

Sunday 13 April 2025

Our Lady of Dolours

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood 94 A rcher Street Chatswood NSW 2067



Welcome!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us.

We keep Pope Francis in his illness in our prayer.

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.

他貶抑自己,聽命至死,且死在十字架上。 **斐理伯書**2:8

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:8



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

Masses This Week

Monday	14 April	12.30pm	Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday	15 April	9.00am and 12.30pm	Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday	16 April	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm	Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday	17 April	7.00pm (only Mass this day)	Holy Thursday
Friday	18 April	3.00pm Commemoration	Good Friday
Saturday	19 April	7.00pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	20 April	7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am	Easter Sunday

Please Remember in our Prayer

For those recently died:

Carl Raymond Lodero; Hannah Meppem, (wife of William Meppem, daughter-in-law of Bruce); Malcolm Burgess; Anastasia Shevlin; Max Cowell (Linda & Jeanette Cowell's 90 yo uncle in London); Ivan Bacic; John Kong; Eddie Gacho; Carolina Jonsson (niece of Christer Jonsson and Chrystal De Croos); Gliceria Mangahas; Romeo Robles; Shirley Cahill; John William Arblaster; Janina Maciejak; Maria Cristina Sevilla; Joni Myles Sevilla; Donnell Loong.

For those who are sick:

Jonathan Kenny: Lody Herlianto; Ken Kennedy; Dorothy Chan; Coral Coughlin (wife of Tom); Virginia Purpura; Chet Catapang; Isabelle Patron; Anne Avery; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Eileen Swinsburg; Xu He Ooi; Carmel Villanueva; Marianne (Binnie) Tan; Mr Gurung; Colleen Baker (sister of Margaret Day), Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Ying Leong Fong; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Minnie Walshe; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlasic; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapria; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; Frank Hallissy; John O'Brien; Gerard de Leon; Carlos de Leon; Mary kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Karmelo Milostic; Mark Warnakula; Rodolfo Dy; Charles Kwok Hing Yuen (Sharon Yuen's father); Bernard Le; Mark Warnakula; Eugenie Tai; Adriana Cornelio; Issac Cornelio; Trinidad Reyes; Dominicano Reyes; Patricia Campos; Magdalena Zuniga; Ivan Byak; Maria Elita Lim; Margarita Khen; Edward Abanilla; Ruben Gabila; Roybn Morrow; Emily Mary Yee Joy; Philomena Clarke; Braulio Dela Fuente; Emily Mary Yee Joy; John Luxton; Raymond Grannall; Edna Kenna; Bartolo Paino; Aida Freeman; Normand Erlex Hernandez Mallillin; Jakica Bacic; Manuel Antonio Gaspar (husband of Odete Gaspar).

Birthday mentions

Sebastian Arpafo

Upcoming Events in our Parish

Sunday	13 April	Palm Sunday
Wednesday	16 April	Candlelit Stations of the Cross in Parish Precinct 7.00pm
Thursday	17 April	Mass of the Lord's Supper,. 7.00pm (only Mass that day)
Friday	18 April	Stations of the Cross on Chatswood Concourse at 10.30am
		Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 3.00pm
Saturday	19 April	Easter Vigil, 7.00pm
Sunday	20 April	Easter Sunday
Friday	25 April	ANZAC Day Mass, 10.00am (only Mass that day)/Day of Adoration and Reconciliation
Sunday	27 April	Divine Mercy Sunday
		5.30pm Mass celebrating the canonisation of Carlo Acutis with Cardinal Mafi
Tuesday	29 April	Mass with Bishop Rimerz and the Filipino community
Friday	2 May	Praisefest in honour of Carlo Acutis

From Fr David

Dear friends,

We commence now the most important week of our Christian Year. May the coming days and liturgies bring us back to what is most central, and most important for us: the affirmation that Christ lives! We journey through his suffering and death to the glory of his Resurrection, recognizing our own journey in life in his. May these days bring us to a renewed sense of hope for ourselves and our world.

