

*Sunday 8 February 2026*  
*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Welcome!*  
*Come and See! Come and Grow! Come and Serve!*



你們的光也當在人前照耀，好使他們看見你們的善行，光榮你們在天之父。瑪竇福音 5:16  
Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.  
**Matthew 5:16**

**Please be advised that the pathway between the church and the parish office will be temporarily closed during the coming week to allow for works along the side of the church.**

**Should we be approached for money by our friends Billy or Graham who often come to our church we should never give them this. Both are well supported by other means!  
Respectfully and politely say "no"!**



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

# Come and See!

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## 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, followed by Rosary then Divine Mercy Chaplet ends at midday with Benediction.

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

Saturday Morning: **Reconciliation** from 9.30am.

## *From Fr David*

At the beginning of a new year, as the holidays fade and ordinary life comes rushing back at us — work emails, school routines, meetings, deadlines — we find ourselves very quickly back in what we might call “the everyday.” And perhaps without even realising it, many of us carry a quiet question into this season: *Where is God in all of this?* Throughout the Gospel of Mark, one of the central struggles is precisely that question — the question of Jesus’ identity. Again and again, Mark brings it to the surface: *Who is this man?* I

In the Gospel, however, the people also ask the question — but their faith does not grow. Why? Because they stumble over something very simple: Jesus is too ordinary. They know his family. They know his trade. They know where he comes from. And so ordinariness becomes their excuse for dismissal. In their minds, ordinariness and holiness don’t belong together. Ordinariness and God don’t mix. And if we’re honest, that instinct hasn’t disappeared. At the start of a new working year, when life feels repetitive rather than dramatic, when our days are filled with familiar tasks and familiar faces, we can quietly assume that *this* is precisely where God is least likely to be found. We imagine that God belongs in the extraordinary moments — not in the inbox, the commute, the classroom, the kitchen, or the care of ageing parents. But the Gospel insists on something far more confronting: divinity is clothed in ordinariness. God does not bypass the everyday — God enters it.

The life-giving message of the Gospel is enfolded not in the spectacular, but in the simple, the earthy, the human. Jesus of Nazareth does not arrive wrapped in the extraordinary. And if we go looking for him only in exceptional moments, we may miss him altogether. The God revealed in Jesus is found in what is ordinary — and that is what unsettles us most.

The Australian writer David Malouf captures this beautifully when he speaks of a “passion for the everyday.” One of his characters says: “But to see what is common, that is the difficult thing, don’t you think? For that we need imagination, and there is never enough of it — never, never.” As we begin this year, perhaps that is the invitation placed before us. Not to chase the extraordinary, but to grow in imagination — the imagination to recognise God’s presence in the very places we are tempted to overlook. In the routine. In the familiar. In the work we return to tomorrow morning.

With gratitude to God, Bishop Anthony shares with us the news that he now calls Rev Mr Shayne D’Cunha, Rev Mr Tân Nguyen, and Rev Mr Huy Tran, ordained to the Order of Deacons last 12 September 2025, to the Order of Presbyters.

This is a source of joy for our whole Diocese. The Ordinations to the Priesthood will take place at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on the evening of Wednesday 29 April 2026, the feast day of St Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church. We congratulate the Deacons and commit our prayer for them. Further details about the event will be forthcoming.

On Saturday 14 March 2026, at the Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara, Bishop Anthony will institute Mr Victor Atuhura to the Ministries of Lector and Acolyte and admit Matthew French to Candidacy for Sacred Orders. These are significant steps in the journey of discernment and preparation of our students for the priesthood.

Our Diocese is blessed currently with eight students for the priesthood, five of whom have commenced their journey in 2026. This is a source of deep encouragement for us all.

Bishop Anthony asks that we keep all our student and Ordinands in our prayer in their preparation for Orders and ministry.

**Fr David Ranson VG**

**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.**

*Come and See!*

# CHATSWOOD YEAR OF THE HORSE FESTIVAL

## LANTERN PARADE

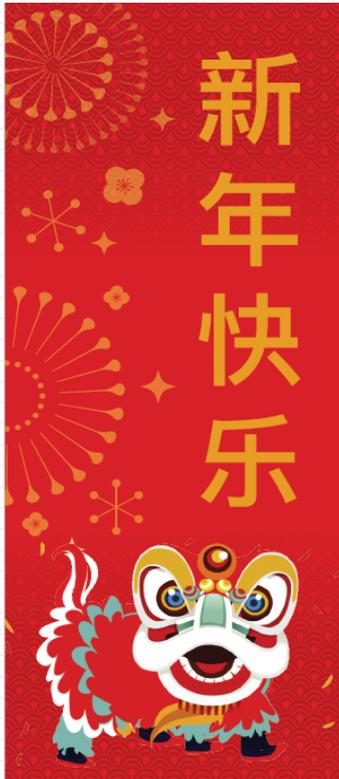
We warmly invite all members of the parish community to join in the fun festivities by being part of the lantern parade.

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026

**Time:** 7pm

**Location:** Victoria Avenue to Anderson Street, Chatswood NSW 2067

Contact Hannah: 0449 839 188 or [hannah.olodchatswood@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.olodchatswood@gmail.com)



Happy New Year!



