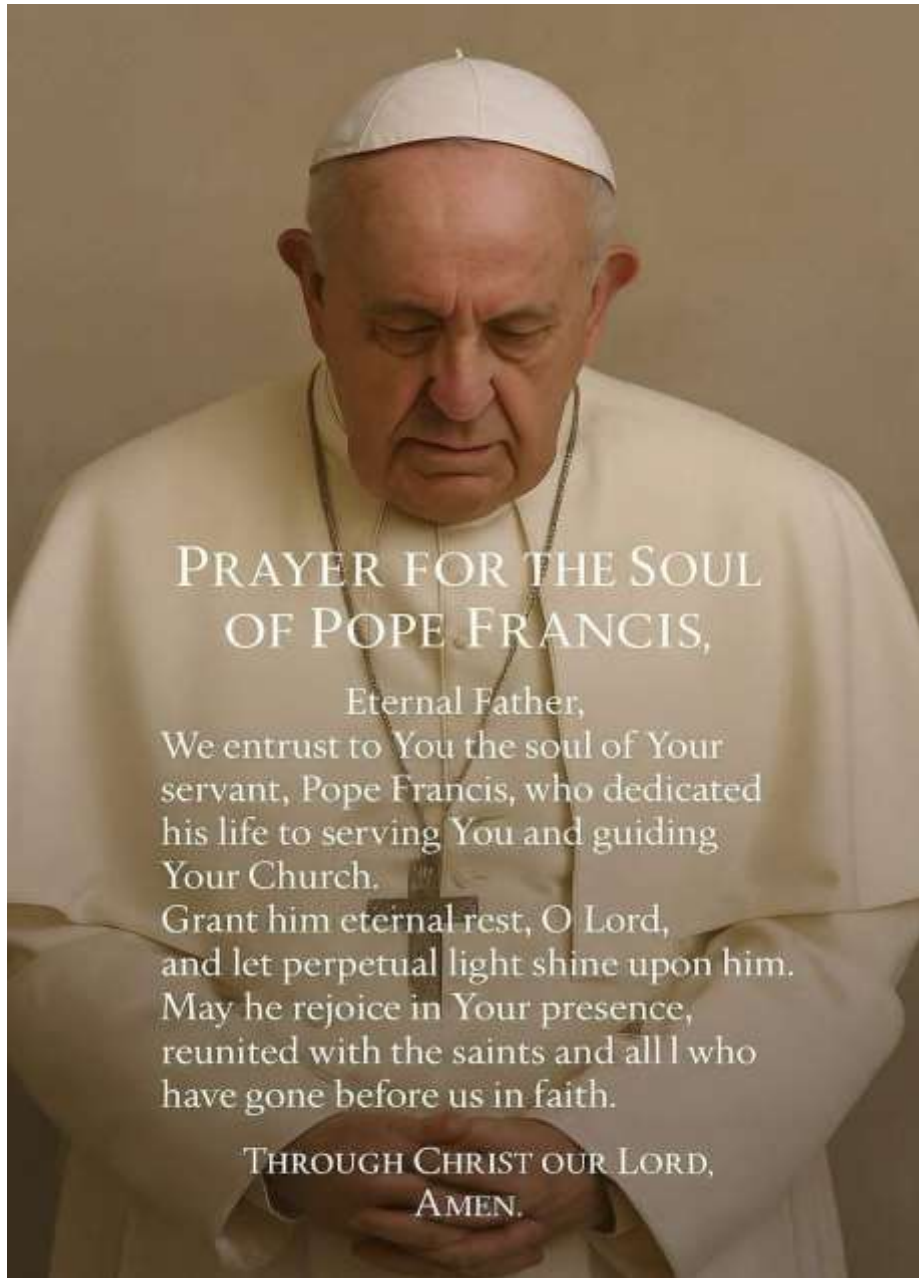


*Sunday 27 April 2025 - Second Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday*



不要作無信的人，但要作個有信德的人。若望福音20:27  
Do not be unbelieving, but believe. John 20:27



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

## Masses This Week

Monday	28 April	12.30pm	St Peter Chanel
Tuesday	29 April	9.00am and 12.30pm	St Catherine of Siena
Wednesday	30 April	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm	Wednesday of 2nd Week of Easter
Thursday	1 May	9.00am and 12.30pm	Thursday of 2nd Week of Easter
Friday	2 May	9.00am and 12.30pm	St Athanasius
Saturday	3 May	9.00am and 5.30pm	Sts Philip and James
Sunday	4 May	Usual Times	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>

## Please Remember in our Prayer

### For those recently died:

Precy Ngo; Santana D'souza (Tina's father in India); Matthew Lunn; 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).

