



## *The Nativity of the Lord 2021*

 **Our Lady  
of Dolours**

*The Parish of Chatswood  
94 Archer Street  
Chatswood  
NSW 2067*

### *A Christmas Letter to our Parish Fr David Ranson PP*

There is a magic in every beginning, wrote the German philosopher Herman Hesse. How true this is when we experience the birth of our children, when we hold a newborn baby in our arms, when we delight in the pure wonder and sense of play evidence in young children, as we observe our children growing so quickly. When we gaze upon a child we are caught intensely between an immediate experience of the present and a heightened expectation of the future, between a “fulfilled moment and the beginning of a new day.” (Quotes are taken from Jurgen Moltmann, *In the End, the Beginning—The Life of hope*). In every child God waits for us to stir again within us the sense of new beginnings, of fresh possibilities, of awakening hopes.

At Christmas, we dare to proclaim that God has become a child. We celebrate that God has not only emptied himself of divinity to become one of us so to share our humanity, but that God has become a child. Childhood remains in God eternally. For God is an eternal beginning, an infinite possibility, an unquenchable awakening, pure presence. And if this be so, then, as we gaze upon the Divine Child at Bethlehem, we can celebrate how we are always at a new beginning. Indeed, many centuries ago, the Church Father, Irenaeus wrote that the Christian life is a beginning, moving through beginnings, to a beginning.

All of this makes Christian life both exciting and alive! It is exciting and alive even during the inevitable difficulties that we experience, even during all that, at times, threatens to overwhelm us, even in the midst of the darkness through which we journey on occasions. It is exciting and alive because as Christians who proclaim that Jesus cannot be found in a tomb, we are those who live a life in constant watchfulness and expectation. In the apparent absence of Christ from our midst, we live our life in watchfulness. Our watchfulness leads us, as the writer Moltmann suggests, to “expect the presence of God in everybody I meet and everything I do.” This means we live with constancy the questions, “What does God have in mind for me? What does God expect of me? What is he saying to me through the things that are happening in my world, and what is my response?”

Therefore, as Moltmann writes, we are those who can no longer “pray with closed eyes, but [now rather], messianically, with eyes wide open for God’s future in the world. Christian faith is not blind trust. It is the wakeful expectation of God which draws us in all our senses.” He goes on to illustrate that this was how the first Christians prayed ,

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## *Fr David's Christmas Letter cont'd*

standing, looking up, with arms outstretched, and eyes wide open, ready to walk or to leap forward. We can see this from the pictures in the catacombs in Rome. Their posture reflects tense expectation, not quiet heart searching. It says . . . We are on the watch, in expectation of the One who is coming . . .

This, too, then should be the way in which we, ourselves, live because of our acclamation that God has become one with us as a child, that Christ lives. We are those who are to keep stretching out into new horizons, "stretching out to what is ahead, [always with] a readiness for a fresh start."

We are the people of Christmas faith. The future is given us as pure gift. However, the future is also given to us a relentless invitation. It seems to me that this is especially true for us as a community of faith here in Chatswood. We are emerging from COVID precisely at the same time as we enter our second century of Catholic life in our neighbourhood. Yet, how the neighbourhood has changed over those decades! It is fascinating to see the photos of our suburb when our Parish was established 111 years ago on 8 December 1910. We now find ourselves in the middle of a busy residential and commercial urban hub. Our community has been enriched to become such a diverse multicultural family. Our educational precinct has developed to draw in some 2000 students every day from wide and far. The future is given to us as the most remarkable opportunity!

At Pentecost last May, I wrote my first letter to you sharing some of my initial observations after arriving in your midst in January of this year. I concluded by saying, "I invite you to dream with me about all manner of creative and constructive possibilities. For this, we will go on a journey together over the time ahead." Though we were slightly interrupted by an extended pandemic lockdown, in the celebration of Christmas, with its acclamation of new beginnings, I put the invitation before us again.

What does it mean to be Church in the City? What are our unique location and assets inviting us to think of ourselves as a community of Catholic Faith entering our second century? Where would we like to see our community in the next 10 years, 50 years? What are our hopes for Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood? How do we enable the life of Christ to be birthed more deeply in our own time and in our own place? At this new beginning, let us walk together in discernment and alive to possibility! As the prophet Isaiah writes, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19)

When the work of the new year starts in February 2022, our Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council would like to outline a journey to extend to Pentecost 2023. It is a journey inviting us to come together in different ways over the course of the following 18 months to reflect on our mission and its future. We will encourage everyone to share their dreams, to imagine anew, to breathe in the fresh possibility with which the Divine Child gifts us.

