

Bulletin.

**Bringing the Light of Christ to the City:
We Love; We Grow; We Serve**

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Ordinary Time

Welcome to Chatswood Catholic Parish

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, visiting for the first time, or returning after some time away, we are glad you are here. Our parish is a community of faith, prayer, and service, seeking to bring the Light of Christ into everyday life.

This bulletin is here to help you stay connected with what is happening in our parish, and to discover opportunities to grow in faith, serve others, and journey together as one community.



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Bible Quote for the week:

你們如側耳，走近我前來聽，你們必將獲得生命；我要與你們訂立一項永久的盟約，即誓許於達味的慈惠。 依撒依亞 55:3

Pay attention and come to me; listen, that you may have life. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, the steadfast loyalty promised to David **Isaiah 55:3**

New to our parish?

If you are visiting or new to our community, we are glad you are here.

Please feel welcome to speak with one of our priests after Mass or contact the parish office for more information about parish life on 02 9410 9000 or chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



A message from Fr David.

Dear Friends,

Last weekend we were treated to a most marvellous music event with the visit of the Bukas Palad Music Ministry from Manila, under the direction of Fr Manoling Francisco SJ. Fr Manoling shared a beautiful spiritual reflection on the Friday evening. And then over 700 people joined us for a wonderful concert on the Saturday evening, including the Filipino Consul-General, Sheila Marie Tario who travelled from Canberra. A very special thank you to our Filipino Chatswood Catholic Community and the superb coordination by Marte Tagle. We are hopeful that the future may present another opportunity for a visit to us from this legendary choir.

Over the next couple of weekends, we have two important feastdays: the Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop on Saturday 8 August and the Solemnity of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation, on Saturday 15 August. The morning Masses on each of these days will celebrate the Feast, but the evening Saturday Vigil Mass will be of the Sunday liturgy. However, for the Solemnity of the Assumption we will also celebrate the Vigil on Friday 14 August. We will do this by Solemn Vespers at 6.30pm, followed by the Solemnity's Vigil Mass at 7.00pm. We are also invited to join our online Rosary for the Assumption on Saturday 15 August at 8.00pm.

Saturday 15 August is also an important day for our parish community as it is the tenth session of our Parish-in-

Council. We warmly welcome everyone to this special occasion, and the details can be found later in the bulletin.

On this particular session, we come back to reflecting on the renovation of our church. Much work has been achieved in preparation for this very significant project, and this session of Parish-in-Council will provide us with the opportunity to share what has been done and to outline how the project will get underway (from this October). Stuart Cunningham, from Project Strategies Australia, our project manager, will also be in attendance. We will reflect together on our hopes for the renovation, and this discernment will be very constructive in continuing to inform and shape how the project will unfold. Do come along and be a part of this exciting conversation ahead of the commencement of the work!

Fr David Ranson PP



We acknowledge the Cammeraygal People of the Eora Nation, custodians of the land on which our parish stands and we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of national reconciliation.

As a Parish of Catholic Faith we are committed to ensuring always a community of safety and care for all, especially for children, and those who are vulnerable.

Very Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG
Parish Priest, Our Lady of Dolours Church

What's happening this week at the parish.

Monday, 3 August 2026 – Sunday, 9 August 2026

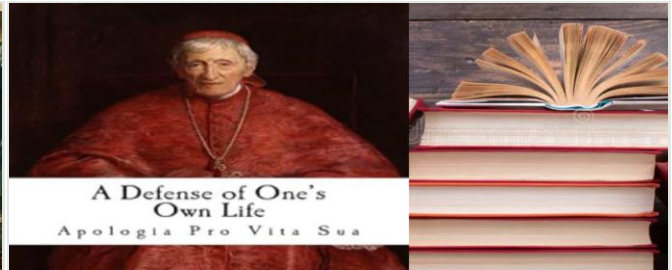


Exploring The Faith

A 30 week course that explores the Catholic Faith in a comprehensive and systematic manner resumes and will finish 19 May 2027.

Contact anthony@churchinthecity.com.au

Wednesday, 5 August 2026
7-9pm in St Peters Room



Book Club

Led by Fr David, we journey together, nourished by readings which deepen our faith and spirituality. Currently focusing on the works of 'Newman: A Defence of One's Own Life.'