### For those who are sick:

Ley Peng Tan; Lody Herlianto; Ken Kennedy; 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:

Nora Chan; Mary Elaine Manlangit; Rodolfo Dy; Brenda and Graham Ladd; Pietro & Nunzia Culicetta; Luigi & Nunzia Di Mauro; Pietro & Carmela Patane; Antonietta Aloisio; Napoleon Nicdao; Nora Chan; Carlo Suplina; Anthony Dayton 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.

## Upcoming Events in our Parish

Sunday	27 April	Community Lunch following our 10.30am Mass Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions 2.30pm—4.00pm
Monday	28 April	Solemn Mass for the Repose of Soul of Pope Francis, Waitara Cathedral, 7pm
Tuesday	29 April	Mass with Bishop Ramirez and the Filipino community at 7.00pm
Thursday	1 May	Seminar on Accessing Aged Care Services, 10am in Magnificat Meeting Room
Saturday	3 May	First Saturday Public Rosary on church Forecourt from 3.45pm
Sunday	4 May	Parish Trivia Afternoon in support of Australia Timor Leste Advancement Society
Saturday	17 May	Commencing Inaugural Parish Film Festival (over the following four Saturdays)
Tuesday	20 May	Commencement of Series, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" with Charbel Raish
Saturday	24 May	8pm Online Rosary for Our Lady Help of Christians

We acknowledge the Cammeraygal People of the Eora Nation, custodians of the land on which our parish stands and we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of national reconciliation.

As a Parish of Catholic Faith we are committed  
to ensuring always a community of safety and care for all,  
especially for children, and those who are vulnerable.

## From Fr David

Dear friends,

The joy of Easter last week gave way on Monday to our keen sense of loss of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Though his passing was not unexpected, death always comes as a shock. The international reaction to the Pope's death indicates that the world, too, knows it has lost a person of unmistakable moral leadership. A message from Peter, one of our Jewish friends, to our parishioner Ken Kennedy, sums this up: "I would also like to pass on my most sincere condolences to you, your family, and the parish community on the very sad death of Pope Francis. Pope Francis was a light to all the peoples of this world—a man of such great wisdom, empathy, humility, courage, and generosity of spirit. May his memory be a blessing to our Catholic brothers and sisters and all who share the Pope's vision." We commend Pope Francis to almighty God. Do join with me at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral on Monday 28 April at 7.00pm when, on behalf of Bishop Randazzo who is in Rome for the papal funeral, I will celebrate the diocesan Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Pope.

As is often the case, in an instant our plans change. With the death of the Holy Father our plans for the celebration of the canonization of Carlo Acutis have needed to change. The canonization has now been deferred to a time when the new Pope might celebrate it. Our special thanks for the patience of all those who had been working as hard for the celebration, particularly our choir and our 20 strong student orchestra from Pius X and Mercy Colleges, along with Hamish Lavery and his team intending to stage our big youth Praisefest this coming Friday, 2 May. We are confident, however, that the time will come in the not too distant future when we can re-activate our plans and enjoy our celebrations.

Nonetheless, we are still able to welcome Bishop Rene Ramirez, newly ordained Auxiliary of Melbourne and the first Australian Bishop with Filipino heritage, on Tuesday 29 April at 7.00pm. All are welcome to join our Filipino Community for what will be a beautiful occasion. May we all keep our Catholic Church in our prayer through these historic times of transition.



### SOLEMN MASS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF POPE FRANCIS

7.00pm Monday 28 April 2025

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara

RSVP: 24 April 2025 at [events@bbccatholic.org.au](mailto:events@bbccatholic.org.au)





## *The New Life of Easter*

This last Easter Weekend we celebrated the joy of welcoming into our Family of Faith:

19 Adult Baptisms

20 child Baptisms

1 Reception into full Communion with our Church

25 Confirmations and First Eucharist

Welcome to all our Neophytes!