The Lord's Love Endures Forever



Enjoy Everlasting Peace



Anointed in Heaven's Grace

*Come and See!*

Fundraising  
Pastoral Works Broken Bay

Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood



LUNAR NEW YEAR

15 February 2026

Sunday - 10:30 AM Mass



YEAR OF THE HORSE

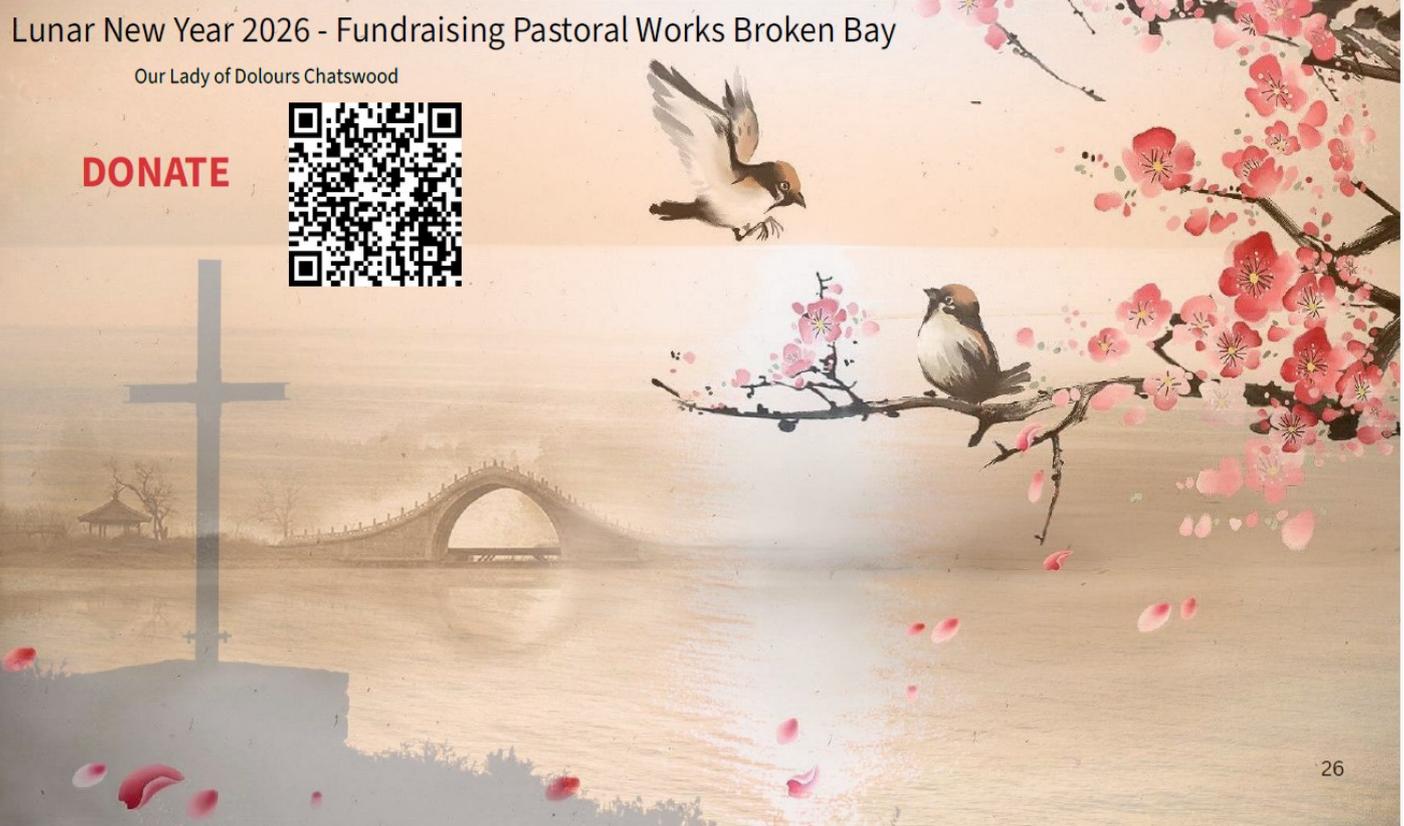


Dear friends  
should the weather be inclement next Sunday morning  
we will move our Lunar New Year celebration from the Forecourt to Harrington Hall.

Lunar New Year 2026 - Fundraising Pastoral Works Broken Bay

Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood

**DONATE**



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**Lunar New Year 2026 RAFFLE PRIZES**

- 1st Prize \$500.00 Westfield Gift Card
- 2nd Prize \$350.00 Gift Card to Hunter Valley - Oaks Cypress Lake Resort
- 3rd Prize Sydney Ocean Extreme Whale Watching for Two
- 4th Prize \$200.00 Gift Card to Cafe Sydney at Circular Quay Old Customs House
- 5th Prize Quiet Time in the Bush, Ignation Spirituality Retreat for Two at Pymble

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With great gratitude we have had three local small businesses that have donated to our LNY2026, one of which wishes to remain anonymous.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

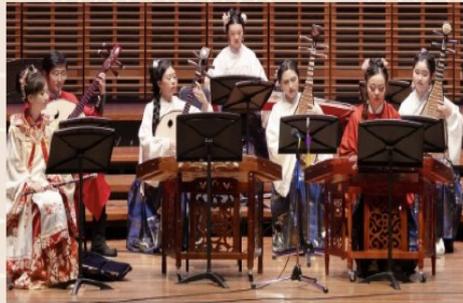
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# OUR LNY2026 PERFORMERS



Wadaiko Rindo Sydney was established in 2010. It showcases the powerful Japanese taiko drumming with a mission to entertain audiences of all ages and backgrounds, and to connect with communities near and far



MEYA Conservatory of Chinese Music represents a bold step in bringing traditional Chinese music to the world stage. Since its inception, they have not only preserved and promoted Chinese musical culture but also embraced innovation through the fusion of Eastern and Western music traditions.



Indonesian Angklung is a traditional musical instrument made from bamboo pieces joined together, which are swayed and shaken to produce musical tones. The group was founded nearly ten years ago by Martin and Sr. Regina, who are still the conductors today. It consists of 25 members. The ensemble performs at Indonesian Masses at our parish, at the Sydney Cathedral, at Willoughby Council, and at other Community cultural events. They will perform well-loved Chinese pieces on our LNY Celebration on 15/2/2026.



Allan Wang is 11 years old. He began his violin studies with Professor Shisiang Zhang at age 7. He is currently studying with Professor Ole Bohn of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Allen won multiple prizes, including First Place in the Brisbane Youth Music Competition. He is also awarded the Victor and Melba Harris Cromack Memorial scholarship for 2025, offered by the Rising Star Program of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.



New Lion Dancing Troupe, promised to be more energetic and entertaining!



## LNY 2026 Program

- 10:00 am Mini Food Fair Starts
- 10:30 am LNY Mass with Father David Ranson
- 11:30 am Group Photo - Church Forecourt
- Kids - Free Face Painting and Balloon Twisting Starts
- 11:45 am Lion Dance
- 12:00 pm LNY Speeches
- 12:10 pm Raffle Ticket Draws
- 12:20 pm Musical Performances Start
- 2:00pm LNY Celebration Concludes

## Musical Performance

- Allen Wang, Solo Violinist
- Indonesian Community Angklung
- Wadaiki Rindo, Sydney
- Meya Chinese Music School, Chatswood



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**SENIORS & GRANDPARENTS  
MORNING TEA 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**2026 YEAR OF THE HORSE**



**HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR**

Come and Grow!

# Walking in the Wilderness:

A Lenten Journey of Communion, Participation,  
and Mission

Join us as we journey through the season of Lent starting on Tuesday 24th February 2026. Guided by Deacon Tan Nguyen and our Diocese resource *'Walking in the Wilderness: A Lenten Pilgrimage Towards Easter'*, we are invited to enter more deeply into the sacred mystery of our faith and to renew our encounter with Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, as we embrace this time of grace, repentance and renewal.

- **Date:** Every Tuesday during Lent (24 February; 3, 10, 17, and 24 March)
- **Time:** 10:00am or 7:00pm
- **Venue:** Magnificat Room, Kirk Street, Chatswood NSW 2067 (except on 24 February, 7:00pm in St Peter's Room)

All Welcome.

