evening, each night this week we have had a bonfire on our church forecourt around which a number of our young people have gathered in anticipation of the canonisation of Carlo Acutis and PierGiorgio Frassati. A very special highlight was the engagement of Stephen and Kishia on Tuesday evening! Stephen proposed to Kishia in our church!

Warmest congratulations Stephen and Kishia!



Our Recent Clergy Retreat and a new Appointment to our Parish

Next Friday 12 September at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara at 7.00pm Bishop Anthony will ordain three men to the Order of Deacons for our Diocese. God willing these three men will be ordained to the Priesthood in 2026.

Bishop Anthony has appointed Deacon (to be) Tan Nguyen (far right) to our own Parish of Chatswood in the time leading up to his priestly Ordination. We look forward to welcoming Deacon Tan from 20 September. He will not reside with us but be with us on a Sunday.









Last week the clergy of our Diocese all came together at the Carmelite Retreat Centre at Varroville for their annual retreat. However, in the context of the Year of Jubilee, this occasion was very special. The clergy were joined by Monsignor John Armitage from the Diocese of Brentwood in the UK as our retreat master.

A Very Significant Moment for Clara Ho





31 August 2025

Dear Father David and the Chatswood Our Lady of Dolours family,

It is with great joy to present you this painting of Bl. Carlo Acutis by one of the sisters of the Carmel of the Immaculate Heart in Launceston, Tasmania. I hope this painting will encourage our parish to know that <u>you are being prayed for</u> very especially.

Our Lady of Dolours had been my parish home between 2022 – 2024. During this time, I saw an exponential growth of our Capstone Young Adults group, the installation of our perpetual adoration chapel, and the relic of Bl. Carlo Acutis.

I am deeply indebted to all the people from this parish who have supported and prayed for me in my vocation journey. I humbly ask for your continual prayers. With the church doors always open, and the powerful presence of our soon-to-be saint, I pray that our parish continues to bring forth new vocations — in family or religious life.

Most of all, I pray that our Chatswood community is a family of prayer, reverence, Eucharistic and holy friendship. Please feel free to send your prayer intentions to our monastery's website.

See you in the Eucharist!

In Jesus, Mary & Joseph,

Clara



Last Monday, 1 September 2025, Clara Ho joined the community of Carmel in Launceston Tasmania. She was joined by her family and friends for this most significant moment in her life of discipleship.

Clara has been such an influential member of our Captsone Young Adults group and she wrote this letter to our community as she entered the convent.

We pray the Lord's richest blessings on Clara.





13 TH TTO 13 TH SEPTEMBER HOSTED BY OUR LADY OF DOLOURS,

AT HARRINGTON HALL, 94 ARCHER ST CHATSWOOD



CABRINI

AUGUST 7PM

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Based on a true story A biopic on Mother Cabrini "Patroness of immigrants" and the first American Saint. Set in the late 19th century New York and Italy, Mother Cabrini an inspirational and indomitable woman of faith was sent to the new world to care for the homeless Italian migrant children and the destitute. Challenged along the way by people in high office, Mother Cabrini always kept her focus on God and the mission to care for the poor.



THE KING OF KINGS

Renowned story teller Charles Dickens finds it challenging to bond with his imaginative son, Walter amidst his busy career. After Walter disrupts one of Charles' readings, he decides to share the story of Jesus Christ with him, hoping to bridge the gap between them. As Charles Dickens narrates the story, Walter becomes captivated, experiencing the events of Jesus' life vividly. **AUGUST** Through the journey of Jesus, Walter and his father's relationship deepens, culminating in a bond of love forged through storytelling



CARLO ACUTIS: ROADMAP TO REALITY

This film explores the life lived by Carlo Acutis and the lessons he offers young people regarding the challenges of the digital world. The documentary blends live action, animation and documentary-style interviews with Acutis' family, friends, tech experts and scholars to tackle urgent questions about artificial intelligence and the technological world we live in. One of the themes of the film is that Acutis was online to lead people offline SEPTEMBER to the Eucharist, back to real encounters and he's a great role model for us



PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI: TO THE TOP Filmed in Italy, this docudrama chronicles the life and spirituality

of Pier Giorgio Frassati, an Italian activist who put his Catholic beliefs into practice to help the poor and downtrodden in his hometown of Turin. The film uses the aspect of his mountain climbing to shed light on his holiness and humanity. A Saint with appeal for the young, Pier Giorgio loved to go with friends in the mountains, to play jokes among them, to laugh and to have a good SEPTEMBER time together. But at the centre of everything was faith, was 7PM prayer, was love for God.

FREE EVENT

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Last Sunday we were gifted with a beautiful spring day for our Community Lunch on the Forecourt following our 10.30am mass. Thank you to all those who enabled this to happen.

Our next Community Lunch is on Sunday 28 September!









Our much loved Kaini is leaving us, returning to her family in India! We are going to miss her a great deal. Kaini has made such a remarkable contribution to our community in so many ways since she has been with us.

Last Saturday a few of us were able to come together and celebrate a meal with her.

On the right: some of our children ahead of the screening of "King of Kings" as part of our parish film festival last Saturday!









In our busy world, more and more women are experiencing a desire for deep connection, engaging conversation, and personal and spiritual nourishment. This evening is an opportunity for women to connect, reflect, discuss, and create meaningful friendships while deepening their relationship with God.

> 3rd FRIDAY EVERY MONTH 7:00pm - 9:30pm **Magnificat Meeting Room**





Drinks and light nibbles provided, please feel welcome to bring a plate to share. To register your interest or to find out more please email chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au or call 9410 9000

Chatswood Catholic Parish







Our Nurturing our Relationships Circle



Our Seniors Morning Tea

It was a truly lovely gathering, made even more special by a hands on demonstration from Evangeline (Veronica & Edmund;s niece) an award-winning florist.

She generously shared her time and expertise by guiding everyone in creating their own beautiful flower pins.

It was a joyful and inspiring session, and the seniors thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Our Caring for one Another Ministry Circle



Our parishioners participating in the Pastoral Care course being conducted by CatholicCare Broken Bay!

Our Leading Reflective Lives Ministry Circle



ZOOM ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2025

PLEASE JOIN US IN HONOURING OUR BLESSED MOTHER BY PRAYING THE ROSARY TOGETHER VIA ZOOM



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER AT 8 PM

ZOOM DETAILS:

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

Meeting ID: 891 2824 2753 NO Passcode



OUR LADY OF SORROWS (PATRONAL FEAST DAY)
MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER AT 8 PM

ZOOM DETAILS:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82321899320

Meeting ID: 823 2189 9320 NO Passcode

The MMP Cenacle Prayer (Rosary) on Monday 8 September will be held in the Magnificat Room as a funeral is being held in the church at 11 am.

The prayer begins at 11.45 am preceded by the chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 11.30 am. Enquiries 0466 961 240.

Our Sunday Celebration

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

7 September 2025

PUT JESUS FIRST. It is somewhat shocking to hear Jesus say, 'Whoever comes to me without hating (family members) cannot be my disciple'. Jesus is using hyperbole to stress that we must give first place to following him. If that puts us in conflict with our family, we must choose Jesus. Thankfully, most of us don't face such a conflict. We can rejoice in God and in family, as Paul does in today's Second Reading.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who

believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth.

laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt

it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened

and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1 R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our

- 1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no
- 2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. R.

more than a watch in the night. R.

- 3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. R.
- 4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. R.



SECOND READING

Philem 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a bloodbrother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 14:25-33

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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. O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. 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 I-VIII OF THE **SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME**

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. Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams.

so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. 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

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

What is the 'cost' of being a disciple? What will it require? These questions are addressed in today's Gospel. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem where suffering and death await. He is accompanied by a crowd of people. They, too, are on the 'way'-the earliest expression used of Jesus' followers who, according to Luke in the Acts of the Apostles, are named people of 'The Way' (Acts 9.2f).

