



Sunday 16 February 2025 — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Dolours

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

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us.

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.

**Our Altar Flowers this week are donated by our Indonesian Community
Thankyou!**

你們現今饑餓的是有福的，因為你們將得飽飫。 路加福音 6:21
Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Luke 6:21



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

Masses This Week

Monday	17 February	12.30pm	Weekday of Ordinary Time 6
Tuesday	18 February	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday of Ordinary Time 6
Wednesday	19 February	9.00am, 12.30pm, 6.30pm	Weekday of Ordinary Time 6
Thursday	20 February	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday of Ordinary Time 6
Friday	21 February	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday of Ordinary Time 6
Saturday	22 February	9.00am and 5.30pm	Feast of Chair of St Peter
Sunday	23 February	Usual times	7th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year C

Please Remember in our Prayer

For those recently died:

Donnell Loong; Isabel Montelibano Patron; Celsov Vicoy; Joan Hammond (mother of Julian, Paul & Alison) passed peacefully at the age of 98; Isabel Banico; Rene Gerardo Beringuel; Antonio Dy; Kerwin Calanzo; Patricia Mutkins; Terry Livermore; Tuan Sheng Hao (husband of Purita); Earle Deitz (husband of Elaine); Patrick Caplice; Nancy Benzie; Jose Lino Aguilar; Linda Sgarwwal; Dylan Lam; John Keenan.

For those who are sick:

Su de Souza; Giselle Clark; Chet Catapang; Isabelle Patron; Anne Avery; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Eileen Swinsburg, Xu He Ooi; Carmel Villanueva; Marianne (Binnie) Tan; Mr Gurung; Colleen Baker (sister of Margaret Day), Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Ying Leong Fong; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Linda Yip; Lonnie Chu; Minnie Walshe; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlastic; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapria; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; Frank Hallissy; John O'Brien; Gerard de Leon; Carlos de Leon; Mary kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Manuel Antonio Gaspar (husband of Odete Gaspar); Jakica Bacic; Joseph Syria Santio; Carlos Daposala; Eduardo Saplala; Jean-Marie Ta; Franko Bacic; Denise Suplina; Francis Ward (father of Judith Ryan); Angela Ryan (granddaughter of Judith); Watson Lee; Lisa McKee.

Upcoming Events

Saturday	15 February	Departure of Parish Pilgrims to the Philippines until 27 February
Wednesday	19 February	Parent Sessions for Preparation Program for First Reconciliation commences
Saturday	22 February	Evening Prayer (Vespers) commencing on last Saturday of month 4.45pm– 5.15pm
Sunday	23 February	Pius/Mercy students contributing to our Sunday 5.30pm Mass
Thursday	27 February	Return of pilgrims from the Philippines
Friday	28 February	Day of Prayer for the Jubilee Year (last Friday of each month)
Saturday	1 March	First Saturday Public Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary, 3.45pm Forecourt
Sunday	2 March	Catechist Sunday—Presentation of Service Awards 9am Mass
Monday	3 March	Opening Mass Mercy College, Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood. 9.00am
Monday	3 March	Alpha Series commences
Tuesday	4 March	Ordination to the Diaconate of Kevin McGregor (Cathedral)
Wednesday	5 March	Ash Wednesday
Sunday	9 March	Rite of Election (Cathedral)
Sunday	16 March	9am Children's Mass with Blessing for Kindergarten children



From Fr David

Dear friends,

This weekend, nineteen of our parishioners leave for a pilgrimage to the Philippines. We will be visiting many of the historic churches in that country that only recently celebrated 500 years of Catholic Faith. Do keep us in your prayer, as we will you in ours. We return home on 27 February.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT BECAUSE I AM AWAY, AND GIVEN CURRENT PARISH STAFF LEAVE,
THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEKEND, 23 FEBRUARY**

This week we had the joy of celebrating the Opening Mass for St Pius X College at Oxford Falls. Here is a clip of the event:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uRELobUG7FRdyl4ewXouPxxB9ww76vKQ/view?usp=sharing>

Last Tuesday and Wednesday evening I offered two opportunities to learn a little more about the Year of Jubilee and how we might enter this special year. A summary of the seminar is in our bulletin, but you can also watch/listen to the event through the link: <https://youtu.be/sz4jYRR6Mv8> May the Lord keep us all safe, and I look forward to seeing you again on the first weekend of March!