My friends, having celebrated our first centenary, having journeyed through the challenges of the past year, we are at a new threshold. The future comes to us as gift. However, the gift is wrapped up in the remarkable people who know Our Lady of Dolours as their spiritual home. And what a most astounding gift it is. I express my deep admiration for you all, and for the extraordinary generosity of time and expertise that so many have given over this last year. I find it both humbling and inspiring. There are too many to thank by name. However, I want you to know that I treasure each of you in my heart and in my prayer. My gift in return is to hold each of you with your myriad contribution before the Lord and his Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows, with a heart brimming over with gratitude for you.

Let us begin a sustained conversation through which the stepping-stones into our future will become known. Let us take a step at a time, but also with commitment and purpose. Let us celebrate all that makes us a unique community of faith in all its diverse features, and now let us lay the foundations for the second 100 years of our life. And throughout, may the life of Christ the Lord be birthed anew not only for us, but for all those who encounter Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood.

*My warmest Christmas Greetings to each and every one of you!*

## *Christmas Greetings from the Clergy of the Parish*

As a new priest to the parish I would like to express at first my gratitude for all of you who have made me fill home from the first day. How lovely it is to be a part of the Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood, where the church itself looks very impressive and when it comes to the Church – I am amazed by the involvement of parishioners in making this parish flourish. So many groups, so many initiatives, so many choirs, ministers, not to mention so many priests and even one bishop.

I have a great hope that together we can make this best parish become even better. I hope that as the COVID-19 became so contagious and effectively has changed the lives of so many – so can our dedication to God and His plans; so can our belief – spread all around and make a change in the lives of many.

All starts from giving a space for Jesus; space in our houses, in our workplaces and at first in our lives. And that's what Christmas is all about. We want to do better than the residents of Bethlehem, who refused to give him shelter. But we do not like just to receive Him - we like to make Jesus to be the reason for this season – and that is also what I am wishing you all for this Christmas: may Jesus become a real member of your family, may he change the bad things for good and the good for the best. May His presence bring you love, peace and joy – merry Christmas.

*Fr Marek Woldan*



This time last year I wrote to you saying “*It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of another year, especially a year like this one.*” And here we are after experiencing a year worse than 2020.

Last year my wife and I coped with the lockdown reasonably well but the 4 months we were locked down this year was much harder. We were drained, we didn't know what to do and if we did we didn't want to do it. We missed not being able to see our families. But were not alone. I know many of you experienced the same sort of feelings. At the start of the lockdown, I had people say to me “They (the government) are trying to shut down our church. I usually replied “They may have closed the building but the church is alive and well and growing.” Chatswood Parish showed this to be a true statement as you (the parishioner) rose to the occasion.

Fr David placed messages and his homilies on You Tube for you to listen to. We had some Masses, especially our Parish Feast Day Mass, recorded and also on You Tube. We had Zoom meetings for things like Finance Committee and Pastoral & Missionary Council. We had many Zoom meetings of prayer groups meeting and in some cases daily. These actually caused people to become aware of other parishioner's names and this created a sense of community

The parish was alive not dead, or closed. We experienced the joy of the Ordination of Fr Aldrin and his Thanksgiving Mass. We also experienced sadness when he was transferred to the Lakes Parish but joy when we welcomed Fr Marek. As we come to the end of the year the restrictions are being removed.

Our State and Country has experienced a great uptake of people receiving 2 doses of the Covid vaccine so there is hope that 2022 may be better than 2021, though we are now dealing with a new strain of the disease.

It is my wish, and prayer, that the Lord will bless each and every one of you at this time when we remember, and celebrate, the great mystery of God becoming man to live amongst us. May all have a very Happy and Blessed Christmas and if you are going away please come back safely.

Thank you for the support and prayers you have all given me.