Contact Bernadette at bjew@innovart.com.au

Wednesday, 5 August 2026
7:30-9pm in Magnificat Room



Senior's Morning Tea

Join us for a free seminar with legal expert Cecilia Castle, Principal of Castle Lawyers who will cover essential estate topics.

Contact mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au

Thursday, 6 August 2026
10:00 - 11:30am Magnificat Room

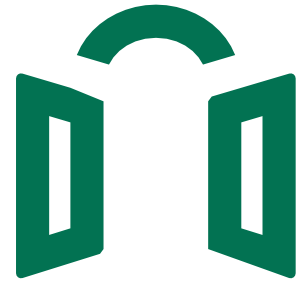


Couples for Christ

The program continues this Sunday 9 August, run by Mark, Janice and the team from Couples for Christ Australia (CFCA). Childminding provided.

Contact chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Sunday, 9 August 2026
2-5pm in Magnificat Room



Monday, 3 August

PIC X Team Prep Meeting

Harrington Hall 6-9pm

Tuesday, 4 August

Bible Discussion Group

St Paul Room 10am-12pm

Tuesday, 4 August

Filipino Choir Practice

Harrington Hall 7-9pm

Tuesday, 4 August

Indonesian Legion of Mary

St Peter Room

6:30-8:30pm

Wednesday, 5 August

Practice Language and Conversation English

Magnificat Room 9:30 -11am

Wednesday, 5 August

CIC Indonesian Instrument Practice

Harrington Hall 6:30-9pm

Thursday, 6 August

Playgroup

Magnificat Room 1-3pm

Friday, 7 August

Meditation Group & Morning Tea

St Paul Room 10-11:15am

Friday, 7 August

Choir Practice

St Peter Room 5-8pm

Saturday, 8 August

Legion of Mary

St Peter Room 10:30am – 12:30pm

Saturday, 8 August

CIC Indonesian Choir Practice & Fellowship

Magnificat & St Peter Room 5-9:30pm

Saturday, 8 August

Chinese Mass & Choir Practice

St Paul 3:30pm – 5pm

Sunday, 9 August

CCA AGM

Harrington Hall 1 –5pm

Sunday 9 August

Cornerstone & Keystone Youth Group

Magnificat Room 6:30 – 8:30pm

Morning Tea

Sunday 2 August morning tea after 7:30am mass and 9am Family mass. All welcome!

Confirmation Enrolments



Enrolments for preparation and reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open via Our Lady of Dolours parish website at www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood

In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for Confirmation once they have been baptised and have reached 8 years of age or older.

Please see the 'Children's Sacraments' page on our parish website for further details or scan QR code:

Scan to Enrol



Contact Rebecca or Mona at chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au