Worshipping Together

Welcome to Evening Prayer (Vespers)

This year, we are expanding our parish liturgies to include a **monthly service of Vespers**, known as evening prayer. Vespers will take place on the last Saturday of every month at 4:45pm, before the 5:30pm vigil mass, with the first service being on **Saturday 22 February**.

Vespers comprises the singing of hymns, psalms, canticles, readings, and prayers, and will be led by a new choir called the Parish Schola. Those wishing to attend are welcome to sing or simply listen and pray through the music.



Occasionally I travel to Canberra for meetings with different church agencies. I remember one such trip with particular fondness. At the end of a long day's discussion I was invited to the Ainslea Football Club to celebrate Ronnie's 55th birthday. Ronnie was an intellectually disabled member of one of the several L'Arche Christian communities in Canberra. These are communities founded by the French Canadian Jean Vanier – communities in which those who live with disability live others in the spirit of the gospel's hospitality. There were about twelve of us invading the Club's restaurant, a mixture of disabled and less manifestly handicapped people, and must have made quite a sight. We certainly made quite a noise singing 'happy birthday' to Ronnie as he was presented with a cake, aglow with sparkles and as he was given the gift of some gardening tools, for gardening was Ronnie's great love. Ronnie's delight and gratitude were very powerful. His acceptance of me as a complete stranger was also very powerful. At the end of the night, he very simply put his arm around me as a way of thanking me for being there with him on his birthday. Moments like these are one of power: they are moments which change one's perspective on life, on the truth of what it means to be human. The power of the experience of meeting and celebrating with Ronnie stays with me still. It is an experience of power. Of course, Canberra is also known for another kind of power: the power of politics which operates on a very different logic than that of hospitality. Political power works in an adversarial character, on the logic of competition and manipulation. Weakness is no virtue in the power of politics; strength is. Whilst not undermining the significance of the issues involved in the national parliament and in which I as rather a political junkie take a great personal interest, I could not but be struck on that particular visit to Canberra with the comparison between the power Ronnie possessed and the power displayed in the Parliament. Here, in fact, are the two forms of power with which we are presented in the gospel: on the one hand, power as domination, as appropriation, a kind of taking possession; and power as gratitude and welcome, the capacity for suffering and sympathy, grief and tenderness. At the outset of the gospel's proclamation is this distinction between our instinct to dominate and control, and this capacity to receive and participate. For Jesus teaches that the power of life does not come to us through our strength, but ironically through our weakness. The power that humanises us does not come through what we have achieved, or by what we have consumed or acquired. The power that most fully humanises us resides, rather, in our openness, in our need to be in relationship, and in our dissatisfaction with the present. It is a paradox we never quite seem to understand. But Ronnie understood it quite clearly. Ronnie for me was living text of the gospel of the Nazarene. In the end, whose power do you think endures . . . the politicians' or Ronnie's? (Fr David)

Nurturing Relationships— Report of Lunar New Year

First and foremost, we thank God for the wonderful weather on Sunday, 2 February 2025. Without it, our Lunar New Year celebration might not have been as lively and enjoyable.

Secondly, we thank all our parishioners and their families and friends who joined us in our celebration. Without your enthusiasm and participation LNY2025 would not be the successful celebration it was. Thankyou!