It is clear from Jesus' teaching that discipleship will not be easy. We have met this theme already back in August, on the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, when Jesus spoke of the tensions that would arise within households where committed disciples lived. In today's passage, this household division is even more dramatically described. Disciples' relationship to Jesus must trump every other. The word which Luke uses is 'hate'. Disciples must 'hate' parents and siblings. The language of Luke's day employed superlatives and exaggerated speech to make a point. So, the disciple is not to literally 'hate' family members., but the 'hate' expression is a reminder that following Jesus will come at a cost. This cost requires commitment and needs calculation.

This is the point of the two examples which conclude the Gospel: calculation is needed in building materials or the chances of victory in battle. The final note the passage ends on is one of Luke's favourite themes: Disciples must not be possessed by possessions. The disciple must be free, of wealth and even relationships that hinder communion

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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Our Inaugural Parish Festival of Beauty

Friday 19 September 2025

5.30pm Registration and Refreshments

7.00pm Formal Welcome by Fr David Ranson

7.15pm Keynote Presentation by Mr John O'Brien, "Aspects of Beauty"

John O'Brien is a registered architect, who has been practicing in Ecclesial Projects for over 30 years & has developed considerable expertise in the design & construction of new & existing cathedrals, churches, chapels & shrines in Australia, New Zealand & Papua New Guinea. He is currently working on two churches in the Diocese

of Broken Bay.

8.00pm Organ Recitals by Chatswood Parish senior junior organ scholars

Saturday 20 September 2025

10.00am Keynote Presentation 2 Mr Anthony Pitts "For Beauty's Sake"

Excelsia Ambassador and William Byrd Fellow at Excelsia University College, as well as Artistic Director of both

TONUS PEREGRINUS and The Song Company.

12 noon Lunch

1.00pm Keynote Presentation 3 Linda Klarfeld

Linda Klarfeld is one of Australia's leading figurative sculptors, renowned for her masterful bronze and stone works. Her striking portraits, monumental sculptures, and profound religious art capture the essence of her subjects and inspire reflection and connection. Linda's works have been exhibited in prominent galleries and collected by institutions and private buyers worldwide, earning her a reputation as a leader in contemporary

figurative sculpture.

2.30pm Afternoon Tea

3.00pm Keynote Presentation by Dr David Larkin "The Beauty of Music – A Gift from God"

Dr David Larkin is a Senior Lecturer in musicology at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, where he is currently Program Leader for Musicology and for Analytical, Historical and Cultural Studies. He joined the University of Sydney in 2010, after two years as a postdoctoral research fellow attached to the School of Music, University College Dublin sponsored by the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences. His music education began at the Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin, where he studied piano, violin and organ. He graduated from University College Dublin in 1999 with a first-class honours B.Mus degree, and in 2002 was awarded the M.Litt degree with distinction for a thesis exploring the musical and personal connections between

Liszt and Wagner. In 2007, he gained his PhD from the University of Cambridge.

4.45pm Evening Prayer in the church with Chatswood Parish Schola

7.30pm Concert in Church: Chatswood Parish Choir with the Tim Li Orchestra, featuring Schubert's Mass in G.

Sunday 21 September 2025

10.30am Combined Choirs at Parish Mass

Chatswood Parish Choir, Indonesian Choir, Lanneke Jones' choir from St Michael's Lane Cove, and Children's

choir from Ku-ring-gai Parish

11.30am Light Lunch

1.00pm Keynote Presentation 5 by Fr Stephen Hackett "The Beauty of the Liturgy"

Reverend Dr Stephen Hackett MSC is the Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Australia. He was the inaugural Chairman of the National Liturgical Architect & Art Council of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference. He is currently the Chairman of the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

3.30pm Solemn Benediction

Our Inaugural Parish Festival of Beauty

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church will host it's inaugural Festival of Beauty in 2025.

