

Easter Sunday— 17 April 2022

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 Our Lady
of Dolours

HAPPY
Easter



My dear friends

On Good Friday at the end of my homily, I prayed:

O Cross of Christ,

You are the door to where and how we struggle.

You invite us down the stairway of the truth of ourselves and welcome us into the room of no pretense.

In the uncertainty of that room,

You light a candle which sheds its rays across our shadows; You restore our confidence never to cease in our hope.

And in that hope you open the windows of our selves that we might breathe again, and live anew.

Regretfully, I cannot recall the source of this prayer. However it is my hope for each of you this Easter. As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, as our hearts shudder at the horror that is unfolding in Ukraine, as we continue to navigate the challenges of recent flooding, our hearts long to be free to hope again. The Resurrection gives us that freedom to hope! It assures us that life is good; that life is worth living; that there is always fresh possibility, a new beginning.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the bursting forth of his life such that it is no longer contained in time and space. It is for this life that we are now searching, with hearts full of expectation and anticipation. The eruption of Christ's life beyond the confine of death shatters not only the tomb in which Jesus' body lay. It shatters, too, the tombs of our own spirits. It breaks open the cycles of entrapment and offers us newness and freshness and possibility in those places where we thought there was only more of the same. We no longer have to search among what deadens us for the life for which we yearn. The Resurrection proclaims it does not have to be more of the same. Something different is possible!

This is why our dreams are important. They represent our hopes about what is possible. As for our forbears in faith, the Spirit is present in our dreams. By them, the Spirit stirs us, and draws us out of our complacency or passivity, and has us continue to stretch out into the future which is always given us as gift by the Risen Christ.

Over the last few weeks we have been sharing our dreams about our church at Chatswood, our community, our precinct. These aspirations, in different ways, are testament to the power of the Spirit of the Risen Lord urging us to something more. Thank you to all those who have put forward their hopes on the journey into which we have been invited. It is not too late to share our hopes, as our Call to Dream extends to the end of May!

Together, let us truly be the Body of the Risen Christ! Let us be the community that bears his life and that makes his life present and known to all those around us. Then others too will come to know that Christ lives! He is risen!



*Flowers donated this weekend for
Agatha Yeon-Sook Hwang*

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	18 April	12.30pm Mass	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday	19 April	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday	20 April	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday	21 April	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday	22 April	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday	23 April	9am Mass	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Sunday	24 April		Second Sunday of Easter

Please Remember in your Prayers

SICK: Eva Silveri

RECENTLY DECEASED: Beryl Moloney (mother of Fr Brian), Mr Loris Gardiman, Margaret De'Mee

ANNIVERSARY OF DECEASED: James Tan, Nora Chan, Nunzia and Pietro Culicetta, Luigi and Nunzia Di Mauro, Pietro and Carmelo Patané, Antonietta Aloisio; Mervyn Walshe; Marie Elisabeth and Margarita Khen.



Reflection on the Gospel this Sunday

John makes the empty tomb the focus of Mary's early-morning discovery. This is fundamental to the belief in the Resurrection of Jesus. Immediately following the scenes at the tomb, which is empty save for the burial wrappings, John relates Mary Magdalene's and the disciples' encounters with the risen Christ. Those experiences are the truths upon which the members of the early Christian community develop their understanding of the Resurrection of Jesus.

