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PARISH OF CHATSWOOD

7 May 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter



I am the way, the truth, and the life.
This Sunday's Gospel - John 14:1-12



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

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

This week we look back at last week's celebration of Fr Handoko's 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Our journey of discernment in co-creating a mission statement continues and we are getting closer to finalisation!

Ever wanted to learn how to read music? Eileen is offering free simple lessons! Read more about Eileen in this week's 'About Us'.

Have a great weekend!

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



Fr David Ranson
Parish Priest

Dear friends

With sadness, I share with you the news of the death of Bishop David Walker's sister, Lillas who passed away peacefully on Thursday 4 May. Lillas had been declining in health for some time. However, it is a sad moment for Bishop David and we offer him our heartfelt condolences at this time and we remember Lillas and her family in our prayer. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

This weekend we begin our annual Mass Attendance count. For this exercise the number of people attending Mass at each occasion over each weekend in May is recorded. So, if you see a few people counting heads during the Presentation of the Gifts at our weekend Masses please be not alarmed!

We have been continuing to attend to what are now 690 responses to our exercise discerning our Parish Mission. There has been considerable synergy in the responses and our options are being refined. This has been a sure sign of the Spirit's work in our midst. On the weekend of 13/14 May we will be presented with several options for everyone's further discernment such that on 28 May, Pentecost Sunday, we will be able to present the final statement of our Parish Mission. Again, a very special thank you to the leadership of our Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for their incredible work behind the scenes animating the journey, and to everyone for the magnificent level of engagement.

Next weekend, we will also introduce the final Pastoral Works Fund appeal for this financial year. We will keep this appeal open through the remainder of May and into June as we have considerable shortfall in our diocesan quota to overcome.

In the meantime, we have had some emergency repairs to sewage and stormwater piping undertaken over the last week. The roots of the trees along Kirk Street spread deep and far, crushing the clay pipes laid many decades ago. The painting in the parish office is almost complete. And soon we will attend to renewing the flooring in the office so that it will certainly very much refreshed!

Do keep in mind the many options for faith development and prayer occurring in May – the opportunity for the visitation of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to our homes, our online Rosary on 13 May, our parish pilgrimage to the Central Coast on 20 May, our Men Alive conference on 27/28 May. And in the coming week our children on their journey to receiving their First Holy Communion will commence their preparation. We wish them every blessing on this most important development in their lives of Christian discipleship.

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Yvonne Brownley Frewen; Lillas Roche; Fay Gwen Lee-Fong.

SICK:

Baldo Polizzi; Anthony Mustaca.

ANNIVERSARY:

Jack Biviano; Ip Wai Fong; Nora Chan.

For Kurniati Kartika who celebrates their birthday on May 13.

Our community would love to pray for you. If you have an intention you would like to be included in this bulletin please e-mail chatswoodparish@bbcatholic.org.au

The Pope's Prayer Intention for May



For church movements and groups:

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

May: The Month of Mary

To celebrate May as the month of Mary, we will include short prayers and quotes in our bulletin to call to mind Our Lady's love and role in our faith.

Why May? Because for our brothers and sisters in the Northern Hemisphere, May is the height of the beauty of the new life of Spring. Similarly, the pinnacle of new life for us was when Mary gave new life to the world with the birth of Jesus.

"As our love does not start with Mary, so neither does it stop with Mary. Mary is a window through which our humanity first catches a glimpse of Divinity on earth. Or perhaps she is more like a magnifying glass; she intensifies our love of her Son and makes our prayers more bright and burning."

-Venerable Fulton Sheen-



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

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

Image: Crucifixion by Richard Campbell

Cultural Community Mass:

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

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

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

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



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

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FR DAVID'S BLOG



FLORAL ARRANGEMENT DONATIONS

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

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

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

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

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



Requests for Mass Intentions:

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

These days if we want to find out how to get somewhere, we simply type the address into a map app and up will pop directions on how to get there. Often we are given several options about which way to go. Many people view getting to heaven the same way: Catholics go this way, Protestants go that way, the Orthodox go along a third route, Buddhists another, Muslims their own way, but eventually everyone will end up in the same place.