Our Lady  
OF DOLOURS

## *Come and Grow!*

### **Come along and hear Father Robert Rieger from Medjugorje – Lenten Reflection on Eucharistic Adoration**



Father Robert Rieger from Medjugorje will be visiting Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood parish on 23 February. Come along and hear Father Robert's Lenten reflection on Eucharistic Adoration.

Father Robert is a Kiwi priest who first visited Medjugorje some 36 years ago – and it changed his life forever. Father Robert now welcomes thousands of pilgrims to Medjugorje every year from all around the world – including our own pilgrims from across the Broken Bay Diocese. Father Robert leads the Oasis of Peace community in Medjugorje, and their chapel offers Adoration around the clock, 24 hours a day. But as Father Robert will tell us, Adoration is not about the hours. It's about opening our hearts to the Lord and letting Him do something within us and for us – rather than just assuming that it's all about us doing something for him. It's His work within us that will truly change our lives.

**7pm, Monday 23 February:** Please join us to meet Father Robert and hear him speak in the Magnificat Room at Our Lady of Dolours in Kirk Street Chatswood.

**Beach Rosary – 7pm, Friday 20 February:** You are also invited to join Father Robert and Father Marek for a rosary along the beach promenade at Manly Beach, followed by gelato and Compline. Meet outside St Mary's Church, 6 Raglan Street Manly at 7pm.

### **Our Lady of Dolours Parish Book Club**

You are warmly invited to come along to Our Lady of Dolours Parish Book Club. We meet once a month, and the first meeting for 2026 is at **7.30pm on Wednesday 4 March**. It's a great opportunity to meet other parishioners, and to share and deepen our understanding of Catholic spirituality under the guidance of Father David.

This year we will focus on St. John Henry Newman who is the most recent Doctor of the Universal Church - declared by Pope Leo XIV on All Saints Day in November 2025. Newman is the 38th Doctor of the Church, and sits alongside Augustine, Aquinas and Thérèse of Lisieux. His religious story is one of immense interior struggle as he converted from Anglicanism to Catholicism. Those struggles continued long after his conversion, as he was viewed with suspicion for some time by both Anglicans and Catholics. He was a prolific writer with remarkable foresight – and many of his theological ideas were subsequently taken up by Vatican II, particularly in relation to the role of the laity in the Church. While he died in 1890, his writings remain as relevant today as ever.

As we delve into the spirituality of Newman, we will read **Newman: The Heart of Holiness** by Roderick Strange. It is available to purchase online (including via e-book and audiobook, whichever version you prefer). We will develop a more detailed plan for the year at our first meeting: 6.45pm on Wednesday 4 March in the Magnificat Room.

## Come and Grow!

### Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 18 February

We will pray "The Station of the Cross" every Friday at our church. We will gather together to join in the suffering of Christ on the hill of Golgotha that the Lord walked, and meditate on the "Passion and Death of Jesus", while as we preparing for the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus,

Dates : Friday **20 Feb, 27 Feb, 6 Mar, 13 Mar, 20 Mar, 27 Mar**

Time : **11:30 AM and 7:00 PM**

If there is anyone who would like to lead the "Station of the Cross" prayer every Friday during Lent, please let our parish office know. It would be wonderful In particular if each community or group in our community could lead one of the "Station of the Cross" prayer on a Friday from 20 February at 7:00 PM.

## With Mother Mary at the Foot of the Cross

A LENTEN WOMEN'S RETREAT

*"Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene."  
- John 19:25*

A quiet Lenten invitation to prayer, silence, and faithful presence.

- Prayer and Reflection
- Marian Meditation
- Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation
- Journaling & Sacred Music
- Morning Tea & Lunch provided

**Date:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
**Time:** 10:30am - 3pm  
**Location:** Magnificat Room, Kirk St  
Chatswood NSW 2067  
(across from church)

Contact Charmaine for enquiries at  
charmainewan@gmail.com  
Please register by 4th March 2026

<https://www.trybooking.com/DJFIZ>  
or via QR Code 



 FIRE UP MINISTRIES



# Lenten Parish Mission

with Simon Carrington 

Thu, Mar 26	The Four Pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Forgiveness
Fri, Mar 27	The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell
Sat, Mar 28	True Repentance: Avoiding the Three Nooses of Satan

 **Our Lady of Dolours,  
Catholic Church**  
96 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067

 **6:30pm** Rosary (Church)  
**7:00pm** Talk (Meeting Room)

**Lent is not just a time for fasting but is a  
time for Feasting on the Infinite Love of our Redeemer.  
Come to feast on the Love of this Tremendous Lover.  
A Seminar by Sr Damian Lai, Sister of St Paul de Chartres**

Date: Saturday 21 March 2026, Saturday; Time: 3-4:30pm

Venue: Magnificat Room (Enter by Kirk Street.)

Pls. reply not later than 16.3.2026 (email to [srdamianspc@gmail.com](mailto:srdamianspc@gmail.com) or phone message 0410002270)

*Come and Grow!*

# The Children's Atrium

of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
At Chatswood Parish



Since August 2007, we have been welcoming children to this wonderful place called the Atrium, so that they can spend time to nurture their relationship with God. The CGS Atrium is based on Scripture and Liturgy and framed by Montessori principles of Education.

The Atrium is offered in three age groups and there is a separate room for each age group.

The sessions times are:

## **3-6 year olds**

Mondays 10am-11:30am  
Mondays 3:45-5:45pm  
Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm  
Thursdays 10am-11:30am



## **6-9 & 9-12 year olds**

Mondays 3:45-5:45pm  
Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm



**Enrolments for 2026**  
are now open and we  
would love to welcome  
your child to the atrium.



To find out more  
about the Atrium  
watch this video



To speak with someone or to  
enrol your child, contact  
Angela or Rose at:  
[old.childrens atrium@gmail.com](mailto:old.childrens atrium@gmail.com)

*Come and Grow!*



# First Reconciliation 2026

## Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood

Enrolments for preparation and reception of First Reconciliation are now open via our parish website.

In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for Reconciliation once they have been Baptised and Confirmed and have reached 8 years of age or older.

### **To enrol your child**

From our Parish website Home page (link below):

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

Click on the "Reconciliation Enrolments" Tile  
From here, you will find all the dates and other details of the program. Scroll to the bottom of this page and click "**Enrol Here**" then complete the enrolment form.