Thirdly, like me you would be keen to know our eight lucky raffle winners. There were

LNY2025 Raffle Winners		
1	Jess Biddle - Coles Gift Card	\$ 500.00
2	Joan Peev - A night for 2 at Fairmont Resort, Blue Mounains	\$ 380.00
3	Nga Vu - 1 day spiritual Retreat for 2	\$ 360.00
4	Gregory Chan - \$300 Myer Gift Card	\$ 300.00
5	K Y TAN - Whale Watch For 2	\$ 260.00
6	Dana Ardill - Uniqlo Gift Card	\$ 200.00
7	Ian Chow - Mr Fat Duck \$150.00 voucher	\$ 150.00
8	Anita Lee - Quiet Time in the Bush for 2	\$ 50.00
Total Prize Value:		\$2,200.00

Our Donors and Volunteers: Without them our LNY Celebration would not be possible. We would like to acknowledge them and thank them for their support.

Running an event such as our Lunar New Year Celebration is a big effort. However, the journey has been incredibly rewarding because of the friendships we have inevitably forged by working together as a team to deliver the show to the wider community of Our Lady of Dolours.

The Holy Spirit has been with us all the way, guiding and encouraging us to look at the BIG picture, leaving behind the small stuff that does not matter in the whole scheme of things. For this we give thanks.

We are humbled and pleased that we are able to donate \$7,100 to the Pastoral Works Appeal raised from this celebration.

Last, but not least, we thank Fr David for his continuing, effective, and practical support to our Lunar New Year Celebrations.

Thank you!

Hannah Fong
M: 0449 839 188

LNY 2025 Sales Break down:		
Raffle	7,250.00	Increase of 19 % from last year
Donation	1,653.00	increase of 2% from last year
Food	5,496.00	Increase of 32% from last year
Total Receipts	14,399.00	Increase of 30% from last year
Net Profit after expenses	7,100.00	Increase of 40% from last year
PWBB Donation	7,100.00	

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LNY 2025 Donors - Businesses	
1	Roll's Vietnamese Food - Westfield Chatswood
2	Andy Yeung Ray White - Chatswood
3	YCL Accounting & Taxation Services- Chatswood
4	Krispy Kreme Donuts
LNY 2025 Donors - Personal	
5	Magdalen Saw Yin Hiew
6	Ameey Lau
7	Amelia Lee
8	Hannah Fong
9	Margaret Cheng
10	Grace Tai
11	Filipino Chaplaincy
12	Caroline Lin
13	Victoria Tubier
14	Pat Seeto
15	Elizabeth Jung
16	Moh Ying Yip
17	Linda Corel
18	Mrs Pulich
19	Amy I L
20	Anonymous

Cash-EFTPOS Stall

Benjamin David
Jen Fong
Justin Cheng
Max Lei
May Ho
Susanna Siu

LNY Speech, Presentation, Mass and Hymn preparation

Amelia Lee
Catherine H Chan - Matteo Ricci article
Grace Tai
Ingrid Ho - English LNY speech
Giovanna Lee - Cantonese LNY Speech
Christina Li - Mandarin LNY Speech
Hannah Fong -LNY Power Point Presentation
Jen Fong - LNY Power Point Presentation
Magdalene Yu - Translator
May Ho - Piano music for Hymn practice
Sharon Yuen - Romanisation of Chinese Lyrics
Margaret Yuen - Power Point Operator
Rose Wu - Chinese Reader
Elizabeth Jung - Korean Reader
Caroline Lim - Indonesian Reader
Martino Hoang - Vietnamese reader
Titus Grenyer - Musice director
OLOD organists
Indonesian Choir
OLOD Chior

CCA - Chinese Food Contributors

Ameey Lau
Amelia Lee
Dilia Ng
Hannah Fong
Sharon Yuen

Chinese Food Stall Volunteers & Other Helpers

Adam
Anna Chua
Ben Fong
Caroline Lin
Christina Wong
Daniel Cho
Felix Ta
Gloria Yip
Grace Liang
Janet Hung
Jennifer Kim
Kelvin and Kathy Fung
Keng Fong
Maggie Chan
Margaret Cheng
Mary Meredith
Oswald Lee
Sharon Yuen
Veronica Tan and Edmund Soong
William Tan

Indonesian Food contributors

Anny Widagdo
Katheleen Lim
Anna Oei
Caroline Lin
Falentina & Rudi Young
Irene Margaret
Johana Iskandar
Tina Sujono

Vietnamese Food Contributors (Owners of Roll'd Westfield Chatswood)

Mary Le
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Audio, LNY Flyers, Photographer & Video

Anthony Seeto
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LNY Set-up

Jen Fong
Ben Fong
Johnny Chong
Justin Cheng
Keng Fong
Leonard Chu
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Nurturing Relationships



PLAYGROUP

Our Lady OF DOLOURS
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All babies, toddlers, infants, parents & carers are welcome to join our Playgroup in the Magnificat Meeting Room every Thursday from 1pm - 2:30pm.

