



Sunday 6 April 2025 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

 **Our Lady
of Dolours**

*The Catholic Parish of Chatswood
94 Archer 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.

我也不定你的罪；去罷！從今以後，不要再犯罪了！
若望福音8:11

Neither do I condemn you. Go, (and) from now on do not sin any more. **John 8:11**

**Do join us for a cup of tea following our
Sunday 7.30am Mass this Sunday**



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

Masses This Week

Monday	7 April	12.30pm	Monday of Lent Week 5
Tuesday	8 April	9.00am and 12.30pm	Tuesday of Lent Week 5
Wednesday	9 April	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm	Wednesday of Lent Week 5
Thursday	10 April	9.00am and 12.30pm	Thursday of Lent Week 5
Friday	11 April	7.00am, 9.00am and 12.30pm	Friday of Lent Week 5
Saturday	12 April	9.00am and 5.30pm	Saturday of Lent Week 5
Sunday	13 April	Usual times	Palm Sunday

Please Remember in our Prayer

For those recently died:

Hannah Meppem, wife of William Meppem, daughter-in-law of Bruce, passed away on Sunday, March 30th at 5:00 pm; 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:

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:

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 (husband of Sally Luxton, 19 March); Raymond Grannall; Edna Kenna; Bartolo Paino; Aida Freeman; Normand Erlex Hernandez Mallillin; Jakica Bacic; Manuel Antonio Gaspar (husband of Odete Gaspar).

Upcoming Events in our Parish

Sunday	6 April	Third Scrutiny for our Elect at 10.30am Mass
Monday	7 April	Parish and Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Retreat Day Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium Liturgy of Light and celebration
Tuesday	8 April	Opening of Sartor Centre by Bishop Randazzo, Pius X College Visit of Pilgrims from St John the Baptist Woy Woy, 10.30am—1.0
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)
Sunday	27 April	Divine Mercy Sunday and commencement of celebrations for Carlo Acutis

From Fr David

Dear friends,

Thank you to everyone who completed our Parish Connect 2025 card last weekend. They are available again this weekend for anyone who did not have the chance last week. Or, **alternatively, please use the QR code below to register online.** Your details are important to us! They ensure we have an accurate account of those who belong to our parish, especially of those who may be new to our community. This will also be of great assistance as our Parish migrates to a new database in the coming months.

As you will see much is happening in the life of our parish over these months. A very special word of gratitude to all those who work as hard in the background to make all these opportunities possible. There is much ahead for us too, especially with the celebration of Holy Week and Easter just around the corner, followed by our celebration of the canonization of Carlo Acutis which is scheduled for Sunday 27 April. Elsewhere in the bulletin we will see how we are undertaking all these events.

We have commenced 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.

This weekend we come together as Parish-in-Council for the sixth time. Again, an enormous word of gratitude to our Animating our Future Ministry Circle for enabling all these remarkable occasions to occur. At this gathering, we commence our conversation on how we can make our church as beautiful as possible for the years to come. Next week I will publish the opening remarks I make at our Parish-in-Council that set the context and the various stages for the journey into which we are being invited. In this way, we can enjoy a shared vision and commitment to all that we may undertake in the future to enable our church to be a sacred place of inspiration and hope not only for ourselves but for the many, many people that now come to visit us all through the day and the evening.

This weekend, I offer my fifth and final Reflection on Hope in this Year of Jubilee—Becoming Agents of Hope. However, after Easter I will bring all five reflections into a single booklet for our reflection throughout the rest of the year.



Reflecting on the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent by Fr David

In this story the voice of accusation dominates. The woman is accused. Her accusers demand satisfaction. The characters portray the destructive dynamic of accusation: how it perpetuates shame, how it leads to despair, how it works toward the isolation of the person. The voice of accusation shames; it isolates. Strangely our own shame almost requires accusation; it instinctively looks for accusation. It expects accusation for its validation. That is why people who carry within them a great reservoir of shame, albeit unknown to themselves, project a great deal of accusation onto others. Another's silence for example is interpreted as accusation. Another's delay is interpreted as punishment, and so forth. Shame needs accusation for its validation. In this story the voice of accusation has taken the upper hand. But Jesus refuses to enter it. When the accusers bring the shamed woman before him, demanding that he too accuse her, he remains silent. He simply plays in the sand. We do not need, I believe, to interpret too much into what is written in the sand. He simply bends down and doodles, perhaps. Yet in so doing, he silences the voice of accusation. He neutralizes it, disempowers it. He does not accuse. He does not collude to deepen the woman's shame. And therefore he creates a space for change to take place within her. But by not colluding with the voice of accusation, Jesus reveals to us something new of God. In God, there is no accusation. *In God, there is no accusation.* This is something deeply confusing to our shame. And so, through Jesus, the silence of God can no longer bear our projection of accusation. The silence of God no longer presents itself as accusation. Rather it offers itself as embrace, as acceptance, as a love

A Year of Jubilee



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

During this year we will 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.