For queries about sacraments for your child, contact Angela or Mona at: [chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au)

***Enrolments close Tuesday 10 February***

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

8 FEBRUARY 2026

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE! We all have our special gifts, but sometimes we fail to recognise this. We may feel that we have little to offer others. That is never true. As Jesus says: 'You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!' Let us ask Jesus to help us recognise our unique gifts and share them with others.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

### 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. Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 Isa 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*Your light will shine like the dawn,*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor;  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then your light will shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.  
Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

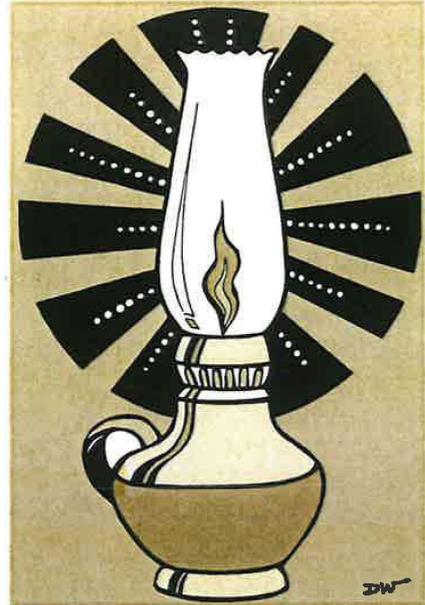
**The word of the Lord.**

R. Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 111:4-9. R. v. 4

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright. (*or Alleluia!*)

1. He is light in the darkness for the upright; / he is generous, merciful and just. / The good man takes pity and lends, / he conducts his affairs with honour. R.
2. The just man will never waver; / he will be remembered for ever, / He has no fear of evil news; / with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. R.
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; / open-handed, he gives to the poor; / his justice stands firm for ever. / His head will be raised in glory. R.



### SECOND READING 1 Cor 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

**The word of the Lord.**

R. Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Mt 5:13-16

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

**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 Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. 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 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord,

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

### SALT AND LIGHT

Today's Gospel continues with Matthew's teaching in the 'Sermon on the Mount'. After identifying the disciples' blessedness in all kinds of situations with which the Gospel audience would be familiar, Matthew now highlights two images with which they can identify: salt and light. 'You are the salt of the earth' (5:13) and 'You are the light of the world' (5:14).

In Matthew's world salt was an important commodity and valuable trading product. It was used in cooking and for preserving foods (meat and fish) before refrigeration. Salt was shipped across the Mediterranean Sea and then carted into all of Rome's provinces along specially built salt roads. Salt's need was universal and, in times of scarcity, so precious that it became a means of bartering and currency substitute, hence the modern term 'salary'. But there is one quality of salt scarcely known. In a world of outdoor ovens with little or no wood to fire them, salt was mixed with dung to produce the chemical reaction that created the necessary heat required for baking bread. In Jesus' reminder to the disciples that they are the 'salt of the earth', he is speaking more than about them being agents of preservation. Their presence in the Greco-Roman world meant at times that they will find themselves in disagreeable situations. These times requires fidelity or 'saltiness'. Their capacity to engage their world will also make them the 'light of the world'. The richness of these two metaphors, salt and light, finds their realisation with us, Jesus' contemporary disciples.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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## *Come and Grow!*



This week we give heartfelt thanks to **Jenevieve** and **Joseph Liem** as they step back from their roles as youth leaders. Over many years, they have generously shared their time, faith, energy, and care, walking alongside our young people and helping grow this community in countless ways.

From when he began in 2020, Joseph has been a pivotal part of the team, welcoming all into the group and making it a kind and encouraging atmosphere. Jen began youth leading in 2023, and also has continued to be a supportive and loving presence, sharing the joy of Christ with so many young people.



While they are finishing this chapter of leadership, we are grateful that they will continue to be part of our parish family. Please join us in thanking them for their faithful service and in praying for them as they move into this next season.

We are delighted to welcome **Adrian Tadulan** and **Max Lei** (below right) as they step into the role of youth leaders. Thank you for your willingness to serve our young people and we look forward to all that God will do through you in this ministry.

Thank you,  
**Sienna Klarica**  
Youth Ministry Officer



Come and Grow!

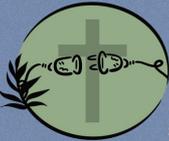
**CAPSTONE**  
*Unplugged*  
 Disconnect to Connect



**1ST MEETING:**  
**14 Feb** 10AM -12NN  
 MAGNIFICAT MEETING ROOM

A reading and listening gathering for young adults to encounter **words, silence, and beauty**, together

CONTACT SIENNA FOR MORE INFO:  
 SIENNA.KLARICA@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU




**YOUTH GROUP**



All youth are welcome to join for our first week back!

After 5.30pm youth mass,  
**6.30pm - 8.30pm**

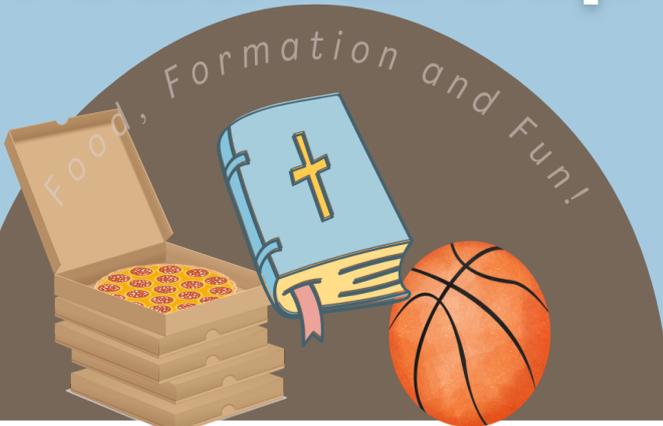
Meet at the Church forecourt

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**Cornerstone:**  
 Grades 5-8  
**Keystone:**  
 Grades 9-12

**Youth Group**

Food, Formation and Fun!



**15<sup>th</sup> February**

Come along to youth group as we enjoy good food and fellowship while exploring the Catechism!