Church Schedule

Mass Schedule This Week

Monday, 3 August 2026
12:30pm

St Dominic

Tuesday, 4 August 2026
9:00am & 12:30pm

St John Vianney

Wednesday, 5 August 2026
9:00 & 12:30pm

Wednesday of week 18 of Ordinary
Time

Thursday, 6 August 2026
9:00am & 12:30pm

The Transfiguration of The Lord

Friday, 7 August 2026
9:00am & 12:30pm

Friday of week 18 of Ordinary Time

Saturday, 8 August 2026,
9:00am, 5.30pm

St Mary of The Cross

Sunday, 9 August 2026,
7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

- Note:**
- Upcoming First Saturday Public
Rosary Saturday 1 August 2026

Date	Time	Activity
3 August 2026	11:45 – 12:15	Rosary
Monday	12:30 – 13:00	Afternoon Mass
	13:00 – 13:30	Rosary
4 August 2026	8:45 – 9:00	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass
	9:30 – 10:15	Rosary Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	12:30 - 13:00	Afternoon Mass
	13:00 – 13:30	Rosary
5 August 2026	8:45 – 9:00	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass
	9:30 - 10:15	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	12:30 – 13:00	Afternoon Mass
	13:00 – 13:30	Rosary
	18:30 – 19:30	Evening Mass of Hope/Serra Vocations Mass
6 August 2026	8:45 – 9:00	Morning Prayer
Thursday	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass
	9:30 - 12:00	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy/Adoration
	12:30 – 13:00	Afternoon Mass
	13:00 – 13:30	Rosary
	19:00 – 20:00	Holy Hour Adoration
7 August 2026	8:45 – 9:00	Morning Prayer
Friday	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass
	9:30 – 10:15	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	12:30 – 13:00	Afternoon Mass
	13:00 – 13:30	Rosary
	18:00 – 21:00	First Friday Mass & Devotion
8 August 2026	8:45 – 9:00	Morning Prayer
Saturday	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass
	9:30 – 10:00am	Devotion to Our Lady Perpetual Help
	16:30 – 17:30	Vigil Singer Bookings
	17:30- 18:30	Vigil
	19:00 – 20:00	Indonesian Mass
9 August 2026	7:30 – 8:30	Mass
Sunday	9:00 – 10:00	Family Mass
	10:30 – 11:30	Traditional Mass
	14:00 – 15:00	Mandarin Mass
	17:30 – 18:30	Youth Mass

Last Week in Review

July Community BBQ



Thank you, Men Alive for BBQ cooking, Margaret's Morning Tea team and our regular Community Lunch Team, for service, Denise and Wendy who donated home-baked goodies for the community lunch last Sunday 26 July! We introduced Monthly Birthday Blessings at 10:30am mass followed by cake cutting at the community lunch! Special thanks to Winnie and Kel_Bakes for the delicious cake!



More pictures can be seen on our Facebook and Instagram pages #ourladyofdolourschatswood

End of English Alpha Party on Monday 27 July



End of Chinese Alpha Party on Wednesday 29 July



July Birthday Celebrations for Parish Choir on 25 July



Growing Together in Faith

Our parish offers many opportunities to deepen faith, prayer, and understanding of

God's presence in our lives. Whether through pilgrimage, learning, shared reflection, or quiet prayer, these gatherings invite us to continue growing as disciples of Christ together.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

A process for welcoming new Catholics. The program will start first week of September.

English RCIA – 02 9410 9000 or
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Chinese RCIA – Grace at grace_tai@hotmail.com

Korean RCIA – Elizabeth on 0422 755 926

Meditation Group

Meets weekly in St Paul Meeting Room on Fridays 10am and online zoom on Fridays at 5:30pm.

Contact Jon at jnnurman@yahoo.com

Spiritual Book Club

Guided by Fr David, participants are invited to listen, reflect and grow in spiritual understanding.

Contact Bernadette at bjew@innovart.com.au

Bible Study Group

Meets each Tuesdays at 9:45am in St Paul Room. Contact Madelyn 02 9427 5204

Parish Life & Community Groups

Alongside our faith formation, our parish is home to groups that foster friendship, cultural connection, and community.

For more information on the following ministries, contact our Parish Engagement Officer Dee at chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Altar Servers



Last Sunday 26 July, at 7:30am mass, both Ana and Gerard were altar servers. It was special as Ana served for the first time and Gerard celebrated his 40 years as an acolyte!

Congratulations to both Ana and Gerard!

Chatswood Catholic Parish Families

Are you a new or current family at the parish looking for like-minded families to socialise and grow with? Guided by Fr Hien, we occasionally gather and share experiences. The next upcoming event will be a Family Rosary during mid August.

Children's Liturgy at 9am Mass

We need parents to support this important ministry by becoming a parent volunteer! Rostered on once per month during school terms.

Please contact chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

The Children's Atrium

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a particular way of journeying with children toward God for children aged between 3 and 12 years. It is grounded in scripture and the liturgy of the church, then framed by Montessori principles of education. Classes held throughout the week.

Contact Angela or Rose at old.childrens.atrium@gmail.com

Calling all young singers

To sing at our Sunday Family 9am Mass

If you are in year 2 to 6 and you enjoy singing, we would love you to come and join our Family Mass Choir for our special

Year 3 Mass celebration on Sunday 16th August

There will be a rehearsal on the second Sunday of the month (Sunday 9th August) after 9am Mass in the children's liturgy room with Angela Hague or just come on the day! Parents are welcome to join as well!

To join us, please RSVP to Rebecca in the parish office at: rebecca.molinaro@bbcatholic.org.au

Calling Floral Ministry Volunteers!