An opportunity for the children to socialise and play, while the parents can come together in fellowship. To register, please email mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au or call Mona on 9410 9000

WELCOME

PARENT & INFANT MASS

Child friendly weekday Mass every Thursday 12:30pm

Attending Mass can often be stressful for a parent, particularly while juggling the needs of your child. This Mass is an opportunity to gather with other parents, without judgement, with the support of the Priest and parishioners.



A special Thank you to those who assisted at our 10.30am Mass Morning Tea last week!



First Reconciliation 2025

Enrolments for preparation and reception of
First Reconciliation
are now **open** via our parish website.

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

To enrol your child

From our Parish website Home page (link below):

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

Click on the "Reconciliation Enrolments" Tile
From here, you will find all the dates and other details of the program.

Scroll to the bottom of this page and click "Enrol Here" and fill out the enrolment details as required.



For queries about sacraments for your child, please contact Angela or Mona at:

chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au

Enrolments close Monday 17 February



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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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16 FEBRUARY 2025

TRUST IN A YEAR OF DROUGHT. It is hard to imagine families on the land having no worries in a year of drought. They are fortunate if they are able to put their hope and trust in God in such a difficult time. Happy also are the poor, the hungry and the sorrowful if they turn to God in their plight. Today's Scripture readings call for an heroic trust in God, a trust that will bring great rewards in heaven and surprising rewards on earth as well.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

**All: I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly
sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do, (striking the breast) through my
fault, through my fault, through my most
grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and
you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for
me to the Lord our God.**

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

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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. O God, who teach us that you abide in
hearts that are just and true, grant that we
may be so fashioned by your grace as to
become a dwelling pleasing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jer 17: 5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a
blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in
man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the
wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust
in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 1: 1-4. R. Ps 39: 5

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man / who follows
not the counsel of the wicked; / nor lingers in
the way of sinners / nor sits in the company
of scorners, / but whose delight is the law of
the Lord / and who ponders his law day and
night. **R.**



2. He is like a tree that is planted / beside
the flowing waters, / that yields its fruit in
due season / and whose leaves shall never
fade; / and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! / For they
like winnowed chaff / shall be driven away
by the wind. / For the Lord guards the way
of the just / but the way of the wicked leads
to doom. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians.

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith
is in vain.*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been
preached, how can some of you be saying that
there is no resurrection of the dead? For if
the dead are not raised, Christ has not been
raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you
are still in your sins. And what is more serious,
all who have died in Christ have perished. If
our hope in Christ has been for this life only,
we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the
dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen
asleep.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 6: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 17, 20-26

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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. May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. 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 cf. Ps 77: 29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord that we may always long for


that food by which we truly live. 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

'BLESSED' ARE YOU ...

Like Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, Luke has Jesus teach his disciples. It occurs on a plain with the teacher surrounded by a great crowd of his disciples and others. We learn that his audience comes from around Judea, even from ancient Syria (Tyre and Sidon, in present-day Lebanon). In Luke, Jesus teaches about the primary qualities of discipleship and warns of the subtle attractions or seductions that compromise that discipleship.

Wealthy and poorer Greco-Romans make up Luke's late first-century Gospel audience, and Luke directs Jesus' words deliberately at them. The first half of his teaching is to those who are economically poor, hungry and grieving. Those are the members of Luke's world who do not have the power or status to respond to their social, economic or personal situation. They are utterly powerless and live, perhaps, on the margins of Luke's Gospel household. God will reverse their status. Luke reminds them that they are 'blessed' by God.