For this occasion we will be joined by Cardinal Soane Patita Paini Mafi, Bishop of Tonga.

Tuesday	8 April 10.30am - 1.00pm	Parishioners from St John the Baptist Woy Woy
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, Willoughby
Sunday	10 August—2pm	Ryde Network of Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney

AT THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE
Take the challenge and join us for the



WALKING PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS
FROM MANLY TO CHATSWOOD
26.04.2025 FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM



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 live Tally on the 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.

Nurturing our Relationships Circle



Photos above of the very successful inaugural last Sunday of the month Community Lunch following our 10.30am Mass. Despite the inclement weather we enjoyed the company of over 200 people!



Photos from our delightful April Seniors Morning Tea last Thursday, featuring a serene meditation by Fr. Hien Vu, Easter goodie bags, and a fun Easter activity. Dear Parishioner if you couldn't make for this time, we'd love to see you at our next gathering on May 8th, where we'll be celebrating Mother's Day and birthdays!

Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle



Last Monday our church was filled with students from Our Lady of Dolours Primary School re-enacting and praying the story of Holy Week. Each class acted at one of the acts in the great drama of our salvation.

**Igniting
young hearts**



**Inception &
Formation**



Chatswood Catholic Parish
94 Archer St Chatswood 2067

PLAYGROUP

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 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.



Our Leading Reflective Lives Ministry Circle



Last weekend, some 20 of our parishioners journeyed to the Benedictine Abbey at Jamberoo, south of Sydney, for a wonderful weekend retreat, led by Fr Joey Frez.

It was a very rich opportunity to connect with the Lord, and with one another and to reflect on the call to greater discipleship.

We thank Fr Joey for his great accompaniment of the group over the weekend, and to the Sisters for their hospitality to us.



Our Spiritual Growth Book Club got underway last Friday evening. We have almost 30 people involved, though not all good be present for the first occasion.

We are using a series of 8 booklets on prayer sponsored by the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation for the 2024 Year of Prayer, accompanied by Fr David's YouTube videos on prayer that he made last year.

We will meet next on Friday 25 April at 6.45pm—8.00pm to reflect on the first booklet, and then each last Friday until November.

Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle



**Our Alpha Group, pictured above,
meets each Monday evening from 7pm, in now in its fifth week!**



A Report from our new HOPE Group (pictured above)

Our HOPE GRG class is now full. However, if we have more people showing interest, we will place them on a waiting list and ask them to join if anyone drops out.

It was wonderful to see everyone arrive on time for our first meeting, despite the rain and an accident at the Roseville Bridge.

We began with a prayer, lighting a candle to the Presence of the Holy Spirit, and then shared our personal stories about how we came to know Jesus.

A few of the members returned to OLOD. They are Catholics who have lost touch with their church and spiritual life, but have returned! How timely that this Sunday's gospel is about the Prodigal Son who returns to his father. It is also confirming that OLOD is revitalising the community at large, as people are returning to it.

We discussed how forgiving God is, sharing our insights on the Gospel, and how we need to work on those difficult areas of being more forgiving towards those who have wronged us. How can God help us do this when our capacities are sometimes limited? We discussed humility as all-important in recognising our shortcomings for not forgiving more readily. We close off with the Rosary Prayer for family and friends in need.



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.



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

6 APRIL 2025

STRAINING AHEAD. The Israelites in exile, St Paul the apostle and the woman caught in adultery all had shameful pasts. They acknowledged their sins but were not weighed down by them because they experienced the forgiveness of God. Freed of the burden of their sin they were able to continue on their way. We also are sinners but with God's forgiveness we too can put the past behind us and strain ahead for the prize to which God is calling us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You open for your people the way from death into life: 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.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 125. R. v. 3

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' / What marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, / carrying seed for the sowing; / they come back, they come back, full of song, / carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on



everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Joel 2:12-13

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

GOSPEL Jn 8:1-11

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.