6.30pm - 8.30pm  
 @ Parish meeting rooms



Foundation Youth Ministry  
 Our Lady of Dolours

Contact Sienna for more info: [foundationyouth@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:foundationyouth@bbcatholic.org.au)

Growing in our love of Jesus



**FR ROBERT RIEGER**  
 Leader of the Oasis of Peace Community in Medjugorje, Bosnia Hercegovina

**SUNDAY 22 FEB**

- 7:00pm - dinner
- 7:30pm - talk

**Harrington Hall**  
 Chatswood Catholic Parish, 100 Archer St

Capstone  
 C A P S T O N E Y O U N G A D U L T S

## *Come and Serve!*

**Opposite page: Last Sunday we acknowledged our Readers at Mass with a special blessing at our 10.30am Mass. They then enjoyed lunch together and a seminar during which Fr David shared some reflections.**

**Here is part of his talk:**

We are not just a parish that *has* Mass. We are a parish that *is* shaped by the Mass. The Eucharist is the Christian act. It defines who we are. And yet — if we're honest — most of us instinctively think of the Eucharist as centred almost entirely on the moment of Communion. However, last year, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Bishop Anthony reminded us of something essential: our *reception of the Word of God* is just as significant as our reception of the Body and Blood of Christ. He drew on the teaching of Saint Jerome. Jerome is almost shocking in his honesty. "*If we're distressed when a crumb of the host falls, how much more should we be distressed when God's Word falls on deaf ears?*"

In his Commentary on the Psalms, Jerome writes: "For me, the Gospel is the Body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [Eucharistic] Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching. When we approach the [Eucharistic] Mystery, if a crumb falls to the ground we are troubled. Yet when we are listening to the word of God, and God's Word and Christ's flesh and blood are being poured into our ears yet we pay no heed, what great peril should we not feel?" (cf. Homily 74 on Psalm 147)

And so as Bishop Anthony wrote,

Saint Jerome's words bring us face to face with the gravity and beauty of the Eucharist, not only as a sacrament received at the altar but also as a mystery proclaimed in the Word of God. At the celebration of the Mass, both the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are essential to our communion with Christ. Together, they form one act of worship that draws us into the Paschal Mystery. . . . In our Eucharistic celebrations, we sometimes unconsciously separate "hearing" from "receiving." We may sit passively through the readings, waiting for the moment of Communion, forgetting that Christ is already coming to meet us in the Scriptures. Saint Jerome reminds us that when the Gospel is proclaimed, it is not merely a story or lesson, it is the living Christ speaking to His people. His Word, like His flesh, nourishes and transforms. When we listen attentively to Scripture, we open our hearts to conversion. Jesus told Satan in the desert, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4). At Mass, we receive that Word from the mouth of God, poured into our ears, as Jerome says. If we approach the altar with reverence for the consecrated host, how much more should we approach the readings with attentiveness and humility, prepared, and receptive? We are rightly distressed if a host is dropped or a chalice spilled. We genuflect, we kneel, we silence our mobile phones. But what of our interior disposition? Saint Jerome's challenge is clear: we should be no less reverent when the Word is proclaimed. If we allow our minds to wander or dismiss the homily as unimportant, we may be ignoring the voice of Christ calling to us. The Church teaches that when the Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people (cf. *Dei Verbum*, 21). Participation in the Mass begins with listening deeply, with ears, heart, and will. This is not a passive act, but one that demands intention and openness.

That means something very simple and very demanding: When we stand at the ambo, God intends to speak through *us*. Not in a vague, poetic sense. But really our voice becomes the instrument of God's voice. That's why the Church calls this *proclamation*, not reading. We are not just reciting words from a page. We are announcing a living Word into the life of a living community.

And here's the quiet truth: People come to Mass carrying a lot: Grief. Fear. Loneliness. Hope. Questions. Exhaustion. Longing. They may not tell anyone. But God knows. And God has chosen to address them — through the Scriptures — and through *our voice*. That's not pressure. That's privilege.

And so our own ministry as readers is a vital one in the celebration of Eucharist. We are bearers of God's own life to the assembly that has gathered. What an extraordinary responsibility.

*Come and Serve!*



You are invited to join:  
**OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
CHOIR!**

Make new friends, improve confidence, learn to sing hymns, join in being part of making our mass sound harmonious and beautiful whilst praising our Lord!



Enquiries: Titus Grenyer  
[titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au)

**PARISH CHOIR**

Every Sunday for 10:30am mass

**FAMILY CHOIR**

2nd Sunday of the month, 9am mass

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

3rd Sunday of the month, 9am mass

## Come and Serve!

### BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST to the city



1 1/2 hours. One Tuesday a month

Nothing eases loneliness like sharing a  
coffee together

We are bringing a coffee and chat once a week to  
Community Housing residents in Artarmon.

Can you volunteer to join a roster one Tuesday a month,  
10.30-12.00? All that's required is a warm heart, an unjudging  
attitude and 1 ½ hours per month.

If you would like to be part of a team to bring some laughter  
and a listening ear to lonely residents please put your name  
on the sign-up sheet at the church entrance or email :  
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In order to fashion a society that adheres first and foremost to respect for the dignity of each person, whatever their ethnicity, culture or language, we need to begin with the unborn. We need to reject the belief system that says the unborn are valuable only to the extent that they meet my desires and expectations. We need to respect the dignity of motherhood, the family and life itself.

Your support for the Dignity Pro-Life group will help us promote an appreciation of the culture of life and the dignity of each and every person. Please join us in promoting a society that respects the dignity of every person and adheres to Christian values by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/contactprolife> and fill out the form or use the QR code below:



Or phone 0466 961 240 for further information.

Ornella Byak is the granddaughter of our beloved parishioner Sandra Byak - and at only 26 years old, Ornella has already established a school in Timor-Leste. Ornella will be visiting us in the last week of February to tell us more about this wonderful work.

Ornella Byak founded BETTER Timor to respond to the urgent need for quality education in Timor-Leste. It is one of our closest neighbours, yet many children and young people lack basic learning opportunities. Ornella has established a school in the regional area of Same, Manufahi, where she lives full-time and leads local teams delivering free, high-quality schooling and English education. The school now serves around 200 students with 21+ local staff, and it achieves over 90% attendance (compared to a national average near 36%). The school provides thousands of meals to students each year, since Timor-Leste has one of the highest rates of severe child malnutrition in the world. Ornella has also opened the Bakhita English Institute to provide youth and adults with English skills that will equip them for employment, mobility, and new opportunities.

Come along and hear Ornella tell her story:

- **Daytime:** Monday 23 February at 1.00pm (after the 12.30pm mass) in the Magnificat Room
- **Evening:** Tuesday 24 February at 7.00pm in the Magnificat Room

And you can read more about Ornella's work in Timor-Leste at <http://bettertimor.org/>



## Come and Serve!



**30 minutes a day this Lent to bring clean, safe water to people around the world.**



**UNITE AGAINST POVERTY this Lent**

**Caritas AUSTRALIA** | **THE LONG WALK FOR WATER**

You are invited to be part of Team Chatswood Catholic Parish 'The Long Walk for Water' fundraiser this Lent. Walk 30mins a day for 40 days starting Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Sign up via link or scan QR Code <https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/join/ChatswoodCatholicParish87>

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**02 9410 9035**  
[duyen.au@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:duyen.au@bbcatholic.org.au)



**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

**Ready to make a difference?**

Join our various ministry teams and help create a positive impact in our parish community! We have a number of volunteering opportunities depending on your availability and interests whether it be once a week, once a month or even once a year!