Are you available one Friday morning per month? Help make our altar and parish look beautiful! Guided by Irene, training will be provided.

Seeking Expressions of Interest

Are you a carer looking for a local support group to join?

Contact Dee 02 9410 9035

Pro Life



The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that human life must be respected and protected absolutely from conception, and that direct abortion - intended to destroy a zygote, embryo, or fetus is always a grave moral disorder. (CCC 2270-2271)

Please join us in the fight to end abortion.

Visit us at <https://prolife.gotomary.com>
or email us at prolife@gotomary.com

or join us for a Rosary for Life every Thursday at 8 pm via Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8034195601>
Meeting ID: 8034195601

One of Edmund Burke's (1729-1797) most famous quotes is:
"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

You're Invited!

MORNING TEA & TECHNOLOGY TALK

PRACTICAL. USEFUL. EMPOWERING.

Come along for a relaxed and friendly session designed to help you feel more confident in today's digital world.

All Welcome!

Guest Speaker
Declan Schillert
Senior Security Consultant

Join Declan for an informative and engaging session covering the topics that matter most to you.

Stay Safe. Stay Connected. Stay Empowered.

MORNING TEA PROVIDED

TOPICS WE WILL COVER

- Using Technology Basics**
Build your confidence with everyday devices and apps.
- Using Technology to Stay Connected with Family & Friends**
Learn simple ways to stay in touch and share special moments.
- Scam and Fraud Awareness**
Protect yourself and your loved ones from common scams and online threats.
- Using Technology to Find Government & Social Programs**
Discover helpful resources and support available to you.

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 2026
10:30AM
MAGNIFICATE ROOM
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
CHATSWOOD

REGISTRATION CLOSING
25 AUGUST

For enquiries, please contact
mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au

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life made better!*

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Join us to pray the Rosary together online via Zoom

Saturday 15 August 2026 at 8 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89128242753>
Meeting ID 89128242753
(no password required)

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

2 AUGUST 2026

'GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT YOURSELVES.' With the five loaves and two fish that Jesus had blessed, the disciples fed a vast crowd. Our acts of service and love towards others may often seem small but, blessed by Jesus, they too can have a great impact. We need Jesus to bless our work, and Jesus needs us to feed the hungry and comfort the lonely of our world. Together, we can do great things.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 69:2, 6

**O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.**

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the
unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation:
Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church:
Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on
earth peace to people of good will. / We
praise you, / we bless you, / we adore
you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks
for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly
King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord
Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, /
you take away the sins of the world, /
have mercy on us; / you take away the
sins of the world, / receive our prayer; /
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, / have mercy on us. / For you
alone are the Holy One, / you alone are
the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, /
Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in
the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing
kindness, that, for those who glory in you

as their Creator and guide, you may restore
what you have created and keep safe what
you have restored. Through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isa 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are
thirsty;

though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,

and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good
things to eat

and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;

listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting
covenant

out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 144:8-9, 15-18. R. v. 16

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us,
he answers all our needs.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of
compassion, / slow to anger, abounding
in love. / How good is the Lord to all, /
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you /
and you give them their food in due time. /
You open wide your hand, / grant the desires
of all who live. **R.**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways / and
loving in all his deeds. / He is close to all who
call him, / call on him from their hearts. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

*No creature can separate us from the love of
God, which is in Christ.*

Nothing can come between us and the love of
Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or



being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes,
or being threatened or even attacked. These
are the trials through which we triumph, by
the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor
life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists,
nothing still to come, not any power, or
height or depth, nor any created thing, can
ever come between us and the love of God
made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

**Alleluia, alleluia! / No one lives on bread
alone, / but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God. / Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mt 14:13-21

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John
the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat
to a lonely place where they could be by
themselves. But the people heard of this and,
leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So
as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd;
and he took pity on them and healed their
sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The Mystery of Faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

JESUS NURTURES US

Have you ever experienced a time when you needed to rest, restore yourself and, perhaps, even reflect on the direction in which your life is moving? Today's Gospel can speak to this experience. Jesus, accompanied by his disciples, steps ashore from a boat and discovers a troubled crowd in need of healing. It is evening, a *lonely* (literally, 'a desert') place and the crowd needs to eat. Figuratively, this crowd represents how we might feel at times, in need of care, comfort, healing and sustenance.