Join us for a weekend of Keynote Speakers and round table conversation on aspects of Beauty in our life of faith, along with wonderful occasions of sacred music.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- John O'Brien (Architect)
- Linda Klarfeld (Sculptor)
- Dr David Larkin (Senior Lecturer in Musicology)
- Anthony Pitts (Artistic Director & Excelsia Ambassador)
- Fr Stephen Hackett (Chairman of the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Broken Bay)

Date: 19th to 21st September 2025

Register by 12th September via https://www.trybooking.com/DEWMH



Schedule of Event:





94 Archer St Chatswood NSW 2067



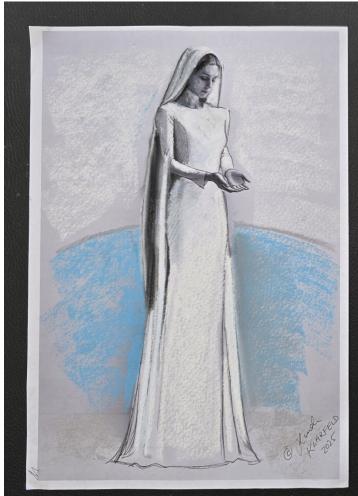
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Our event is without cost, and it is possible to come to all of it or just to segments or sessions over the days/ Please do register your interest, though, to provide us with an indication of numbers.

Our Sustaining our Future Ministry Circle





Following a very fruitful conversation with a number of our parishioners on Sunday 17 August 2015, our sculptor, Linda Klarfeld has designed two new versions of an image of Our Lady that she hopes reflects the discussion. The image would be made in white granite as an outdoor sculpture. **Please keep in mind that these are concepts only!** However, if you would like to send Fr David your thoughts on this new idea, do share these with him. In this way our journey of alighting on the most appropriate image will continue to unfold.



Our Parish has pioneered the most remarkable synodal way of growing as a community: the practice of being a "Parish-in-Council." The development has now attracted the interest of other parishes in our own diocese and those of others too.

To capture our experience and our learnings in order to share with others we are creating a series of video modules that will become available across the world.

Last Sunday we continued our production!

LOVE SYDNEY - WALK FOR LIFE

Walk for Life to help bring an end to abortion with help, hope and healing.

LOVE THE NEXT GENERATION

Saturday 20th of September 2025

2pm - 4pm **Hyde Park**

Opposite St Mary's Cathedral

PLEASE WEAR A WHITE SHIRT

Join us for a peaceful family friendly event with speakers, prayer and a 1km walk around the park.

Free Entry Tickets

trybooking.com/DBZSU lovesydney.org.au



Please follow the event guidelines.

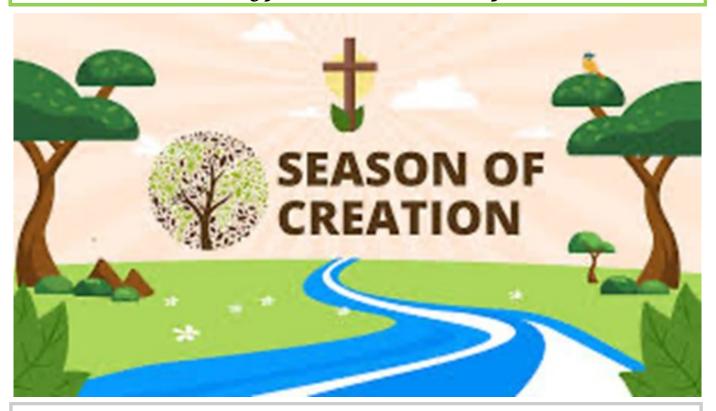
NO megaphones or personal signs, Love Sydney will provide official signs. Please follow the direction of the marshals & police and walk peacefully with love.







Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle



Our annual Season of Creation begins this Sunday with a world day of prayer for creation instituted by the late Pope Francis in 2019. The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

At Our Lady of Dolours we will take time to reflect on our journey in the last 12 months as an Earthcare parish as we have sought to reduce our demand on the earth's resources and our harm to the environment around us, listening to the cry of the earth as well as the cry of the people.