*Our Worshipping Together Ministry Circle*

 **Our Lady**  
OF DOLOURS



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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2:30pm – 4pm  
**April 27**



**Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church**  
94Archer Street Chatswood



# JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



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

Friday	21 March 5.30pm—7pm	Students from Central Coast Catholic Schools
Saturday	5 April 9am Mass	50 Young Adults from Hornsby Parish
Monday	7 April	Parish group from Toukley-Lake Munmorah
Tuesday	8 April 10.30am - 1.00pm	Parishioners from St John the Baptist Woy Woy
Thursday	10 April	Parish group from St Monica's Parramatta Diocese
Saturday	26 April—afternoon	Young Adults from Parish of Manly-Freshwater
Friday	9 May—11.50am-12.30pm	70 Students from Redfield College
Sunday	24 May—afternoon	Young Adults from around our Diocese, walking from Lindfield
Friday	6 June 10am—11.30am	80 Staff from St Brigid's College, Lake Munmorah
Thursday	19 June, 11.30am—1.00pm	45 x Stage 3 Students from St Thomas and St Philip Neri, Willoughby
Sunday	10 August—2pm	Ryde Network of Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney

## **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 live Tally on the [www.bbjubilee.com.au](http://www.bbjubilee.com.au) 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.



## Our Leading Reflective Lives Ministry Circle



### Mass with Bishop Rene Ramirez

THE FIRST FILIPINO BISHOP IN AUSTRALIA

APRIL 29, 2025 7:00 PM

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS PARISH

94 ARCHER ST

CHATSWOOD NSW 2067



### Rosary

via Zoom in honour of  
Our Lady Help of Christians  
Patroness of Australia

On Sat 24 May 2025 at 8.00 pm

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81470345645>

Meeting ID: 814 7034 5645,  
No passcode required

### Marian Devotion in our Parish during the Month of May

- ◇ Mondays – Cenacle rosary of the Marian Movement of Priest at 11.45 am
- ◇ Tuesdays – Saturdays: Rosary following the 9 am Mass
- ◇ Mondays – Fridays: Rosary following the 12.30 pm Mass
- ◇ Every First Saturday rosary at 4 pm in the forecourt of the church, weather permitting.
- ◇ Parish Zoom Rosary at 8 pm led by our parish clergy on some special feast days of Our Lady (next one is on 24 May)
- ◇ Inviting the image of Our Lady of Fatima to your home during May for a few days and pray as a family (The family that prays together stays together – Fr Patrick Peyton). For VISITATION OF MARY'S STATUE TO YOUR HOME – change one or two days to two or three days.
- ◇ Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help – every Saturday at 10 am

*"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28*

**1ST FRIDAY  
HEALING SERVICE**  
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church  
**CHATSWOOD**  
**6:30pm-8:30pm**  
(Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Mass & Adoration)



VISIT THE SHRINES AT DRC, SOMERSBY.  
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# Renewing our church building for future generations

**Dear Friends,**

On the afternoon of Saturday 5 April, 146 of us came together for our sixth Parish-in-Council, beginning a journey to think through how we might best renew our church building, not only for ourselves but for the generations to follow us.

The afternoon began with an icebreaker to get to know one another better, followed by lunch and the opening liturgy. During our first table conversation, we then each reflected on the question...

**Q. What does our beautiful church building mean to me?**



Recalling our parish Mission Statement: "Bringing the Light of Christ to the city: We love, we grow, we serve", our second table conversation invited us to reflect on the questions...

**Q. Which aspect of our church building's interior most helps us to live out our parish mission?**







## Animating our Future

Arising directly from the discernments of the 13 tables at Parish-in-Council VI, the following six principles have been adopted to guide all our decision making as we renew our church building for generations to come...



### Enhance Beauty

We will enhance the beauty of our church building through respectful design and a unified style.

By preserving its sacred character and honouring Our Lady, we seek to lift the soul to God, inspire awe and hope, and help all who enter to grow in faith.



### Act Sustainably

We will make thoughtful, long-lasting choices that care for our environment.