**Areas to volunteer:**

- Flower Arranging
- Gardening Group
- Catechists
- Mass Readers
- Morning Tea servers
- Welcomers
- Mass Announcers
- Visiting Elderly in Nursing Homes & Home-bound
- Library Maintenance
- Community Action Group
- Events set up crew
- Transport to mass



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January 31 2026

Father David Ranson PP VG  
Our Lady of Dolours Parish  
94A.Archer Street  
Chatswood NSW 2067.

Dear Father David,

On behalf of the committee of ATLAS, we would like to thank the Our Lady of Dolours parish community for their generous support in purchasing the ATLAS Christmas Cakes.

The funds raised from the sale of 100 cakes contributes to the support of the work of ATLAS in Timor-Leste in the areas of education and job creation...

Could you please pass on our grateful thanks to your parish community in your next bulletin.

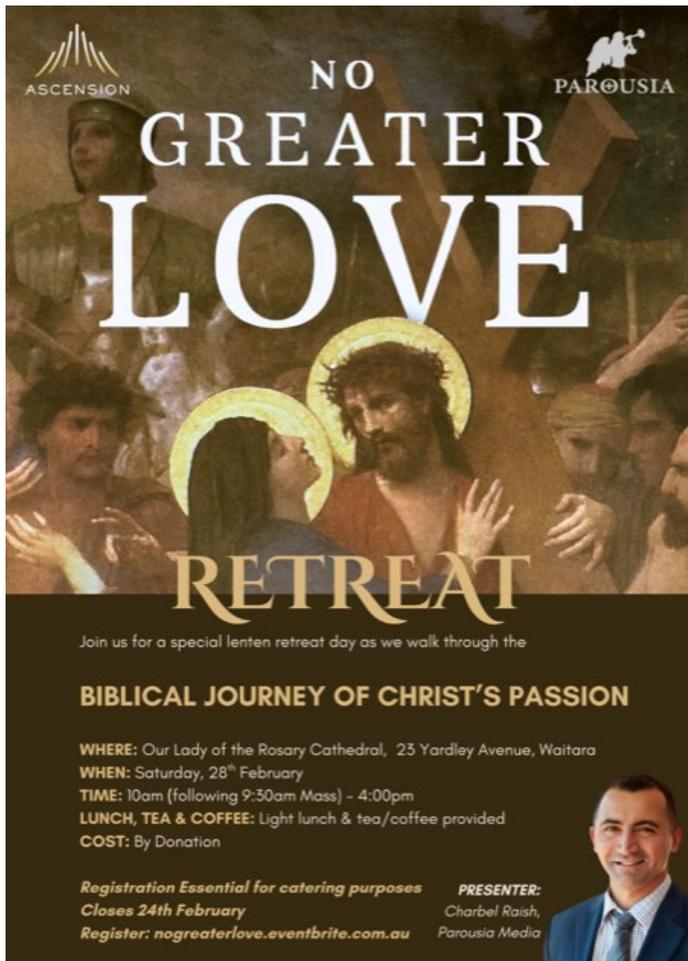
May God bless you and the parish community of Our Lady of Dolours.

Sincerely

*Gerald Kenneally*

Gerald Kenneally  
Chairman  
Australia Timor-Leste Advancement Society

## Around and About



ASCENSION NO PAROUSIA

# GREATER LOVE RETREAT

Join us for a special lenten retreat day as we walk through the

### BIBLICAL JOURNEY OF CHRIST'S PASSION

**WHERE:** Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara  
**WHEN:** Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February  
**TIME:** 10am (following 9:30am Mass) - 4:00pm  
**LUNCH, TEA & COFFEE:** Light lunch & tea/coffee provided  
**COST:** By Donation

**Registration Essential for catering purposes**  
**Closes 24th February**  
**Register:** [nogreaterlove.eventbrite.com.au](http://nogreaterlove.eventbrite.com.au)

**PRESENTER:**  
 Charbel Raish,  
 Parousia Media



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

## SYDNEY 2026

### 18 February to 29 March

**17 February** Shrove Tuesday  
**LAUNCH EVENT**  
 6pm to 9.30pm  
 St Thomas of Canterbury,  
 3 Thomas St, Lewisham  
 (right near the train station)  
 BBQ, Pancakes & Refreshments  
 followed by **THE ELEPHANT IN  
 THE ABORTION ROOM**  
 a talk by Anouska Firth

**18 February** Ash Wednesday  
**40 DAYS BEGINS!**  
 Daily prayer vigils outside  
**NSW Parliament House**  
 6 Macquarie St, Sydney  
 Every Day 7am - 7pm

**29 March** Palm Sunday  
**FINAL HOLY HOUR**  
 followed by Victory Celebration

40 Days for Life is a world-wide pro-life campaign to pray for an end to abortion. Over half a million people have prayed peacefully outside abortuaries to change hearts and save lives.

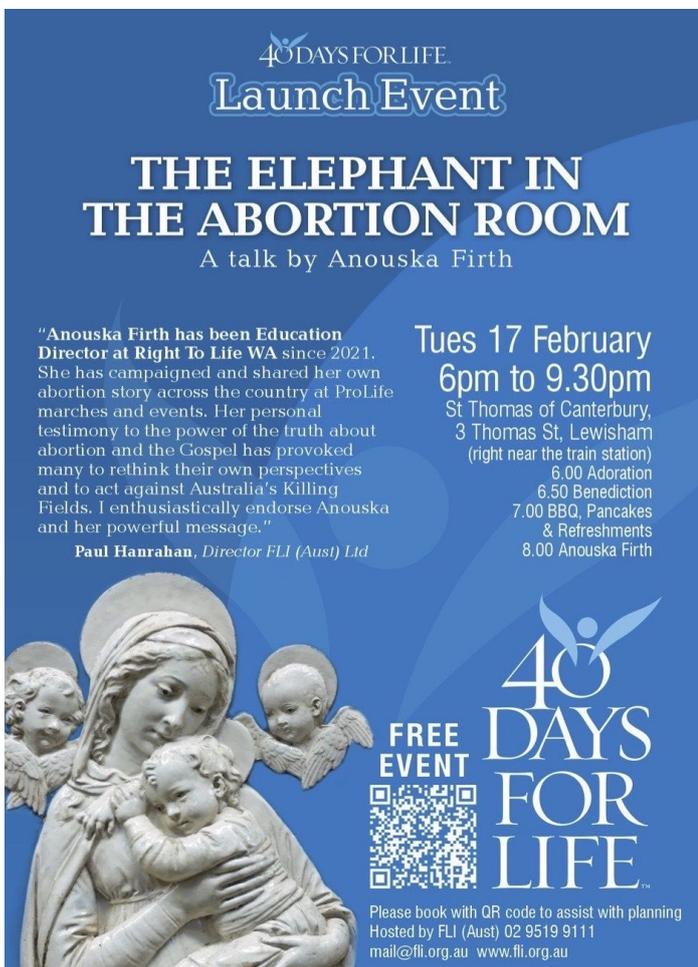
**Will you join us in 2026** as we pray for both mother and child, as well as all those involved in the abortion industry?

