



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

24 October 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE
PRAY FOR:

Sick: Gordon Thomas

Recently Deceased: Liam Vinci

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**Congratulations to
Fr Aldrin Valdehueva
on his Ordination last Monday
18 October 2021.**

Within our Parish

ORDERING A COVID-19 CHECK-IN CARD

For people who don't have a Smart Phone or Tablet, the NSW Government is introducing the COVID-19 Check-In Card. This card will allow you to check-in to places without the need for a phone. The COVID-19 Card may be requested through the internet <https://apply.service.nsw.gov.au/covid-checkin-card/> or contact RMS directly on 13 77 88.

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. (According to the organization, its members now include over 400 Catholic cardinals and bishops, more than 100,000 Catholic priests, and several million lay Catholics worldwide!)

Here in our parish, the Cenacle of the MMP meets every Monday at 11.45am near Our Lady's shrine. As lay associates of the movement, the aim of the Cenacle is to pray for priests and for the Holy Father. 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. The whole procedure takes only about 30 minutes. Do you have 30 minutes a week to spare to join us in this devotion?" We resume our meeting in the church on Monday 25 October at 11.45am (Mass commences at new time of 12.30pm)

Chinese Bible quote:
Resentment kills a fool,
and envy slays the simple.
忿怒害死愚妄人，嫉妒杀死痴迷人

To book in for Weekend Mass, please go to our website or click on this link:
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/news-events/events> Mass bookings will open each Monday at 12noon.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
The Parish Office will be closed on a Friday until early December.



WORLD MISSION DAY
Catholic Mission, as the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies, work on behalf of Pope Francis to support Church-run mission programs around the world.

This year, we are invited to partner with the essential work of the **Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand**, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies. These mothers find hope and a new start at the Mother and Babies Home at the Good Shepherd Centre.

By providing a loving home, a community of women from similar backgrounds, parenting skills training and pre- and post-natal medical care, the Good Shepherd Sisters are supporting women and their babies in need.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



Please give via the QR code, call 1800 257 296 or visit catholicmission.org.au/Thailand

For we **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD**
ACTS 4:20

You are warmly invited to attend
Seminars in October on
Blessed Virgin Mary

	
Topic: Mary, the Teacher 24 Oct Sunday 7:30 PM Speaker: Deacon Kevin	Topic: Mary, Woman of Nazareth 31 Oct Sunday 7:30 PM Speaker: Fr David

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86715066560?pwd=S1EyUllzZVdOakl0aklyMmFmL1VlZz09>

Meeting ID: 867 1506 6560
Passcode: 470319

From Fr David

Dear friends

What an extraordinary moment for our parish community last Tuesday evening when, after months of lockdown, we were able to gather with such joy for our first Eucharist. And a very special celebration of Mass it was as the Mass of Thanksgiving for our newly ordained priest, Fr Aldrin Valdehueza. The excitement was palpable and the joy so evident. Thank you to all those who made this occasion such a special one, firstly for Fr Aldrin himself but indeed for our whole parish family. We give God thanks for his gift to us of Fr Aldrin and for his two confreres ordained with him, Fr Sam French and Fr Roger Delmonte. We look forward to Fr Aldrin leading us at Eucharist especially this weekend on which he will celebrate the Saturday 5.30pm, the Sunday 9.00am and the Sunday 5.30pm Masses. This will enable many to wish him well.

Yes, our Masses have recommenced according to their usual schedule with the addition of a 12.30pm Mass Monday to Friday. We are limited to welcoming 150 into our church for each occasion. So, we need to return to our booking system via our parish website for weekend masses. As you know, places of public worship are exempt from the requirement of vaccination. We do not need to determine people's status on their entry. This means that there may be both vaccinated and unvaccinated people in the church at any time. This has underscored the important principle that the Sacraments are not only for one group of people, but are readily available to all irrespective of health. However, it also means that we must make some personal decisions in regard to whether this is a safe time for us to return to the church. We fully accept the personal responsibility people need to exercise during this stage of emergence from lockdown, and for this Bishop Anthony continues to suspend the Sunday Obligation. However, if you are vaccinated and do not yet consider that it is safe for you to come to Mass do let me know and we will see what we can do to ensure that you do receive the Sacraments during this time. We continue to look forward to that time when it is safe for us all to come back together but we realise in the meantime this may occur little by little, stage by stage.

