

Sunday 8 March
3rd Sunday of Lent

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



但誰若喝了我賜與他的水，他將永遠不渴；並且我賜給他的水，將在他內成為湧到永生的水泉。若望福音

4:14

But whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. **John 4:14**



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

Dear friends,

With great sadness, I share the death of Marianne (Binnie) Tan, a former Catechist helper at Artarmon public school, who passed away on Saturday February 28. Recently Binnie had been residing and receiving care at an aged care facility. As Michelle wrote on hearing the news, Binnie was a lovely soul who did such a lot of good work including in the Catechist ministry with the children - she will be remembered by all of us, and I dare say by the many children she would have inspired by her faith and teaching. I know she also loved visiting the elderly too." Eternal rest grant unto Binnie, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her always. Binnie's son and her family will be arriving in Sydney from Amsterdam soon, and her daughter will be arriving from Melbourne. Funeral details aren't yet known.

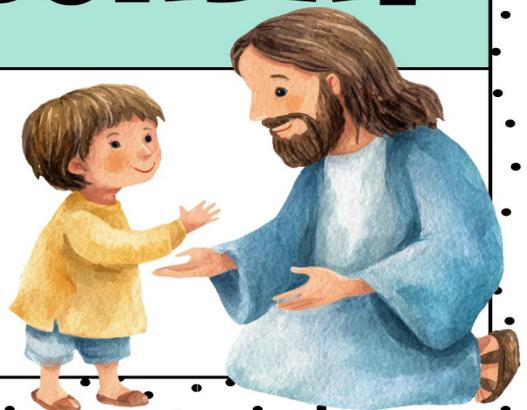
We have been anxious during this past week with Bishop Anthony having become trapped in Dubai. He landed there en route to Rome for meetings with the Holy Father on Saturday 28 February. Soon after the airport and city came under missile attack. He has been sheltering in a hotel there until Thursday 5 March when he finally secured a flight to London from which he has since been able to fly to Rome. His predicament has been the conflict that has erupted very personal. I am sure that many of us indeed know people who have been deeply affected by the conflict. We desperately pray for peace. We are reminded of the words of the Preface to the Second Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation where we pray, "For though the human race is divided by dissension and discord, yet we know that by testing us you change our hearts to prepare them for reconciliation. Even more, by your Spirit you move human hearts that enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries may join hands, and peoples seek to meet together. By the working of your power it comes about, O Lord, that hatred is overcome by love, revenge gives way to forgiveness, and discord is changed to mutual respect."

Over these weeks leading to Easter, we have many children preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time as they prepare to receive the Eucharist in June. May our children especially learn the lesson of peace. And we give thanks for their Catechists this weekend whom we honour particularly.

CATECHIST SUNDAY

Blessing & Commissioning
of Catechists

"Let the little children come to me,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to
such as these" Mk 19:14



**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!

WILLOUGHBY SYMPHONY CHOIR
WILLOUGHBY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

OUT OF DARKNESS ...LIGHT

WA Mozart
REQUIEM
Ola Gjeilo
SUNRISE
MASS

PETER ELLIS
CONDUCTOR

LUCY VALLELY
SOPRANO

AMELIA BLAND
MEZZO

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2PM SUNDAY
29 MARCH 2026

OUR LADY
OF DOLOURS
CHATSWOOD



TICKETS \$40 - SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK



Our Lady
OF DOLOURS



Call out for youth volunteers!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Actors, narrators and crew needed!

Calling all young people! We're hosting our annual Good Friday Stations of the Cross in the Concourse and we need your help!

This youth-led, prayerful event consists of a re-enactment of the 14 stations of Christ's passion. We need young people (ages 10-35) to act out the stations, narrate the script, be part of the crew, welcoming team and more!



REHEARSAL
SATURDAY, 28TH MARCH

GOOD FRIDAY
3RD APRIL

REGISTER BY
20th March

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

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Scan here to be part of this special event:



A number of personal items have been left behind in the church and meeting rooms and are currently being held in the parish office. These include a **laptop**, a **Longchamp Le Pliage** bag, a portable **bladeless fan**, and several other belongings.

If you think you may have misplaced something, please contact Kristha at the parish office with a brief description of the item and the approximate date it was lost. While we would like to reunite these items with their owners, we are unable to store them indefinitely. Any unclaimed items after **22 March** will be donated or otherwise disposed of responsibly.

JOIN US EVERY
SATURDAY AT 7.30 PM
TO PRAY THE ROSARY
FOR VOCATIONS.