By utilising sustainable technologies, and choosing energy-efficient, low-maintenance solutions, we will reduce impact and ensure our parish remains a place of faith and welcome for generations to come.



### Wise Stewardship

We will practise wise and responsible stewardship by choosing durable, cost-effective solutions that make the best use of parish resources.

Through careful planning and ongoing, transparent communication, we will ensure that every decision is intentional, avoids waste, and supports the long-term wellbeing of our parish.



### Honour our History

We will honour the rich history and heritage of our church building by preserving its architectural style.

With deep respect for the faith and generosity of our past stewards, we will maintain and highlight the beauty they entrusted to us, ensuring our sacred spiritual home continues to inspire for years to come.



### Welcoming for All

We will ensure that our parish is a place where everyone feels welcome, included, and at home.

By improving accessibility, rethinking the flow of spaces, and providing thoughtful fixtures and signage, we will foster a sense of comfort and belonging for all.



### Improve Functionality

We will improve the functionality of our church building to better support worship, prayer, and community life.

By upgrading our lighting, climate, and audio visual technology, and reorganising spaces with clear purpose, we will create a space where everyone can engage more deeply with the sacraments and feel connected in faith and community.



## Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE BOOKED PLACES FOR THE TRIVIA EVENT - ALL PLACES HAVE BEEN FILLED.**

Unable to attend and wish to donate to Timor Leste Tertiary Scholarships?

Please deliver an envelope marked Timor Leste Tertiary Scholarship to Parish Office or Bank Transfer:

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**BSB 062-784**

**Account No 100001609**

**Reference the Donation as: Timor Leste T S**

email: [amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au)



Our Annual Jesuit Refugee Services Food Drive has now been completed.  
We made a final delivery last week!  
Thank you to everyone for contributing as generously to this important drive.



# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) / C

27 APRIL 2025

MY LORD AND MY GOD. St Thomas was a great apostle who is believed to have preached the Good News as far afield as India. Later, he was martyred for his faith. May the risen Christ come to us, as he came to Thomas, and strengthen our faith. May we in turn express our faith by being ambassadors of mercy and reconciliation.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

1 Pet 2:2

**Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.**

### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The Lord be with you.

**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. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

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

**R. Amen.**

### GLORIA

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

### COLLECT

P. God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in

what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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

Acts 5:12-16

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESP PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v. 1

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, love is everlasting, (or Alleluia!)**

1. Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let the sons of Aaron say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let those who fear the Lord say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. / This day was made by the Lord; / we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

3. O Lord, grant us salvation / O Lord grant success. / Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. / We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. **R.**

### SECOND READING

Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure.



I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-31

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.**

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:



'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the 'Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him;

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**R. It is right and just.**

### PREFACE I OF EASTER

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he**

**who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,**

**and profess your Resurrection**

**until you come again.**

### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

### LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Jn 20:27

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may

have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts.

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, alleluia, alleluia!

**R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

#### THE BREATH OF LIFE

Fear surrounds Jesus' disciples in this story from John's Gospel set on the night of his resurrection. They are closed in a room out of fear of the Jewish authorities. The Risen One comes into their midst, into the centre of their fears, and proclaims, 'Peace be with you.' Jesus offers his frightened disciples peace at a time when they feel a sense of potential annihilation by the very ones who had manufactured Jesus' execution.

His 'peace' is more than an encouragement not to worry; it is a prayer, his gift, for their wholeness and holiness. The prayer is accompanied by his breathing upon them—an echo of an earlier 'breathing' when Jesus 'breathes down' his spirit on to his mother and the Beloved Disciple at the moment of death. This is John's Pentecost scene. For John's audience, 'breathe' was a sign of life. Here, in the room's enclosure, Jesus' breathes onto his disciples his life which offers forgiveness.

The story concludes with Thomas and it is not about his 'doubting'. It is rather about his connection with the other disciples. Disconnected from them, he does not believe. When he reconnects with them a week later and Jesus reappears, Thomas comes to faith in the Risen Jesus. Two points emerge from this powerful story: Jesus' presence dispels fear; Easter faith is restored and deepened through belonging to a community of believers.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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## Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle



**PLAYGROUP**

Our Lady OF DOULING  
Chatswood Catholic Parish  
84 Archer St Chatswood 2067

All babies, toddlers, infants, parents & carers are welcome to join our Playgroup in the Magnificat Meeting Room every Thursday from 1pm - 2:30pm.