As part of this reflection we will again hold a parish bush walk and liturgy. This will be on Saturday 13 September, leaving the church at 10.30 am. All are welcome, adults, children, dogs on leads...





Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle

Two Evenings in September to Inspire and Challenge.

Join the parish Laudato Si' group as we host 4 speakers over two evenings who will open our hearts and minds to the invitation and theology of Laudato Si'

Event Dates: 9 & 23 September

Time: 7:30-9pm

Venue: St Leonards Catholic Church

Naremburn

Cnr of Donnelly Rd and Willoughby Rd

Tuesday 9 September



Fr Chima's academic background and research are rooted in ecological theology, with a focus on the relationship between faith, creation, and the moral call to care for our common home. His areas of interest include ecological spirituality, creation theology, and virtue ethics—fields that explore how Christian tradition and moral imagination can inspire deeper environmental responsibility and hope."

Eco-Spirituality: Becoming Who You Are

True transformation begins when our actions reflect our deepest beliefs. Eco-spirituality invites us to rediscover our sacred bond with creation—our native home—and to live in a way that honours both the Earth and the Creator. This conversation calls us to embody our faith through lives of reverence, simplicity, and solidarity, becoming who we truly are: stewards of grace, co-creators of hope, and witnesses to God's glory in the world.



Anne Lanyon is the Co-ordinator of the Faith Ecology Network, a network of people from diverse faiths and the ecological sciences who share faith with ecological awareness and care.

Earth is speaking to us. Are we listening? How can we learn to listen?" In Laudato ST Pope Francis wrote about dialogue; Religion in dialogue with Science and Religions in dialogue with each other.

Tuesday 23 September



Andy Nguyen SJ is currently an assistant priest at Our Lady of the Way Parish North Sydney. He studied architecture at the University of Houston and coordinated the construction of houses, schools and clinics in east Timor.

Laudato Si' invites us to encounter God's presence in every aspect of creation, echoing one of the spiritual insights of St Ignatius of Loyola, "finding God in all things." From this perspective, creation is not as a resource to exploit but as a sacred gift, reflecting God's love. With this profound encounter, we can recognise our intrinsic connection with all living beings and the Earth, and from which, we are called to a renewed sense of solidarity and responsibility. Ultimately, Laudato Si' is a call to ecological conversion—a transformation of hearts and lifestyles formed in compassion, justice, reconciliation, and care for our common home. This message challenges us to change not only our actions but our way of seeing the world and others.



Patricia Gemmell is the Coordinator of the Lower North Shore Parish Laudato Si' Action Group, Through a process of group discernment this local iniative has set about living laudato si' and taking it beyond the confines of the church in small practical ways.

Living Laudato Si' Laudato Si' is a call to conversion of mind and heart. In the words of Pope Francis, "A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal." What might that mean for us in practical terms, in our daily lives? How does one live Laudato Si'?



Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle





The Catholic community of Chatswood invites all Year 5 children and their families to our 9am Family Mass

Sunday 21 September

If your Year 5 child would like to read a prayer at Mass or for any other enquiries please contact Angela via email:

angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

Mass will be followed by morning tea in the school playground. Please bring a plate of food to share.

All are Welcome!



On Thursday 4 September, our Chatswood Public Primary School Catholic Catechists gathered together at Josie's house after their Scripture classes to give Kaini a special treat!

Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle



DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE

SAT 29 NOV- WED 3 DEC

FLIGHTS + 4 NIGHTS ACCOMODATION + REGO

\$1,645 PER PERSON, INCL GST

Limited opportunity for \$500 subsidy

Reducing cost to \$1,145

Day 1 Sat 29 Nov Departure (Travel Day)

Day 2 Sun 30 Nov ACYF

Day 3 Mon 1 Dec ACYF

Day 4 Tue 2 Dec ACYF

Day 5 Wed 3 Dec Return (Travel Day)

TO REGISTER INTEREST TO ATTEND ACYF - PLEASE SCAN



BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE ONLINE INFORMATION EVENING

7PM MON 11 AUGUST 2025 TO REGISTER VIA EMAIL -PLEASE SCAN



INCLUSIONS

- Economy class return airfare from Sydney
- 4 nights' Accommodation Holiday Inn Express
- Breakfast daily
- Broken Bay Group dinner 29 November
- Return airport coach transfers
- ACYF Melbourne Registration fee
- Broken Bay Pilgrim T-Shirt

Not included:

- Travel insurance
- Lunches and dinners on festival days

Pilgrimage is open to young people in Year 9 at school, through to the age of 25, and their leaders and clergy.



Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle









Last Monday, 1 September, Mercy College celebrated its annual Mercy Day. It was also an opportunity to celebrate the 135th anniversary of the College! Bishop Randazzo joined us for the very happy occasion, as well as a number of the Sisters of Mercy who have been associated with the College. We also blessed the new leaders for 2016 and are very proud of our Genevieve Ho who is College Captain for 2026!



Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle



At Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church Chatswood 車士活慈悲聖母天主堂

日期 I Date

2025年9月17日 (總共十三節) 時間 I Time

下午12:15至2:30

地點 I Venue

Magnificat Room Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church Crn of Kirk and Archer Sts Chatswood 車士活 聯絡電話 | Contact No.

堂區辦公室 I Parish Office

(02) 9419 9000





Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

A journey in faith, a place to belong

If you are...

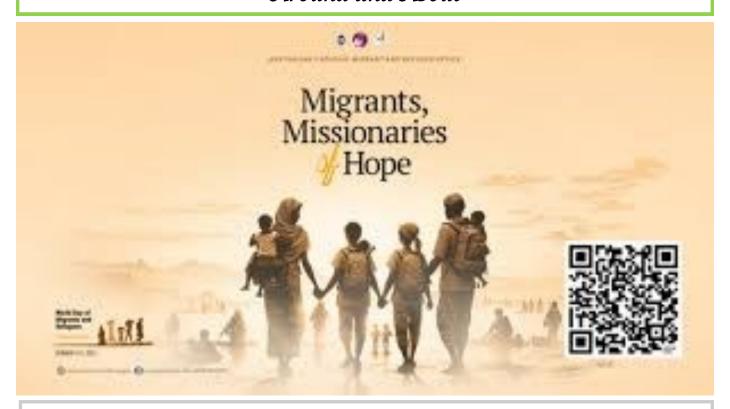
- **P** Discovering the Catholic faith for the first time
- Searching for a deeper understanding of what Catholics believe
- 🙏 **Thinking** about becoming Catholic
- * RCIA is the perfect place to begin!





Program begins mid-September (exact date TBA)

Contact Fr David, Fr Hien, or the Parish Office: chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au
(02) 9410 9027



As the global Church prepares to celebrate the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday, 5 October, the Bishops' Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry invites all Australians to pause and reflect on the stories of resilience and faith that migrants and refugees bring to our communities.

This year's theme, "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope", reminds us that even in the face of conflict, displacement, and uncertainty, migrants carry within them a powerful witness of hope that enriches both the Church and society

