



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
19 December 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Dr Ley Mary Chea,
Gordon Thomas

Deceased Anniversaries: Marija Vlatko
Rulo, Christopher Dignam, Mollie
Curtin

Deceased: Anne Peck-Koon Chung,
members of Curtin, Rolfe, Hughes and
Egan families

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOuWB-xkzimV6TdjNbTbSnw>

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Luke 1:26-38

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we hear of God's plan to send the long-awaited Messiah into the world. Unlike various books of the Old Testament that merely hint at how God will do this, the Gospel of Luke actually spells out the plan. A girl named Mary, who lives in the insignificant city of Nazareth in the Galilee territory, learns from the angel Gabriel of her role in this plan. Mary, who is still a virgin, is betrothed but not yet married to Joseph. Gabriel says to Mary: "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you" (1:28). Mary must be troubled or afraid by the appearance of the angel; she is in her parents' home and must wonder, "How did he get in?" Gabriel wishes to waylay her fears: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God" (1:30). The angel goes on to reveal the reason for God's having sent him: "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus" (1:31), which means "God saves." Jesus "will be called the Son of the Most High" (1:32), and he will sit on the throne of his ancestor King David and rule over the house of Jacob forever.

Mary's response is unbelievably practical. She doesn't get caught up in what the angel says about her son's reigning over a kingdom for eternity; instead, she asks, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" (1:34). The angel explains that through the power of the Holy Spirit, she will conceive and "therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God" (1:35). Gabriel helps Mary accept that this will come to pass by telling her about her cousin Elizabeth who, unable to have children because of her advanced age, now finds herself pregnant by the power of God. The angel states, "Nothing will be impossible with God" (1:37).

Relying entirely on God, Mary responds, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word" (1:38). Mary strives to do God's will even though she doesn't know the full ramifications of saying yes to God. She trusts that God will provide for her. We look to Mary as the first Christian disciple because she surrenders to God's plan for her life. She not only accepts God's call but shows remarkable patience as her life begins to change as a result. For this reason, she is indeed favored by God.

*This weekends' flowers have been donated in Thanksgiving
by Agatha Yeon Sook Hwang*

Within our Parish



BRINGING BACK THE FUN AFTER THE
LOCKDOWN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

EAT, PRAY & CHILL

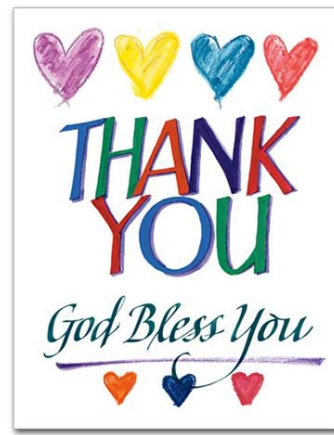
December 9, 16, 23

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
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Christmas Masses (All masses in Church):

No need to book in for Masses

Children's Mass 24 Dec - 5:30pm

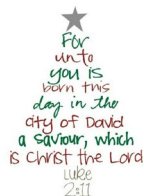
Vigil Mass 24 Dec - 8pm

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.

COMMEMORATIVE MASS FOR CHILDREN who have died before birth through abortion, miscarriage, or stillbirth on Tuesday 28 December at 9 am & 12.30 pm - (Feast of the Holy Innocents):



Children who lose their lives before birth are ensouled by God, loved by Him, and created for eternal union with him in heaven. In this Mass we invoke God's love and mercy by our

prayers and ask God, in His infinite goodness to ensure that these children enjoy union with God in heaven. We pray too for their mothers. You are invited to place a candle on the table near the lectern to commemorate these children.

Christmas Reconciliation Times:



Saturday 18 December 9.30am

Tuesday 21 December 9.30am & 1.00pm
Wednesday 22 December 9.30am & 1.00pm

Thursday 23 December 7.00pm

Friday 24 December 9.30am

听智慧人的责备，强如听愚昧人的歌唱。

It is better to heed a wise man's rebuke than to listen to the song of a fool.

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,

What a wonderful Bake Sale Fundraiser we enjoyed last Sunday 12 December! It was wonderful to see our parish community come together to plan, prepare, bake, sell and promote this event. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success: a special word of gratitude to Noelle Wilkin-Smith and her team for their tireless effort to corral everyone. Thank you to all who donated and bought the baked goods. **Together we raised \$3,034.40** which will be distributed to the Maubara Orphanage in Timor Leste and to the Bourke and Brewarrina parishes in north western NSW.