The Gospel of John seems to present some difficulties for holding that view. Jesus is presented as saying, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life'. If he is the way, is he the only way? The next sentence seems to make that clear that he is the only way: 'No one can come to the Father except through me'. This raises the serious question: can non-Christians be saved? If they can be saved apart from through Jesus, then why do we bother with so much missionary work? If they cannot be saved, then God seems unfair in condemning those who have never had the opportunity of hearing about Jesus. These issues have plagued Christianity for centuries.

Just what does it mean to come to the Father through Jesus? Does it mean that one has to have heard of him? Does it mean that one has to belong to his community of disciples, the church? Could it not mean that Jesus saves through a variety of means or through a variety of communities? At the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960s the bishops of the Catholic Church taught definitively in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*) that salvation is open to non-Christians if they follow the commands of their conscience, where the Spirit communicates with them. The Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*) also taught that non-Catholic Christians can come to salvation because they are members of Christ's body, the church, however imperfectly. Does this mean everyone will be saved, no matter what? The first letter of Peter tells us that those who reject Jesus, the living stone, will stumble and fall because they do not believe. So it is still possible to reject God and reject Jesus as the way, but we should not automatically think that everyone who is not baptised has therefore explicitly rejected Jesus.

It is possible to believe that salvation is only through Jesus and to believe that Jesus can offer that salvation outside the visible confines of the Catholic Church or of Christianity in general. The great Jesuit theologian of the twentieth century, Karl Rahner, described this as anonymous Christianity—a view not without critics of either conservative or liberal inclination. Perhaps Rahner could have found a better term than 'anonymous Christian', for in essence his focus was on the universal love of God made visible through Jesus and communicated through the Spirit without limit. People can only be saved through Jesus, even if they do not know that it is he who is saving them. Once we start dealing with God's will, our ability to know it perfectly is something I would hesitate to assert.

In preaching on this passage of John's Gospel, however, Augustine of Hippo did not dwell on such matters. He was concerned rather with the people in front of him, those who knew Christ and who explicitly followed his way. Augustine's concern is what kind of way it was that Christ calls those of us who are baptised to follow. Augustine said, 'Christ the way is the humble Christ; Christ the truth and the life is Christ exalted and God. If you walk along with the humble Christ, you will arrive at the exalted Christ; if in your sickly health and debility you do not spurn the humble one, you will abide in perfect health and strength with the exalted one' (*Sermo 142*).

The way of Jesus is the way of the cross, it is the humble way of dying to oneself that others may live, it is the way of turning away from sin and being faithful to the gospel. We thank God for the living stone, who is Jesus; we thank God for ourselves as the living stones forming his body. We thank God that through baptism we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, and a consecrated nation. In our eucharist now let us sing the praises of God, who has brought us light and life, the truth and way, through Jesus. We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song.

MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 8 May:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:30am Funeral of Fay Gwen Lee-Fong• 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy• 11:45am Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)• 12:30pm Mass
Tuesday 9 May:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:30am Mercy College Mothers' Day Liturgy• 8:45am Morning Prayer• 9:00am Mass• 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy• 12:30pm Mass
Wednesday 10 May:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:45am Morning Prayer• 9:00am Mass• 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy• 12:30pm Mass
Thursday 11 May:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:45am Morning Prayer• 9:00am Mass• 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, Rosary, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy• 12:00pm Benediction• 12:30pm Mass• 7:00pm Holy Hour <i>Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation (Confession) also available.</i>
Friday 12 May:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:45am Morning Prayer• 9:00am Mass• 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy• 12:30pm Mass
Saturday 13 May:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:45am Morning Prayer• 9:00am Mass - OLOD Mothers' Day Mass• 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation (Confession), and Rosary• 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help• 10:30am Benediction• 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday Mass 14 May:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:30am Mass• 9:00am Family Mass• 10:30am Mass• 12:00pm Baptism• 5:30pm Youth Mass



GATHERINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday

8 May:

- 10:00am: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
- 2:00pm: OLOD Mothers Day Practice (Church)
- 4:00pm: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
- 4:00pm: Atrium 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
- 7:00pm: Alpha