The empty tomb also reminds us that faith comes from hearing, not seeing. The testimony of the disciples who had seen the empty tomb and the risen Jesus helps the larger community believe that Jesus has indeed been raised from the dead. Even the tomb does not have power over Jesus the Christ. John emphasizes that hearing about the Resurrection brings many people to believe that Jesus is the Messiah. For us today, at the beginning of the twenty-first century, as well as for John's community at the end of the first century, belief in the Resurrection of Jesus is based on what we have heard about the significance of the empty tomb from our believing community. Jesus has ascended into heaven and the post-Resurrection appearances have ended. Our faith in Jesus the Christ is rooted in what we have come to know and understand from hearing the words of those who have passed on to us their belief in Jesus. In those words, recorded in the Scriptures and in Church doctrine and conveyed through the liturgical rituals the Church has preserved for us, lies the meaning of the empty tomb. Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

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Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge

From Fr David

Dear friends,

On behalf of Fr Joey, Fr Marek, Deacon Kevin, and all the parish team, a very Happy Easter to you all! May the power of the new life of the Risen Christ rise in your hearts that we may live our life with fresh purpose and new possibility.

On your behalf, our deepest gratitude to all those who have worked so hard in the background to make our celebrations as meaningful and as beautiful. We thank Fr Joey for his creative choreography of our events, both liturgical and social; Fr Marek for his remarkable skill in carpentry and maintenance and for his sheer hard work over these days; Deacon Kevin for his liturgical assistance in many different ways; Ditas and Henry Naguit who along with Mercedita Mendez have put so much effort into our

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 24 April	Divine Mercy Sunday
Monday 25 April	Anzac Day Mass at 10.00am
Tuesday 26 April	Start of School Term 2
Sunday 8 May	Mother's Day
Sunday 15 May	JRS Food Collection begins in Parish
Sunday 29 May	Ascension Sunday 4pm Peter Kearney Concert - "Signs of Hope—People of Faith"
Sunday 5 June	Pentecost Sunday

This Week in the Parish

Easter Sunday	17 April	7.30am, 9am & 10.30am	Pancake, bacon & egg breakfast after all Sunday morning Masses.
		10.00am	Easter egg hunt after the 9am mass.
		3.00pm	Divine Mercy Novena (church)
		7.00pm-8.00pm	Indonesian Mass
Monday	18 April		Parish Office Closed
		11.30am	Divine Mercy Novena (church); then after the 9am Mass for the remainder of the week.
Tuesday	19 April	9.45am-12.15pm	Bible Discussion Group (St Paul Room)
		7.00pm-8.00pm	Memorial Mass for Fr Joey Frez's mother
		8.00pm-9.00pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
		7.00pm-8.30pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul)
Wednesday	20 April	9.30am—12noon	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		6.00pm-7.00pm	Wedding practice in the Church
		7.00pm-9.00pm	Exploring the Faith course (St Paul Room)
Thursday	21 April	9.30am-12noon	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		5.30pm-7.30pm	Legion of Mary (English) (Magnificat Room)
		7pm-8pm	Holy Hour with Reconciliation available
Friday	22 April	10.00am-11.30am	Meditation (via zoom)
Saturday	23 April	9.30am	Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Benediction/ Reconciliation available
		12noon-5.00pm	Presbytery Open Day
		2.00pm-4.00pm	Wedding in the Church
Sunday	24 April	9.00am-10.00am	Choir practice (St Peter Room)
		12noon	Infant Baptisms in the Church
		2.30pm-4.00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions in the Church

From Fr David cont'd

liturgical decorations; to Gemma Hill and Irene Cheung for their beautiful floral arrangements; to all our musicians for making our ceremonies as prayerful, to Andrew Choi for coordinating and to Hamish Lavery ensuring all the technical side of things worked well; to Gerard Ryan and our magnificent team of altar servers; to Elizabeth Jung for her care in the sacristy; to all those who ministered to us in word and action over these significant days. We are richly blessed to have such a wonderful team of people who work so generously and tirelessly to make our parish and church all that it is.

Our priests are very grateful for the completion of Stage 1 of the Presbytery Renovation. The interior of the house has now all been repaired and rejuvenated. Hopefully, a number will enjoy our welcome to view the improvements on Saturday 23 April or on Sunday 1 May— as outline in the column below.