The full program of the week is in our bulletin. However, do keep the following in mind:

- Everyone is welcome to join Bishop Anthony and all the priests of the Diocese at the Mass of the Oils at 7.30pm on Tuesday at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.
- Do join in our candlelit Stations of the Cross here in our parish, commencing in the church, on Wednesday 7pm
- There is only the one Mass celebrated on Holy Thursday, 17 April, and that is the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
- Do join us for Stations of the Cross on the Concourse at Chatwood on the morning of Good Friday at 10.30am
- We continue to keep our Elect and our Candidates in our hearts and prayer as they make their final preparations for Baptism and Reception into the Church at Easter!
- Remember there is no parish Mass on Easter Sunday evening. However, our Indonesian community will celebrate Mass at 7.00pm on that night.

We are conducting our annual **Jesuit Refugee Services Food Drive.** This is an important expression of our Lenten commitment for almsgiving. Later in the bulletin we can read about its context and its significance. Please do note the kinds of products for which we are looking, and leave these on the table in the foyer of our church. We will deliver the goods immediately after Easter so we have another week to make our contribution. Thank you for your generosity which is of unmistakable assistance to those in desperate need.

There is a lady in our parish, living in Barton Road Artarmon, who requires transportation to and from the 9am or 10.30am Sunday Mass. Would anyone be able to assist? Do let our parish office know!

A Commentary on Today's Mass Readings

Jesus in the passion according to Luke

Because Luke's audience is primarily Greek in background, his portrayal of Jesus heightens Greek heroic virtues and values. Consistent with the famous Greek interest in philosophy and wisdom (Greece was home to Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and others), Jesus has been presented as a wise man and sage teacher.

The ideal of the Greek hero confronting death was embodied by Socrates who, though innocent, was condemned to death; though he could have avoided death by renouncing his teaching, he chose not to; up to the very moment of his death he is shown teaching his disciples; he faces his execution (death by hemlock) with courage and serenity, willingly taking the cup, drinking the poison, lying down and dying peacefully.

Jesus, too, teaches his disciples to the very end, instructing them about discipleship at the last supper (22:25-30); even as he is arrested, his concern is directed to others, healing the man whose ear was cut off (22:51); walking to his crucifixion, he comforts the women of Jerusalem (23:28-31); on the cross, he extends salvation to the 'good thief' (23:39, 43). During his trial and death Luke emphasises the innocence of Jesus: Pilate declares his innocence three times (23:4,14, 22), and Herod, too, finds no guilt (23:15); finally, the centurion at the foot of the cross declares that Jesus was innocent (23:47). In Mark's gospel the words of the centurion instead reveal Jesus as 'the Son of God' (Mark 15:39). Luke shifts the focus to Jesus' innocence.

Gone from Luke's account is Jesus' anguished cry, 'Why have you abandoned me?' (Mark 15:34). Instead, Jesus prays that God might forgive those who 'know not what they do' (Luke 23:34). Mark's report, 'Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last' (Mark 15:37), makes it sound like a cry of anguish or agony. Luke reports the content of that cry: 'Jesus cried out in a loud voice, Father, into your hands I commit my spirit' (Luke 23:46). Jesus is innocent, courageous, forgiving, serene - a model for disciples.

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WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US FOR

HOLY WEEK

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APRIL 13

Palm Sunday TUES

APRIL 15 7PM

Mass of the Oils

OLOR Cathedral 23 Yardley Ave Waitara WED

APRIL 16 7PM

Stations of the Cross

by candlelight

THURS

APRIL 17 7PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper FRI

APRIL 18 10:30AM

Stations of the Cross

at Chatswood Concourse

FRI

APRIL 18 3PM

Solemn
Commemoration
of the
Lords Passion

Good Friday Mass

SAT

APRIL 19 7PM

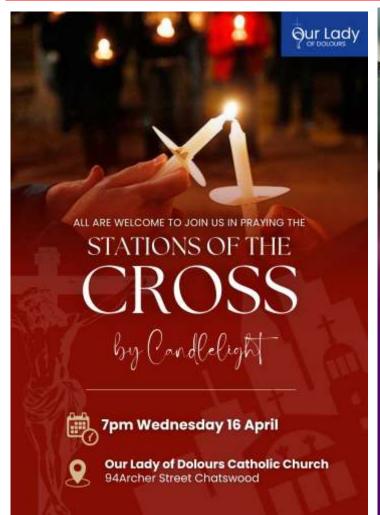
Easter Vigil SUN

APRIL 20 7PM

Easter

7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM No evening Mass

Our Worshipping Together Ministry Circle









Animating our Future

Renewing our church building for future generations

A Pastoral Letter by Very Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG

Dear Friends,

I will never forget the first time I saw our beautiful church. I had been in our Diocese for some time but had never actually been to Chatswood, and I recall driving down Archer St from Boundary Road and seeing the bell tower and being quite surprised at the magnificence of the building.