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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. Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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 OR II OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

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

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: 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 Jn 8:10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

JESUS' LIBERATING GAZE

Today's Gospel from John might seem out of place in a year where the liturgical focus is on Luke. However, some scholars suggest that the story of a woman caught in an adulterous act belongs more in Luke's Gospel and became misplaced in time. Whatever of the story's history, it is the teaching that unfolds that is so important as we come to our final week in our Lenten journey.

In the story, the woman becomes a pawn in a dispute over Torah teaching and as an object to trap Jesus in his apparent moral liberality and rejection of Mosaic teaching. Never addressed is the way the knowledge of the woman's adulterous act is derived. How would her accusers know of her conduct if they had not set themselves in a position to spy upon her? They, too, are incriminated by their very witness. Jesus does not buy into their legal dispute nor their accusation of the woman.

As her accusers depart from the scene without condemning the woman, Jesus gazes upon her without judgement. His gaze frees her. The story leaves contemporary listeners with at least two insights. It affirms Jesus' forgiveness and his desire for our spiritual release. It also provides an opportunity to reflect on the way women are treated today in many contexts as objects of sexual desire, domestic violence, male abuse and pornographic depiction.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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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.



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 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





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. This 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



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

Caring for
our World



Ecology &
Social Justice



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





WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US FOR

HOLY WEEK

SUN

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**

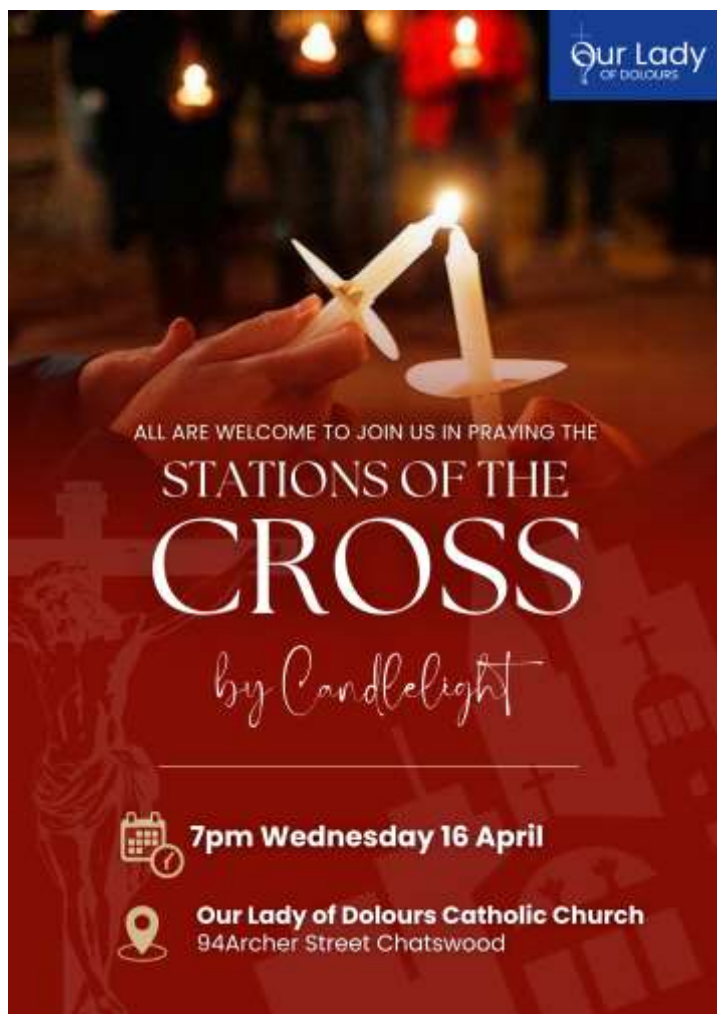
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APRIL 20
7PM