**REGISTER NOW!**  
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**PRAY TO END ABORTION**



40DAYSFORLIFE

## Launch Event

# THE ELEPHANT IN THE ABORTION ROOM

A talk by Anouska Firth

"Anouska Firth has been Education Director at Right To Life WA since 2021. She has campaigned and shared her own abortion story across the country at ProLife marches and events. Her personal testimony to the power of the truth about abortion and the Gospel has provoked many to rethink their own perspectives and to act against Australia's Killing Fields. I enthusiastically endorse Anouska and her powerful message."

**Paul Hanrahan, Director FLI (Aust) Ltd**

**Tues 17 February**  
**6pm to 9.30pm**  
 St Thomas of Canterbury,  
 3 Thomas St, Lewisham  
 (right near the train station)  
 6.00 Adoration  
 6.50 Benediction  
 7.00 BBQ, Pancakes  
 & Refreshments  
 8.00 Anouska Firth

**FREE EVENT**



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE™**

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**IF YOU ARE, YOU ARE SPECIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING**

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

**AT SACRED HEART CHURCH PYMBLE**

**COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM**

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For catering purposes kindly telephone Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email [annaytleung@yahoo.com.au](mailto:annaytleung@yahoo.com.au) or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you are planning to attend.

# Around and About

**Our Serra Association invite us to remember one of the bishops, priests and deacons in our Diocese in our prayer each day during January 2026**

February 2026						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						<b>1</b> Fr Roger Delmonte
<b>2</b> Fr Vitalis Oguh	<b>3</b> Fr Hien Vu	<b>4</b> Fr Lucious Choi	<b>5</b> Fr Peter DeSouza	<b>6</b> Fr Peter Dowd Fr Stephen Hume	<b>7</b> Fr Biju Matthew Koikatil	<b>8</b> Fr Jose Philip OSH
<b>9</b> Fr Vincent Nguyen	<b>10</b> Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB	<b>11</b> Fr Sam French	<b>12</b> Fr David Ranson VG	<b>13</b> Fr Anselam Lakra HGN	<b>14</b> Fr Joey Frez	<b>15</b> Fr Joshi Naduppu- ra Fr John Puliparam- bil
<b>16</b> Fr Biju Jose OSH	<b>17</b> Fr Joy Thomas OSH	<b>18</b> Fr Satheesh An- thony OSH	<b>19</b> Fr Biju Mathew	<b>20</b> Fr Joseph Methanath OSH	<b>21</b> Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ	<b>22</b> Fr Vincent Musin- dalo AJ
<b>23</b> Fr Stephen Wayoyi AJ	<b>24</b> Father Rosan Mathew	<b>25</b> Brother John Verhoeven	<b>26</b> Fr Tomy Kuruvellil Ouseph CFIC	<b>27</b> Fr Baby Thomas CFIC	<b>28</b> Fr Raul Balute SOLT	

**Vinnies**

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**ASK** instore or **SCAN** the QR code below

## JOIN US FOR A ROSARY WALK AT THE BEACH

with **FATHER ROBERT RIEGER**

**20Feb 7pm**

Father Robert is a Kiwi priest whose life was transformed in Medjugorje. He leads now the Oasis of Peace Community there.

St Mary's Church, 6 Raglan St, Manly

## Around and About



# Sapientia

Single adults, 18-35 years of age, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for this weekend retreat of prayer, formation, and fellowship.

**13-15 February 2026**  
St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre  
Douglas Park

For more information or to register:  
[www.trybooking.com/DHJBL](http://www.trybooking.com/DHJBL)  
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[sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org).



ST LEO'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, WAHROONGA

# 70<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary CELEBRATIONS

THANKSGIVING MASS \*\*\*  
WED 11 FEBRUARY 10.30AM

Save the Dates!

'BACK TO LEO'S DAY' \*\*\*  
SUN 11 OCTOBER 11.00AM

1956-2026  
ST LEO'S LEADER IN COURSE WAHROONGA  
CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

All welcome

More information soon



## Volunteer with IMPACT

**Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!**

Join Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in this special session where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications. Hear from past Palms volunteers how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities and changes lives.

**Venue:** Online- Scan the QR or register at [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events)

**Date:** Thursday 19 February 2026

**Time:** 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEDT

02 9560 5333

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**Want to visit a community**

**first?** Join our 13-day

**Encounter Tour to Timor**

**Leste!**

Book by **28 February** for the May tour! See

[palms.org.au/encounters](http://palms.org.au/encounters)



NEW SOUTH WALES

CATHOLIC  
MEDICAL  
ASSOCIATION

## OPENING MASS

with blessing of the hands ceremony  
Wednesday, 11 February 2026, 7pm

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

*"The compassion of the Samaritan: Loving by bearing the pain of the other."*

**Sacred Heart Darlinghurst  
Notre Dame University  
Cnr Darlinghurst Rd and Oxford St**

**Fr Lam Vu (OFM Cap)  
Chaplain to Notre Dame University  
Presiding**

Refreshments afterwards

**Welcome to 2026!**

*The year is shaping up to be a special year with a number of special CMA events and projects planned for this year. It's only right that we call upon God's grace. Please come to this special event. See you soon!*

Rsvp by 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Mike McHugh: 0416 449 082

# Parish Information

## Love God

Mark 12:30



## Love One Another

John 13:34

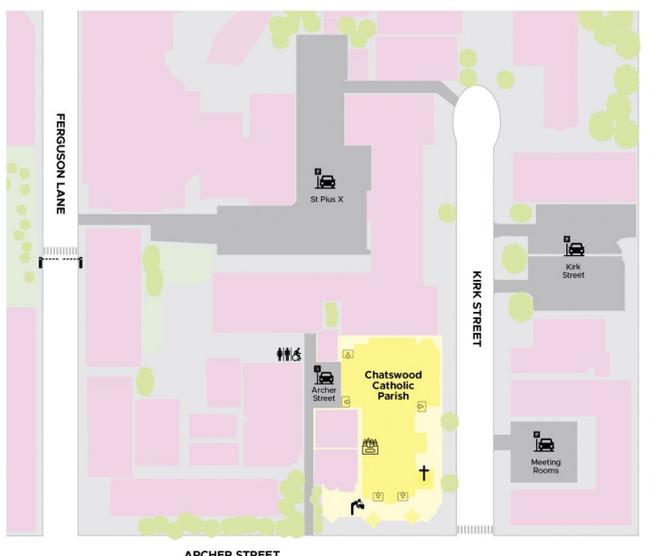
## Go Make Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20