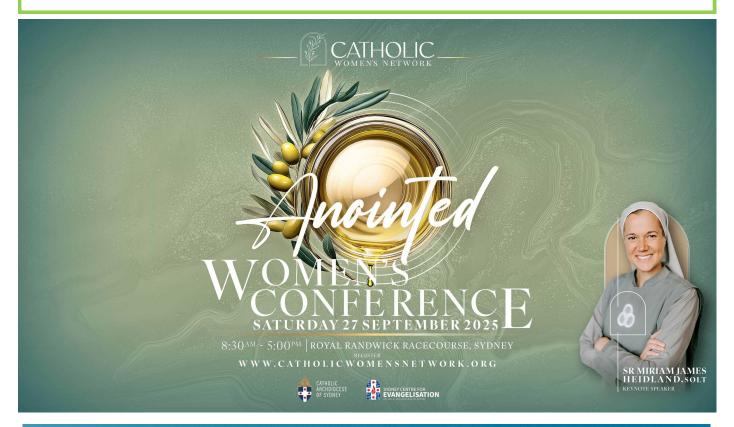


POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

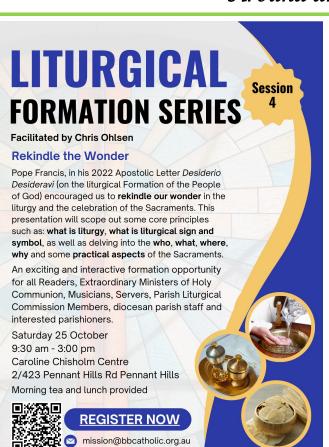
FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF CREATION

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

















Our volunteers, Irene, Cynthia, and Teresa, will beautifully arrange and place them by the tabernacle for Sunday.

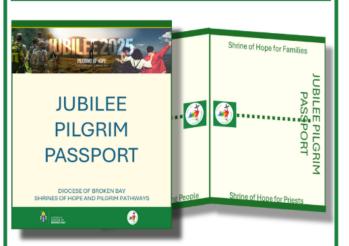


Submit your donation at least one month in advance.

To reserve a date, contact Chloe at Chloe.Aylward@bbcatholic.org.au.



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



If you have all 4 Pilgrimage Site stamps on your Pilgrim Passport, don't forget to show your completed passport to your Parish Secretary. Your name will be recorded and a certificate of completion that will be signed by the Bishop will be arranged for you.

Check out how your parish is doing at: https://www.bbjubilee.com.au/pilgrimage-to-shrine/jubileepilgrimage-completion-leaderboard/



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY? SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT SACRED HEART CHURCH PYMBLE COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM

OUR MASS CELEBRANT WILL BE OUR DIOCESAN VOCATIONS DIRECTOR FATHER JOEY FREZ. AFTER DINNER FATHER WILL PROVIDE A VOCATIONS UPDATE AND SHARE HIS VOCATION JOURNEY.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

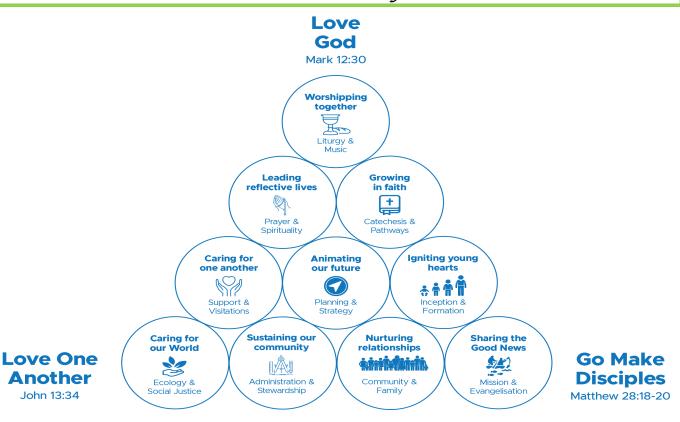
Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email annayytleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

Our Serra Association invite us to remember one of the bishops, priests and deacons in our Diocese in our prayer each day during September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Fr Paul Finucane	2 Fr Paul Durkin	3 Fr Bogdan Skupien Fr Eliseus Shin	4 Fr Chima Ofor	5 Marek Woldan	6 Fr Joshi Nadup- pura	7 Fr Philip Thottam MSFS
8 Fr Grzegorz (Greg) Skulski SDS	9 Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pie- trusewicz SDS	10 Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sa- dowski SDS	11 Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS	12 Fr Bill Stevens	13 Fr Harry Kenne- dy	14 Fr Stephen Ham- ilton
15 Fr Rex Curry	16 Fr Jack Robson	17 Fr Stan Skibicki	18 Fr Robert Bro- gan	19 Fr Geoff Bugden	20 Sr Marea Ross rsj	21 Sr Josefa Mabine OSA Sr Jenifer Canil- las OSA
22 Seminarians ShayneD'Cunha	23 Seminarians Matthew French Tan Nguyen	24 Seminarians Victor Atuhura Huy Tran	25 Fr Robert Craw- ford	26 Sr Ann Duncan rsj	27 Fr Carmelo Sci- beras	28 Fr Jim Tierney
29 Fr Clem Hill Fr Terry Johns	30 Sister Damian Lai					

