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PARISH OF CHATSWOOD

9 April 2023

Sunday of the Resurrection



*'The Disciples Peter and John running to the sepulchre
on the morning of the Resurrection'*

by Eugene Burnand

**He has risen from the dead and now he is going
before you to Galilee.**

This Sunday's Gospel - Matthew 28:1-10

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 www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood

Would you like to receive our Parish Bulletin by email? Please contact chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

In this week's bulletin we look back at the last week through our photos at some of the key events that happened.

Our PEW cafe received a new cabinet with gifts for sale - check it out at the back near the carpark.

For any inclusions to next week's bulletin, please e-mail your content to Olivia at Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au by close of business on Wednesday.





Dear friends

On behalf of Fr Joey, Fr Marek, Deacon Kevin and our wonderful parish team, Happy Easter to all!

Easter is such a special time. The flurry of the start of the year gives way to a moment where we can pause and reflect on the deepest meaning of life.

We come to the heart of our Christian experience and draw fresh hope and encouragement. We find the wellspring of life from which to set out into the year that stretches ahead.

Our deepest gratitude to all those who have worked as hard in the background to make our ceremonies as beautiful. Our special welcome to all those who have been received this Easter into our family of faith. We give God thanks for the gift that each of you are and pray that you will experience, through our support and friendship, all that the Risen Lord wishes for you. May the Spirit of Christ Risen bless each of us, touch our hearts, and open them anew with freshness and possibility.

Once again we light the Easter Candle and proclaim Christ Risen. We proclaim how the power of his life shatters the confines of death, and radiates its possibility across time and space, so that we too, now, can encounter him, hear his voice, be touched by him, enjoy his friendship and follow his invitation.

And yet, the extraordinary feature about this faith is that it is permeated with questions. The women come to the tomb asking, who will roll away the stone for us? Mary Magdala inquires of the apostles, where have they taken the body? The disciples themselves are confronted with the question of a tomb that is empty. The angel asks of the women, why look among the dead for the living? And does not the proclamation of the Resurrection of Jesus raise a question in us, too? How can someone come back to life? And what is the nature of the life that is resurrected?

All these questions are vital to the Resurrection experience. For they raise, too, other questions: the question about the identity of Jesus, the question about the meaning of his ministry and teaching.

The Easter experience begins and ends with a question, and the question is intrinsic to the event that we proclaim. It is the question that prises open our complacency. If there were no question we might simply accept a fact, like any other event, and move on. To live with a question, however, is to be goaded constantly to search. Alive to a question, the road ahead becomes not a pathway worn with familiarity, but rather an avenue into always fresh possibility. A question speaks of a future, not just a past. Indeed, the future greets us precisely through our questions, rather than through our memories. To live with a question is to discover the future.

Who will roll away the stone for us? Where have they taken the body? How is the tomb empty? Where are you? Who are you?

Who will roll away the stone that we place across the possibility of our life? The stone of our resentment? The stone of our fear? The stone of our hurts? How can we break free from the tomb in which we have enclosed the future: the tomb of our passivity, the tomb of missed opportunity, the tomb of our mistakes and failures? In places that cannot bring life, we search for love, for

dignity, for acceptance, for worth, for understanding. We become trapped in the tomb of our hurts, in the darkness of our addictions, in the ghosts of our illusions and fantasies. Why do we search among the dead for life?

What we proclaim this day brings all these questions to the fore. Lest it be relegated to the realm of mere mythology and make-believe, the proclamation of Easter makes these questions unavoidable. Our questions seek their resolution. They bring us to this place, the place that houses the body of Jesus, and our memory of him.

And what do we find? The stone has already been rolled away, the tomb is empty. All we thought blocked our future has been removed. The tomb of our disillusionment and grief is empty. The decay we anticipated has no power. The darkness we expected has turned into light. What deadened us is no more. We are brought back to life; the future is given to us again.

We see, and we believe.

Happy Easter everyone!

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maria Woon Siong Gan

ANNIVERSARY:

Margarita Khen

SICK:

Baldo Polizzi; Anthony Mustaca; Elaine Jeha

THOSE BEING RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH THIS EASTER:

James Leigh Li; Link Li; Sean Xing Zhang; Grace Jiao Li; James Zhang; Oscar Zhang; Leo Leigh Lu; Lydia Wei Li; Joshua Lu; Kevin Lu; Daniel Danny Ting Lap Ng; Alex Siu Wai Ng; Camilla Rong Cong; Hanson Cheng; Liam Cheng; Cheuk Pun Louis Lauw; Michelle Pei-Ling Sun; Lucas Lee; Elise Lee; Steven Qinghua Chu; Jarvis Chu; Oliver Peter Matthey-Leigh; Frances Matthey-Leigh; Christopher David Matthey-Leigh; Heaven Leigh.

For a culture of peace and non-violence:
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use
of weapons by States and citizens.