Easter

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

Our Worshipping Together Ministry Circle





Our Lady OF DOLOURS

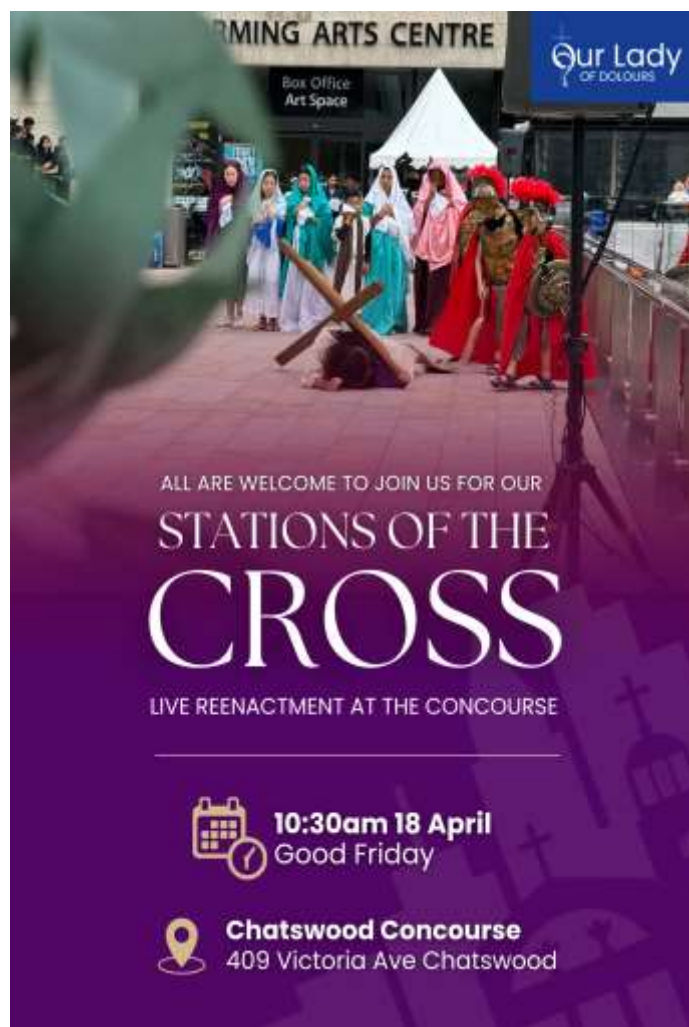
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US IN PRAYING THE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

by Candlelight

 **7pm Wednesday 16 April**

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



FORMING ARTS CENTRE


Box Office Art Space


Our Lady OF DOLOURS

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR OUR

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

LIVE REENACTMENT AT THE CONCOURSE

 **10:30am 18 April**
Good Friday

 **Chatswood Concourse**
409 Victoria Ave Chatswood



Our Lady OF DOLOURS

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

 **2:30pm - 4pm**
April 27

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



On the last Saturday of the month
Solemn Vespers is prayed in our church
by our beautiful parish schola at 4.45pm



Solemn Vespers

4:30PM EACH LAST SATURDAY
IN THE CHURCH

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE CANONISATION OF

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.



2 MAY 7PM

PRAISEFEST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH RECONCILIATION FROM 6PM



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC CHURCH

94 Archer St, Chatswood
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 **Our Lady**
OF DOLOURS

Our Leading Reflective Lives Ministry Circle


Stations of the Cross during Lent

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



Date : **11 April (CCA Group)**
Time : **11:30 AM and 7:00 PM**



"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)



