



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

7 November 2021 – Year B/1

## WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Gordon Thomas,

**Deceased Anniversaries:**

Silvio Ventura, Giuseppina Tesoriero, Marina Paino, Dr Franko Stanich, Marko & Mara Stanich Olso, Siegfried & Michaela Korb, Maria Gussnig, Josef Egger, Hubert Gussnig, Diana Carson

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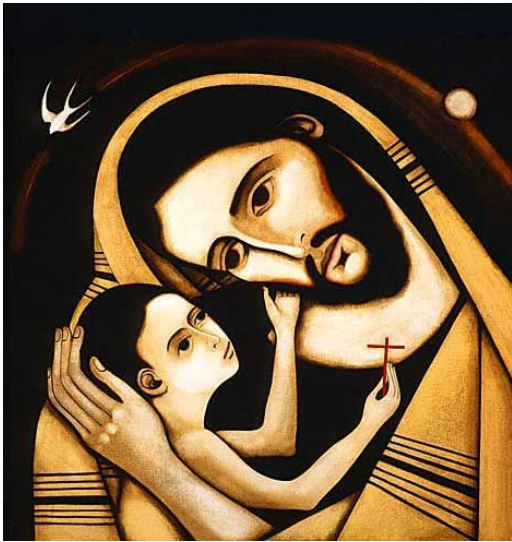
**Mark 12:38-44**

Between last Sunday's Gospel reading (Mark 12:28-34) and today's (Mark 12:38-44) we miss Jesus contending with the scribes about the identification of the Messiah as Son of David, mentioned two weeks ago in the story of Bartimaeus. It also omits the immediately preceding verse which indicates that the great throng from the Bartimaeus story was still with him. Today Jesus warns about the scribes who, in contrast to Bartimaeus who threw off his *himation*, like to wear a *stolē* (a more formal outer garment than the *himation*) and who, in accord with the favour asked three Sundays ago by James and John, want the seats of honour at feasts. These are not students nor ministers of the Kingdom (unless like the one from last Sunday's gospel), for they devour the property of widows – apparently a parallel to the rich man four Sundays ago whose wealth had been perhaps gained in fraud. What appears to be merely coincidental in Mark should raise interest, for Mark in his sometimes' embarrassing grammatical simplicity is nonetheless a sophisticated short-story teller. While there was promise in that scribe who knows the Law is summed as "Love God and your neighbour" and in blind Bartimaeus who saw and followed, and hope in the disciples who after the resurrection finally get the point and in the rich man's seeking, the scribes in general are of dubious merit; they are the antithesis of what disciples of Jesus are to be. It is one of the putative victims of their avarice who then provides Mark's next model: the poor widow who contributes two small coins to temple treasury. Others give from their surplus, but she gives from her "life", literally, meaning her living or livelihood. From this it is easy to find the parallel in the story of the prophet Elijah being assisted by the poor widow of Sidon who shares with him her family's meagre rations.

A strikingly similar idea can be read in the second reading, when we look past the influences from the philosophical world of forms: Christ in flesh shares in the whole frailty of humanity, each of whom die only once, and in his divinity he does not share merely from his surplus but he shares the whole of his very life.

*This weekend's flowers have been donated  
in memory of Denis and Noreen Kelliher.*

Within our Parish



## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

### ST JOSEPH – A POWERFUL INTERCESSOR

a reflection by  
Fr Paul Nulley

Fr Paul Nulley is a priest of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. He has been parish priest of St Joseph's, O'Connor, since 2017 and serves as archdiocesan vocations director and chaplain of Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus.

Download the PDF from:

[https://catholic.org.au/images/Year\\_of\\_St\\_Joseph\\_Reflection\\_November\\_2021.pdf](https://catholic.org.au/images/Year_of_St_Joseph_Reflection_November_2021.pdf)

The **Catholic Weekly** newspaper is back for sale at \$2 per copy in the church foyer. Euthanasia is a hot topic in the circular media at the moment, so perhaps one way of keeping abreast of what is happening is to read the *Catholic Weekly*.

**New (WhatsApp) chat channel for anyone interested in Plenary Council (Catholic Church in Australia) updates.**

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 8pm via zoom, Fr David shared with us (interested O.L.D. parishioners) his reflections on the First General Assembly of the 5<sup>th</sup> Plenary Council that took place from 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October. A number of interested attendees have decided to form a virtual group via chat so we can keep each other up to date on what is happening in this area, as well as allow a space to share our thoughts and ideas on the many aspects of the plenary which will affect us. If you would like to join this chat group, please let the Parish Office know (including your name and contact number), and we will happily add you to our group.

Anthony Seeto

# PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

November 2021 Appeal This Weekend

St Edmund's College is one of the five beneficiaries of Pastoral Works Broken Bay.



The College supports 120 students with disabilities such as intellectual, sensory impairment or autism, providing skills and experience for them to fully engage in life.

Your generous donations help with vital fee assistance to families in our Catholic community so that their children can access the services offered by St Edmund's.

All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and allocated to your Parish contribution for Pastoral Works Broken Bay. Please give generously by either using the QR code above, completing one of the PWBB envelopes on the pews or online by clicking the link below.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/giving/pastoral-works-broken-bay>



**Our Lady of Dolours** has launched a new Online Enrolment Enquiry form that makes it easier for you to register your interest in having your child attend the school. You can find the new online enrolment form [here](#). We'd love to welcome you to our school. Further information about enrolling your child at Our Lady of Dolours can be found on the [enrolments page](#) or you can call the School on [\(02\) 9419 2645](tel:(02)94192645).