Tuesday

9 May:

- 10:00am: Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)
- 4:00pm: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
- 4:00pm: Atrium 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
- 7:00pm: Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul)
- 7:00pm: Parish Pastoral Council (Magnificat)
- 7:00pm: Filipino Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:30pm: Wild Goose Faith Discussion and Reflection (Magnificat)

Wednesday

10 May:

- 9:30am: Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)
- 11:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (Magnificat)
- 1:00pm: Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion (Magnificat)
- 2:00pm: OLOD Mothers Day Practice (Church)
- 5:30: Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:00pm: Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion (Magnificat)
- 7:15pm: Exploring the Faith Course (St Peter)

Thursday

11 May:

- 10:00am: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
- 1:00pm: Indonesian Team Meeting (St Paul)
- 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:00pm: Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion (Magnificat)
- 6:00pm: Legion of Mary (St Peter).

Friday

12 May:

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

Saturday

13 May:

- 9:00am: CIC Preparation (Magnificat)
- 11:00am: Choir Rehearsal for 9:00am Mass (St Paul)
- 11:30am: Baptismal Preparation (Magnificat)
- 3:30pm: Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion (Magnificat)
- 7:00pm: Korean Bible Reading and Discussion (St Paul)

Sunday Mass

14 May:

- 9:00am: Filipino Choir Practice (Harrington Hall)
- 10:00am: Kids Choir Music Practice (St Paul)
- 6:30pm Capstone Young Adults



Discerning our parish **MISSION**



A Parish Workshop was held on Thursday 27 April at 7pm in Harrington Hall, with the main task of further discerning and narrowing potential parish mission statements from the parish wide surveys and workshops carried out to date.

The potential parish mission statements considered, and encompassed our recently discerned primary parish purposes of...

- Love, kindness and compassion towards others
- Growing in Faith
- Community building and supporting each other
- Evangelisation, spreading God's Word and love
- Helping those in need and serving others

Working in small groups to discern and discuss parish mission statements, several potential mission statements emerged, which are now being further discerned and refined.

During masses next weekend, we will come together as a parish to discern and choose our parish mission statement, which will then be shared at Pentecost in Fr. David's pastoral letter to the parish.

Leading up to Pentecost, we have also been sharing parishioner responses to the question, what is the primary purpose God is calling us to focus on as a parish mission?

Here is a further selection of our responses...

"Spread the love of God and the saving word of Jesus Christ in the life of all people."

"To continue to be a welcoming and safe place for all kinds of people, from all walks of life, backgrounds, races and promote a sense of belonging to all."

"Love God, Love People, Make Disciples."

"Share the Good News with those who are outside our faith."

"Make our parish a welcoming one that makes people feel at home."

"Helping all people in their journey of knowing God and his love for them."

"Be the place to encounter God in different ways."

"In everything we do - be welcoming and caring."

"To spread/nourish God's family through the community."

"Come as you are and feel God's love."

"To live as disciples of Jesus as we build a synodal Church."

"Look after and out for each other."

"To be kind to one another and that everyone needs love."

"Love each other and serve others."

"Acting out our lives in the service of God."

"To accept all parishioners regardless of their ethnicity, culture and nationality."

"Evangelise Christ through Church and Schools."

"To believe in God and the good work he does for all of us Roman Catholics."

"Humility, kindness to the poor, daily prayer for those in need."

"To show God's love in practical ways."

"To maintain and nurture the relationship we have with the parishioners and the community."

"We want to let the people know how much they are loved by God, that no matter what they think stands between them and God's love that it doesn't matter. God has a plan for their life and that he wants them to belong to a community of believers - that's us!"

"Giving to those who are in need. Spread the word of God."

"To be welcoming and evangelise. To grow our Catholic community and spread the word of God."

"Inclusion, diversity, liberation, acceptance and constancy. Ministry to those who are marginalised or excluded, finally poor, homeless, LGBTQA and refugees. A place of open dialogue with these groups and individuals."

"To continue His word. To bring understanding the joy he brings to our struggles. Let's have parish retreats. Community gatherings e.g., BBQ's, dinners, fund raising."

"To spread the good news and live by the gospel."

"Loving and caring for each other and in order to do this to be involved in some way including the mass and following in the steps of Jesus' examples."