Even with the inclement weather we have enjoyed Forecourt Christmas concerts over the last couple of Thursday evenings from 8pm following our Holy Hour at 7pm. Do come along next Thursday evening at 8pm for a very special visitor! And of course, this Saturday evening following our **5.30pm Vigil Mass we have a wonderful occasion of Christmas Carols** for which Katya Polimeni-Leung and her team have been working so hard. It promises to be a joy-filled occasion and so be sure to join in the festivity!

As we prepare spiritually for Christmas in this final week of Advent you may like to watch the YouTube presentation we provided last weekend on the beautiful liturgical antiphons that conclude our season of waiting. This can be accessed at <https://youtu.be/4eJY5CA43D8>. **Also, through this coming week we will make available the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 9.30am and at 1.00pm after each of our weekday Masses, as well as during our Holy Hour on Thursday 23 December at 7pm.**

All is in readiness for our celebration of Christmas next weekend. Our Christmas Mass Times are on Friday 24 December at 5.30pm (Children's Mass), 8.00pm, 12 midnight and on Saturday 25 December at 7.30am, 9.00am and at 10.30am. **Might someone be available to assist with parking management on Friday evening and Saturday morning?** If so, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Might you let Nicole in our Parish Office know? A very special thank you to all our musicians who have been practicing so hard for the celebrations!

Having arrived at 15 December, the NSW Government has relaxed most COVID restrictions. Though masks are encouraged, they are no longer mandatory in our church. There is no density limit. And all can now sing! **However, we do need to continue to register our attendance through the QR code.** Notwithstanding, we appreciate the very dramatic increase of infections currently occurring. It is important, therefore, that we continue to

ensure that people are kept as safe as possible. To this end, I have asked that all those who may assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, and all those who may take Holy Communion to those who are housebound be fully vaccinated.

Next weekend we will publish a bumper bulletin! We have some new pastoral initiatives even through January!

Praying for you all as we enter our Season of Joy. May the peace of the Divine Child be birthed anew in our hearts!

Fr David

CENACLE OF THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS (MMP)

The Marian Movement of Priests was founded by Father Stefano Gobbi in 1972, on the 55th anniversary of Our Lady of Fátima. The MMP is an international movement consisting of priests, religious and laity who are bound in fraternal love for the Lord, His Church and each other and who are particularly devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The aim of the movement is to draw priests and religious together in prayer guided by Our Lady through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Here in our parish, the Cenacle of the MMP meets every Monday at 11.45 am near Our Lady's shrine, preceded by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11.30 am. At the meeting we pray the rosary and also for the Holy Father, read a passage from the Blue Book (*To the Priests, Our Ladies Beloved Sons*) and make an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please feel free to join us whenever you have the time.

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

Fr. Roni George VC
DRC, SOMERSBY

Fr. Joby George VC
DRC, SOMERSBY

7TH JAN 2022
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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**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



**Christmas Mass times
are now on our website.**

BRINGING CHRISTMAS JOY TO THOSE ON THE MARGINS

On Saturday 11th December, our parish welcomed young people with a disability and their families to a Christmas BBQ to share the joy of the season with them. There were over 20 guests and an army of helpers both from the parish and from St Pius X. The students were a huge hit with the young ladies and the guys who loved being included and feeling part of a shared event. John and Carol Russell were our BBQ chefs and delivered plates of sausages with perfect timing. Many helpers came to decorate beforehand (with special mention of Chet Catapang and Rosetta Kosch) and were especially helped by the wonderful Bolus family. Gillian Hawkins did the shopping for the BBQ and stayed on after preparing the Catechists' lunch to prepare this one and was on her feet for 8 hours straight. Many people brought salads, slices and cakes to be enjoyed. Part way through the meal young James who is 19 with vision and hearing impairment, who had not spoken above a whisper for the past hour, suddenly announced in a loud voice, 'This is fun!'. Karen, a 20 year old young man from Persia with severe and complex needs,



brought his grandparents with him and enjoyed a special hug from Fr David who had baptised and confirmed him. For the young people's parents, it was a special joy to be able to relax and chat to each other knowing that their children were being kept happily entertained by parishioners and students. The Filipino Chaplaincy contributed generously to the cost of the event. Yvonne Corpuz shared some photos of the afternoon with these beautiful and insightful words: "They say that a picture is worth a thousand words. Here are some pictures of that beautiful, heartwarming afternoon. I wanted to share these as they remind me so much of what Fr. David has mentioned in his homily -- that in our woundedness is the space for both hurt and hope. Last Saturday afternoon, that hope -- on many dimensions -- was so clearly palpable."