*Deacon Kevin Hale*

## *Please Remember in your Prayers*

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Pauline Boss, Dorcas Kirana Abraham

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Theo Cowell, Pietro Melino, Phil, Angela, John & Mary Ryan, Francis & Irene Ward, Lawendy Morgan, Sanjora Abraham

**FOR THE SICK:** Dr Ley Mary Chea, Gordon Thomas

## *Christmas Message from the Clergy of our Parish cont'd*

One of the important things that we have learned from Covid and the lockdowns is that nothing is certain even though it looks as if everything is going back to normal. With that uncertainty comes fear and desolation that feels as if darkness has enveloped us and the whole world. The world cannot offer any solution nor even a sense of consolation in our situation. In this darkness, we search for even a small ray of light.

The birth of our Saviour gives us that light that illumines the darkness. Christmas reminds us that we should not despair but rather hope because someone is coming to give us peace and stability. In the past two years, we have come to realize that nothing is permanent and stable, only God is. With this sense of faith, we are certain that God provides that sturdy foundation. How do we know that? Because in our Christian history He has always been faithful even though we had been unfaithful. Things come and go, life has its ups and downs but only God remains the same. According to the famous Carthusian saying, "The world revolves, but the cross stands still". So when the world is spinning so fast and we feel as if we are tossed back and forth by the forces beyond our control, let us cling to the cross. Let us put our faith and trust in our Lord because we are certain that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow (Heb 13:8), and that His love endures forever (Ps 100:5)!

*Fr Joey Frez*

## *Some Forthcoming Occasions for Prayer*

### **MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

**1 January 2022**

**9.00am**

**Please Note that our Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and Prayer at 7.00pm  
continues after Christmas and through January**

**The Cenacle (Rosary) prayer meeting  
will still be held on  
Monday, 27 December at 11.45 am.**

**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
will resume on Saturday 1 January at 10.00 am.**



**All of our Parish Team  
wish you  
The Happiest and Most Peaceful of Christmases!**

**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.



**The Parish Office will be closed the week of  
27 December to 31 December**



## From Fr David

Dear friends,

The most profound word of gratitude to all those who have made our Christmas celebrations so joyous and beautiful. This they have done by their creativity with the extraordinary decorations both inside and outside our church, by their attention to our flowers, by the majesty of our music for which our different groups have been preparing for many weeks. In the face of all our current uncertainty, so many people have banded together to gift us with a sense of festivity and joy. For many this has been contagious! So many people have stopped by our church these last weeks to admire its beauty. Let us continue to spread that joy in myriad small ways over the coming weeks so that people might recognize the Source of our celebrations.

A very special thank you to Katya Polimeni–Leung and her army of helpers who staged last Saturday's Christmas Carols on the Forecourt. We were blessed with a fine evening and the carols sung out by such a cultural diversity was remarkable.

We thank Fr Joey, too, for the enjoyable Forecourt Concerts over the last several weeks of a Thursday evening. Even the rain could not deter the festive spirit!

We owe a very great debt of gratitude to Mr Ben Thrum who has been our sound consultant for our church over these last months and who has now implemented upgrades to the system finally to have resolved the very long-standing issue of poor sound quality. Ben has worked tirelessly over the last few weeks, along with Hamish Lavery, to ensure that the new 'system' is in place for Christmas. There is still fine-tuning to do over the summer, particularly in regard to the sound in the transepts and choir loft. However, I am sure everyone will agree on the difference that the upgrade has made. I am delighted that we seem to have resolved this matter, as our capacity to hear the Word and the Liturgy is essential.

Our warmest thanks, too, to all those who participated in the Simbang Gabi over the last 9 days. Nearly 200 people gathered each day for Mass at 5.30am (the Misa De Gallo (Spanish for "Rooster's Mass!)) to bring the Season of Advent to its conclusion and to prepare for Christmas. Such dedication is a sure sign of the spiritual heart of our community of faith.

We have so much for whom to be grateful. Remember the best gifts come wrapped not in paper, but are YOU.

## Our Catechists' Ministry

As 2021 draws to its end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Catechists, their families and friends who have shown their resilience during this year's challenging times. Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a relaxing summer holiday to keep you recharged when we resume teaching next year.

It is unfortunate that we only had half of the year teaching SRE in our State Schools. Our catechists prayed for students and their families via zoom on those times we cannot meet them in the classroom face to face. One of the silver linings of lockdown was meeting not only Catechists but other parishioners via zoom. Our parish had a lot of ways connecting with the parishioners, strengthening our faith, and staying hopeful for the coming days.