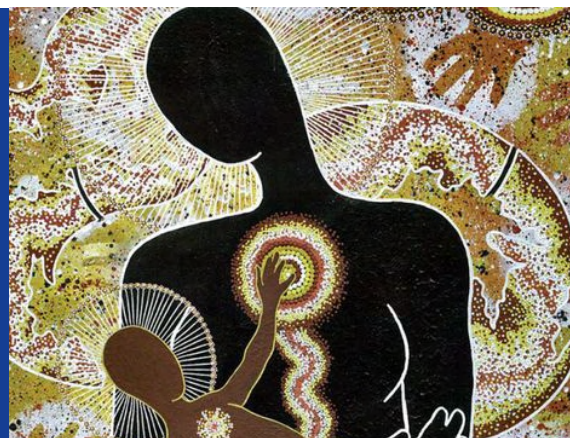
The Pope's Prayer Intention for April



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we gather, the Cammeraygal people, and pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as we continue the journey of Reconciliation and pray for justice and peace.

Image: Madonna and Child by Richard Campbell



Our Lady of Dolours Parish is committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and those in the community who are vulnerable.

Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ who teaches the fundamental sanctity of each human person.

Should you witness anything that undermines the safety of anyone in this parish please contact the parish office on (02) 9410 9000 or chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au or contact the Office of Safeguarding on (02) 8379 1605



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS ALTAR SOCIETY



Altar flower arrangements can be donated to honour any special occasion.

Donations can be made on a one-time basis or annually. The suggested donation for floral arrangements is \$100.

Volunteers will then beautifully and simply arrange your flowers for Sunday.

Please submit your donation at least one month prior to the date you would like to dedicate the flowers.

To reserve a date on the calendar, contact the parish on 02 9410 9000 or chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Scan this QR code to donate to the first or second collection for our Parish.

Thank you for the many ways in which you support our parish!

SCAN TO GIVE



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FR DAVID'S
BLOG



Requests for Mass Intentions:

It is a privilege to our priests to be able to offer Mass for a special intention, we welcome such requests. It is important to note, however, that a priest can only receive one intention per Mass. Therefore, it may not be possible to have a Mass offered on a specific day and time, given that the priest may already have allocated an intention for the Mass. Do be assured that if a Mass cannot be offered on a specific occasion it will be offered by a priest at the first available opportunity. Notwithstanding, if you would like a Mass for a specific purpose at a particular time, please contact a priest directly to seek to arrange this.

The great Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet, the hymn of praise for Christ the light, tells us that this is the night. When we come together in darkness on this, the most important, the most holy night of the year, we come not to remember events that took place long ago: we come together to celebrate realities that are taking place here and now once again in our lives. The fasting, almsgiving, and praying in Lent come to fruition this night, for the Lord is risen, we are reconciled to the Father through him, and we are united as one people by the indwelling Spirit. New members are added to our company. Fasting has ended and feasting has begun. So holy and rich in meaning is this night that we continue to celebrate it for the next fifty days.

We have sat in vigil and listened and waited. We have listened to the story of how, since the beginning of time, our God has brought us light and life, love and liberty. This is the night when darkness passes over to light, this is the night when the chaos of emptiness passes over to the beauty of creation, this is the night when the Spirit renews the face of the earth, this is the night when blessings are showered down upon us, this is the night when the people of Israel passed over from slavery to freedom, this is the night when we pass over from being forsaken to being redeemed, this is the night when we pass through the waters of new birth, this is the night when we cross from exile into our homeland, this is the night when we pass over from defilement to cleanliness, this is the night when Jesus passes from death to life.

We celebrate the victory of light over darkness, of hope over despair, of love over hurt, of reconciliation over sin, of life over death. On the first day of the week, even as dawn lifted the nightly veil of darkness, the women went to the tomb. They knew what to expect. Death and disappointment and sorrow were all too familiar to them, as they are to us.

The brokenness of the world is too much with us. There is still mistrust between East and West, injustice between North and South, disregard for the dignity of all human life; racial prejudice still divides, tyranny still imprisons, violence still disables, ethnic differences still kill. In our world wealth is hoarded, food is unequally distributed, refugees are homeless, the environment is despoiled, the elderly are treated as redundant, the young are exploited; people feel insignificant, worthless, and unloved.

As the women trudged their weary and sorrowful way to the garden of tombs, we walk with our sisters in the deathly gardens of our own lives. Yet, what they expected to find was not there. The tomb is empty, the body is gone, the women are perplexed and afraid. We often stand in the midst of the pain of life, puzzled and paralysed, don't we?

'He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would.' Praise to the God of the living for these women. They believed and ran to share this news with the others who remained in their despair. These women show us what it is to be Christian, they show us what we are celebrating tonight. The mission we all receive in baptism is to run and share the good news of the victory of life over death with others.

In the fifth century the Christians of North Africa gathered in Hippo around Augustine, their bishop. Their Easter Vigil lasted all night, from sundown to sunup. They listened to God's Word, they sang, they waited. As the sun came up they initiated new members in the waters of baptism and the oil of confirmation and the body and blood of the risen Lord. Augustine preached to them. He said, 'Accordingly, the one whose rising again we serenade by keeping watch a little longer will surely grant us the privilege of reigning with him by living forever ... because he slept so that we might keep awake, just as he died so that we might live' (Sermo 221). We are an Easter people, and alleluia is our song.

MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Easter Monday
10 April:

- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy and **Divine Mercy Novena**
- 11:45am Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)
- **12:30pm Mass**

Easter Tuesday
11 April:

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and **Divine Mercy Novena**
- **12:30pm Mass**

Easter Wednesday
12 April:

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and **Divine Mercy Novena**
- **12:30pm Mass**

Easter Thursday
13 April:

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, Rosary, **Divine Mercy Novena**
- 12:00pm Benediction
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 7:00pm Holy Hour
Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation (Confession) also available.

Easter
Friday
14 April:

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and **Divine Mercy Novena**
- **12:30pm Mass**

Easter Saturday
15 April:

- **9:00am Mass**
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation (Confession), **Divine Mercy Novena**
- 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- 10:30am Benediction
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass**

Sunday Mass
16 April:

Divine Mercy Sunday

- **7:30am Mass**
- **9:00am Family Mass**
- **10:30am Mass**
- **3:00pm Divine Mercy Hour with Reconciliation**
- **5:30pm Youth Mass**
- **7:00pm Indonesian Community Mass**

**Please note there is no Spanish Mass this weekend.*



Cultural Community Mass:

Filipino: 12:00pm, 1st Sunday | Spanish: 12:00pm, 3rd Sunday | Indonesian: 7:00pm, 3rd Sunday

GATHERINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday • 7:00pm: Alpha (Magnificat, St Peter, St Paul).

10 April:

Tuesday • 10:00am: Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)

11 April:

- 6:30pm: LIFE Formation (St Peter)
- 7:00pm: Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul)
- 7:00pm: Filipino Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:30pm: The Wild Goose Reflection and Discussion Group (Magnificat)

Wednesday

12 April:

- 9:30am: Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)
- 11:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (Magnificat)
- 6:30pm: Indonesian Traditional Instrument Practice (St Paul)
- 7:15pm: Exploring the Faith Course (St Peter)

Thursday

13 April:

- 6:00pm: Legion of Mary (Magnificat).

Friday

14 April:

- 10:00am: Meditation (St Paul).
- 6:00pm: Private Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
- 7:00pm: Online Zoom Meditation ID: 892 0631 0929 Pw: 085507
- 7:30pm: Indonesian Choir Practice (St Paul)

Saturday

15 April:

- 11:00am: Choir Rehearsal for 9:00am Mass (St Paul)
- 2:30pm: Private Wedding (Church)
- 6:30pm: Korean and English Bible Reading and Discussion Group (St Paul)

Sunday Mass

16 April:

- 9:00am: Choir Practice with Sunny (St Peter)
- 9:00am: Choir Practice (St Paul)
- 5:00pm: Indonesian Choir Practice and Fellowship after Mass (Magnificat and St Paul)
- 6:30pm: Capstone Young Adults (St Peter)

Divine Mercy

Sunday



PARISH PICS

Check out these snaps from across the week!



A wonderful celebration for the Filipino Community Mass last week for Palm Sunday.



Despite the weather, Wednesday's Stations of the cross was a wonderful way to usher in the Holy Triduum.



Members of the Pro-Life group at the March for Life - spirits high despite the weather!



PARISH PICS

Check out these snaps from across the week!



Chrism Mass on Tuesday at Waitara!



All the floral arrangements and decorations you see this week are because of the many wonderful volunteers behind the scenes - thank you to everyone who has helped!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Enrolments for preparation and reception of First Communion will open on Monday 10 April via our parish website.

To enrol your child, scan the QR code to the right or follow below.

SCAN TO ENROL

Go the parish website:

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

From the home page:

- Click on Sacraments
- Click on Children's Sacraments
- Click on First Communion



This page includes information you will need to enrol including all the dates for the program.

When you are ready to enrol, Click on Enrol Here button at the bottom of this page and complete all the details as instructed.

Enrolments close on Monday 1 May.

For queries, contact Angela or Mona in the parish office: chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au

Children's Atrium



The Children's Atrium is a beautiful ministry we have been running in our parish since July 2007. This is a specially prepared space where children come to nurture their relationship with God in small groups.

Based on Montessori principles of education, the atrium program is run in 3 levels, and a separate room is prepared for each age group. The age groups are; Level 1 – for 3-6 year olds, Level 2 for 6-9 year olds and Level 3 for 9-12 year olds.

If you would like to find out more about the atrium, please contact our Children's Ministry Co-Ordinator Angela at angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au



CHOIR CORNER



If you have any questions,
please contact me at
chatswoodmusic@bbcatholic.org.au

***Patrick Harrison,
Director of Music***

Choir practice runs every Tuesday evening 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the choir loft in the church. You don't have to be a good singer, it's more about letting the beauty of the music enhance our prayer and worship. All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are looking at growing our Children's Choir so if your child loves to sing, please bring them along! The Children's Choir sings at the 9am Sunday Mass on the third Sunday of each month. Rehearsals are held after the 9am Mass the second Sunday of each month so there is time to prepare.