Then when I came inside the canopy of the building was quite awe-inspiring.

I was amazed that our Diocese had such a building. Our church is certainly the most significant religious building in the north of Sydney. Perhaps St Mary's North Sydney comes close, but no other building has the size and grandeur of ours. Nor is any other building likely to have in the future given that the days of such grand architecture of churches seems to be over.

This is something for us to celebrate! However, it also brings with it a real responsibility. If they are to endure, buildings must breathe.

They need continuous care and maintenance. And they also need growth and expansion. This distinguishes a living building from simply a museum.

Our own very significant church is both gift and responsibility. It is now in its second century.

Over its first century it experienced its initial construction in 1920, its expansion and completion in 1961 and its repainting and carpeting in 1978.

Now, 47 years later we are those who have discovered ourselves with the opportunity for its further renewal.

Does our church need renewing? It could be said, its beautiful as it is, why change it?

However, renewal doesn't mean changing things radically. It means seeking to make our church as beautiful as it can be, not just now but for the next 50 years when a new generation will be faced with the same question again.

And faced with the question they must, if our church is to be a living building representing always a living, growing community.

So what needs changing?

We have already sought to address the problem of the sound in our church, and are continuing to work on this. We need to do further work on hearing aid connections, covering all the dead spots.

We have also recently...

- Introduced various enhancements around the sides, adding flexible seating in the northern transept and the establishment of a family friendly space.
- Relocated the parish library to the foyer of the church which had largely been an empty space.
- Developed a beautiful eucharistic chapel now visited day and night by so many people.









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- Installed glass doors at the main entrance to the church, offering a scene of invitation day and night.
- Created more space in the choir loft for our growing choir without changing the effect of the organ facade.

And we will shortly begin on the refurbishment of the piety store to make it much more attractive for both our volunteers and customers.

But look closely...

- After 47 years, the walls need repainting
- The electrical wiring through the building is chaotic and dangerous
- The lighting needs great improvement
- The fans don't work particularly well
- We are not compliant with things such as exit signs
- · The window frames need much cleaning and repair
- · The ledges that were built for statues have never had them
- The green carpet has come to the end of its life
- The projectors and screens in the church can be greatly improved

I think I can say with confidence that none of us would want the look of our church to change in its structure and general presentation, but new lighting, new climate control, fresh painting, a range of small enhancements could make our church even more beautiful, respecting its unique significance not only for ourselves but for the whole of the Church in northern Sydney.

Our church is increasingly, too, becoming a place of pilgrimage, a sacred space into which many people come from wide and far.

Therefore, there would be none of us who would not want to offer such people the most inspiring experience.

So, thus begins our journey together to think through how we can make our church even more beautiful not only for ourselves but for the generations to follow us.

Today we begin that conversation together. However, as we will stress, it is only the beginning. And the journey needs to have many different stages.

To help us in this journey we have already commissioned a number of various background projects...

- In January this year, we had the entire church's dimensions digitalised by Larki Australia for the aid of engineers and architects in the future;
- Late last year, we engaged an electrical engineer, Omer Ulas to consider how the church might be best served electrically into the future;
- At the same time, we engaged another engineer, Engtec Consulting to consider how best we might heat and cool the church; and
- We have engaged two church architects to assist us on our journey.
 They are John O'Brien and Miguel Paredes.

All these background projects will assist us, in time, to know how we might be able to achieve our aspirations and to know the possibilities and limitations of our aspirations.

Today can only be a beginning. Our journey will have various stages.











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Before we bring forth any ideas or make any decision we need first to discern the principles that will guide these ideas and decisions so we can be sure to go forward in the best way, and importantly go forward together.

After our celebrations for Carlo Acutis at the end of April, we will put into place the following...



A seminar with John and Miguel in which they can lead us in a discussion about the liturgical principles that should guide church architecture and improvements. This will be a great experience to learn from their own vast experience and for them to engage the outcomes of our own conversation today.