As we emerge from lockdown, I would like to commend all the catechists for all the hard work they do to keep the spirit alive. You all did a great job in preparing gifts for your students and their families. I hope for a meaningful Christmas ahead and a smooth resumption of SRE for the year 2022. I know how excited you are to meet your new students and continuously share the faith, reminding that God loves them and walks with them.

If you have ever thought about becoming a catechist, now is a good time to respond and make an enquiry. We need more catechists to serve 5 Primary State Schools and 1 High School in our area:

Artarmon Public School  
Castle Cove Public School  
Mowbray Public School  
Roseville Public School  
Chatswood Public School and  
Chatswood High School

All you need is your faith, a love for God and His children. Training via zoom will be provided beginning February 2022 to upskill new catechists and helpers to enable them to teach, or assist an experienced catechist, in one of our public schools in 2022.

***Save the date of the Catechists Term Meetings in your diary:***

*Term 1* - 7 February 2022

*Term 2* - 9 May 2022

*Term 3* - 25 July 2022

Please continue to pray for the Catechists, their families and friends.

**For more information contact Maricel  
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[Maricel.Malapira@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Maricel.Malapira@bbcatholic.org.au)**

## A Reflection on the Christmas Crib by Pope Francis

The enchanting image of the Christmas crèche, so dear to the Christian people, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder. The depiction of Jesus' birth is itself a simple and joyful proclamation of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture. As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him.

. . . Why does the Christmas crèche arouse such wonder and move us so deeply? First, because it shows God's tender love: the Creator of the universe lowered himself to take up our littleness. The gift of life, in all its mystery, becomes all the more wondrous as we realize that the Son of Mary is the source and sustenance of all life. In Jesus, the Father has given us a brother who comes to seek us out whenever we are confused or lost, a loyal friend ever at our side. He gave us his Son who forgives us and frees us from our sins.

Setting up the Christmas crèche in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. Naturally, the Gospels remain our source for understanding and reflecting on that event. At the same time, its portrayal in the crèche helps us to imagine the scene. It touches our hearts and makes us enter into salvation history as contemporaries of an event that is living and real in a broad gamut of historical and cultural contexts.

In a particular way, from the time of its Franciscan origins, the nativity scene has invited us to "feel" and "touch" the poverty that God's Son took upon himself in the Incarnation. Implicitly, it summons us to follow him along the path of humility, poverty and self-denial that leads from the manger of Bethlehem to the cross. It asks us to meet him and serve him by showing mercy to those of our brothers and sisters in greatest need (cf. *Mt 25:31-46*).

. . . When, at Christmas, we place the statue of the Infant Jesus in the manger, the nativity scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child, for us to take into our arms. Beneath weakness and frailty, he conceals his power that creates and transforms all things. It seems impossible, yet it is true: in Jesus, God was a child, and in this way he wished to reveal the greatness of his love: by smiling and opening his arms to all. The birth of a child awakens joy and wonder; it sets before us the great mystery of life. Seeing the bright eyes of a young couple gazing at their newborn child, we can understand the feelings of Mary and Joseph who, as they looked at the Infant Jesus, sensed God's presence in their lives. "Life was made manifest" (*1 Jn 1:2*). In these words, the Apostle John sums up the mystery of the Incarnation. The crèche allows us to see and touch this unique and unparalleled event that changed the course of history, so that time would thereafter be reckoned either before or after the birth of Christ.

God's ways are astonishing, for it seems impossible that he should forsake his glory to become a man like us. To our astonishment, we see God acting exactly as we do: he sleeps, takes milk from his mother, cries and plays like every other child! As always, God baffles us. He is unpredictable, constantly doing what we least expect. The nativity scene shows God as he came into our world, but it also makes us reflect on how our life is part of God's own life. It invites us to become his disciples if we want to attain ultimate meaning in life. (From *Admirabile Signum*, On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene, 1 Dec 2019)





Some Exciting new opportunities in our Parish in the New Year

## Mary Magdalene, the Myths, the Controversy and the Gospel Texts

SATURDAY 5 MARCH, 2.30 - 5pm



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. Debra will present this seminar to mark International Women's Day which occurs on 8 March.

If there are COVID restrictions, the seminar will move from the **Magnificat Room** to Zoom.