YOUTH MASS

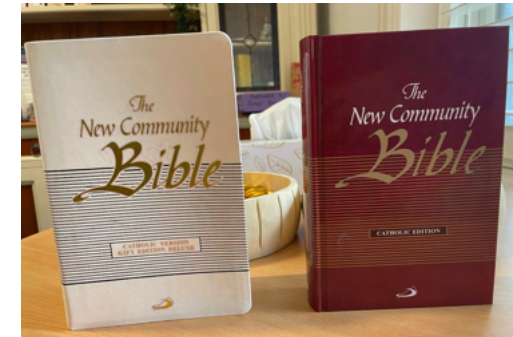
Now that we have a weekly Youth Mass each Sunday 5:30pm, you are invited to join in the music ministry! We meet in the choir loft each Sunday at 4:30pm. Hope to see some more young adults and teens there!

PIETY STALL

When you enter the church, on the right hand side you'll see a room - that's our piety stall! Open after Mass every Sunday (including the Saturday night Vigil), the piety stall is a great place to have a look at gifts, cards, ornaments and many more items helping to encourage your faith.

Check out some of the items that will be stocked this month and pay the team a visit.

Before the middle of the year the piety stall will be completely cashless, helping to make payments easier for our community.



YOUTH

Hey everyone! Have a look below at our upcoming youth ministry events. We're back for 2023 and our team is so excited to journey alongside the young people of our Parish!

Cailin Geraghty, Youth Leader



World Youth Day FUNDRAISERS

CATHOLIC YOUTH BROTHERHOOD
LISBON 2023



PIZZA LUNCHEON

\$85 | 15TH APRIL | 12PM



SCAN ME



BODY SHOP HAMPER VALUED AT OVER \$200

RAFFLE

15TH & 16TH APRIL

WORLD YOUTH DAY



The count down is on for Sean Dixon, Cailin Geraghty, Clive Sam, Monty Calimbahin, Savio Coutinho, Ashleigh Wan, Thomas Hurrell to join thousands of other young people at World Youth Day in Lisbon! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to the fundraising for WYD - your generosity has made a huge impact on the support we are able to give the pilgrims.

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP UPDATE



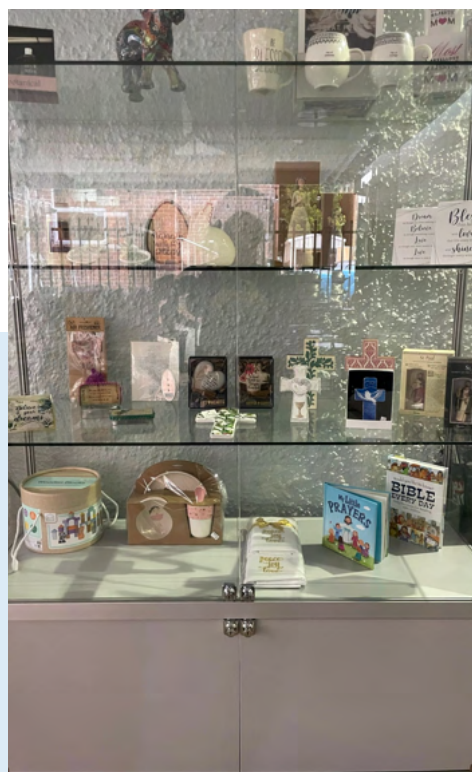
On Friday 31st March, a gathering of parishioners watched the film *The Letter* together. This film was authorised by Pope Francis as a way of getting the passionate message of *Laudate Si'* to more people, including non-Catholics. The documentary plots the Pope's invitation to four representatives of groups already being seriously affected by climate change. They were an indigenous chieftain from Brazil's rapidly disappearing Amazon forests; a 13 year old campaigner against climate change from India speaking for youth; a climate refugee from Senegal who is among the world's poorest climate refugees and a couple of Hawaiian scientists speaking for all the endangered wildlife of our planet. The film followed their journey from their widespread homes to Rome as well as their meeting with the Pope and their visit to St Francis's memorial in Assisi. There was amazing footage that captured the extraordinary variety of God's creation and left one in awe at the path mankind has taken to destroy it as a result of unbounded greed and hubris. The film is described as a message of hope: a hope that concerned people all round the world will join together to call a stop to the worst excesses of untrammelled consumerism. In discussion after the film, a group from the Social Justice committee spoke about their wish to see our parish draw up its own *Laudato Si'* action plan. Expect to see more about this in future Bulletins. Meanwhile, if you weren't able to come to the showing on Friday, you can see the film on YouTube. Just browse 'theletterfilm.org' and you will also find very useful resources and information.

Jo Karaolis

EXCITING PEW DEVELOPMENTS!

We hope you have had the chance to enjoy the PEW space on the side of the church. If not, we invite you to come and visit. It is a great place to catch up with your Ministry groups, hold fellowship or simply have a quiet time in a garden setting.

The most recent addition to the PEW is a gift corner where souvenir and gift items will be on display and will complement the current Piety Stall so we invite all to browse the gift items and get involved! And yes, we haven't forgotten the ever-in-demand coffee machine! Watch this space and don't miss its arrival!



