



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
12 December 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Dr Ley Mary Chea,
Gordon Thomas

Deceased: Joseph Hyung Kyu Oh

Recently Deceased: Masaki Iwatani

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Chatswood
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**DON'T FORGET OUR
CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER.
THIS WEEKEND, SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER
ON THE CHURCH FORECOURT
8.30AM – 12.30PM.**



Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

This Sunday's spirit of rejoicing that God is near is the joyful attitude with which we can respond to God's nearness all the time. God comes to us in love, whether or not we are ready to receive him. Like the crowds with John the Baptist, we wonder what to do in response to God's nearness. Do we avoid God because of fear or apathy due to lost hope? or do we respond joyfully as John the Baptist suggests, being generous and honest, just and fair, and aware of our responsibilities as son or daughter, brother or sister, student or friend, employee or teammate? Our challenge is to bring the hope we have found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Good News of a God who is near, to everyone.

A very special thank you to all those who have sent a contribution to the making of our parish Christmas video. This will only be shared in the parish via a USB clip and with our friends in our local nursing homes. For the safety of all, parental permission has been received for the presence of any children in the video.

*This weekends' flowers have been donated in Thanksgiving
for Joseph Hyung Kyu Oh*

Within our Parish



PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS!

How to do this? Let the Piety Stall help you!

- ❖ Send a nativity-themed Christmas card. Packs of 8 cards available at \$4.00 each. Loose cards from \$2.00 each.
- ❖ Give your child a nativity ornament to hang on your Christmas tree. From \$4 each.
- ❖ Display a nativity scene in your home. Place an all-in-one very cute nativity set in your child's room. From \$7.
- ❖ Give a gift that lasts all year long. **Columban religious art calendars have arrived**, available at \$10.00 each; God's Word daily readings and reflections at \$15 each.



BRINGING BACK THE FUN AFTER THE LOCKDOWN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

EAT, PRAY & CHILL

December 9, 16, 23

6:30 - 9:30 : Food Truck Opens

7:00 - 8:00 : Exposition & Prayer

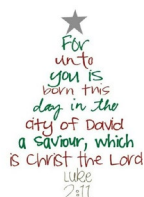
8:00 - 9:30 : Music/Entertainment

Our Lady of Dolours Church
94 Archer St, Chatswood
(02) 9410 9000



Children's Mass 24 Dec - 5:30pm
Vigil Mass 24 Dec - 8pm
Midnight Mass 24 Dec - 12:00am
Christmas Day 25 Dec - 7:30am
25 Dec - 9:00am
25 Dec - 10:30am

Parking via Kirk Street. There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – FORECOURT CONCERTS

Our Parish community will share the Christmas joy through music in the forecourt. We seek people who would like to gift their time to set up the forecourt between 5pm and 6pm, and pack up from 9:30pm on Thursday 9, 16 and 23 December. Please call Marte 0424 662 668 to indicate the time and date you are able to assist. We thank you in advance.

LAUNCH OF SIMBANG GABI (NOVENA DAWN MASSES)

Our Parish has been celebrating Simbang Gabi for 5 years now.

The Most Reverend Bishop Anthony Randazzo will launch *Simbang Gabi 2021* here in our Parish on Saturday, 11 December at 7pm.

Our Parish recognises that our church community is made up of baptised people from many places and we are blessed to witness and experience the Filipino way of waiting for the coming of Jesus Christ by adorning the church with parols (stars).

"The parol symbolizes that **their home is open and ready to receive Jesus Christ** (as we know the 9-day novena masses represents the 9 months Christ was in Mary's womb), also, it symbolizes that they are awake and ready to join the procession towards the church."

Please book to attend the launch <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=843877&>



铁磨铁·磨出刃来·朋友相感·也是如此。

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

Child Related Ministry

Working with Children Check clearances extended in September are coming up for renewal. Renew early to avoid delays over the holiday season.

From Fr David

Dear friends,

Last Wednesday, on 8 December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, we celebrated the 111 anniversary of the establishment of our Parish! We give God thanks for the continuity of our Catholic Faith in our neighbourhood and region over such a long time, full of anticipation about our future.

We have our church bell ringing again! On your behalf, a most profound word of gratitude to Mr Thomas Perrins who has voluntarily restored the bell and has it sounding again! The bell had to be removed from its frame which had rusted and a new stainless-steel frame has been established. The rusted clapper has been removed and a special external hammer pertinent to the bell was procured from Perth. The bell is now connected to a control box which enables it to ring at the start of every Mass – except the Sunday 7.30am Mass. Over summer, Thomas will also arrange for the Angelus to ring at 12noon and at 6pm. The restoration of our bell has been a special delight this year! Again, our enormous gratitude to Thomas. Please keep him very much in your prayer, especially as he prepares for his wedding day!

We are also pushing ahead with implementing very significant upgrades to the sound system in our church. As everyone would appreciate this has been a long-standing issue. We are now hopeful that this will be addressed in time for Christmas. You will notice that there has been some activity in respect to this over the last week. The new speakers and software have yet to be connected and programmed but we are now definitely making progress. We are very grateful to Mr Ben Thrum who has assisted us in the most amazing way with this project. The interior space of the church is challenging for a sound engineer. However, we do believe we can get it right.