Read Debra's Bio:

<https://cis.catholic.edu.au/instructor/dr-debra-snoddy/>



### Apostle to the Apostles

In 2016, Pope Francis raised the memorial for Mary Magdalene on 22 July, to a feast day on the Liturgical Calendar of the Church. Mary of Magdala was the first witness to Jesus' resurrection.

## WEBINAR WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH, 7.30 - 8.30pm

WITH DR SANDIE CORNISH FROM THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OFFICE  
FOR JUSTICE ECOLOGY & PEACE

Dr Sandie Cornish partnered with the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development in launching the #LaudatoSi' Action Platform. The Platform seeks to empower the universal Church to achieve total sustainability in the holistic spirit of integral ecology. In creating a shared space for continued and urgent action, the Australian Catholic Bishops support ongoing momentum in addressing our ecological crisis. This is a key way to continue growing and developing as we work to build a better future together in our parishes, schools, dioceses and communities.

Contact Gail Gill - [gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au)





## Our Children's Ministry at Our Lady of Dolours in 2022



The Children's Atrium

A place to discover and explore  
God's love for me!

**Our 9am Family Mass** is a family and child-friendly liturgy oriented to families with young children. This Mass is central to our mission of empowering parents in their role of bringing their children into relationship with God through their connection to the parish community.

*There are many ways you and your child can get involved in this Mass.*

- Join the Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Sing in the Children's Choir
- Children from Year 3 and up can join the Prayer Reading Roster

*But the best way to begin is to just turn up, see how everything unfolds and encourage your children to get involved*

Our children's Atrium has been in lockdown over the past 6 months, but we are delighted to announce that we will be re-opening our doors to the children on February 7 2022.

This children's Atrium is a place where children come to spend time in God's presence and experience his love for them. Based on Montessori principles of education, the atrium program is run in 3 stages, and a separate room is prepared for each age group. The age groups and times available for the children to come to our atrium at Chatswood are:

3-6 year olds: Mondays 10am-11.30am and 4-5.30pm

Tuesdays 4-5.30pm

Fridays 9.45-11.15am

6-9 year olds: Mondays 4-5.30pm

Tuesdays 4-5.30pm

9-12 year olds: Mondays 3-5.30pm

Tuesdays 4-5.30pm

*If you would like to know more about the atrium for your child, please contact Angela or Rose at email: [old.childrens.atrium@gmail.com](mailto:old.childrens.atrium@gmail.com)*



### First Reconciliation 2022

Enrolments for preparation and reception of First Reconciliation will open via the parish website on Monday 24 January 2022.

Children are eligible to enrol for Reconciliation if they are 8 years of age or older and have been Baptised and Confirmed  
**To enrol your child** Go the parish website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

From the home page:

Click on **Sacraments**

Click on **Children's Sacraments**

Click on **Reconciliation**

All the dates and information about the 2022 Reconciliation program are detailed here along with the link to enrol in the program. Click on the link to enrol in the program

**Enrolments close on Monday 7 February 2022**

Our next Kids' Baptism Program will begin on **Sunday 6 February 2022**. If you would like to know more about this program, or would like your child to join, you can download the information and enrolment forms from our parish website.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

Click on **Sacraments**

Click on **Baptism** and then **Kids' Baptism**.