<https://zoom.us/j/8034195601>
Meeting ID: 8034195601
No passcode required

Enquiries: 0466 961 240



Come and Grow!

Stations of the Cross during Lent

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 : **20 Mar, 27 Mar (Note 6 March will be the Divine Retreat Centre Mass)**

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

Our Lady of Dolours Parish Book Club 2026

You are warmly invited to come along to Our Lady of Dolours Parish Book Club. We meet once a month, and the next meeting for 2026 is at **7.30pm on Friday 10 April**. 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.

**Please note participants will need to purchase the book
Copies wont be available from the parish office.**



Join us for an online

Rosary via Zoom

on Wednesday, 25 March 2026 at 8 pm

to celebrate the Solemnity of the

Annunciation of the Lord

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

Meeting ID 89128242753

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

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.



 FIRE UP MINISTRIES



Lenten Parish Mission

with Simon Carrington



Thu, Mar 26 The Four Pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Forgiveness

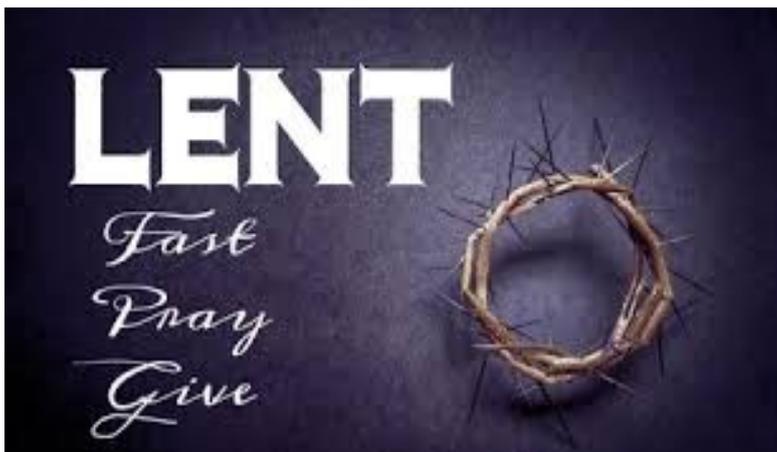
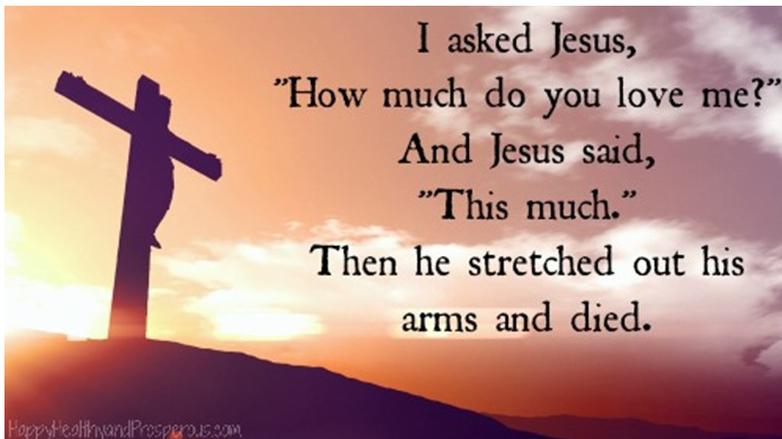
Fri, Mar 27 The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell

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)

SCAN THE QR TO REGISTER



**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 Time: 3-4:30pm
Venue: Magnificat Room (Enter by Kirk
Street.)

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

Come and Serve!

CATECHIST SUNDAY—8 MARCH

We acknowledge the important work of catechists at public schools within our parish, at five primary state schools and one state high school. The act of catechesis is the bringing of the Gospel to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

Why do we have a special day set aside to commission Catechists?

The work of a catechist is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the while of the life of the Church - her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis". This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

Parents, the primary catechists of their children

Parents and caregivers are truly the primary teachers of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechist Sunday we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and caregivers, and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

We welcome new Catechists and classroom assistants to join our team.