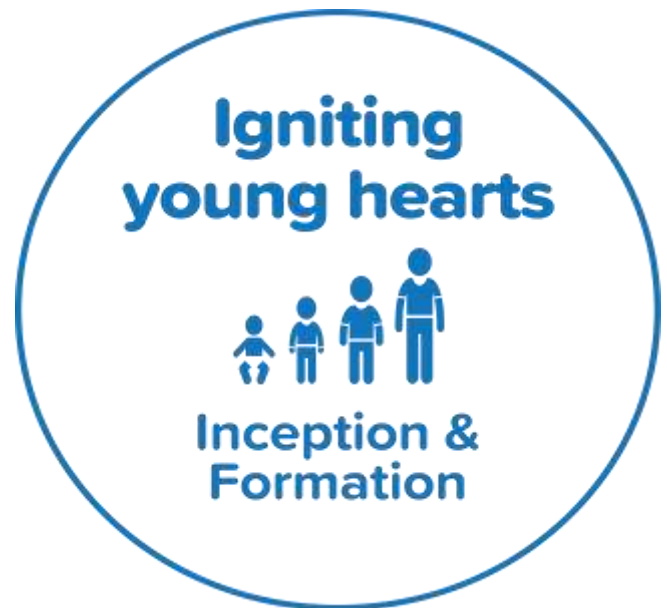
An opportunity for the children to socialise and play, while the parents can come together in fellowship. To register, please email [mona.sacuma@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mona.sacuma@bbcatholic.org.au) or call Mona on 9410 9000.

**WELCOME**

**PARENT & INFANT MASS**

Child friendly weekday Mass every Thursday 12:30pm

Attending Mass can often be stressful for a parent, particularly while juggling the needs of your child. This Mass is an opportunity to gather with other parents, without judgement, with the support of the Priest and parishioners.



## 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](mailto:chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au)



# Children's Liturgy



## At 9am Mass

...supports parents in helping their child nurture their relationship with God and with their Catholic friends.

*We need parents to support this important ministry by becoming a parent volunteer.*

Please consider joining our team of parents who support each other in this role and grow you own faith friendships at the same time.

Volunteers are rostered on once per month during the school terms.

If you can help or would like to know more about what's involved, please contact Angela at the parish office on 9410 9033 or [angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)



## *Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle and more*

For our families, no matter their children's ages, a special blessing is always offered at our 12:30 PM Mass every Thursday.

This week, we had the joy of welcoming school boys and their teachers from Penrith, who joined us while camping near Chatswood.

We warmly invite children of all ages to come and be part of this beautiful blessing.



Anthony, Caroline and Irene staffing our information booth  
At our Good Friday Stations of the Cross on the Concourse.



Our Easter Sunday morning celebration of Mass  
at St Peters Green, North Lane Cove.





## Sustaining our Future Community Circle

**Job Opportunity: Parish Engagement Officer**  
**Parish of Chatswood**  
**Full-Time Position**  
**Applications Close: Saturday, 17 May 2025**

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood is seeking a dynamic and personable **Parish Engagement Officer (PEO)** to help nurture a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming parish community. This pivotal role fosters a culture of connection and belonging for newcomers and long-standing parishioners alike.

**Key responsibilities include:**

- Personally welcoming and integrating new parishioners into the life of the parish
- Connecting people with ministries, volunteer roles and faith groups
- Coordinating welcome events and social gatherings
- Supporting a culture of Christian hospitality across parish programs and liturgies
- Assisting with communications including the weekly bulletin and ministry directory

**We're looking for someone who is:**

- Warm, relational and organised, with excellent communication skills
- Experienced in community engagement, volunteer coordination or parish life
- Proficient with digital tools and content creation
- Deeply committed to the mission and values of the Catholic Church

This is a rewarding opportunity to play a key role in growing a connected and caring parish culture.