"For our liturgies to be devout, inspiring, inclusive and meaningful, reverent (priest and congregation) and not services to be dispensed with expediently."

"We focus to listen to our heart, with love and care to people around us."

"To care for the needy around and give them hope."

"To open door to all people who need a place to be. One stop place for new immigrants to learn how to integrate to Chatswood community. To show love as support."

"To serve God and help."

"To lead parishioners to their eternal reward and to witness the Good News of the Kingdom of God to the community of Chatswood."

"Togetherness, kindness to others, tolerance."

"Compassion in action. Wisdom in action."

"Union with Christ - to do his will, discerned through prayer and spiritual guidance/education/formation."

"Ensure that our faith remains the foundation of our life as we navigate the world in any stage of life."

"Do good things."

"To love God, love one another and grow missionary disciples."

"To celebrate our belief and love for him and continue the mission."

"To love one another and brothers/sisters."

"To bring the community together and share the word of God. Be kinder and help the community - ones in need, schools - to go out and help whilst sharing the word of God."

"To look after those in need! To celebrate the power of God/faith in our lives. To continue to remind others of the above!"

"Sharing the light of God with everyone with whom we come into contact."

"To evangelise. To build God's family."

"Be involved. Be a good example to others."

"Pass the Good News from the Bible to people who do not know God."

"To bring everyone closer to our Lord."

"To unite and love one another and help make our parish function through the contributions in all the church activities."

CELEBRATING MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

Marian Devotions at our Parish:

- Mondays – 11.45 am (Cenacle rosary of the Marian Movement of Priest)
- Tuesdays – Saturdays at 9.30 am (following the 9 am Mass)
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help – every Saturday at 10 am
- Parish Zoom Rosary at 8 pm – on special feast days of Our Lady (next one is on 13 May)
- Inviting the image of Our Lady of Fatima to your home for a few days and pray as a family (The family that prays together stays together – Fr Patrick Peyton). - Cecilia O



Visitation of Mary to your Home:

Would you like to take home Mary's statue in the month of May? You may have your own statue of Mary, and that is wonderful, but consider this as a blessed visit with spiritual blessing for your family. A statue is available to be picked up from OLOD Church to stay in your home for one or two days. A booklet of prayers will be provided to help you venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary during her statues visit to your home.

If you are interested, please sign up on the list at the statue's table or e-mail chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au or approach one of the priests or contact Cecilia at 0466 961 240. - Fr Marek

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima - 13 May



Our Lady's message to the three shepherd children during her first apparition on 13 May 1917:

Pray the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and an end of the war.

Please join us for a [Parish Rosary via Zoom](#):

Date: Saturday 13 May 2023

Time: 8 pm

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/899998182977>

Meeting ID: 899 9818 2977

NO Passcode required



*Our Lady of Dolours
Church
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After the 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am Masses this week the Piety Stall and the PEW Gift Shop will be selling items for Mothers' Day in the forecourt. If it is raining, we will move to sell in the PEW cafe area at the side of the church.



This week we meet Eileen - tea drinker whose other favourite drink Laphroaig whiskey - which I think is a pretty perfect metaphor for her personality as you'll read below: down to earth and refreshingly real. If Eileen could holiday anywhere in the world it would be Provence in France or she would grab her swag and jump in in a 4WD inland to explore more of the beauty of Australia.

My involvement in the parish:

1: Music: I have always had an interest in music and belonged to a church choir, and when I first moved to the Parish, I was asked by Brother John Thornber to take on the Sunday morning choir, which I did for about 2 years. I relinquished that role when I retired from work, moved overseas, and travelled a lot with my husband. He was very supportive of my interest in music, and encouraged me to

join the Willoughby Symphony choir, and the St Marys singers at St Marys Cathedral, when we settled back into life here. COVID stopped all of that, and when we emerged from lockdowns, my husband became ill, and then died quite suddenly, about 18 months ago. I think my biggest challenge after that was finding meaningful things to be involved with, and this led to an increase in my active involvement in Parish activities. I have recently joined the choir and am enjoying it immensely. I feel very strongly that music enhances most aspects of life, including our spiritual life.