We hope that the next week of school holidays is restful for all ahead of the commencement of Term 2 on Tuesday 26 April. On Monday 25 April we celebrate ANZAC Day. Once again, our parish will be represented at the Willoughby Council Dawn Service. On Thursday 21 April I will be present at the RSL ANZAC Day Commemoration lunch. Please note that on Monday 25 April we will have but the one Mass celebrated in our church: **an ANZAC Day Mass at 10am.**

Conversation Circles with Fr David

As Term 2 commences towards the end of April

Fr David invites members of our parish community to join him for a series of conversation circles at which we can engage him with the questions we might have about

Our Parish, as Parish Priest,

Our Diocese, as Vicar General

The Fifth Plenary Council of the Church in Australia, as Secretary of the Council.

Circles will be limited to about 12 people at a time and conducted over a range of dates to enable as many to participate.

The dates will be Tuesday 3 May, Tuesday 17 May, Wednesday 18 May, Tuesday 24 May at 7.30pm or on Thursday 12 May at 10am or Monday 16 May at 10am.

Further details about how to register will be forthcoming after Easter!

Presbytery Renovation—Stage 1 Completed!

Do you remember the project we initiated last June 2021 to renovate the presbytery? We had scheduled an inspection day on which everyone could come and see what needed to be done. However, two days earlier we went into Covid lockdown!

Nonetheless, the project has indeed unfolded step by step, and we are happy to share that through all the challenges of COVID we have now completed the interior renovation of the house! We would love to show you what we have achieved and how the house has been transformed into a warm and inviting home.

We are especially grateful to Mr Glen Worne who has seen the project through as our primary builder, and to Michael Mercer our parish Finance and Facilities Manager who has overseen and guided the project so generously. **Come along on the afternoon of Saturday 23 April from 12 noon to 5pm or on Sunday 1 May from 12noon to 5pm to have a look.** Everyone is most welcome to call in to say hello and enjoy a cuppa!



We have now begun planning on the second stage of the project which is to build an extension at the rear of the house to provide more adequate living space for our Assistant Priests. We will then repaint the exterior of the house and re-landscape the front of the house. This has been a major undertaking for the long term benefit of our parish and its important assets.

Divine Mercy Sunday—next Sunday 24 April

Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer & Worship Service – 24 April 2022 (2.30 pm – 4.00 pm)

The Feast of Divine Mercy is celebrated on the Sunday following Easter Sunday expressing the association between the two feasts. Easter marks the salvation won by Jesus' atoning sacrifice on the cross and His victory over death. The Feast of Divine Mercy celebrates God's loving forgiveness.

On Divine Mercy Sunday 24 April, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 2.30pm with the praying and singing of the Chaplet, blessing of Divine Mercy images etc. Benediction at around 4pm. Reconciliation is available from 2.30 – 4.00pm.

The 9-day Divine Mercy Novena started on Good Friday 15 April and ends on Easter Saturday 23 April. The novena will be prayed in our church on Sunday at 3pm, Monday at 11.30am, Tuesday - Saturday after 9.00am morning Mass.

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The Gospels are rich with accounts of the forgiveness extended by Jesus. Even from the cross itself Jesus spoke words of forgiveness "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do". The Feast of Divine Mercy beckons a sinful world to avail of that excessive loving forgiveness of God.

Origin of the Feast

The Feast of Divine Mercy emanates from the extraordinary messages from Jesus to a poor uneducated Polish nun, Sr Faustina, in the 1930's. Amongst those messages received by Sr Faustina and recorded in her *Diary* is the promise of Our Lord to grant complete pardon of sins and remission of punishment due to them to the soul that makes a good confession and receives Holy Communion on the Feast of Divine Mercy. Jesus also requested that Sr Faustina have an image painted depicting Jesus as He appeared to her. This is known as the image of Divine Mercy. Jesus revealed to Sr Faustina the formula of prayer specially invoking Divine Mercy and asked that she promote this prayer which is known as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

For many years however the messages received by Sr Faustina remained largely unknown until extensive investigations instigated by Pope John Paul II while still a Cardinal established the veracity of Sr Faustina's accounts of Jesus' messages to her. The cause of the canonization of Sr Faustina was opened and she was finally declared a saint by John Paul II in 2000. It was on this occasion that John Paul II declared the Sunday following Easter Sunday the Feast of Divine Mercy.