So many people have been working so hard to make our church as festive as it looks for Christmas. My very special thanks to Fr Joey and his most extraordinary team who have worked long into the past nights to create such an amazing effect. It has been quite moving to see people pass the church of an evening and come in off the street to admire the lights and decorations. It all speaks of vitality and invitation, and such initiative continues to create the sense of being a church in the city. As well, Katya Polimeni Leung has been so busy working with many of our parishioners, families and groups ahead of our Christmas Carols event on Saturday 18 December. Do be sure to put the occasion in your calendar! Our music groups are rehearsing for Christmas too! We are hoping that, after such a long and difficult year, our Christmas will bring joy.

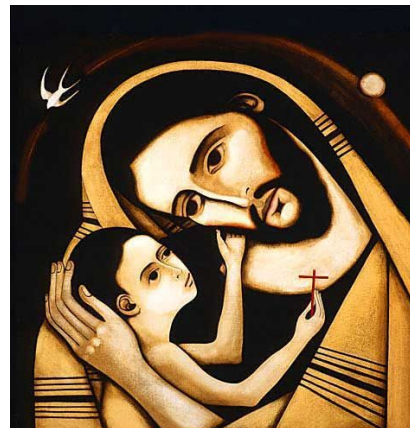
This Thursday, our Filipino Community commences the Simbang Gabi – a novena of dawn Masses. From Thursday 16 December to Friday 24 December Mass will be celebrated in our church each morning at 5.30am. Everyone is most welcome to participate. What a powerful way to complete our Season of Advent and to prepare for Christmas

With the arrival of 15 December, the NSW Government is set to further ease COVID restrictions. We will advise everyone further next week as to the implications of the change. However, at this stage it does not seem that there will be a need to book ahead for Masses over the Christmas period.

This Sunday we have our Christmas Bake Sale! And don't forget our Christmas Forecourt Concerts of a Thursday evening. We will have a very special visitor on Thursday 23 December. The details of these are all in our parish bulletin.

And lastly, a warm cheerio to all our students and teachers of our schools for whom this is the last week of what has been a very challenging year. May the holidays ahead be peaceful and safe.

Fr David



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH ST JOSEPH – A MAN OF LAW

a reflection by
Maria Casey rsj

Sr Maria Casey is a sister of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and a former president of the Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand. She was the postular for the cause of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's canonisation. **Download the PDF from:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sDcHRHjPCd05NnlqBD9YzF-AsvqIRsRr/view>

Baptisms:

Nathan Haru Sumardi and
Augustine John Yacobellis



Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Mass



All children who would like to be involved in the Nativity play at the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass, please come to the **Blue Room** (*Where we hold Children's Liturgy*) after the 9.00am Family Mass on Sunday 12th December.

We will allocate roles and have a quick first practice at this meeting.

There will be two further practices as follows;
Sunday 19 December: in the Blue Room at 10.15am after the 9am mass.

Thursday 23 December: Rehearsal in the Church at 3.00pm

Any enquiries about the Children's Christmas Mass please contact Mona in the parish office on 9410 9024 or Mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au



MARY MAGDALENE THE MYTHS, THE CONTROVERSY AND THE GOSPEL TEXTS

Dr Debra Snoddy, lectures in Biblical Studies at Catholic Institute Sydney. Debra is an engaging presenter with a wealth of experience in both academic teaching and adult faith formation. She will present this seminar to mark International Women's Day which occurs on 8 March. If there are COVID restrictions, the seminar will move to zoom.

Contact: gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au

Our Lady of Dolours Church Chatswood

Appeal for gifts donations

Chinese Catholic Association
Lunar New Year Fund Raising for Jesuit Refugee Services

Items required: Large gifts for raffle tickets draw
Small gifts for Lucky Dip draws

Draw date: 6/2/2022 Sunday after 10:30am Mass & Lion Dance
(The sixth day of the Lunar New year of the Tiger)

Place: Church Forecourt 94 Archer Street Chatswood

Raffle tickets drawn by Rev Fr. David Ranson
Lucky Dip by yourselves (Instant sure wins)

Large gift donations notification:
Please send notification to amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au of your large gifts donations preferably before 15/12/2021 giving the gifts' name, description, estimated value and attaching its picture.

Gifts drop offs to the Parish office- 94 Archer Street Chatswood from Monday to Thursday during office hours (9am to 4 pm):
From now to 23 December 2021 Thursday, and
From 4 Jan 2022 Tuesday till 27.1.2022 Thursday.

Please contact Amelia at amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au or call 94109032 for any enquiry, and/or if you would like to volunteer to help with this event.

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車士活悲傷聖母天主堂
筹集禮物呼吁
華人天主教教友團
為耶穌會难民服務农历新年籌款

所需物品: 抽獎大禮包
幸運抽獎的小禮物

抽獎日期: 6/2/2022 周日 10:30am 彌撒及舞獅之後
(虎年正月初六) 地點: 車士活愛卡街94號教堂前院
94 Archer Street Chatswood Church Forecourt

大禮包抽獎券由大衛臣神父抽取。
小禮物幸運抽獎 (自助-人人有獎)

大額禮物捐贈通知:
請最好在 15/12/2021 之前發送通知至 amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au
提供禮物的名稱、描述、估計價值和圖片

禮物收集: 請在星期一至星期四辦公時間內(9am to 4 pm)
送禮物到教區辦公室-車士活愛卡街94號:
從即日起至 2021 年 12 月 23 日星期四, 以及
從 2022 年 1 月 4 日星期二到 2022 年 1 月 27 日星期四。

如有任何查詢或願意參加義工行列, 請發送電子郵件至
amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au 或致電 94109032 Amelia.