**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 **Saturday, 17 May 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*

With such a sizeable asset, there is always repair and maintenance work required. This last week we have been able to attend to the rebuilding of the wall on the south-west corner of Harrington Hall which was in danger of collapse, having been undermined by a former gum tree and its roots. Thankfully, the wall is now complete and secure.



### From our Parish Pro-Life Group

#### Our greatest natural resource

Australia is blessed with many great natural resources like minerals, land, flora and fauna, great beaches and much more. But our greatest resource is our people whose skills, work and social involvement provide a standard of living and basis for enjoyment of life which we all value. No other resource can duplicate the role of people. No farmer or orchardist would willingly destroy a substantial portion of his crop and thereby forfeit much of his produce but anyone who destroyed any part of our national parks or native animals would feel the full weight of the law. Yet as a country, we eliminate a sizeable proportion of our population in the form of the unborn babies who are killed by abortion. Their potential is unrealized, the contribution they would make to our society is lost and yet we maintain a double standard of lauding the achievements of those in our society who contribute greatly in business, arts, sports, culture and other ways.

#### Women

Women contribute greatly to our society putting their professional abilities and services to greatly benefit our community. But today our society is directed to promoting women in areas that place them on par with men and make no distinction between male and female. Society pays little regard to the greatest contribution that women can make, namely those things which are particular to their own gender, that is motherhood and that of nurturing of children. Their bodies are designed by God in a most marvelous way to nourish a baby in its most fragile and formative months and to nourish and care for it after birth.

#### Equal before the Law

Our laws insist on equal opportunity and equal treatment under the Law regardless of race, creed, gender etc. The one great exception is the unborn who are denied recognition that the rest of the population receives. Although we have an extensive body of laws that protect children, this does not extend to the unborn as if the unborn and the born were two separate individuals, which of course they are not.

#### Helping the disadvantaged and marginalised

We give much attention to those in poverty, burdened by chronic illness, unemployment, homelessness, poverty and other disadvantages. Yet the unborn, who lack everything and are totally dependent for everything, do not receive the same consideration. And the consequences for them are far worse than other disadvantaged groups as their very existence is in jeopardy.



At Easter we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus who won for us the possibility of eternal life in heaven. Our Lord died not for some, but for all, including the unborn. In the eyes of God the souls of all persons, born or unborn, were the reasons for His death and resurrection. And he made no distinction between the unborn and the born.

What can you do to help the unborn babies?

You can join our Pro-life Rosary – every Thursday at 8 pm via Zoom. <https://zoom.us/j/8034195601>, or ID 8034195601 (no passcode required). Enquiries: 0466 961 240

Join the rally against the Greens Bill to force hospital and medical staff to carry out abortions – Wednesday, 7 May from 5.30-6.30 pm outside Parliament House at Macquarie Street







# UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE



Presented by  
**Charbel Raish**

**TUESDAY 20 May to 1 July 2025**  
**(7 weeks)**  
**7pm - 9pm**

**in the Magnificat Room,**  
**Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood**  
**94a Archer Street Chatswood**  
**(02) 9410 9000**

Register:



[parousiamedia.com](http://parousiamedia.com)





## ACCESSING AGED CARE SERVICES INFORMATION SESSION

**Thursday 1 May 2025**

Seniors & Grandparents Morning Tea  
10.00am

**Magnificat Meeting Room**

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Parish  
(access via Kirk Street, Chatswood)

Australia enjoys one of the highest standards of living in the world, and we're living longer. Getting older should be fun – you have more time to do things you have always wanted to, to socialise with friends and learn new things. However we know that navigating the aged care system can be daunting. The systems and supports available to older Australians seem to change constantly. There are so many questions to ask. From knowing where to start and what type of care and support you need – to availability and eligibility of Government support packages to help pay for your supports ... we'll talk you through the process.

### TOPICS:

- An overview of the aged care sector
- Types of aged care services available
- How to access services
- Common questions
- CatholicCare's support and services

### MORE INFO

P: 1800 324 924

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W: [www.catholiccaredbb.org.au](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au)



# Senior's & Grandparents Morning Coffee Time



**All are Welcome to join us on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Every Month  
10am Magnificat Room**

Join us for a delightful morning tea filled  
with good company, warm conversation,  
and plenty of laughter.

Connect with old friends and meet  
wonderful new ones too!