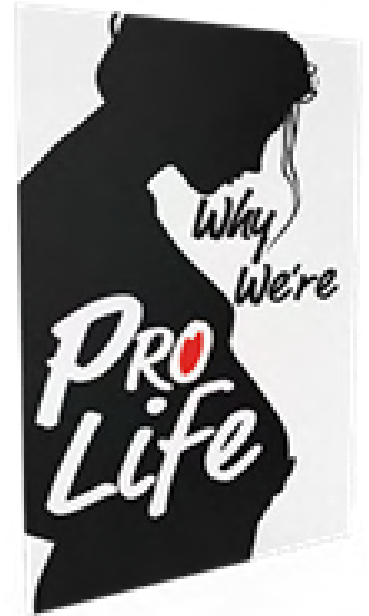
PRO LIFE AND CENACLE GROUP

The 36-page booklet "Why We're Pro-life" is now freely available in the church. Please take a copy home and read it. "Why We're Pro-Life" serves two functions.

First, it provides the words, ideas, and confidence to talk to others about abortion.

Second, it's a compelling pro-life resource that you can give away to anyone. "Why We're Pro-Life" is perfect for this important moment in the fight for life:

- It addresses the legal and cultural landscape of the new post-Roe world.
- It avoids the charge that abortion is a church-state issue in that it appeals only to up-to-date science and to broadly shared beliefs about human rights. Not religion.
- It strikes a tone of peaceful dialogue, much needed during a time of rising temperatures in the divisive debate over abortion.



Cecilia and Michael O

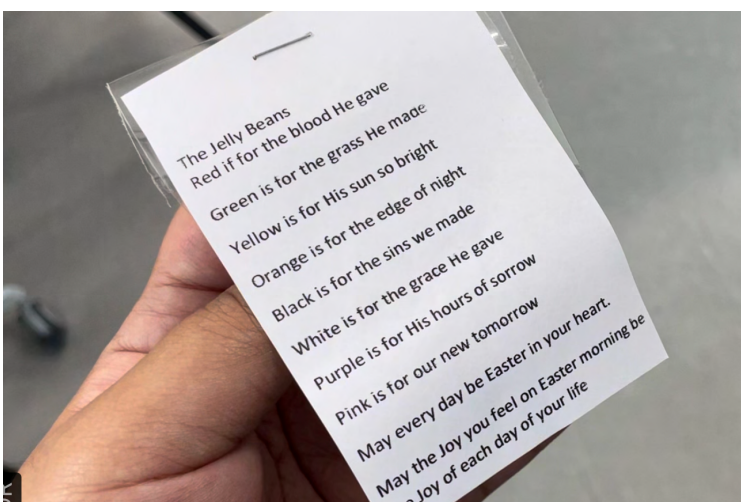
SENIORS MORNING TEA

For Holy Thursday, the Seniors Morning Tea Group met and had a small liturgy that included singing hymns, reflecting on the readings of the day, and finishing with an anointing of each others' hands.

Jan and Linda made hotcross buns and gorgeous Easter baskets for everyone .

The next morning tea will be on Thursday May 4th where the parish staff will visit and talk more about how their roles may be able to support the group.

The Seniors morning tea gathers at 10:00am on the first Thursday of every month in the Magnificat Room. Everyone is welcome!



DIVINE MERCY HOUR

SUNDAY 16th APRIL 2023

3.00 pm - 4.15 pm



- Procession
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Adoration with Sr Faustina's quotes
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Benediction
- Blessing of Divine Mercy images

Sacrament of Reconciliation available from 3pm

Novena

- 11am Good Friday April 7
- 3pm Holy Saturday April 8
- 3pm Easter Sunday April 9
- 11:30am Easter Monday April 10
- 9:30am April 11 - April 15

When was the last time you felt **really alive?**



God is glorified
when men are
fully alive
St Ireneaus

MEN'S WEEKEND

The **menALIVE Men's Weekend** is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

27 - 28 May 2023

Harrington Hall, Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
94 Archer Street, Chatswood NSW 2067

For more information, contact:

Peter Woo
0433 030 016 / pwoo2010@gmail.com

Steve Lia
0412 667 657 / steve.lia@menalive.org.au

SAT 27/5: 8am - 8pm | SUN 28/5: 8am - 1:30pm

Cost: \$50 (Sat Lunch and BBQ Dinner provided)

<https://www.trybooking.com/CHDBW>

(RSVP by 19/05/2023)



The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

www.menalive.org.au

DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH?

JOIN OUR

LIFESTYLE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PROGRAMME(LECP)

2023 PROGRAMME CONTINUES EACH WEDNESDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM



What is involved?

Each week mentors will select 'topics' of interest as the basis for our conversation in English

You will have the opportunity to develop your speaking skills and increase your confidence in a friendly space!

What is Lifestyle English Conversation Programme?

As a person with a language background other than English, this programme may be of particular interest to you.

LECP gives people (over 18) of all cultural backgrounds who are not comfortable with the use of everyday English, the opportunity to improve their language skills and build confidence through conversations in English with the support of our mentors.

Still interested?

For more information please contact Anthony on 0414364522 or anthony@churchinthecity.com.au (Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Catholic Church)

If you know friends or family members who could benefit from LECP, please let them know!

The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule.

Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help!

To make an offering and learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject



Aid to the Church in Need

THE MINISTRY OF THE WILD GOOSE

DISCOVERING A DEEPER
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY
SPIRIT

THE WILD GOOSE

Reflection and Discussion on the Holy Spirit, beginning March 7.

Tuesdays 7:30pm- 9:00pm
Magnificat Room, Kirk Street

All welcome!