The disciples have the solution. They want *him* to send the people off to purchase food from the local villages. But Jesus surprises the disciples with another solution: *they* are to find the food that is necessary. The Greek text can also be interpreted, 'You give them *yourselves* to eat!' This gets to the heart of the issue. The disciples retort that they don't have what is needed (either physically or personally?) to satisfy the hungry crowd, only five loaves and two fish, representative of the average food allowance for one household in the ancient world.

Jesus gets the crowd to sit down (literally, 'recline'—the dining posture in the Greco-Roman world) on the 'grass' (but isn't this a desert?) takes the meagre offering of the disciples, prays a eucharistic blessing over the loaves and fish, then gets the disciples to distribute to the crowd. They eat, are satisfied, and there remains enough leftovers, twelve baskets full, for the future. Our deepest need for spiritual restoration and nurture is met in today's celebration of Word and Eucharist. Jesus nurtures us.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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MANDARIN | ENGLISH TRANSLATION | MASS

8月9日 | 星期日 | 下午2:00

SUNDAY | 9 AUGUST 2026 | 2:00 pm

主礼 - 大伟朗臣神父

CELEBRANT | FATHER DAVID RANSON

欢迎参加 *All Are Welcome*

本堂每月第二个主日举行

MANDARIN | ENGLISH TRANSLATION
MASS HERE

MONTHLY | SECOND SUNDAY | 2:00 PM

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Bukas Palad

The visit of the Bukas Palad Music Ministry was a grace-filled occasion that brought our parish community together in prayer, reflection and song through three memorable events.

The celebrations began on Friday, 24 July, with a Feature Talk and Retreat led by Fr Manoling Francisco SJ entitled *Bless Our Darkness: Discerning God's Presence in Today's World*. His inspiring reflections invited participants to deepen their faith and recognise God's presence amid the challenges of everyday life.

On Saturday morning, Fr Manoling and members of Bukas Palad conducted a Choral Workshop in Harrington Hall, generously sharing their gifts, experience and passion for liturgical music with choristers and music ministers from the Archdioceses of Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne, and the Dioceses of Broken Bay, Wollongong and Parramatta, who are interested in enriching their ministry through sacred music.



The visit culminated on Saturday evening with a Prayer Concert at our Church, attended by more than 650 people. Among the distinguished guests were Her Excellency Sheila Marie Tario, Minister and Consul-

General of the Philippines, who travelled from Canberra, together with priests from the Jesuit community, the Diocese of Broken Bay and neighbouring dioceses. The congregation included parishioners as well as visitors from across Sydney, with some making the journey from as far as Melbourne and Brisbane to be part of this special occasion.



It was a truly spirit-filled evening of prayer, praise and joyful worship, featuring the uplifting music of the Bukas Palad Music Ministry alongside guest choirs from the Filipino Chaplaincy Young Adults of the Diocese of Parramatta and our own Himig Sandiwa Chorale. Through their inspiring music and heartfelt witness, they led the congregation in prayer and reflection, uniting all present in joyful worship as one community of faith.

We give thanks to God for the blessings received through this visit and to the many volunteers from the Filipino Chaplaincy of Chatswood who spearheaded the organisation of the events in collaboration with the Ateneo Alumni Association of Australia and the Filipino Chaplaincy of Young Adults of Parramatta; benefactors and participants whose generosity made these faith-filled events possible.

Article by Marte T.



See you at:

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www.cfcaustralia.org

Serving Our Community.

Our faith is lived not only in prayer, but in service. These opportunities invite us to support those in need, contribute to parish life, and put our faith into action through generosity, compassion, and care.

St Vincent de Paul Society

There is an option for regular giving – if interested please email El or John details below.

Thank you for your generosity this Winter. We do need more active members and if you are interested in this Ministry please contact El.Herlianto@vinnies.org.au or John.Russell@vinnies.org.au

Exciting Opportunity to address social isolation in our community

Our Vinnies Conference and our parish are together spearheading a new initiative at our local social housing site in Artarmon. Each Thursday from 10.30 to 12.00 we will host a get-together with social housing residents to help build a sense of community and belonging. We will provide coffee and cake as well as conversation with whoever turns up.