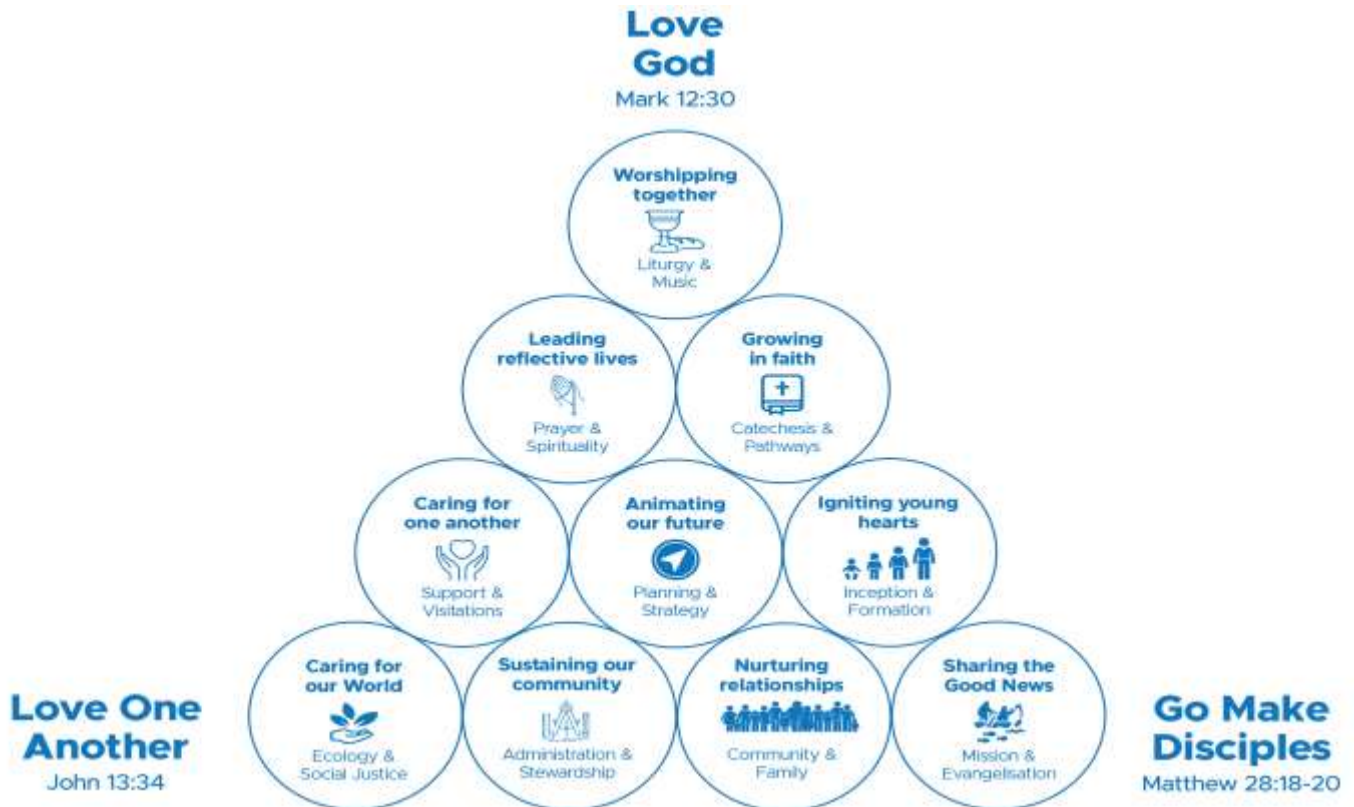
With thanks for our friends at Gregory & Carr Gordon  
for providing Morning Tea.