The translation, 'happy are you...' doesn't capture the powerful sense of Jesus' teaching. To be happy is a personal emotive response to good fortune. To be 'blessed' comes from above. This is God's act, God's gift, independent of one's emotional state. Blessedness places one in the realm of the holy. The second half of Jesus' teaching is addressed to those in the Lukan household who are wealthy, have all they need and are dismissively laughing, perhaps at others' misfortune. Their situation will also be reversed. Jesus' words are insightful and sobering. They invite us, contemporary disciples, to identify what we struggle with and what seduces us.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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Caring for our World



News from our Community Action Group

On Thursday our Community Gardeners (Maryanne, Lyn, Katy, Chris, Jo and Carole) planted the pew gardens with lettuce, kale, capsicum, chilli, spinach, Italian herbs, carrots and a papaya. In the afternoon some St Pius X College students added a selection of herbs and vegetables. The remaining two pew gardens are for Pius X College students to plant coffee in reference to the Edmund Rice Foundation in Kenya which teachers Ryan Balbao and Daniel Petrie visited last year. Some of the plants were raised from seed by a couple of community gardeners, the rest were planted as seedlings. Harvesting time will vary for each type of vegetable, the fastest growing being the carrots which are a special kind meant to be eaten when small and sweet. The garden beds have been shrouded with netting to keep off the local possums and other wildlife. Most of us are fairly new at gardening and we are therefore very grateful for the oversight from professional gardener and volunteer, Pick yourself a handful of herbs when you come to Mass as regular trimming is good for herbs. The herb gardens are against the fence. St Pius X College Social Justice Action Group, the Edmund Rice Society, will be holding their meetings at the Community Garden area and will water the plants each week during Friday Lunchtime.



Our Lady of Sorrows as a founding member of the Sydney Alliance will send a delegation to its pre-election Assembly on Thursday 13th March at 6.00 p.m. The Assembly is a call to all political parties and candidates to put housing and homelessness high on their agenda and to address the over-heating and other consequences of climate change already being experienced in Sydney, especially in the western suburbs. Fr David will join other Sydney leaders on stage and we want a large number of us in the body of the hall. We are organising car pooling and train travel now. If you are able to join us, please contact Jo Karaolis (jokaraolis1@bigpond.com) or Irene Francesca (0426 262 567).

Save the Date

Our Lady of Dolours Tertiary Scholarships for Timor Leste Project in Partnership with ATLAS (Australia Timor Leste Advancement Society)

Thank you to the wonderful parishioners of OLD who supported our inaugural Christmas Cake fundraiser.
Unordered cakes were sold out by 7.30am Mass!

We apologise to those who missed out. We will be sure to increase our supply for this year.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 4th May ATLAS TRIVIA 2025
from 1pm-3pm in Harrington Hall, an afternoon of fun where our projects will also be on display.

Growing in Faith

**JUBILEE YEAR
OF HOPE 2025**



Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the
whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.



Alpha Commences Monday 3 March **"What is Alpha?"**

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith. Alpha is based on hospitality, sharing and prayer. Each session includes a meal, a DVD presentation and small group discussion, where no question is too trivial or controversial.

Alpha is not so much a course, but an
EXPERIENCE!


Gathering once a week, each Alpha experience brings together people from every walk of life.

The format of Alpha is always the same. We begin each Alpha gathering by sharing a meal, we watch a video and then have a small group discussion.



Growing in Faith

Our Lady OF DOLOURS
Bishop David Walker
THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW



15 March — 22 March — 29 March

During March, Bishop David Walker will be doing a series of talks on the Gospel of Matthew in the Magnificat Room.

Time: **3.30 — 4.30pm**
 Location: In the **Magnificat Room**.

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS • CHATSWOOD CATHOLIC PARISH

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Every 25 years, the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. Not only a time of joyful celebration and prayer, but it is also a time of pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jerusalem. In this jubilee year, we expect to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints, from St Francis and St Clare in Assisi, to St Peter and Paul in Rome, the Eternal City, where we will witness the miracle of the Holy Door as St Peter's Basilica opens the Jubilee Message.