Please contact Karen Forbes at the parish office or email: karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au

2025 CCD List of Service Awards / Certificates for Chatswood:

Name	Service Award or Training Certificate
Gillian Hawkins	15 Years of Service
Preciousa Braganza	20 Years of Service
Cecilia O'Connell	20 Years of Service
Ditas Naguit	Diploma of SRE/ Level 2 Certificate
Lei Davoren	Diploma of SRE/ Level 2 Certificate
Nenita Axalan	5 Years of Service
Rita Hung	5 Years of Service
Kaini Kashipri	5 Years of Service; Level 1 Certificate
Eva Lim	5 Years of Service; Level 1 Certificate
Virginia Purpura	5 Years of Service
Jeanette Cowell	10 Years of Service
Chrystal De Croos	10 Years of Service
Maria Paino	10 Years of Service; Level 2 Certificate
Su De Souza	Level 1 Certificate

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

MATTHEW

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / A

8 MARCH 2026

THE WATER OF LIFE. Jesus is the saviour of the world. In today's Gospel he offers the water of life to a Samaritan woman who, in turn, becomes the first missionary of Jesus. She hurries to tell the people of her town about him. We, who have received the life of God in baptism, are also called to be missionaries by inviting others to come and see Jesus.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

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

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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 Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus
Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 4:42, 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; / give me living water, that I may never thirst again. / Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Jn 4:4-5, 19-26, 39-42

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,

you would have been the one to ask,

and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water

will get thirsty again;

but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give

will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give

will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know; for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –

when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done,' so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Longer form 4:5-42

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. Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

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

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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 Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion.

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 forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

FOR WHAT DO WE THIRST?

The first two Sundays of Lent are from Matthew's Gospel, the Gospel of this liturgical year. They recall Jesus' temptation (Mt 4: 1-11) and his experience of being transfigured (Mt 17: 1-9). For the remaining Sundays of Lent, we listen to John's Gospel. These Sundays will explore the central religious and theological questions especially relevant for contemporary disciples in their Lenten journey: For what do we truly thirst (today's Gospel)? How might our eyes be opened to Jesus (next Sunday)? What is the life for which we deeply desire (the final Sunday of Lent)?

In today's Gospel a Samaritan woman comes to a well at noon—the brightest moment of the day—and encounters the source of Light, Jesus. She comes to draw water and only later realises that she has met the one who can quench her deepest spiritual thirst. The whole scene is replete with theological symbolism, a characteristic of John, as Jesus invites the woman to explore the depths of her thirst that only he can address. We learn that she has had several 'husbands'. This is not an admission of the woman's adventurous liaisons, as many commentators have interpreted, but an acknowledgement of her attraction to the 'husbands' (the 'Baal's') of religions that are 'not her own'. She is looking for the true one from God, not these other counterfeits.

Jesus reveals himself to her: He is the 'I AM', the Old Testament name for God. Through him the woman comes to encounter the Sacred and sets her on a journey back to her townspeople. Like the woman, we, too, thirst, for God and for a deeper religious life as we journey through Lent.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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Come and Serve!



Dignity Pro-Life Alliance

Psalm 139:13-14

PRO LIFE = PRO LOVE

Possibly the most quoted passage from the bible is that taken from the 3rd Chapter of St John's Gospel "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." In this passage God tells us that life flows from love, so it is that the pro-life movement arises from love, that love which God calls us to in the great commandment "Love God and love your neighbour".

The pro-life movement seeks to overturn those laws that we presently have that allow for the killing of the unborn baby by the horrendous act of abortion. It also seeks to overturn the pro-abortion mentality that places the self-interest of fathers and mothers above the expression of love in the begetting and raising of a child. Behind these actions is the concern of love that seeks to convert hearts from self-serving to self-giving. Pro-creation and motherhood have been so denigrated in our society yet it is in the giving of life that we have the greatest expression of human love.

We are currently at a pivotal time with the *40 Days for Life*, praying outside Parliament House (7am – 7 pm) extending throughout the duration of Lent and the Day of the Unborn procession on Sunday 22 March which involves a peaceful and prayerful procession from St Mary's Cathedral to Parliament House in Macquarie Street. Both events are organised by *Family Life International*. All parishioners who are able to do so are encouraged to participate in these activities. We are invited to do so as a demonstration of our concern for love, particularly a love that extends to parents and their children.