Following this towards the end of May, we will initiate a whole of parish survey seeking to draw from everyone what people consider as the most desirable things to improve. It is here when we can bring forward all our own thoughts, likes and dislikes, but most importantly our discerned ideas and dreams for our church building. This survey will be offered both on paper and online, and will be accompanied by workshops in a similar way as we undertook our Parish Mission discernment.



We will then hold information sessions with our engineers who can share with us directly what they consider as most possible in respect to upgrading the electrical system of the church and its climate control. They will also be able to provide us with costings related to these systems. This will be a great opportunity to become familiar with the possibilities they envisage and to engage with them directly.



With both the outcomes from our Parish-in-Council VI, and correlating all the input from our survey, we will then hear back from our church architects some proposals that seek to capture our aspirations in some actual concepts and proposals. These too will be costed. We will then once again take the pulse of the community in respect to going forward with a more defined plan.



I hope then to sketch out a comprehensive plan, costed, and with a timeline for implementation. This will then need to go to Bishop Anthony and to his Diocesan Liturgical Commission for review and approval. And this too means that whatever we do has external evaluation and accords with the Church's liturgical understanding.

So, our journey, beginning today, will be multi-staged one taking us through most of this year so that hopefully 2026 can be the year when we can realise our hopes and dreams for our church.

We are at a unique time in the history of our parish to achieve something quite remarkable for the generations that come after us. We are here today because the community in 1920 dreamt into the future, as did the community in 1960.

Let us be such a community again in 2025 so that our community of Our Lady of Dolours in 2100 might be as proud as we are.

Complete our Census Card today!

Our Parish is preparing to migrate to a new parish database which will provide us with much greater functionality. It will also help us greatly with the support of our many pastoral associations too.

As we might imagine, the task of migrating from one system to another is no small thing. However, it is a great opportunity to ensure our records are as accurate and as current as can be.

To this end, we are conducting a Parish Census. Please do complete the Census Card available in the pews of the church and leave it in one of the white boxes around the church, or alternatively, scan the QR code if you would prefer to complete the census online.





Our Parish-in-Council 5 A pril 2025

















Our Sunday Celebration

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY) / C

13 APRIL 2025

THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. We see ourselves in the crowds who cried 'Hosanna to the Son of David' one day and 'Crucify him' just a few days later. Like Peter and the other disciples we can be fickle followers of Jesus. We should not, however, imitate Judas and despair at our infidelity. Rather, we should look to Jesus who allowed his blood to be poured out for many 'for the forgiveness of sins'. Let us praise him with grateful hearts.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S

THE PROCESSION

The priest greets the people, blesses the palms and sprinkles them with holy water, The Gospel (Luke 19:28-40) is then read. Before the procession the priest may say these or similar words:

P. Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Jn 12:1, 12-13; Ps 23:9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

The Gloria is omitted.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. 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 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.



So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2 R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

 All who see me deride me. / They curl their lips, they toss their heads. / He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: / let him release him if this is his friend.' R.

Many dogs have surrounded me, / a band of the wicked beset me. / They tear holes in my hands and my feet, / I can count every one of my bones.

 They divide my clothing among them. / They cast lots for my robe. / O Lord, do not leave me alone, / my strength, make haste to help me!

4. Î will tell of your name to my brethren / and praise you where they are assembled. / 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; / all sons of Jacob, give him glory. / Revere him, Israel's sons.' R.

SECOND READING

Phil 2:6-1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Lk 23:1-49

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

(N. Narrator J. Jesus O. Other single speaker C. Crowd)

N. The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying,

- C. We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.
- N. Pilate put to him this question,
- O. Are you the king of the Jews?
- N. He replied,
- J. It is you who say it.
- N. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,
- I find no case against this man.
- N. But they persisted,
- C. He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.
- N. When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said,

- O. You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.
- N. But as one man they howled,
- C. Away with him! Give us Barabbas!
- N. This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back.

- C. Crucify him! Crucify him!
- N. And for the third time he spoke to them,

O. Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and let him go.

N. But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified, and their shouts were growing louder. Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

J. Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?

N. Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said,

- J. Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.
- N. Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, saying,
- C. He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.
- N. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they sald.
- C. If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.
- N. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him, saying,
- O. Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.
- N. But the other spoke up and rebuked him,
- O. Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
- N. He replied,
- J. Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.
- N. It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice,
- J. Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.
- N. With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said,

O. This was a great and good man.

N. And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Luke 22:14-23:56

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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. Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. 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 THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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 Mt 26:42 Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call.

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.

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A Year of Jubilee



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

During this year we welcome a number of pilgrimage groups to our church, particularly to pray before the Eucharist and to venerate Carlo Acutis to be canonized on Sunday 27 April. Below is the growing list!

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

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

Monday 7 April Parish group from Toukley-Lake Munmorah

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday 10 August—2pm Ryde Network of Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney



A live Tally on the <u>www.bbjubilee.com.au</u> website will add a further joyful essence, noting how many pilgrims have completed the Jubilee Shrines of Hope Pilgrimage and which parishes they are from.

The Diocesan Shrines of Hope Passport

The following is the step-by-step guideline for the Broken Bay Pilgrim Passports

1. Jubilee Passports can be stamped at each Shrine and the Cathedral to acknowledge visit and time of prayer within.

A special downloadable **Broken Bay Jubilee Passport for Kids** for children to use when visiting the Shrines with their families/caregivers.

- 2. Once all three Shrines and Cathedral, with respective stamps, have been visited a Pilgrim's passport is "complete".
- 3. Pilgrims then have their passports verified at their own Parish office.
- 4. Each Parish will notify Mission Broken Bay with the names of those pilgrims who have completed their passports so that they may receive a special commemorative certificate signed by Bishop Anthony. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the Jubilee by presenting these certificates at the end of a Sunday Mass.

A Year of Jubilee





This week our Church, one of three Shrines of Hope in the year of Jubilee, was visited by a number of groups including from the Parish of Toukley-Lake Munmorah last Monday, the Parish of Woy Woy last Tuesday, and the Parish of St Monica's in the Diocese of Parramatta on Thursday.





Last Saturday, 5 April, we were visited by a group of some 50 young adults from the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby.



Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle

First Communion 2025

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

In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for First Communion once they have been Baptised, Confirmed and prepared for First Reconciliation.

To enrol your child

Go the parish website:

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

From the home page, click on the "First Communion Enrolments" tile.

From this page, you will find all the dates and other details of the program. Scroll to the bottom of this page and click "Enrol Here" and fill out the enrolment details as required.

Enrolments close Monday 28 April

The children will receive their First Holy Communion at the Vigil, 9:00am and 10:30am Masses on the weekends of 14-15 and 21-22 June.

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

If you have any queries about the children's sacraments program,

> please contact Angela or Mona at: chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au



Last Monday evening, the children who have been part of our program of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in our parish Atrium gathered for an Easter Celebration of light. It was a beautiful way to finish the Term and to prepare for Holy Week.





Our Parish Playgroup

The children attending Thursday the 12:30 pm Mass receive a blessing at the end of the service every time before heading to the playgroup. We encourage parents and grandparents to bring their children to Mass so they can receive this special blessing and then join us afterward for playgroup. Additionally, the photos capture our recent Easter celebrations, where the children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and various activities. Each child received a goodie bag, adding to the joy of the event. Our playgroup continues to grow, today we had 11 kids and 14 adults including 2 grandparents.



Our Igniting Young Hearts Circle



Last Monday, our Parish team took part in a Parish-School Retreat Day for Our Lady of Dolours Primary School, enjoying Morning Tea with the staff beforehand.

The day focused on the meaning of the Year of Jubilee, and during the Mass we celebrated for the entire school, we introduced the children to Luce, the official Jubilee mascot—a pilgrim of Hope.



First Harvest from our Community Garden

Congratulations to our Community Gardeners whose first crop of lettuces and kale are ready for harvesting. This is an exciting moment especially for the first-time gardeners in our group. Special thanks to all who watered during the hot weather spells, and in particular Lei Davoren and the students of Pius X College. And to all parishioners, do please help yourselves to the herbs as they need to be regularly cut back or they run to seed. There are scissors tied to the fence so you can take some home to flavour your evening meal.





Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle

Our Annual Parish Food Drive by Jo Karaolis

The Jesuit Refugee Service, which distributes food and essentials donated by Catholic parishes and schools to refugees, provides for an average of 900 families each week. The list of items they most require is published elsewhere in the Bulletin. But why do we need to donate and why can't the refugees earn a living like the rest of us? The answer is that it takes a couple of years for applications for refugee status to be processed and in 2024 there were 20,000 applicants on the waiting list in Australia. Besides these refugees who are not allowed to work, there are others who are too sick to work or unable to get employment due to language and other difficulties. Quite a number are living on the street.

Last month Fr Anselam and I visited one such person in Liverpool Hospital. He had come to our church for help in getting work, despite being over 60 years old and in poor health. When we followed up with him, we found his situation had worsened and he was now under medical care. His gratitude at being visited was very humbling. He now continually prays for our church and asks God to bless us all. I visited him again last week because he had asked for a rosary and a pair of trousers to fit him now he has lost so much weight. To my embarrassment he took out a \$50 note and asked me to donate it to the church. I protested but he explained that a social worker had given him \$100 and he felt he could manage on half that and he insisted that he be allowed to gift the other half to Our Lady of Dolours out of gratitude to God because we cared. I was reminded of Jesus' comment about the widow's mite, that the small coins she had put in to the Temple treasury were worth more than all of the wealthy contributors' donations.

Every refugee who collects a food parcel from the JRS Food Bank has a story like this man's. None ever expected to be stranded and destitute in Sydney. They came to a land of hope and found despair. Now they depend on our donated food and other essentials simply to survive.

Our Food Drive is under way now and ends on Palm Sunday. Please leave your donations on the table in the front foyer of the church.



Our Lady of Dolours Freedom Feast SATURDAY 21 JUNE 2025

Raising money to help refugees make a future in Australia



I know the plans I have for you...to give you hope and a future Jeremiah 29:11

All children love chocolate except those that make it under working conditions labelled 'slave labour' by UNESCO. As an Earthcare Parish, we are committed to using our buying power to limit exploitation of the poor and the planet. Some of the biggest makers and sellers of chocolate Easter Eggs have the worst record for using child labour, paying very low wages to cocoa farmers and/or destroying native forest in Africa, especially in Ghana and the Ivory Coast. One way to identify ethically-sourced and produced Easter Eggs and chocolate is by looking for one or more of these symbols







Companies given a 'Progressing in policy and practice' rating by Be Slavery Free include Ferrero, Mars Wrigley, Nestle and Hershey whereas Lindt is rated 'Needs to do better' and Cadbury and David Jones were both scored by Be Slavery Free as 'Trailing in Policy and Practice'. To find out more, go to the website for Be Slavery Free, a consortium of Australian universities, consultants and civil society groups: https://www.chocolatescorecard.com/scorecards/



Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle



Australia Timor-Leste Advancement Society invites you to a fun afternoon of Trivia

Join us to catch up and enjoy the trivia Prizes and raffles



Funds used to support ATLAS's Timor-Leste projects

Harrington Hall, Catholic Church, 94 Archer St, Chatswood Parking: Chatswood Chase Shopping Centre OR St Pius High School Grounds behind Church.

Sunday 4th May 2025

12:30pm arrival for a 1pm start

Tickets \$20 🔅

10 people per table

Limited numbers

RSVP 17th April 2025

Phone or text Carla on 0402 373 728 or email carlagageler@outlook.com





OUR LADY OF SORROWS



ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE on now!

DONATIONS FOR LENT

Our annual JRS food drive is on now. Please make a donation this Lent of essential items on which refugee families in Sydney depend. The Jesuit Refugee Service provides food and essentials to refugees whose visas don't allow them to work. The Food Bank depends on Catholic churches and schools to provide this food. Thi fortnight it is our turn.



WHAT THEY NEED

They are asking us for the following that are in short supply:

- · Dishwashing liquid
- · Laundry detergent
- · Canned tuna in oil (not flavoured), (190g and 425g)
- · Canned coconut milk, 400ml
- . Canned tomatoes, 400g
- · Canned condensed milk, 400ml
- Men's disposable razors













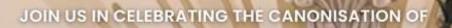




Ecology & Social Justice

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DDONATION ON THE TABLE AT THE LEFT OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH

Our Leading Reflective Lives Ministry Circle



CARLO ACUTIS



27 APRIL - 2 MAY 9PM

BONFIRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO GATHER AND PRAY



29 APRIL 7PM

MASS WITH THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY CELEBRATED BY BISHOP RAMIREZ, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF MELBOURNE



27 APRIL 5:30PM

MASS WITH CARDINAL MAFI - BISHOP OF TONGA, AND BISHOP RANDAZZO.