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OUR HOPES & DREAMS

A SAMPLE OF WHAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED SO FAR

My hopes & dreams for our Chatswood church are...

"Community Dinner - This is a good idea as we all come together for dinner and talk to one another in Harrington Hall. I think it is time to bring it back."

Peter

"Maintenance of the church building is kept to a high standard ... That it continues to remain open everyday so people can come in anytime to pray and feel that it is a sanctuary (a safe place to be)."

Cynthia

"To be a vibrant parish and to be held up as an example of a flourishing church in Sydney. To be a hub for Christians across the North Shore and the whole of Sydney."

Hamish

My hopes & dreams for our parish community are...

"Whilst we're guided by the Holy Spirit the teachings, goals and dreams of Pope Francis should be paramount to all we strive for. Laudato si', Fratelli Tutti and Let us Dream should be the basis for our planning."

Trish

"That young families are encouraged and supported so they are actively involved in parish matters... Build a strong youth base as they are crucial to the future of our community."

Cynthia

"My hope is to see the Parish of our Lady of Dolours become a Eucharistic centered Community, with an increased personal attendance at the opportunities offered for Eucharistic adoration."

Parishioner

My hopes & dreams for our church and schools precinct are...

"Have a large area with a community cafe. Foodtech students can make and donate some foods.

Students and parishioners can donate their time and/or food. Students can learn barista skills and it can be a place of gathering for the Community.

Any profits can be put back towards community activities or charity or to invite "clients/community members" who may be isolated or lonely to enjoy a free cuppa and /or meal. A place where they will be welcomed and know there is someone with listening ears on site. "

EI

"A true multi use space that the parish can host a range of events in, with meeting rooms, music rehearsal space, hall/theatre space, children's ministry space etc."

Hamish

How to share your hopes & dreams

We would love for you to share your dreams and help to shape the future of our church, parish, and precinct.

Feeding these back to our community and building on them with further initiatives will begin to give shape to the possibilities being given us by the Spirit of God.

You can share your dreams by..



visiting www.churchinthecity.com.au/dreams and filling in the questions; or



emailing dreams@churchinthecity.com.au and sharing your dreams; or



filling out the [dreams booklet](#) found in the church foyer and pews



Being Church in the City: Our Journey Together



Sharing our Dreams

We are very grateful to the number of people who have already shared their dreams for our church, our community, our precinct.

We continue to invite everyone to share their thoughts and hopes through until the end of May 2022.

**Would you like to form a group and offer something together?
Do let our parish office know and as Term 2 commences on 26 April we can facilitate the formation of small groups for this intention.**

**In addition, we bring to everyone's attention
Willoughby City Council has recently released its own vision for the future.**

Council undertook seven months of community engagement which was synthesised and incorporated into the development of the *Our Future Willoughby 2028*. The *Our Future Willoughby 2028* identifies the vision for the future of Willoughby City as: '*Willoughby's diversity underpins our livable and prosperous City*'.

This vision is supported by five strategic outcomes as outlined below and supported by a number of priorities:

- A City that is green
- A City that is connected and inclusive
- A City that is livable
- A City that is prosperous and vibrant
- A City that is effective and accountable

These plans will have a direct implication for many of our parishioners, and especially for our parish precinct. We are therefore studying the document with great care.

**<https://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Community/Planning-for-our-Future/Our-Future-Willoughby-2028>
Submissions open until 8 June 2022**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.