To further this interest, I am hoping to run a simple course in learning basic music reading skills for choristers (or non-choristers who would like to join the choir but are afraid that they won't be able to participate fully) who do not read music, but would like to do so. While it is possible to sing without knowing how to read music, the ability to do so enhances the experience a lot, and allows us to learn hymns and other music much faster.

2: Language and Communication: Music is a language which enhances communication at all levels, and I have always been interested in studying languages other than my own. I was able to pursue this interest further while living overseas, and will be eternally grateful to all those whom I met when I was 'a stranger in a strange land', and who helped me to learn their language. I am hopeful that I will be able to repay this help to me by participating in a group recently started by Anthony Seeto to assist those in the Parish for whom English is their second (or even third) language, and who wish to improve their English language skills. It's early days still, but even meeting other mentors who share my interest in helping others communicate better has already been great fun. - and I've learned a lot from both students and mentors in this small group. I am hoping it will grow and flourish in the weeks and months to come.

What inspires me to participate in these 'ministries':

Our Lady of Dolours parish is welcoming and active, and many people offer their time, efforts and skills to assist others in many ways. There is certainly a selfish aspect to my interest - these are interactions that I enjoy, and undoubtedly I get satisfaction from helping bring them to fruition. As a former teacher at tertiary level, I love to see people achieve better understanding of their own experiences and learning.

My biggest challenge:

This is hard to answer. I firmly believe God does not give you challenges that you cannot overcome, although it does not always seem like it at the time. Probably one of my biggest was working out how to continue a meaningful life after the death of my husband. I think that these two pursuits within the Parish will answer much of this need.

What does Our Lady of Dolours symbolise for me?

One of my middle names is Dolores. This was due to an error on my mother's part, as she mistakenly believed that I was born in the month of the 7 Dolours, and that Our Lady of Dolours was my patron saint - I wasn't, but by the time she realised that, the name had been registered, and I was stuck with it. This led to a lot of teasing when I was younger. As an adult, Our Lady of Dolours symbolises for me all mothers, particularly those who have lost children, whether as babies or as adults, and she has a special place in my heart (and I've kept her as my patron saint).

OUR WEEK IN PICS



The Parish Workshop last week was a fantastic gathering of our leaders of ministry - a great night of good Spirit!



Congratulations to Fr Handoko, Chaplain to the Indonesian community, who celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination! Mass at OLOD and then off to the Concourse for a beautiful celebration!





Double celebrations with our wonderful Children's Ministry Coordinator, Angela, celebrating her birthday - and Deacon Roberto celebrating the anniversary of his ordination to the permanent diaconate!



A few weeks ago we farewelled the Robbins family as they journeyed back to the USA - as you can see from the beer, burger, and signs, they've safely reached Michigan and seem right at home!