### Supporting our Parish Financially

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

### Parking at our Parish



## Sustaining our community



## Administration & Stewardship

# Parish Information

## Our Meeting Room Schedule This Week

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Subject	Location
10/02/2026	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Bible Discussion group	St Paul
	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Breathe- Prayer & Support Group (St Pius)	PEW Garden
11/02/2026	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Parish Team Meeting (Wednesdays @9.30am)	St Paul
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	PLACE - Practise Language and Conversational English (weekly)	Magnificat;
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Reconciliation Parent Meeting 1:30-2:30pm	Magnificat
	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Reconciliation Parent Meeting 6:30-8:30pm	Magnificat
	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	CIC Indo Instrument practice	Harrington Hall
	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	menAlive Meeting (AET 7-9pm)	St Paul
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Exploring the Faith	St Peter
12/02/2026	11:00 AM	4:00 PM	Playgroup Chatswood Parish [AET= 1-3 pm]	Magnificat
13/02/2026	8:30 AM	5:30 PM	CGS Atrium L1P2 Formation	Magnificat
	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	Meditation Group [AET 10am-11.15am]	St Paul
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	CIC Choir Rehearsal	St Paul
14/02/2026	9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Capstone Unplugged 10am - 12pm	Magnificat
	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Legion of Mary @10.30am	St Peter
	3:30 PM	5:00 PM	Reconciliation Parent Meeting 4:15-5:15pm	Magnificat
15/02/2026	7:30 AM	3:00 PM	LVN 2026 **backup venue if bad weather**	Harrington Hall
	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	TG's Choir Practice	St Paul
	9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Reconciliation Parent Meeting 10:15-11:15pm	Magnificat
	4:00 PM	9:30 PM	Capstone Young Adults 6:30-8:30 pm	Harrington Hall
	4:30 PM	9:30 PM	Capstone - Young adults group meeting 6:30 - 8:30pm	Harrington Hall

**Please note that there may be last minute additions to this table.**

## Upcoming Events in our Parish

Day	Date	Occasion	Time	Location
Sunday	15 February	Lunar New Year Celebration	10.30am Multilingual Mass Forecourt Celebrations	
Wednesday	18 February	ASH WEDNESDAY	Masses at 7am, 9am, 12.30pm, 7.00pm	
Saturday	21 February	Lunar New Year	Chatwood Fair and Parade	Concourse
		Vespers for 1st Sunday of Lent	5.00pm	Church
Sunday	22 February	Lunar New Year	Chatswood Fair	Concourse
		Capstone Talk by Fr Robert Reiger	7.00pm	Harrington Hall
Monday	23 February	Parish Talk by Fr Robert Reiger	7.00pm	Magnificat Meeting Room
Wednesday	4 March	Start of 2026 Book Club	7.30pm	Magnificat Meeting Room

# Parish Information

## Our Mass Schedule and church Schedule this Week

Monday	9 February	12.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 5
Tuesday	10 February	9.00am, 12.30pm	St Scholastica
Wednesday	11 February	9.00am., 12.30pm and 6.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 5
Thursday	12 February	9.00am, 12.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 4
Friday	13 February	9.00am, 12.30pm	Weekday Ordinary Time 4
Saturday	14 February	9.00am	Sts Cyril and Methodius
Sunday	15 February	Usual Times	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Subject
9/02/2026	7:30 AM	11:00 AM	Mercy- Opening School Mass @9am
	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	11:45 AM	12:15 PM	Rosary (Cenacle MMP)
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12:30pm Mass
	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
10/02/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass
	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	OC Organ practice
11/02/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Mass
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	ROSARY & allow Mass to wrap up
	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	Mass set up
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Evening Mass of Hope
	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
12/02/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
		12:00 PM	Adoration and Exposition
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12.30pm Mass
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	ROSARY & allow Mass to wrap up
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Holy Hour Adoration
13/02/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12:30pm Mass
	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Francesca Di Mento One Month Memorial
14/02/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Exposition, Reconciliation, Rosary, Benediction.
	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	TG's Choir Practice
	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Vigil Singer Bookings
	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	5:30 Vigil Mass
	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Rosary before Indonesian Mass
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Indonesian Mass

## Please Remember in our Prayer

### For those recently deceased:

Fiet Marie Widyasurya; Eva Barion (Marte Tagle's sister); Kenny Tsang; Francesca Di Mento; Andre Hariman; Janet Namey; George Lo (husband of Binnie Tan); Lina (Ng) Sing (sister of Elaine Wong); Tjioe Giok Tjoe; Apung Darma Sugandi; Mable Savage; Pamela Crampton; Violet Joyce.

### For those who are sick:

Binnie (Marianne) Tan; 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:

Jakica Bacic; Ivan Bacic; Franko Stanich Marko; Mara Stanich; Siegfried Korb; Michaela Korb; Maria Gussnig ; Hubert Gussnig ; Diana Carson Alphonso Le; Denise Suplina; Francis Ward; Manuel Antonio Gaspar; John Luxton; Carmen Yaptinchay; Antonio Yaptinchay; Romeo Ramos Robles; Juliana Chee; Earle Deitz; Jean-Marie Ta.

First Saturday Public Rosary: Saturday, 7 February 2026 at 4pm

Infant Baptism on Sunday, 8 February 2026 at 12 pm: Levi James Chow & Luca Farrokh Chow

### Our Altar Flowers this Week



# FLOWER DONATIONS

*Would you like to donate flowers to adorn our church?*

Honour a special occasion or remember a loved one with altar flower arrangements

Donations can be one-time or annual.



Suggested donations: \$130+ for standard arrangements, \$150-\$200 for fuller or specific flowers like roses.



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](mailto:Chloe.Aylward@bbcatholic.org.au).

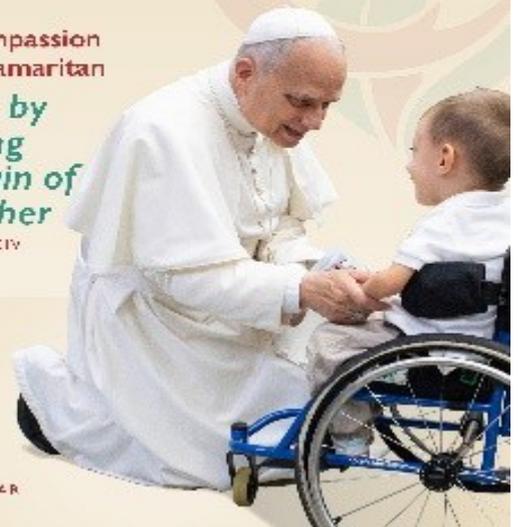


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