In Our Parish



Annual Parish Donation to Streetwork

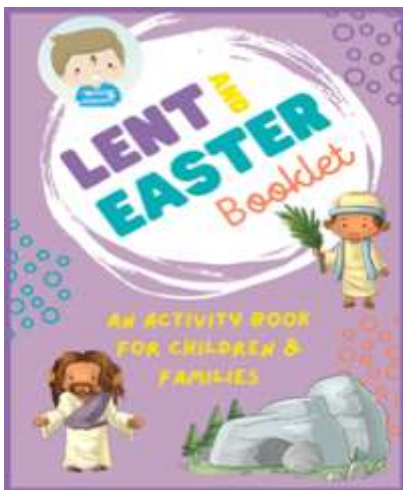
Last Monday, on behalf of our parish community, Gillian Hawkins and Fr David presented Mr Geoff Munday from Streetwork with a cheque for \$6000 from our parish. This is money that has been generously raised from a number of parish BBQs at Bunnings Chatswood over the last year.

Ordinarily we would hold a weekend appeal for Streetwork during Lent. For various reasons it was not possible to hold the appeal this year. However, it was still a significant expression of our parish Lenten almsgiving to be able to present this donation to Streetwork.

Streetwork is a wonderful local initiative assisting young people in a variety of challenging situations.. See streetwork.org.au

Our next parish Bunnings BBQ is on Sunday 24 April. A very special thank you to all those who volunteer their time and cooking skill to make these events as effective.

Catechist Ministry



The Catechists are so grateful to have been back in the classroom this term. We wish you and your families a happy and Holy Easter!

We would love to share this Lent and Easter Activity Booklet to all of you. Below is the link for the Lent and Easter activity booklet with a special message inside.

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/lent_and_easter_booklet_2

Please continue to pray for the Catechists in each state school sharing the faith to future generations.

Supporting our parishioner, Stephanie Ho in a wonderful initiative

20 year old Stephanie Ho (one of the senior altar servers) is preparing to run 320km from Canberra to Sydney this July - the equivalent of a marathon every day for a week - to raise funds for a school in rural Nepal. She taught English at this school in 2019 and saw with her own eyes the lack of resources available to the students. She noticed that even though the students enjoyed learning, there was much room for improvement. Over the past few months, she has collaborated with the school and identified its priorities to facilitate its improvement. Her Canberra to Sydney run will raise funds to:

1. Build a mini science lab equipped with beakers, crucibles, bunsen burners, test tubes etc.
2. Install some computers and a projector
3. Provide more cookery to allow for a larger variety of meals (meals were provided to the students during school time)

Every cent raised through the fundraiser will go towards acquiring equipment for the school. After the run, Stephanie will fly over to Nepal to buy the equipment to deliver to the school, while also assisting in its installation. To assist in fundraising, Stephanie has set up a GoFundMe page. Please see the link below or search "Stephanie Ho go fund me Nepal" in Google.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/c2c-run-for-nepal>

Moments in our Celebration of Holy Week in our Parish



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CatholicCare Brochure Stand

We have a new stand in our church foyer. The stand shares the many resources of CatholicCare Broken Bay to assist those in need of one kind or another. Do have a look at the various services available to us if we are in need.



A very special thank you to our young people who enacted the Stations of the Cross on the morning of Good Friday!
Their prayerful acting of the Stations was greatly appreciated by the many people present.

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HEALTH CARE WORKERS

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



Supporting our Parish Financially

Donation for	Description	BSB	Account Number
First collection (support for Clergy)	Chatswood Parish Pastoral Revenue A/C	062-784	100001606
Second collection, Planned Giving by EFT & general donation to Parish (support for Parish operation)	Chatswood Parish Working A/C	062-784	100001609



Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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.

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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, except on long weekends).

10.30am

11.00am at St Peter's Green Aged Care Facility, North Lane Cove

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: 11.45am (preceded by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11.30am); 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

First Friday of the month: 6.30pm Divine Retreat Centre Healing Mass and Prayer