We welcome Mona Saouma who has joined us as our Children's Ministry Assistant this week. Mona will be of tremendous help to our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Angela Hague.



This weekend we also publish our Parish's Annual Financial Report that will be sent electronically along with our parish bulletin. My sincere thanks to our Parish Finance Committee and to our Parish Staff for their diligence in putting the report together. It is not only a statement of our current situation financially but it has also been a great opportunity to acknowledge all that we have been able to achieve over this last year.

Once again, the community of St Pius College has been stuck by tragedy with the death on early Monday morning of Liam Vinci, who graduated from the College last year. Liam was an exceptional student and athlete and the news has come as an enormous shock to all at the school. This is the second loss of life in almost as many months. Our hearts go out to Liam's family at this incredibly painful time and to the whole school community. Let us never cease to hold the lives of those we love as the most precious gifts never to be taken for granted.

Looking forward to seeing many of you again this weekend and in the coming weeks!

Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG





Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

Today's Gospel reading (Mark 10:46-52) seems to stand on its own as a whole story, but there are links before and after it that show this episode to be integral to a fuller story. Here we hear Mark's first use of the title "Son of David" that proclaims Jesus to be King and Messiah, though he later (12:35-37) contests this title as applicable to the Messiah, yet is then called by, and suffers and dies under, the title of "King of Israel". The story of Bartimaeus, though without the name, is found also in Luke 18:35-43 and in two forms in Matthew 9:27-31 and 20:29-34. The accounts by Matthew and Mark agree in setting the story as Jesus, heading to Jerusalem, leaves Jericho with a multitude following him. It might be considered that there would have been many heading that way for the approaching feast of Passover, but Mark puts it in specific language to indicate their following him, not merely their being on the same road; he gives us a picture more like a triumphal procession, and indeed the following story is of the triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Mark is the only evangelist to put the units into this precise order, and with the threads that tie it into one story in another of his "sandwiches", the sub-unit of Bartimaeus being framed by the beginning and end of the procession from Jericho to Jerusalem. The nature of that procession is so obvious that even blind Bartimaeus recognises it and hails Jesus with the regal title, "Son of David".

The fickle crowd first scolds and shushes blind Bartimaeus, but then encourages him when Jesus summons him. Just like the disciples, these people do not understand Jesus. In the face of this lack of understanding Mark gives us another unique feature: Bartimaeus, throwing off his outer garment, leaps to his feet and walks to Jesus. It is often conjectured that his casting aside of his cloak was an act of faith, manifesting his belief he would not need it for begging anymore, because it is thought to have functioned either as the sign of a beggar or as a receptacle to collect money. The first at least is not convincing, for the *himation*, an outer garment, is common to all and is not the prerogative of beggars. Indeed, before long (11:7-10), some of the crowd will throw their own cloaks on a colt while others will spread theirs on the road, and all will acclaim Jesus as the one who brings the kingdom of their father David.

The description of Bartimaeus casting off his cloak may still betoken putting off an old way of life, an image Paul uses well, but more striking is the blind man walking to Jesus through the crowd. It is in having leapt to his feet and walking that he is most vulnerable, and while the crowd may now willingly assist, it is in any case a walk of faith similar to the walk of faith of Jesus himself. Jesus asks him the same question he asked the brothers James and John: "What do you wish (that I may do)?" Mark then transmits the Aramaic address, *Rabbuni*, otherwise found only in John, before he states his wish, "That I may see." When he is told to go, his faith having saved him, he instead follows Jesus on the way. Jesus now has one disciple shown to understand, and a whole throng who do not—a throng and disciples who will desert him. Bartimaeus is here the model disciple. But is he also the young man dressed only in a linen shift, without *himation*, the only one left after all the others flee (14:50-52), who then flees naked? That is conjecture for another time. The scene of today's passage forms part of the fuller story showing the path of Jesus to be decidedly and purposely fixed on Jerusalem and the cross. It is a journey that deeply challenges his disciples, shaking them all to their core.