On Friday 20 March at the Light of Christ Centre at Waitara Cathedral at 7.30 pm, Australia's most prominent pro-life advocate, Dr Joanna Howe, will be giving a talk on "How Do We Make Abortion Unthinkable in Australia". If you value life and wish to see the attack on the unborn cease, you will find this talk educational and informative, and hopefully this will lead you to becoming active in the pro-life ministry. Please visit [\(308\) Dr Joanna Howe - YouTube](#)

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026

MARIAN PROCESSION THROUGH THE STREETS OF SYDNEY CBD



LED BY ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP

10:30AM MASS | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY
12:00 NOON | ANGELUS AND MARIAN PROCESSION
1:30PM FERVOURINO | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

EVENT INFORMATION



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

In order to give practical expression to our love, parishioners are invited to provide financial support to Teresa's Centre to assist those women confronted by the difficulties arising from a pregnancy and the raising of children. Visit [Teresa's Centre – Compassionate Guidance for Pregnancy Choices](#) or see poster details in the church foyer near the electronic board. So great was Jesus' love for us that he gave up his human life in order that we might obtain eternal life. By participating in the pro-life movement you can make a sacrificial act of love to give life to the unborn and support their parents, and in so doing, turn our society away from self-serving to self-giving which involves the most noble expression of the human heart.

To join our Dignity Pro-Life Alliance, please ring us on 0466 961 240 or visit <https://prolife.gotomary.com>

Around and About

Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) is delighted to announce that a new K-12 Co-educational College is being established in Pymble from 2027.

The setting for the proposed new College, Siena Catholic College, is the existing school sites of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School, West Pymble, and Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Pymble. Students in Kindy-Year 4 will be located on the West Pymble site, and students in Years 5-12 will be located on the Pymble site.

While Siena Catholic College will be a K-12 school, there will be an annual intake of new Year 7 students, with the first intake commencing in January 2027. This means that students completing Year 6 in any of our CSBB primary schools will be given preferential consideration for enrolment at Siena in Years 7-12.

Families are warmly invited to attend the Siena Catholic College Open Days in March 2026 to meet key staff, hear about the vision for the new College, and explore the facilities and programs that will be available.

For further information visit the Siena website <https://www.sienadbb.catholic.edu.au> or email us at sienacatholiccollege@dbb.catholic.edu.au



SIENA CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Senior Campus, Pymble

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH | 4:00PM – 7:00PM

TUESDAY 24 MARCH | 9:00AM – 10:30AM

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

Junior Campus, West Pymble

TUESDAY 17 MARCH | 9:00AM – 10:30AM

THURSDAY 26 MARCH | 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Campus address: 64 Kendall Street, West Pymble
Enrolling for Kindergarten 2027 & 2028

Discover Siena

A new Kindergarten to Year 12 co-educational, multi-campus Catholic college in Sydney.

DON'T MISS OUT - REGISTER TODAY

REGISTER NOW



NorthShoreOpenDays.com.au



ENROLLING NOW FOR YEAR 7, 2028



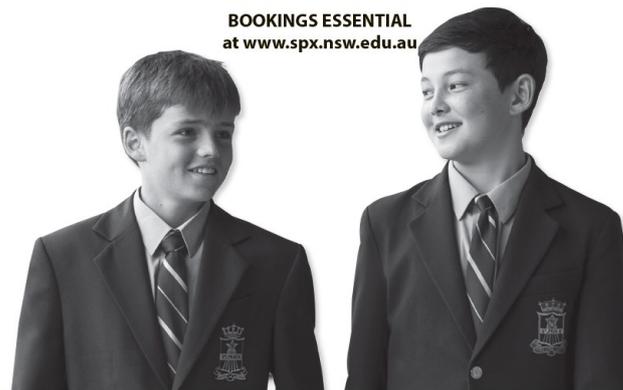
**ST PIUS X COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD**

OPEN DAY SATURDAY 14 MARCH

CHATSWOOD CAMPUS 9AM - 2PM
35 Anderson Street Chatswood

OXFORD FALLS CAMPUS 8AM - 12NOON
1 Dreadnought Road, Oxford Falls

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
at www.spx.nsw.edu.au**



A CATHOLIC BOYS' COLLEGE IN THE EDMUND RICE TRADITION • YEARS 5 – 12

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!

www.fli.org.au

PRAY TO END ABORTION

Hosted by
Family Life International
ph: 02 9519 9111 mail@fli.org.au
www.fli.org.au