If you have any queries, please contact

[mona.souma@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mona.souma@bbcatholic.org.au)



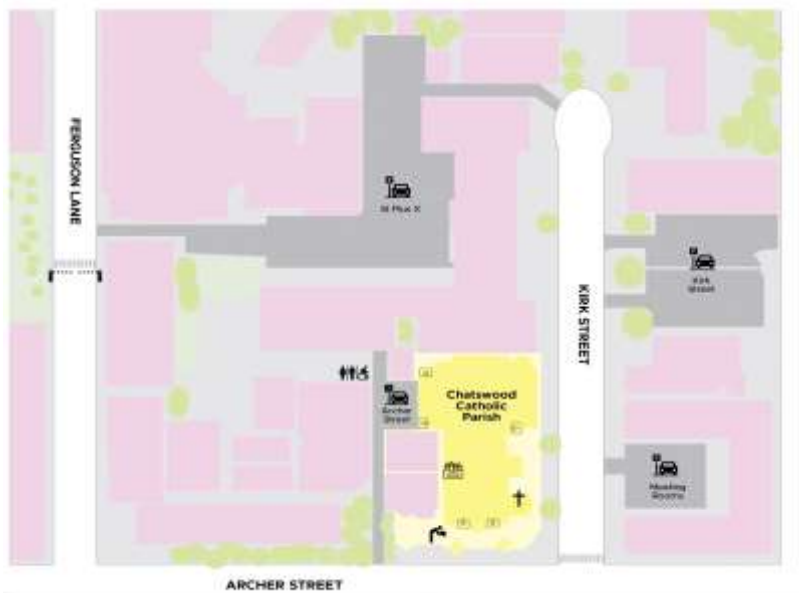
## Our Parish Ministry Circles



## Supporting our Parish Financially

Donation for	Description	BSB	Account Number
Clergy Giving (First collection) (support for Clergy)	Chatswood Parish Pastoral Revenue A/C	062-784	100001606
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



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



## Around and About

GOSFORD PARISH      SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II

# WALK OF HOPE

Way Way → East Gosford

## TO THE SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II

"Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged"

**12KM WALK**

**START: 9AM MASS**  
@ ST JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH, WOY WOY

**ARRIVE: 2PM**  
@ ST PATRICK'S EAST GOSFORD

**LUNCH: 2PM IN JORDAN ROOM**

**FINISH: 3PM**

**BRING:**  
COMFY SHOES  
HAT  
WATER BOTTLE  
MORNING TEA

**DATE & TIME:**  
**3RD MAY 2025**  
9AM - 3PM

REGISTER VIA THE QR CODE:



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT GOSFORD PARISH

THE SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II PRESENTS...

# FATIMA NIGHT

**Main celebrant:**  
Most Rev George Kolodziej SDS,  
Bishop of Bunbury

**10TH MAY MASS @ 5PM**

Followed by procession and recitation of multicultural rosary + blessing of Mary's grotto.

GOSFORD PARISH



**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 of May, we remember the following:**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 Fr Roger Delmon- te	2 Fr Vitalis Oguh	3 Fr Hien Vu	4 Fr Lucious Choi
5 Fr Peter DeSouza	6 Fr Peter Dowd Fr Stephen Hume	7 Fr Biju Matthew Koikkatil	8 Fr Jose Philip OSH	9 Fr Vincent Ngu- yen	10 Fr Shansana Samarasinghe	11 Fr Sam French
12 Fr David Ranson VG	13 Fr Anselam Lakra HGN	14 Fr Joey Frez	15 Fr Kelvin Lovegrove	16 Fr Biju Jose OSH	17 Fr Joy Thomas OSH	18 Fr Satheesh An- thony OSH
19 Fr Biju Mathew	20 Fr Joseph Methanath OSH	21 Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ	22 Fr Vincent Musin- dalo AJ	23 Fr Stephen Wayoyi AJ	24 Deacon Rosan Mathew	25 Brother John Verhoeven
26 Fr Tomy Kuruvellil Ouseph CFIC	27 Fr Baby Thomas CFIC	28 Fr Raul Balute SOLT	29 Fr Teody Medina SOLT	30 Fr Brian Moloney	31 Fr Eliseus Shin	

*The Catholic Weekly* is a weekly newspaper published by the Sydney Archdiocese and has many interesting Catholic articles. Our parish subscribes to 25 copies each week but an average of 7 copies has not been sold each week in the last few months. Please help support the *Catholic Weekly* if you can by purchasing a copy which costs only \$2, otherwise we may have to cease our subscription to this newspaper. Thank you.

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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 <b>(The Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated after Mass each Wednesday evening Mass and on the 3rd Wednesday of the month)</b>
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.