resumes on

**Tuesday 1 February**

In the Magnificat Meeting

Room between 9.30-11.30am

Contact Mona in the parish



Introducing on the First Friday of each Month in 2022

*"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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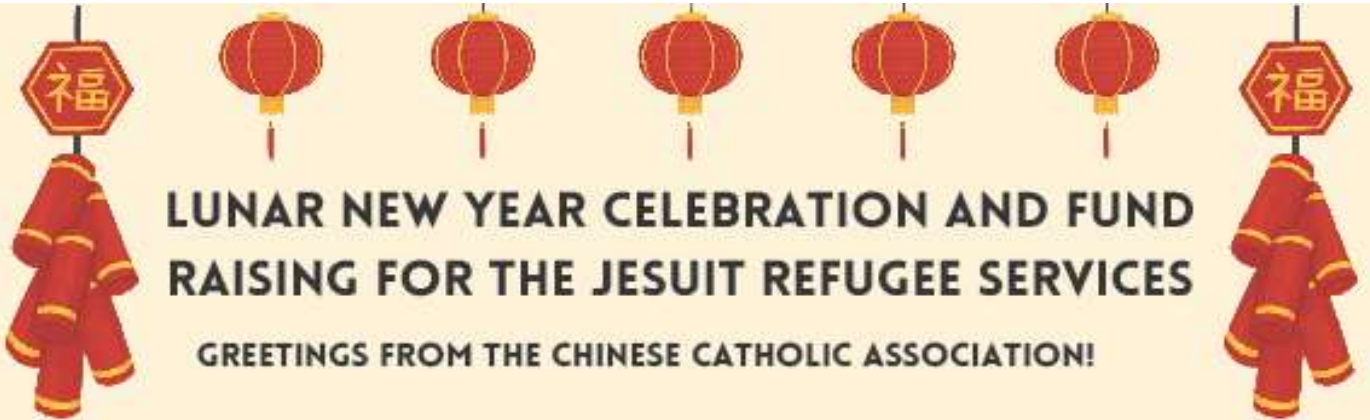
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*We prepare for Lunar New Year*



## **LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AND FUND RAISING FOR THE JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES**

**GREETINGS FROM THE CHINESE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION!**

We are a newly formed group from the beginning of 2021 for the purpose of seeking ways of inclusion of our Parishioners with Chinese heritage. So far, we have compiled a bilingual leaflet informing Parishioners the Chinese speaking services available in our Parish. Now we have only 10 members. We do appreciate more Parishioners to join us.

The next Lunar New Year is coming on 1/2/2022. It is the year of the Tiger. We are very excited that Fr. David encouraged us to celebrate the Lunar New Year for the first time in the Parish in the traditional way with lion dance and giving of red packets from the Parish.

We are going to celebrate it on 6/2/2022 Sunday with a bilingual English/ Chinese Mass at 10:30am and followed by Lion Dance, raffle ticket draws and other activities.

Being united in Christ, while celebrating and enjoying ourselves, we are also thinking of ways to help the less fortunate. Therefore, we make use of the opportunity to raise funds for the Jesuit Refugee Services.

There will be raffle ticket draws, lucky dips, and fun-size flower fair etc. to raise donation. Hence, we have put up appeal posters in the bulletin and at the entrances of the Church for donations of big gifts for raffle ticket prizes and small gifts for the lucky dips. Earnestly we ask for your generous support for the donations.

The raffle tickets will be sold from 1 Jan 2022 to 6 Feb 2022 before every Sunday Masses:  
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm, Sunday Masses 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am and 5:30pm  
On weekdays, raffle tickets can be brought from the office from Monday to Thursday at office hours between 9:00am and 4:00pm from 4 Jan 2022 to 3 Feb 2022

There are lot of work to do, and we need lot of volunteers to help us with the preparations such as ticket sales, filling of red packets, wrapping of gifts and operations on the day of the celebration on 6/2/2022.

For any enquiry and /or if you like to be a volunteer in the event, please contact Amelia at [amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au) or call 94109032.

Thank you!





Sunday 6 February 2022

## ***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)**

**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](mailto:amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au)  
or call 94109032 for any enquiry, and/or if you would like  
to volunteer to help with this event**



**Contact:**



## Welcome!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Our Lady of Dolours please visit our parish website at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

**Do be sure to take a copy home of "Our Sunday Celebration" available at the entrances to our church.**  
Inside there is much wonderful reading for our spiritual nourishment.

Would you like to receive our Parish Bulletin by email?  
Please contact our Parish Secretary : [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au)

## Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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### Sunday Masses

**5.30pm** Saturday evening Vigil Mass  
**7.30am** Followed by Morning Tea on 1st Sunday of the month  
**9.00am** Includes Children's Liturgy of the Word on 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays

**10.30am**  
**5.30pm**

**Filipino Culture Mass**  
12noon, 1st Sunday of the month

**Spanish Culture Mass**  
12noon, 3rd Sunday of the month

**Indonesian Culture Mass**  
7.00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month

### Weekday Masses and Devotions

Monday: 12.30pm  
Tuesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm  
Wednesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm  
**(Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated after Mass 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: 11.30am (preceded by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11.15am); Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am

**Thursday Adoration** After 9am Mass. Ends with Divine Mercy Chaplet at midday followed by Benediction.

**Thursday Holy Hour** with Exposition and Reconciliation 7.00pm