DEPARTS MONDAY 03 NOVEMBER 2025 • 11 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS
 Rome - Jubilee (5 nights) - Assisi (3) - Optional Medjugorje extension (3 nights)

Accompanied by
Fr David Ranson





the genuine pilgrim experience

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 journeys

We would love you to join our Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Medjugorje (optional) in November.
 Phone Harvest on 1800 819 156
 Quote Pilgrimage PV2588



Some of our nineteen pilgrims to the Philippines receive a blessing at our 10.30am Mass last Sunday.

We pray for their safe and blessed return!

Growing in Faith

Summary of Fr David's online Presentation on the Year of Jubilee

Year of Jubilee Celebration Plans

Fr David led a seminar discussing the upcoming year of jubilee, emphasizing the importance of faith, prayer, and witness. He explained the concept of jubilee, its biblical background, and its significance in Christianity. The parish is designated as a shrine of hope for young people, and David outlined plans for its celebration throughout the year. The meeting also touched on the topic of indulgences and how they can be received as gifts of grace. The overall goal was to inspire hope and encourage community participation in the jubilee year.

Year of Jubilee Celebration

Fr David discussed the year of jubilee, an event that occurs every 25 years, following the 25-year cycle since the ordinary jubilee of the year 2000. He mentioned that Pope Francis proclaimed an extraordinary jubilee in 2015 for the sake of making known and encouraging an encounter with the merciful face of God. The current year marks a new jubilee, with only the four holy doors in Rome marking the occasion, as per the Pope's request. The next major jubilee celebration is expected in 2033. David also touched upon the historical basis of these years of jubilee, drawing from the Leviticus scripture, where every 50th year was to be a special year of proclamation and celebration, with the sounding of horns and the declaration of liberty to all inhabitants.

Biblical Jubilee Practices: Freedom & Debt

In the seminar, Fr David discussed the significance of the biblical concept of Jubilee in relation to social structures and community dynamics. He highlighted the practice of leaving land fallow every 7th year to ensure the poor had enough to eat, and the remission of debt to prevent further impoverishment. This practice ensured that those in need were brought back into the community. He also noted the freedom of captives and the release of debtors every 7th year. Fr David emphasized that Jubilee is a time to remember, listen, and dream of a better future. He concluded by drawing a parallel between the Biblical Jubilee and Jesus, who is the ultimate fulfillment of these practices.

Christian Hope and Social Covenant

In the seminar, David discussed the importance of hope and its connection to the future. He explained that Christian hope is linked to faith, and its affirmation of the possibility of the future, even in uncertain circumstances. Fr David emphasized that the future is given to us as a gift in Jesus and his resurrection, and that it's a relentless invitation. He also highlighted the need for a social covenant to foster hope, using the example of the parish being designated as a place of hope. Fr David introduced two patrons, Carlo Acutis and Piergiorgio Frassati, whose relics will be with the parish. He announced plans for a week-long festival to celebrate Carlo Acutis' canonization by Pope Francis on April 27th, and the visit of Cardinal Mafi from Tonga. For Piergiorgio Frassati, Fr David hopes that Cardinal David from the Philippines will be with us on August 3rd.