Any questions? Contact Gill at gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com

The Wild Goose series is truly a work of the Holy Spirit. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit.

It is a 14 part series featuring Fr Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert,

The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.



ON GOING

Meditation Days at St Benedict's Monastery, Arcadia

Invitation to St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia for 2023 :
Sundays - 19th February, 21st May, 20th August and 19th November.
For our Introduction and Renewal Days for Christian Meditation.

Timetable : Arrival from 10am to register for a 10:30am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, periods of meditation, Mass, information exchange, conclusion around 3pm.

Book display and morning tea provided, BYO picnic lunch.

Enquires : Ann Bergman, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas ,
atlomas@bigpond.com / 9653 2637



17-28 APR

Theology of the Body Online Course

Following his landmark visit to Sydney in January, Dr Christopher West invites you to learn more about our human desire and fulfilment as revealed by God through St John Paul II's masterwork. By partnership with Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, these course are now more accessible to Catholics in Sydney and across Australia. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to embark on a 'head to heart' journey and enrich your life and relationships!

More info: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/TOBI/>



3-5 MAY

Mission:One Heart Many Voices Conference 2023

Offering both professional and personal development opportunities, the conference will focus on themes of truth telling, reconciliation, encounter on the margins, inclusion, governance and synodality. The conference will also explore the discerned concerns and themes of the Plenary Council and Synod 2023 and offer each participant positive and practical ways to action. Presenters include Dean Parkin, Chiara Porro, Elissa Roper, Bishop Shane Mackinlay, and Bishop Tim Norton.

Date: 3-5 May 2023

Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St Sydney

28 SEP

THE ART OF LITURGICAL CELEBRATION



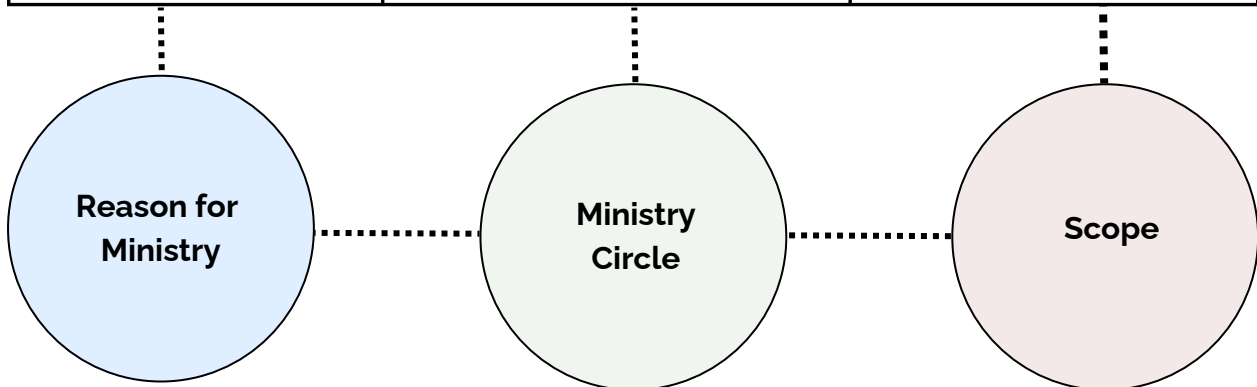
The Art of Liturgical Celebration Liturgy and Music Conference 28-30 September, Brisbane

6 Keynote presentations, 50+ Workshops, Conference Mass, Panel Discussion, Regional Interest Group, Yarning Circles, Conference Dinner, Trade and Resource Exhibits.

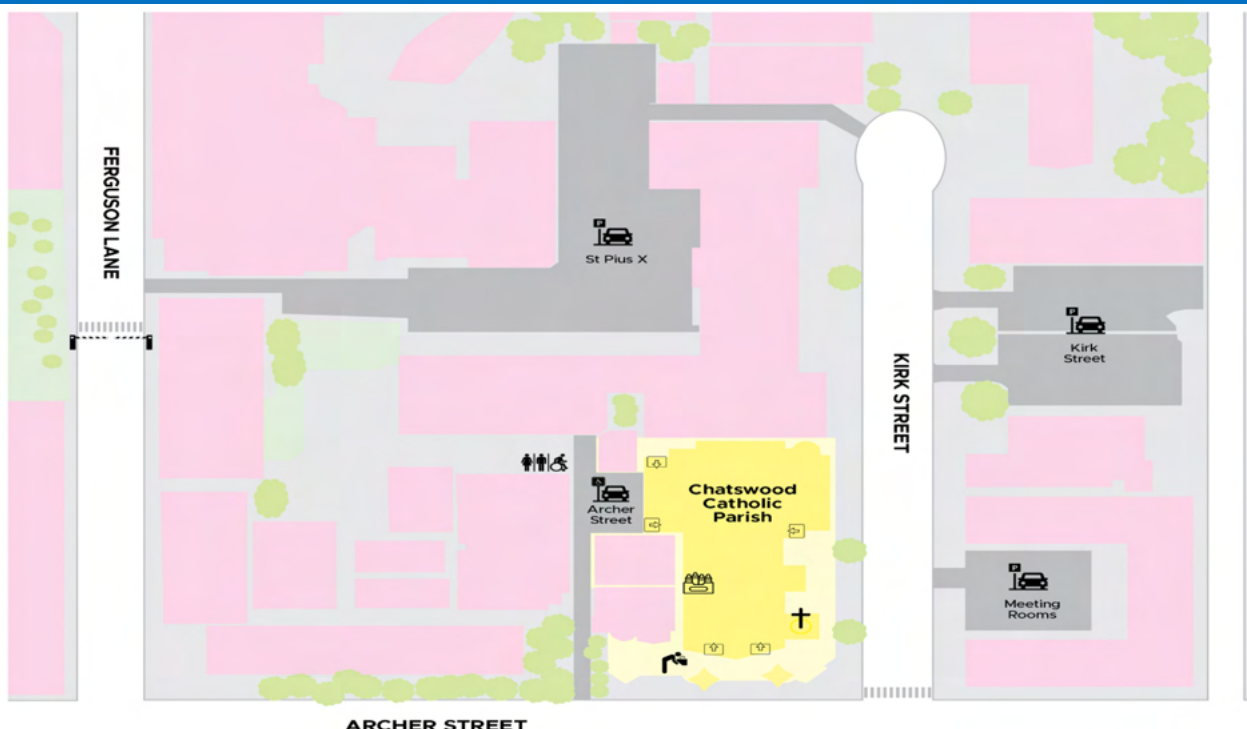
This conference is an absolute MUST for all liturgists, musicians, clergy, choristers, lay liturgical ministers, composers, teachers, conductors, liturgy teams, campus ministers - all who love liturgy and music! Enquiries: liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au