WE HAVE A STUDENT ORCHESTRA FROM ST PIUS X COLLEGE AND MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR THIS OCCASION.



1 MAY

PUBLIC SCREENING OF
CARLOS ACUTIS
ROADMAP TO REALITY
(PG) (2025) IN
HARRINGTON HALL,
WITH THIS, WE WILL
ALSO HAVE A DISPLAY
OF THE OLOD PRIMARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS'
ARTWORK ON CARLO
FROM 2024.



PRAISEFEST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH RECONCILIATION FROM 6PM



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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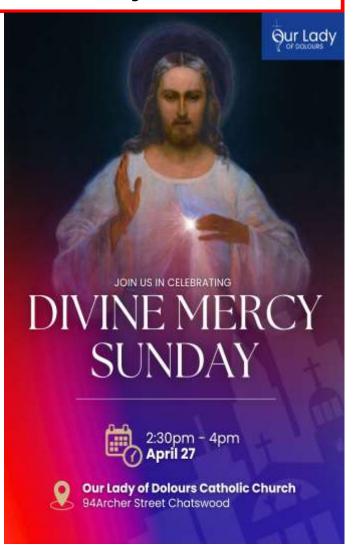
Countdown to the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis Sunday 27 April 2025

Carlo Acutis once said, "When we face the sun, we get a tan... but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints."

His compassion, his joy, and his love for those around him—you can see the source of his peace and strength. For Carlo, the Eucharist wasn't just part of his faith—it was the very center of his life. He loved Jesus's Eucharistic Heart with a childlike wonder and delight. He made every effort to receive Jesus daily, knowing that true holiness doesn't come from sheer willpower but from being filled with Christ's presence. He longed to be near the one who satisfies the human heart.

Holiness isn't about doing more—it's about drawing closer to the source of life itself. Will you follow Carlo's example and make the Eucharist your heart's compass?

Come to our Eucharistic Chapel and spend some time with Jesus!









Growing in Faith Circle of Ministry





Our Alpha Program continues each Monday evening with great benefit to all those involved! Special thanks to the great team who facilitate the series.





Bishop David Walker, Emeritus Bishop of Broken Bay, recently concluded a three-week series on the Gospel of Matthew.

As always those who participated were greatly enriched by Bishop David's teaching.

Parish Employment Opportunity

Job Opportunity: Administration and Facilities Officer Parish of Chatswood Full-Time Position Applications Close: Friday, 25 April 2025

The Parish of Chatswood is seeking a dedicated and experienced **Administration and Facilities Officer (AFO)** to provide essential operational support. This full-time role plays a key part in ensuring the efficient administration, facility management, and ICT services of the parish, enabling the continued growth and mission of our community.

About the Role

Reporting to the **Parish Priest**, the AFO is responsible for:

- Office Administration: Managing office procedures, supplies, security, and parish records.
- **Facility Management:** Overseeing maintenance, repairs, and compliance across parish buildings and grounds, including church facilities, meeting rooms, and car parks.
- ICT Coordination: Ensuring the parish's ICT infrastructure is up to date, compliant, and within budget.
- Maintenance & WHS Compliance: Managing contractors, risk assessments, and the upkeep of parish facilities.
- Event & Parish Support: Assisting in major parish events and providing support across parish ministries and activities.

About You

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- Strong administration and organisational skills with the ability to manage multiple responsibilities efficiently.
- Experience in facilities or property management.
- Sound knowledge of Microsoft Office and ICT systems.
- A working understanding of **risk management and WHS compliance**.
- The ability to work collaboratively and foster positive relationships with staff, volunteers, and contractors.

A commitment to the **mission and values of the Catholic Church**.

Qualifications & Experience

- Tertiary qualifications in **Business Administration** or relevant experience in a similar role.
- Experience working within a parish, church agency, or not-for-profit environment.
- Knowledge of **project management** and **contractor supervision**.

A current National Police History Check (NPHC) and a Working with Children Check (WWCC) (or willingness to obtain).