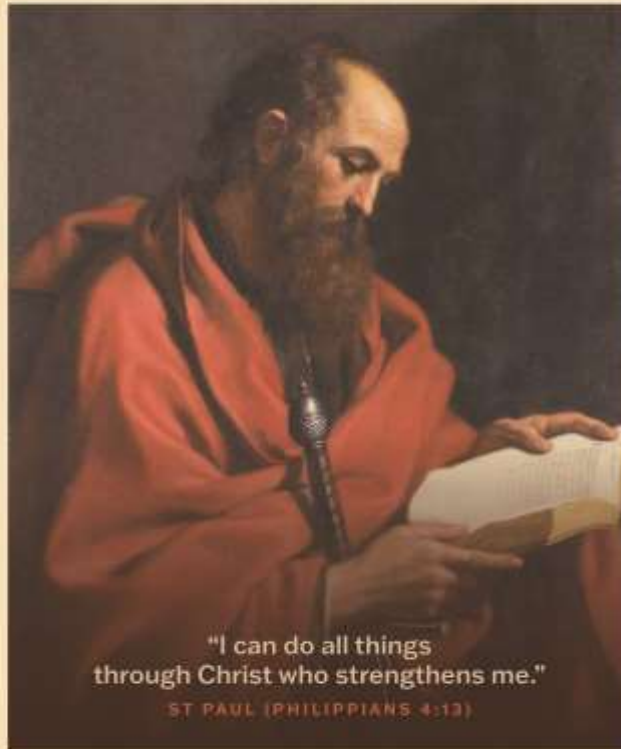
Year of Jubilee Church Festivities

In the meeting, David discussed the upcoming year of jubilee for their church, which will be celebrated through a series of festivals and events. The festivities will be centered around two patrons, with a third festival added to celebrate the beauty of sacred music and art. A new festival, Inaugural Festival of Beauty, will be held in September. A new sculpture of the Lady of Sorrows will be commissioned, and efforts will be made to renovate the church. The church may also apply for the status of a minor basilica. David also touched on the concept of indulgences, how they can sanctify lives, and the various activities planned for the jubilee year. The conversation ended with a prayer and an invitation for any questions or comments.



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay
Invites you to the Ordination of

Kevin McGregor
to the Order of Diaconate



7:30pm, Tuesday, 4 March 2025
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara

Refreshments following Mass

RSVP: Friday, 21 February 2025
events@bbcatholic.org.au



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Around and About



**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
VOCATIONS MINISTRY?**

**SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2025
AT SACRED HEART CHURCH
2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE
COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 7.00 PM**

**OUR MASS CELEBRANT AND AFTER DINNER SPEAKER WILL BE
BISHOP DAVID WALKER**

**HIS TOPIC: THE HOLY FATHERS 3RD ENCYCLICAL "FRATELLI TUTTI" The Encyclical aims to promote a universal
aspiration toward fraternity and social friendship.**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email annaytleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

THE WILLOUGHBY PRAYER GROUP Come, Now Is The Time To Worship!

All welcome to join us on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall, (front room), corner of High and Horsley Ave.

We start with Praise and Worship and Bible Readings for one hour and then finish off with Prayer.

Come and learn more about the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are a spiritual movement which is part of the Catholic Church, emphasising that as believers we can come into the presence of the Lord via the Holy Spirit.



Continue the Marist Spirit at St Patricks - Sunday Feb 23

We invite you to be part of an important conversation on how we can continue the Marist Spirit in St Patricks Church Hill community. With the Marist Fathers set to leave St Patrick's in December 2025 after 157 years, this is an opportunity to reflect on their legacy and explore ways to develop the Marist spirit. Join us for a discussion led by Marist Laity Australia as we discern the future of the Marist presence at St Patrick's. Time 10 am to 11 am in the Crypt of St Patrick's Church Hill. All are welcome! For more information - www.maristlaityaustralia.com



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Sunday Masses

5.30pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass

7.30am (followed by Morning Tea on 1st Sunday of the month at the PEW café)

9.00am (Includes Children's Liturgy of the Word on 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays, except on long weekends), followed by Morning Tea on the forecourt

10.30am, followed by Morning Tea on the 2nd Sunday of the month

11.00am at St Peter's Green Aged Care Facility, North Lane Cove (Note this is for residents only)

5.30pm

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

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

First Friday of the month: 6.30pm—8.30pm Divine Retreat Centre Healing Mass and Prayer

Weekday Masses and Devotions

Monday:	12.30pm
Tuesday:	9.00am and 12.30pm
Wednesday:	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm (The Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated after Mass each Wednesday evening Mass and 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; Monday to Fridays: 1.00pm

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

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

Saturday Morning: **Reconciliation** from 9.30am.