If you can spare one Thursday morning a month, we'd love to hear from you. This is the work that Jesus asks us to do - to care for our neighbors as we do for our selves and our families. If you'd like to know more or if you can offer one Thursday morning a month, please ring Dee at the parish office on or email jokaraolis1@bigpond.com. We start on **Thursday 3rd September** and you can sign up for any Thursday after that. All that is required is a Working With Children Check and a NSW Police Check and we can help you to get these. We would love to hear from you.

Community Transport Drivers

Drivers who have a great commitment to help other parishioners get to mass! We need you! Our ministry match parishioners who live near each other to offer a lift if needed. A great way to meet others and build friendship.

Contact Dee
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

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Your donations provide a lifeline – they keep our doors open, our showers running and hot meals on the table for people who need them most.

Thank you

It is heartening to see so many parishioners purchasing copies of *Magnifica Humanitas*, not only for their own spiritual reading but also as thoughtful gifts for family and friends. In response to the strong interest, additional copies are now available at the PEW Gift Shop.

We invite you to visit the PEW Gift Shop after the 12.30 pm weekday Mass or following all weekend Masses. Copies may also be reserved by emailing giftshopinthecity@gmail.com.

We have also received a beautiful selection of new devotional items, including statues of Our Lady of Sorrows and rosaries, together with other religious gifts suitable for special occasions, sacramental celebrations or personal devotion. Whether you are looking for a meaningful gift or something to enrich your own prayer life, we would be delighted to welcome you to the PEW Gift Shop.

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POPE LEO XIV



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Notes from Fr Hien's Reading Group on Magnifica Humanitas

On Tuesday 28 July, our parish reading group completed a guided study of Chapters 2 and 3 of Pope Leo XIV's encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*, focusing on the principles of Catholic social teaching as a moral framework for the age of artificial intelligence. At the heart of the Christian faith is the conviction that human dignity, rooted in the Trinitarian image of God, must remain the non-negotiable foundation of any engagement with technology.

Key points

- AI must be evaluated not by efficiency alone, but by whether it serves **dignity, participation, justice, fraternity, care for creation, and openness to God**
- The **technocratic paradigm** — letting efficiency, control, and profit alone shape decisions — is identified as the primary danger, not technology itself
- AI is explicitly **not equivalent to human intelligence**: it cannot suffer, love, forgive, or bear moral responsibility

Six Principles of Catholic Social Teaching (Chapter 2)

- **Common Good** — shared conditions enabling persons and communities to flourish together
- **Universal Destination of Goods** — gifts of creation belong to all, not just a few
- **Subsidiarity** — higher authorities support, not dominate, lower ones; requires transparency and participation
- **Solidarity** — interdependence converted into moral commitment; "no one is saved alone"
- **Social Justice** — structural fairness, especially for the weakest; includes restorative and distributive dimensions
- **Integral Human Development** — whole person across economic, spiritual, cultural, moral, and ecological dimensions

Three Areas for Personal Vigilance with AI (Chapter 3)

- Instant results can weaken **judgement and creativity**
- Appearance of objectivity can **conceal bias** in training data
- Simulated empathy may erode the desire for **genuine human relationship**

Social-Level Concerns:

- AI embedded in employment, credit, and public services may **reproduce bias while appearing neutral**
- Environmental costs (energy, water, data centres) must not be ignored
- Automated systems may exclude people without offering intelligible reasons or paths of appeal

Discussion Highlights

- Participants agreed certain roles — **domestic violence helplines, child protection, suicide lines** — must not be replaced by AI.
- Schools discussed: students must be recognized as human beings worthy of dignity, not judged solely on academic capability.
- The church itself is called to apply these principles internally; social doctrine is an **examination of conscience for the church**, not just a message to society.

Next Week Session on Tuesday 4 August:

Read Chapter 4 (*Safeguarding Humanity: Truth, Work and Freedom*) and Chapter 5 (*Culture of Power and Civilisation of Love*) ahead of next week 11

Key quote:

"Technological innovations, including artificial intelligence, are not neutral, for they can either foster participation and justice or exacerbate inequality, control and exclusion. For this reason, they must be evaluated by asking a crucial question: *Do they truly help individuals and peoples to become more humane and fraternal, while respecting our common home and future generations?*"

(Magnificat Humanitas no 86)

Registration link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/jG1Aqo5uSAqtwdHtgP_L4g

Meeting ID: 8807 5193 061





Parish-in-Council

Saturday 15 August 2026

Our church is now over 100 years old. It is as significant as it is splendid, being one of the most prominent churches in the entire North Shore. It continues to grow as a sacred place to which many people from all over come for worship and prayer.