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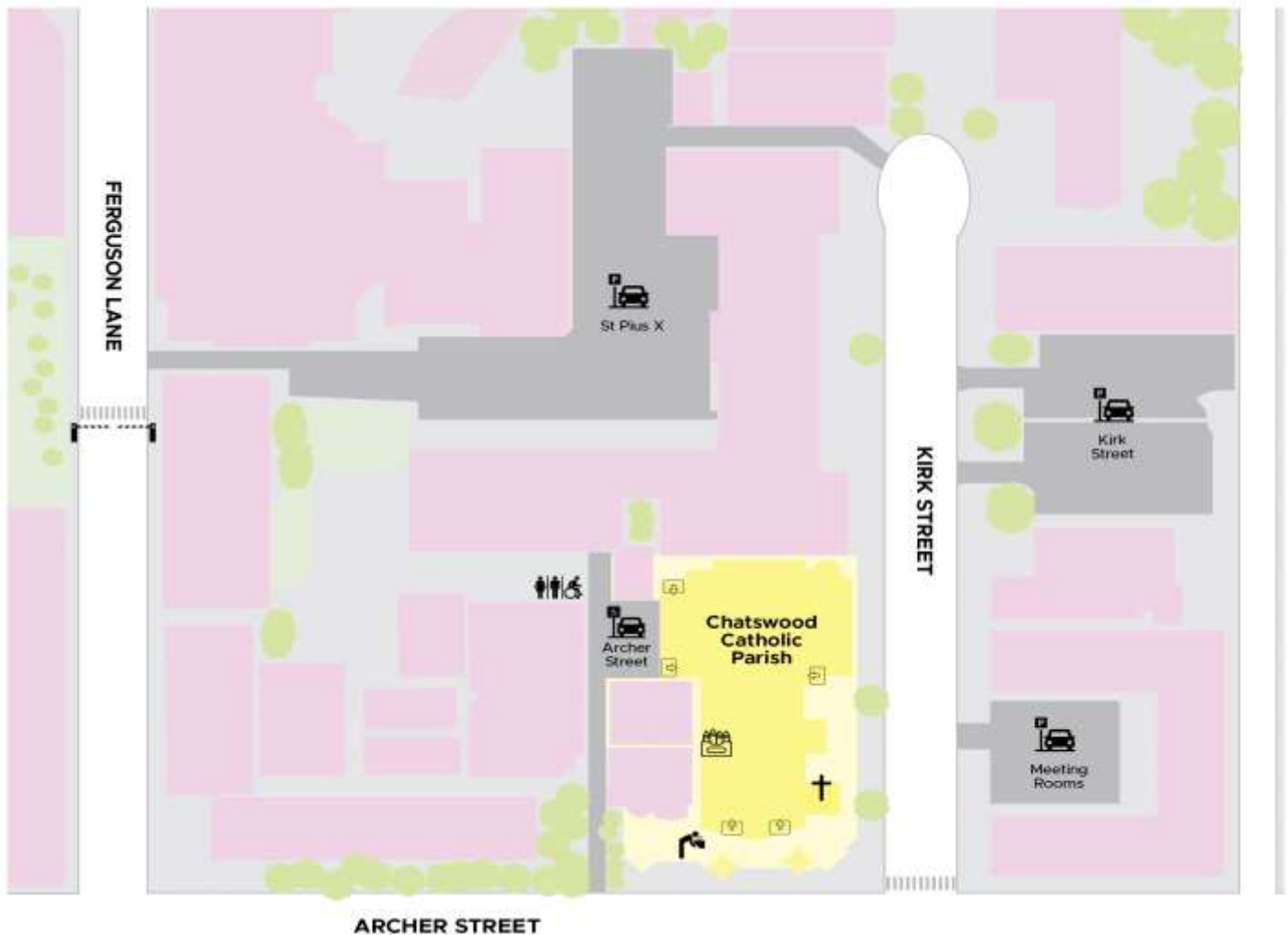
DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE
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• www.divineretreatcentre.org • www.facebook.com/divineretreatcentersomersby

VISIT THE SHRINES AT DRC, SOMERSBY.
OPEN FROM 8.00AM TO 6.00PM.

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



Parking at Our Lady of Dolours



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.

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

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



SHARING YOUR FAITH

DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

Saturday, 12 April 2025 | 9.30am – 12.00pm
St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta

GUEST SPEAKER



Peter Holmes, PhD

Peter Holmes was trained and served as a Lutheran Minister before working in counselling, consulting and teaching roles within the Catholic Archdioceses of Melbourne and Sydney after his conversion to Catholicism. He spent 6 years as the Manager of Studies for Catholic Adult Education Sydney. Since 2007, Peter has lectured in Scripture, Theology and biblical languages (Hebrew and Greek). Peter's research interests include the relationship between the Old and New Testaments, the relationship between faith and reason and his PhD on the theology of masculinity. Peter is married with eight children.

Our Lord's great commission to evangelise all peoples is the duty of every Christian. Not only are we to draw our children and families to Christ but Our Lord impressed upon us the urgency to draw all people to Christ. That's all great but how do you do that without doing the exact opposite; turning people off from Christ?

What do we need to consider before we even start sharing our faith?

What are the barriers that people have to faith?

What are the kinds of roadblocks that people have to faith?

How do people convert anyway?

What are the things that would most facilitate the conversion of someone?

These and many more questions will be covered in this important workshop.



A CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION NSW EVENT

Friends and Relatives welcome | Morning Tea Provided

Register at

<https://acma.glueup.com/event/sharing-your-faith-difficult-conversations-133674/>

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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.