Why Join Us?

This is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to a vibrant and mission-driven parish community. We offer a supportive work environment where your skills in administration, facilities management, and ICT coordination will make a tangible impact.

How to Apply

To apply, please submit your **resume** and a **cover letter** addressing your suitability for the role to **david.ranson@bbcatholic.org.au** by **Friday**, **25 April 2025**.

For further information, please contact david.ranson@bbcatholic.org.au.

The Parish of Chatswood is committed to creating a safe environment for all, with zero tolerance for abuse. Successful applicants will need to complete a National Police Check and Working with Children Check.

Note: Only candidates with the right to work in Australia can apply. No agency contacts, please.



A round and A bout

Are You Looking For Some Time Out?

Come away and rest and relax by the beach and the beautiful surrounds of Gerroa on the NSW South Coast.

About the Retreat...

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

In this Jubilee year of Hope we are invited to consider the many ways HOPE can guide, sustain and enliven our life experience.

This retreat will explore the life-giving nature of Hope and use the Ignatian tools of awareness and reflection, contemplative prayer and the art of discernment.

When:

Fri May 30 (7pm) – Sun June 1 (3pm), 2025 Where:

Jesuit Villa House, Burke Pde Gerroa. NSW Cost:

\$540pp (Twin Room) / \$620pp (Single Room)

Cost includes accommodation, meals, retreat facilitation and materials.

*Use EARLYBIRD discount code at checkout to receive \$40 discount if you book before April 18, 2025.

We would love to welcome you and hope you will join us!

retreats@wisdomfortheway.com.au



The Holy Rosary Divine Mercy Chaplet

Zoom Host - Katherina. Please join me in Prayer

Wednesday Weekly - 7 pm (AEDI)

The Holy Rosary, Litany to St Joseph and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Meeting ID: 872 9929 7896 Passcode: 908680





Our Lady of Fatima -13th Monthly - 7pm (ALDT)

The Holy Rosary with Prayers.

Meeting ID: 861 8463 9187 Passcode: 459184

(For more Information on Our Lady of Fatimawww.fatima.org.ass)

Our Lady of Fatima. Pray for Us. Jesus I Trust In You. Satherna

A round and A bout



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING THURSDAY 24TH APRIL 2025

AT SACRED HEART CHURCH
2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE
COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM

OUR MASS CELEBRANT AND AFTER DINNER SPEAKER WILL BE FATHER ROBERT BORG, PARISH PRIEST AT THE LAKES PARISH

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

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

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

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

In this month, we remember the following:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 Bishop Anthony Randazzo	2 Bishop Emeritus David Walker	3 Bishop Emeritus Robert McGuckin	4 Fr Colin Blayney	5 Fr Stephen Hill	6 Fr Timothy RaJ MSFS
7 Fr Alex Peter MSFS	8 Fr Vincent Lourduswamy MSFS	9 Fr Michael Be- Ionio OSA	10 Fr Michael Sulli- van OSA	11 Fr Jumbin Torres OSA	12 Fr John Zhang OSA	13 Father Van Tu Nguyen OSA
14 Fr Robert Borg	15 Fr Jim McKeon	16 Fr Aldrin Valdehueza	17 Fr Vince Casey Fr John Hill	18 Fr Greg Chee OCD	19 Fr Gerard Moran OCD	20 Fr Sunny Peackal OCD
21 Fr Restituto Og- simer cs	22 Fr Jose Aliro Gutierrez cs	23 Fr Savino Ber- nardi cs	24 Deacon Roberto Corpuz	25 Deacon Adrian Gomez	26 Deacon Paul Simmons	27 Deacon Peter McCulloch
28 Deacon Kevin Hale Deacon Kevin	29 Fr Ireneuz Czech SDS	30 Fr Brendan Lee				

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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

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, 3rd Sunday 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 is celebrated after Mass each Wednesday evening Mass and on the 3rd Wednesday of the

month)

Thursday: 9.00am and 12.30pm Friday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am

Morning Prayer: Tuesday to Saturday: 8.45am

Rosary

Monday: 11.45am (preceded by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11.30am); Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am; Monday to Fridays: 1.00pm

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

Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and Reconciliation 7.00pm

Saturday Morning: Reconciliation from 9.30am.