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 February 2026**

◀ February	March 2026						April ▶
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
						1 Fr Teody Medina SOLT	
2 Fr Brian Moloney	3 Fr Paul Finucane Fr Paul Durkin	4 Fr Bogdan Skupien Fr Eliseus Shin	5 Fr Chima Ofor Fr Marek Woldan	6 Sister Agnes Dinh	7 Fr Philip Thottam MSFS	8 Fr Grzegorz (Greg) Skulski	
9) Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pietruszewicz SDS	10 Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sa- dowski SDS	11 Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS	12 Fr Bill Stephens	13 Fr Harry Kennedy	14 Fr Stephen Hamil- ton	15 Fr Rex Curry	
16 Fr Jack Robson	17 Fr Stan Skibicki	18 Fr Robert Brogan	19 Fr Geoff Bugden	20 Sister Marea Ross rsj Sister Ann Duncan rsj	21 Sister Josefa Ma- bini OSA	22 Sister Jennifer Canillas OSA	
23 Deacon Shayne D'Cunha	24 Seminarian Matthew French Deacon Tan Ngu- yen	25 Seminarian Victor Atuhura Deacon Huy Tran	26 Fr Robert Craw- ford	27 Fr Carmelo Scibe- ras	28 Fr Jim Tierney	29 Fr Clem Hill	
30 Fr Terry Johns	31 Sister Damian Lai						



**SERRA VOCATIONS MINISTRY
OUR VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH 2026
AT OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH 94 ARCHER STREET CHATSWOOD
COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM**

**OUR MASS CELEBRANT WILL BE FATHER DAVID RANSON VICAR GENERAL AND PARISH PRIEST OF CHATSWOOD.
AFTER DINNER FATHER WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER.
THE TEACHING OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING".**

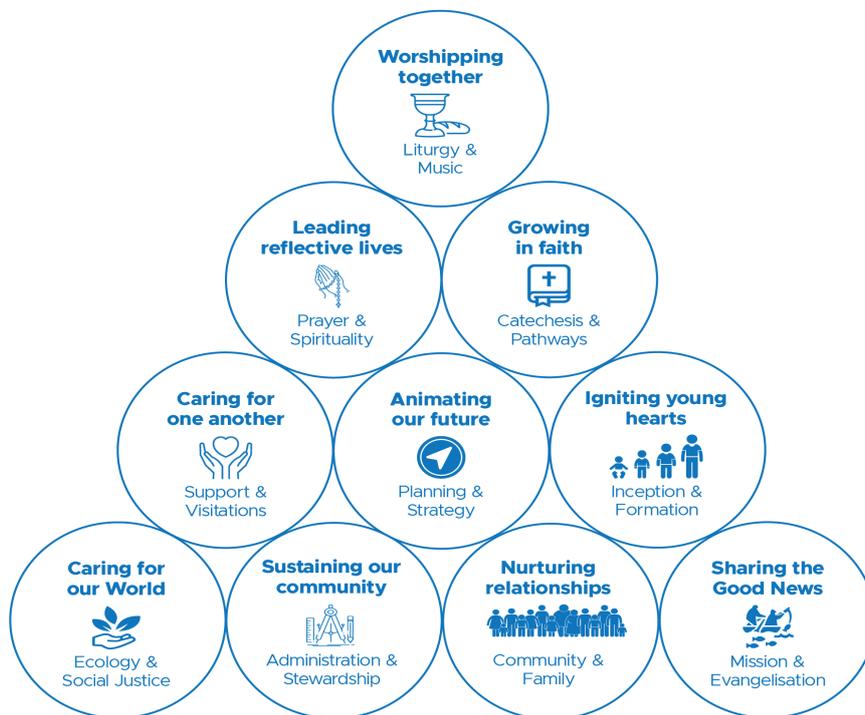
EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

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

Parish Information

Love God

Mark 12:30



Love One Another

John 13:34

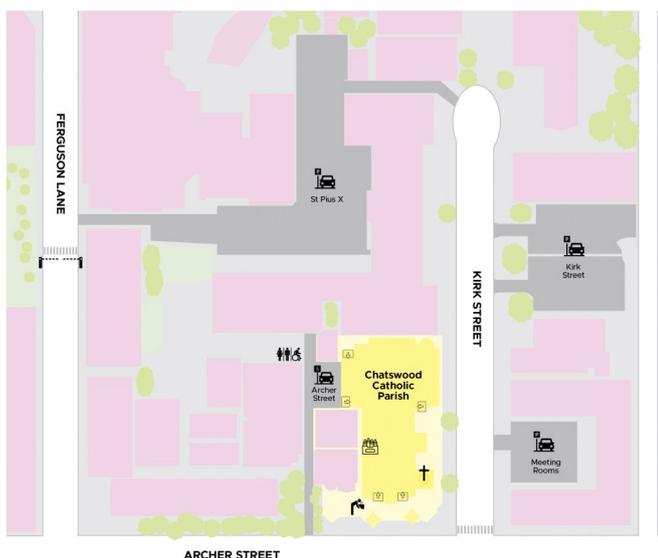
Go Make Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20