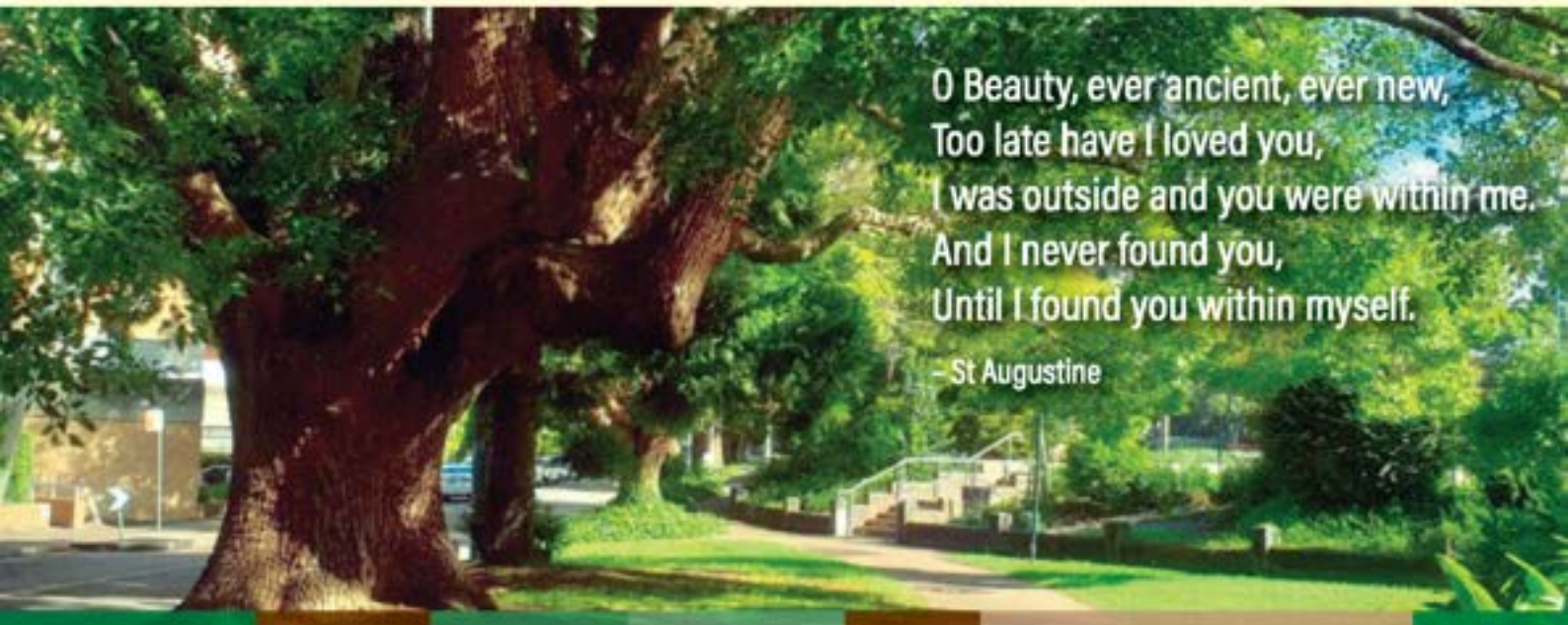


This month's Seniors' Morning Tea included little Isla and Pax who are ex-officio members of our Staff Team. The team visited the morning tea to meet everyone and let them know how we could be of support.



The World Community for Christian Meditation

International Website: www.wccm.org | Australian Website: www.wccmaustralia.org.au



O Beauty, ever ancient, ever new,
Too late have I loved you,
I was outside and you were within me.
And I never found you,
Until I found you within myself.

- St Augustine

ALL WELCOME Begin your Christian Meditation Journey with us!

Face to face meditation: Fridays at 10am (St Paul)

Meditation Group OLOD Chatswood

Online Zoom meditation: Fridays at 7pm

Enquiry: Jon N. - email to jnnurman@yahoo.com or sms 0439 449 554

7:30 MASS MORNING TEA



7.30am Mass Morning Tea

Please join us this Sunday after the 7.30am Mass for a cuppa on the forecourt
- weather permitting.

This gives us a chance to shop for goods from the Piety stall and Pew shop.
If it is raining we'll be undercover at the side of the Church. - Jan H

VINNIES APRIL REPORT

Chatswood St Vincent de Paul helped six people during April, all who were previously known to us.

All but one live in public housing where the rent is linked to income.

The other is boarding in a unit and contributing to power costs. Three of these had run out of food whilst a severe schizophrenic also needed food and some clothing. A disabled pensioner was transported to medical appointments while another was helped with specialist medical attention. Expenditure of \$360 was incurred.

Donations of clothing and goods which have resale value can be dropped off at the Society's Store at 287 Victoria Avenue. - John R



DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH?

JOIN OUR

LIFESTYLE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PROGRAMME(LECP)

2023 PROGRAMME CONTINUES EACH WEDNESDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM



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

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

WHEN DO WE MEET?
EVERY WEDNESDAY
FROM 9:30-11:00AM
DURING SCHOOL TERM

WHERE
MAGNIFICAT PARISH
MEETING ROOM,
O.L.D. CHATSWOOD

Still interested?

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

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

What is Lifestyle English Conversation Programme?