During our sixth Parish-in-Council (PiC) in April last year, we reflected on the key principles that could guide the renewal of our church's interior, ensuring it reflects our mission of bringing the light of Christ for generations to come. Six discerned principles were adopted – Enhance Beauty, Act Sustainably, Wise Stewardship, Honour our History, Welcoming for All, and Improve Functionality.

Our Lady's Church, Renewed in Beauty

On **Saturday 15 August** we will take the next step in this significant renewal project, coming together once more to further discern how we can enhance our church to be all that it can be for its second century.

Everyone is warmly invited to gather in Harrington Hall on **Saturday 15 August starting at 12.05 pm** for our tenth Chatswood PiC. The afternoon will feature lunch, a thought-provoking presentation from Fr David Ranson, conversations and the opportunity for each and every one of our diverse voices to be heard.

Kids Welcome!

We want PiC to be accessible for all families with children of any age. That's why we created Kids-in-Council, for toddlers through to teens, running in parallel to PiC, with catered lunch and tailored fun activities and games.

Register Today

Visit form.jotform.com/chatswoodparish/register-pic-x, scan the QR code, or speak with our parish office. **Registration is essential** to help us plan for catering and table seating.



Please Remember in Our Prayers.

For Those Recently Deceased

Marie Milne, Amaladas Sundaran, Linda Norquay, Man Shui Tam (Thomas), Mathew Mathai and Margaret Lee-Mathai, Lucy Wee, Amal Das, Mary Elizabeth McNamee, (Patrick) Chee Keong Foong, Maureen Hensley, Kim Yin, Jimmy Yap, Ive Petisic, Peggy Wah Hing Sy Cheung, Linda Sherrah, Margaret O'Grady, Marita Gariando, Giuseppe Menniti, Ante Tulich, Gillian Hawkins,.

For Those Who Are Sick

Margaret and Desolie Lawlea, Benji Price, Chloe Aylward and Unborn Baby, Vincent Wee (Ah Hia), Martina Theng, Annie Thomas, Sarvojith Prabhu, Mladen Milostic, Windeluna Thrane, Norma Maisog, Grace Eleanor Lumanug, Mark Nicholo Jamiana, Lorena Stephanie Jamiana, Mirjana Mirosevic; Antony D'Silva; Olga Keller; Mr Gurung; Ian Charlton; Julie McCourt; Tamara Manoukian; Marylin Legeay; Frieda Madaida; Rosa Solomon; Alexander Papandrea; Leo Papa; Evelyn Azar; Bruce Meppem; Ely Herft; Augustine D'silva; Mirjana Marinovic; Mellita Jones; Daniel West; Ying Leong Fong; Rosetta Lo Presti; Celine Robinson; Gina Marotta; Deysi Villanueva; Ervita Wiroatmodjo; Almira Christina Chen; Mary Oakley; Eugenia San Gabriel; Jim Dennis; Jeremy Moon; Ley Peng Tan; Lody Herlianto; Chet Catapang; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Carmel Villanueva; Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlastic; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapira; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; Gerard de Leon; Carlos de Leon; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time

Bernardo Le, Vlaho Vlattko Rulo, Zele Cetinic Pensa, Orlando Dalumpines, Jarkov Skibola, Michael Dayton, Justine Straiton Elbourn, Francis Jiew (Anniversary on 24 July), Francis Ta, Jean-Marie Ta, Antonio Yaptinchay, Elizabeth (Betty) Wright, Maurice Dayton, Micheline Guida, Edward Fernando, Anunciacion Gadiane, Abraham Gadiane, Kevin Bruce.

Birthday

Pok Nam Phang, JV Mangahas, James Godfrey, Rick Doran.