OUR CIRCLES OF MINISTRY

Love God Mark 12:30	Worshiping Together Leading Reflective Lives	Liturgy and Music Prayer and Spirituality
Love One Another John 13:34	Nurturing Relationships Caring for our World Caring for One Another	Community and Family Ecology and Social Justice Support and Visitations
Make Disciples Matthew 28:18-20	Growing in Faith Sharing the Good News Building our Future	Catechesis and Formation Mission and Evangelisation Administration and Stewardship
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Mass This Week:

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

Tuesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

Wednesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

Thursday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

Reconciliation: 7:00pm.

Friday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

Saturday Mass: 9:00am

Reconciliation: 9:30am.

Sunday • 5:30pm Vigil
(Saturday Night).

• 7:30am

• 9:00am

• 10:30am

• 5:30pm

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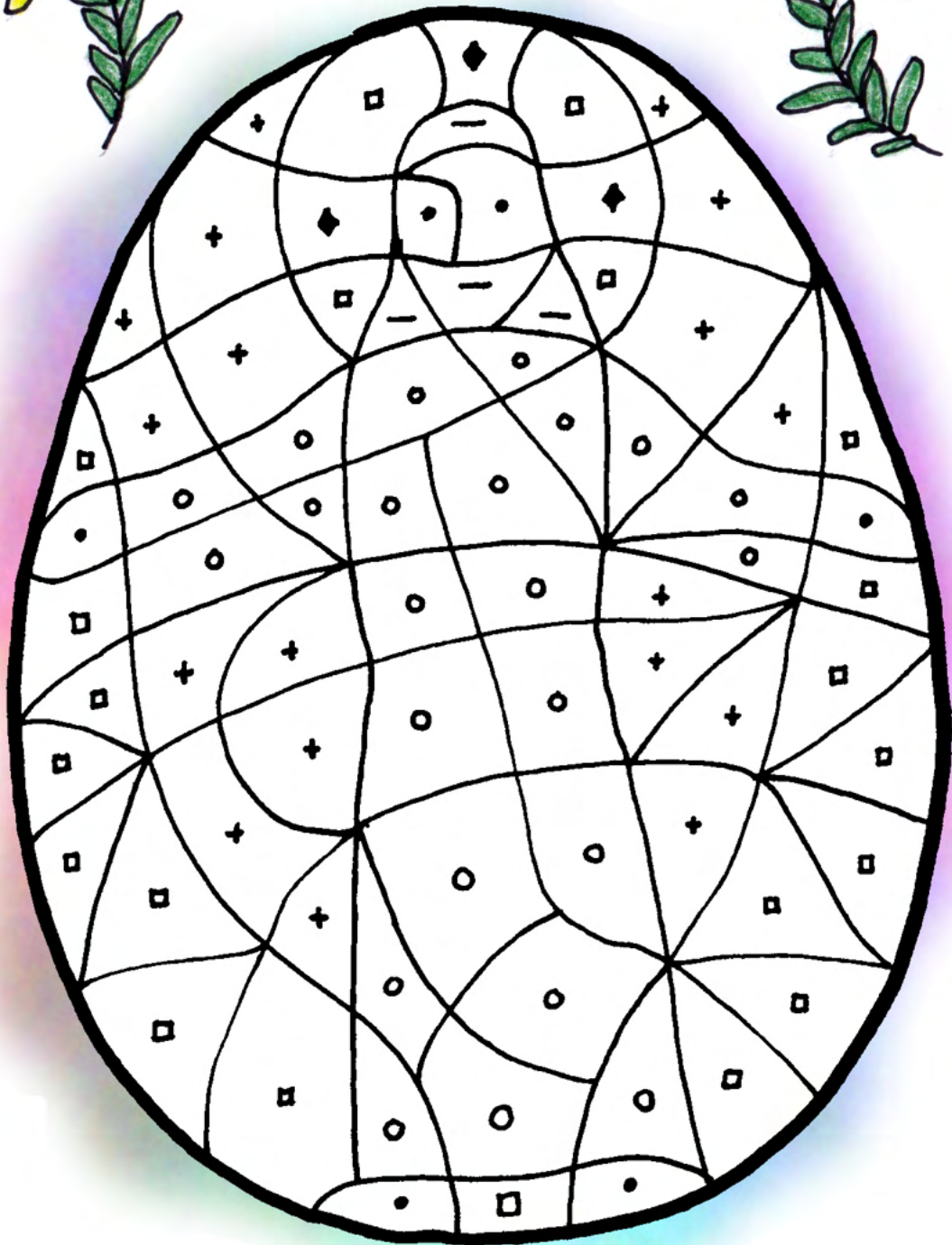
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Easter Sunday
April 9th, 2023