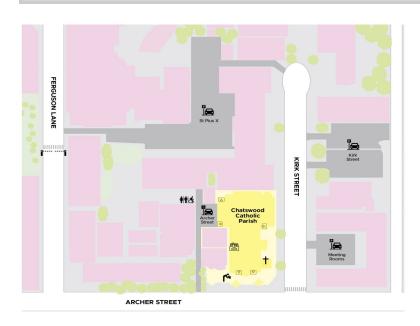
Our Parish Ministry Circles



Supporting our Parish Financially

Donation for	Description	BSB	Account Number
Clergy Giving (First collection) (support for Clergy)	Chatswood Parish Pastoral Revenue A/C	062-784	100001606
(Support for Ciergy)			
Parish Giving (2nd collection)	Chatswood Parish Working A/C	062-784	100001609
Planned Giving by EFT & general donation to Parish			
(support for Parish operation)			

Parking at our Parish



After our weekend evening Masses the Pius Carpark is closed about one hour after Mass for the security of the College. Please move your car to the parish car park on Kirk St if you are going to be longer than an hour following Mass.

Parish Contact Information

PO Box 1446 Chatswood NSW 2057 Office Hours Monday to Friday 9.00am—5.00pm Office Phone: 9410 9000 Emergency Calls: 0473 046 906 Instagram: ourladyofdolourschatswood

Parish Priest: Very Rev Dr David Ranson VG

david.ranson@bbcatholic.org.au

Personal blog: davidranson.com.au

Tuesday, Friday to Sunday

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Anselam Lakra anselam.lakra@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9028

Tuesday to Sunday

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Hien Vu hien.vu@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9027

Tuesday to Sunday

Receptionist: Diana Tinambun chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9000

Monday to Friday

Administration and Facilities Officer: Kristha Mangahas

kristha.mangahas@bbcatholic.org.au

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Monday to Friday

Parish Engagement Officer: Duyen Au

duyen.au@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9025

Monday to Friday

Project Officer: Chloe Aylward chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9021

Monday to Wednesday

Director of Music: Titus Grenyer

titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9034

Thursday to Monday

Children's Ministry Coordinator: Angela Hague

angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9033

Monday to Thursday

Pastoral Support Worker: Mona Saouma

mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9024

Tuesday to Thursday

Catechist Coordinator: Karen Forbes karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9029

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Youth Ministry Officer: Sienna Klarica sienna.klarica@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9026

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Book-keeper: Amelia Lee amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au

9410 9032

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Our Lady of Dolours Primary Parent Engagement Coordinator Rebecca Molinaro: rebecca.molinaro@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Mercy College Parent Engagement Coordinator Annette Leahy: annette.leahy1@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Sunday Masses

5.30pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass

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

at the PEW café)

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

Tea on the forecourt

10.30am, followed by Morning Tea on the 2nd Sunday of the

month, and Community Lunch on the last Sunday.

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

Indonesian Culture Mass

7.00pm, 2nd Saturday of the month

First Friday of the month: 6.30pm—8.30pm Divine Retreat

Centre Healing Mass and Prayer

Weekday Masses and Devotions

Monday: 12.30pm

Tuesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm

(The Sacrament of Anointing: after each Wednesday evening Mass and after 12.30pm 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; Monday to Fridays:

1.00pm

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

Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and **Reconciliation** 7.00pm

Saturday Morning: Reconciliation from 9.30am.