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on a Friday until further notice.

Baptism Today:  
Sebastian Donikian



## From Fr David

Dear friends

The news of Fr Aldrin's new appointment has come as a great disappointment to so many of us. We were so very much looking forward to him being with us for some time and for us to benefit from his new priestly ministry. However, in a spirit of freedom and obedience Fr Aldrin has accepted his new appointment with acceptance and graciousness, recognising the pastoral need that Bishop Anthony has asked him to attend in light of his many gifts. Indeed, he is looking forward to the new opportunity, knowing that he will continue to be supported by the great sense of fraternity with Fr Joey and myself that has been nurtured over this year. We will miss him but we are ready to encourage him in this first appointment of his priestly life grateful for the way in which his presence has gifted us. Fr Aldrin's last weekend with us will be on 13/14 November and he will celebrate the Saturday 5.30pm Mass, the Sunday 9am Mass and the Sunday 5.30pm Mass on that weekend. His new appointment at the Parish of The Lakes takes effect on Friday 19 November 2021.

This weekend we welcome back Bishop Emeritus David Walker to our Sunday Masses and our Tuesday mid-day Mass. It is great to see him again, and we thank him for his availability.

This coming week, our HSC students begin their examinations. Our Parish wishes to support them in a very particular way with our prayer. On Saturday 6 November we come together for an online Rosary, and then over the coming weeks we will have the opportunity of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our church on a Monday morning and Friday afternoon. The details of this are with our bulletin. At our Masses on the weekend, we will also pray a Blessing for our students. Do join with us to support our students after what has been one of the most challenging years for them.

Over the next several weeks we conduct our Pastoral Works Fund Appeal. Each parish must contribute to this Fund which especially supports our catechists and our pastoral care workers in the hospitals of our Diocese. Our Parish must contribute \$57,904 to this Appeal in this financial year. This is a huge task, especially given that we have been in lockdown for the first quarter of the financial year. If you can give generously to this appeal over the coming weeks, it would be greatly appreciated. In anticipation, our warm thanks.

Our Community Action Group is now in full swing. This coming Monday 8 November it is staging a forum in the Gordon Uniting Church Hall on the question of housing affordability in our Chatswood area. The details of this have been in our mailout and in our parish bulletin. Do come along and participate in this very important social issue.

Through this month of November, we are remembering all our deceased. There are various ways by which we can do this: by bringing along a photo of those who have died and placing on the sanctuary; recording the names of our deceased in our Book of Remembrance on the sanctuary; by requesting a Mass intention for those who have died. The envelopes for these are now available in our church. Last weekend, at our Saturday Vigil Mass, we remembered deceased members of the Madrid Family through recalling the special Peruvian commemoration to Our Lord of the Miracles. If you would like to learn more about this devotion do have a look at a clip on Senor de los Milagros:

[https://youtu.be/ys\\_FyotRxSs](https://youtu.be/ys_FyotRxSs)

My warm wishes to you all,

Fr David

**Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG**

### **PARISH OFFICE THIS WEEK**

Due to limited staff numbers this week, there could be a delay in answering the door and the phones. Please leave a message on the phone if no one answers, and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.



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### URGENT: COMMUNITY FORUM MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Our first Community Forum to address the distress and damage to our community by the unaffordable housing on the northside of Sydney is this Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 5.30pm to 6.30pm at Gordon Uniting Church, 28 Cecil St, Gordon on the corner of the Pacific Highway. Please register and come along to hear the speakers and find out the views of our community. Fr David Ranson will be there to lend his support and we would love you to be there as well. You will need your double vaccination certificate to be signed in.

To register, go to this website: <https://events.humanitix.com/ku-ring-gai-community-forum>

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### ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR SIGNUP FOR 2021



If you would like to reserve a date for Altar flowers, we still have a few weekends left in the 2021 calendar year. Altar flower arrangements can

be in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion; birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, marriages, etc.. The suggested donation for flower memorials is \$100. Volunteers will then beautifully and simply arrange the flowers for Sunday. Please submit your donation at least one week prior to the date you would like to dedicate the flowers. This will give the parish office time to ensure your dedication is in the weekly bulletin.

**To book in for Weekend Mass, please go to our website or click on this link:**

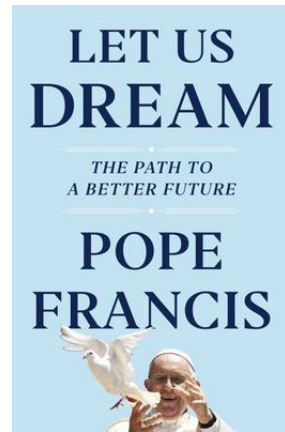
**<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/news-events/events> Mass bookings will open each Monday at 12noon.**

#### Chinese Bible quote:

With the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place.

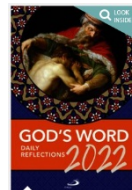
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### GOD'S WORD 2022

We have God's Word 2022 books for sale in the Piety Stall at \$15 a copy. Please visit the Piety Stall after Sunday masses.



## Confirmation 2021

The children in our parish who prepared earlier in the year will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation on

**Saturday 4 December AND Sunday 5 December**  
at 11.00am at 2.00pm  
12.30pm  
and 2.00pm

In the lead up to this very special occasion we will be recapping what we covered in the preparation sessions

***Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they make their final preparations for Confirmation.***

**A reminder that the Parish Meeting Rooms remain closed until further notice.**