The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!

◆ Red

+ Purple

• Skin-colour

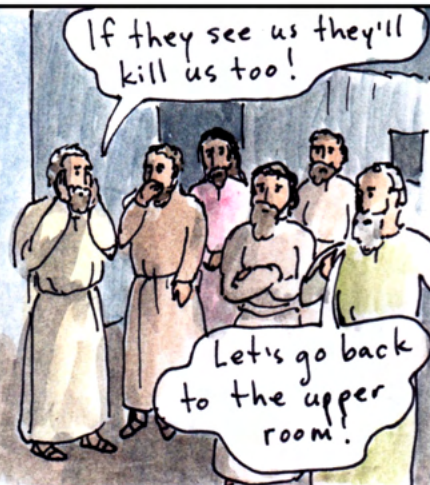
▣ Yellow

- Brown

◦ White

Easter Sunday

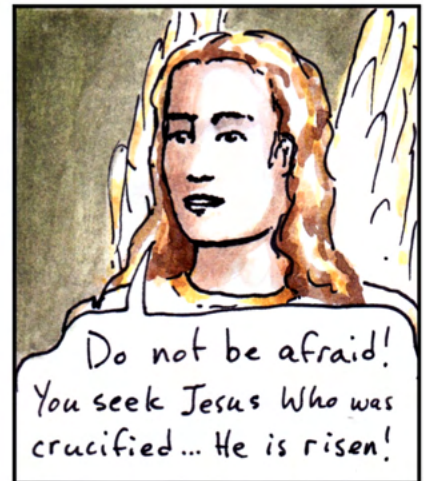
AFTER JESUS DIED ON GOOD FRIDAY THE APOSTLES WERE AFRAID AND HID AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE. THEY STAYED IN THE ROOM WHERE THEY HAD THE LAST SUPPER.



THEY STAYED THERE ON THE SABBATH DAY, WHICH WAS LIKE SUNDAY FOR THE JEWS.



EARLY ON THE SUNDAY MORNING SOME WOMEN WENT TO JESUS' TOMB...



Do not be afraid!
You seek Jesus who was crucified... He is risen!



WHEN JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS HIS FOLLOWERS THOUGHT THE END HAD COME. BUT JESUS HAD DIED ON PURPOSE TO SAVE US FROM HELL! THEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD SO THAT WE COULD RISE FROM THE DEAD TOO. REJOICE WITH OUR LADY AND THE APOSTLES THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD!

Easter: True or False?

*How well do you know the Easter Story?
See if you can figure out which of these are true and
which are false.*

1. After Jesus died on the Cross He was buried in a tomb for four days. True or false?
2. The first time the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they saw Jesus' dead body in it. True or false?
3. Nobody went to Jesus' tomb until the afternoon on Easter Sunday. True or false?
4. At first when she saw Him, Mary Magdalen didn't recognize Jesus. True or false?
5. When Jesus rose from the dead, He could never die again. True or false?
6. With His resurrected body, Jesus could go through locked doors. True or false?
7. The disciples were not surprised when Jesus came back after He died, since they knew all along that was going to happen. True or false?



Alleluia!

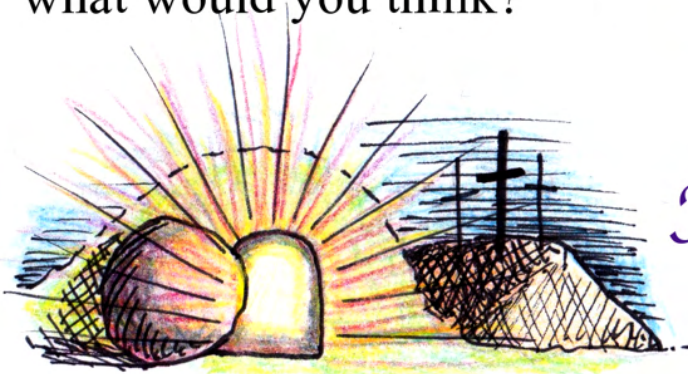
Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.



Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

*Today is the day
for rejoicing!
JESUS IS ALIVE!*



Answers to Easter True or False:
1. false 2. false 3. false 4. true 5. true
6. true 7. false