Wedding Anniversary

Joy and Sheeba George (30Th)

Monthly Birthday Blessings:

At Chatswood Catholic Parish, we offer Birthday Blessings at last Sunday 10:30am mass followed by Community Lunch on the church forecourt. If you are interested to be part of this celebration, please contact

Dee at
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Sacraments Celebrated

Infant, Children & Adult Baptisms

Lorenzo Burt

Location: Our Lady of Dolours Church 12pm

26 July 2026

NOTE: If you would like a Mass Intention and notice to be mentioned in the bulletin for a wedding anniversary, birthday, special intention, or death anniversary, please contact our chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Our Altar Flowers This Week

Our Altar Flowers this week are gifted to us in thanksgiving to God.



Flower Donations

Honour a special occasion or remember a loved one with Altar Flower arrangements.

Suggested donations: \$130 for a standard arrangement with your choice of flower colours. \$200+ for fuller or specific flowers like roses.

Email Chloe at chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au, at least 1 month prior with your preferred date/colours.

Our Volunteers, Irene and Cynthia, will beautifully arrange your flowers and place them by the tabernacle for the weekend.

Parish Registrations

Are you new to the parish?

Are you interested in joining a ministry?

Are you interested in volunteering?

Would you like to receive the bulletin via email?

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PARISH REGISTRATION FORM



Around and About.

Our Serra Association invite us to remember one of the bishops, priests, deacons and sisters in our Diocese in our prayer each day during the month of June 2026.



Daily Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

Timor Leste (ATLAS)

In recent months we have been providing information about our parish's support for Timor Leste.

This young country needs so much help and we are sharing with you a fund raiser being run by our neighbouring parish (Lower North Shore) that you might consider.

The movie is on Thursday 13 August at Roseville Theatre \$30/ticket -see page 23 for details.

Month	Date	Name
August	1	Fr Vitalis Oguh
	2	Fr Stephen Hume
	3	Fr Lucious Choi
	4	Fr Hien Vu & Seminarian Tam Nguyen
	5	Seminarian Lucas Lopez Rizo
	6	Fr Peter DeSouza
	7	Fr Peter Dowd
	8	Fr Biju Matthew Koikkatil
	9	Fr Bobby Cheriyl OSH
	10	Fr Vincent Nguyen
	11	Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB
	12	Fr Sam French
	13	Fr David Ranson VG
	14	Fr Anselam Lakra HGN
	15	Fr Joey Frez
	16	Fr Joshi Naduppura
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	19	Fr Satheesh Anthony OSH
	20	Fr Biju Mathew
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	22	Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ
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	24	Fr Stephen Wayoyi AJ
	25	Fr Rosan Mathew
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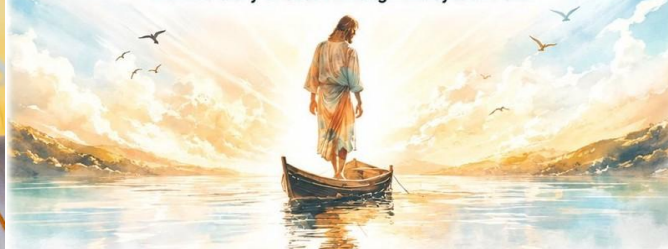
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Parking is available around the church precinct. Parishioners are asked to observe local parking regulations and be considerate of our neighbours.



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Mass Times & Devotions

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Sunday: 7.30am - Mass

9.00am – Family Mass

10.30am - Mass

5.30pm – Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday: 12.30pm

Tuesday, Thursday and

Friday: 9.00am & 12.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am, 12.30pm
& 6.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am

St Peter's Green

Aged Care Facility

Sunday: 11.00am

(for residents only)

Cultural Masses

Filipino Mass: 12.00pm,
first Sunday of the month

Indonesian Mass: 7.00pm,
second Saturday of the month

Mandarin Mass: 2pm, second
Sunday of the month

Devotions & Sacraments

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday–Saturday: 8.45am

Rosary:

Monday: 11.45am

Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30am;

Monday - Friday: 1.00pm

Adoration:

Thursday: after 9.00am Mass
(Benediction at midday)

Holy Hour & Reconciliation:

Thursday: 7.00pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday: from 9.30am

Anointing of the Sick:

Wednesday:

After evening Mass

3rd Wednesday:

12.30pm Mass