Supporting our Parish Financially

Donation for	Description	BSB	Account Number
Clergy Giving (First collection) (support for Clergy)	Chatswood Parish Pastoral Revenue A/C	062-784	100001606
Parish Giving (2nd collection) Planned Giving by EFT & general donation to Parish (support for Parish operation)	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
10/03/2026	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Bible Discussion group	St Paul
	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Lenten Reflection Group with Dcn Tan	Magnificat
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	AoF Meeting (fortnightly)	St Peter
	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Lenten Reflection Group with Dcn Tan	Magnificat
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Filipino Choir Practice	Harrington Hall
11/03/2026	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	Magnificat;
	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	CIC Indo Instrument practice	Harrington Hall
	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	menAlive Meeting (AET 7-9pm)	Magnificat
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Exploring the Faith	St Peter
12/03/2026	11:00 AM	4:00 PM	Playgroup Chatswood Parish [AET= 1-3 pm]	Magnificat
13/03/2026	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	Meditation Group [AET 10am-11.15am]	St Paul
	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	Preparation- Choir Birthday	Magnificat
	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Choir practice	St Peter
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	CIC Choir Rehearsal (2nd Fridays)	St Paul
14/03/2026	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Legion of Mary @10.30am	St Peter
	11:00 AM	4:00 PM	Choir Birthday Party @12.30pm	Magnificat
	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Bible Study group - CCA + General	St Paul
15/03/2026	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	TG's Choir Practice	St Paul
	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	Children's Baptism Session 10-11am [In-person]	St Peter
	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Hope Gospel Reflection Group - Young Adults	St Paul

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

Upcoming Events in our Parish

Day	Date	Occasion	Time	Location
Saturday	7 March	Parish Women's Lenten Retreat Day		Magnificat Meeting Room
Sunday	8 March	Blessing of Catechists Catechists Awards	9.00am Mass	Chruch
Wednesday	18 March	Serra Association Mass, Dinner and Talk	6.30pm	Magnificat Meeting Room
Thursday	19 March	North Shore Social Justice Forum	7.00pm	Harrington Hall
Saturday	21 March	Lenten Seminar by Sr Damian Lai	3.00pm	Magnificat Meeting Room
Monday	23 March	Primary School Retreat Day		
Thursday— Saturday	26-28 March	Simon Carrington Lenten Retreat	7.00pm	Magnificat Meeting Room
Saturday	28 March	Visit of St Mary's Canossian School Orchestra Hong Kong	5.30pm	Church
Sunday	29 March	Palm Sunday		

Parish Information

Our Mass Schedule and church Schedule this Week

Monday	9 March	12.30pm	Monday of 3rd Week of Lent
Tuesday	10 March	9.00am, 12.30pm	Tuesday of 3rd Week of Lent
Wednesday	11 March	9.00am,,12.30pm, 6.30pm	Wednesday of 3rd Week of Lent
Thursday	12 March	9.00am, 12.30pm	Thursday of 3rd Week of Lent
Friday	13 March	9.00am, 12.30pm	Friday of 3rd Week of Lent
Saturday	14 March	9.00am	Saturday of 3rd Week of Lent
Sunday	15 March	Usual Times	4th Sunday of Lent

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Subject
9/03/2026	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)
10/03/2026	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
11/03/2026	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/ Serra Vocation Mass
	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
12/03/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	9:30 AM	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
	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	OC Organ practice
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Holy Hour Adoration
13/03/2026	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Stations of the Cross @11.30am
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	12:30pm Mass
	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Organ practice SC (silent)
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Stations of the Cross @7pm
14/03/2026	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
	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	Convalidation Ceremony
	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Baptism, Confirmation & Wedding Rehearsal

Please Remember in our Prayer

For those recently deceased:

Robert Cantwell; Pui Yee Yeung; Francis Moey; Darren Eng; Joe Salgado; Reynaldo Alovera; Margaret Fernandes; Phillip Rochfort Fiet Marie Widyasurya; Eva Barion (Marte Tagle's sister); Kenny Tsang; Francesca Di Mento

For those who are sick:

Alexander Papandrea; Leo Papa: Evelyn Azar; Peter Charles Prior; 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:

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

Birthday: Gillian Hawkins

Upcoming First Saturday Public Rosary: Saturday, 7 March 2026 at 4pm

Upcoming Infant Baptism on Sunday, 8 March 2026 at 12 pm: Saesha Laurie Panganiban



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

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

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



Our Altar Flowers this Week