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

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

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



God is glorified when men are fully alive



MEN'S WEEKEND

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

27 - 28 May 2023

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

For more information, contact:

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

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

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

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

(RSVP by 19/05/2023)



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

www.menalive.org.au

THREE SAINTS' PILGRIMAGE

20 MAY 2023

JOHN PAUL II



SOMERSBY



SR FAUSTINA

GOSFORD



ST MARY MACKILLOP



KINCUMBER



IN THE PROGRAM:

- Visiting one of the oldest churches in Australia
- Morning & Afternoon tea
- Stations of the cross
- Divine Mercy Hour with Adoration
- Rosary
- Confession
- Holy Mass
- Veneration of the relics
- Lunch
- Good atmosphere

**COST: \$50 FOR INDIVIDUALS
\$100 FOR FAMILIES**



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OR TALK TO OLIVIA
IN THE OFFICE

Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

Eucaristias
EN ESPAÑOL

The next Spanish Mass is on
Sunday 21 May at 12.00 pm
followed by lunch at the Magnificat
Room - all are welcome! - Aida M

OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering Opportunity:

Volunteers are needed to help at St Peter's Green Catholic Residential Aged Care Facility - 5 Felton Ave. Lane Cove North 2066

- Tuesdays at 10:30am
Giving communion to residents in their rooms and/or Leading Communion Service.
- Fridays at 2:00pm
Leading the rosary and/or giving Communion to residents in their rooms.
- Sundays from 10:45am - 11:45am to assist with setting up and cleaning up after the 11am Sunday Mass.

For any questions or to volunteer please e-mail Fr Joey at Joey.Frez@bbcatholic.org.au



Learning Opportunity: Music Reading Lessons

Have you ever wondered how to decipher written music but not known who to ask?

Eileen Gallery is running basic music reading lessons. Feel free to come along if:

- you're a choir member who can't read music, or would like to improve your music reading skills; or
- you're thinking of joining the choir, but concerned that reading music might be a prerequisite. It isn't, but the ability to read music makes learning new songs much easier and faster.

So if you're not sure, why not come along. Join us for an hour at 5pm on Thursdays in the St Paul meeting room to explore this new language - the language of music.

Call Eileen on 0418 163 062 with any questions.



CHOIR CORNER



Titus Grenyer
Director of Music

Choir practice is held every Thursday from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the choir loft in the church. Please feel very welcomed to attend no matter what your skill level is.

Over the coming weeks as Titus settles into his new position we will update you with other opportunities for engagement with the choir.

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

Children's Atrium



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

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

If you would like to find out more about the atrium, please contact our Children's Ministry

Co-Ordinator Angela at angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

YOUTH



Cailin Geraghty
Youth Leader

Youth Groups



FOR YEAR
5-8



FOR YEAR
9-12



Youth Masses

SUNDAY 5:30PM

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES:

- READING
- MUSIC
- WELCOMING
- ALTAR SERVING
- COLLECTIONS
- OFFERTORY

DATES / TIMES

BOTH GROUPS MEET ON THE 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH (DURING SCHOOL TERM)

6:30PM-8:30PM

LOCATION

MEET IN THE FORECOURT OF OUR LADY OF DOLOURS

Young Adults

DATES / TIMES

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH

6:30PM-8:30PM

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Meditation Days at St Benedict's Monastery, Arcadia

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

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

Book display and morning tea provided, BYO picnic lunch.

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



Kooroora Tennis Club Ukraine Fundraiser

Kooroora Tennis Club, Roseville is holding a fundraising event to help rebuild Unicourt Tennis Club, Kharkiv, Ukraine to show support for the people of Ukraine in this area. If you would like to help support this fun and worthwhile cause or for more info scan the QR code OR go to <https://events.humanitix.com/help-the-ukrainian-tennis-club>.

Contact Anthony on 0414 364 522

Date: 28 May, 2:00pm - 5:00pm



Willoughby Symphony Choir's 50th Birthday Concert

Willoughby Symphony Orchestra will present some exciting and uplifting music which includes - Finlandia by Jean Sibelius, Coronation Anthems by George Frideric Handel, Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein, Carmina Burana by Carl Orff.

Sunday 28 May 2023 2:00 PM

The Concourse, Chatswood www.theconcourse.com.au

Bookings: 02 8075 8111 | www.theconcourse.com.au |
concourse_boxoffice@century.com.au



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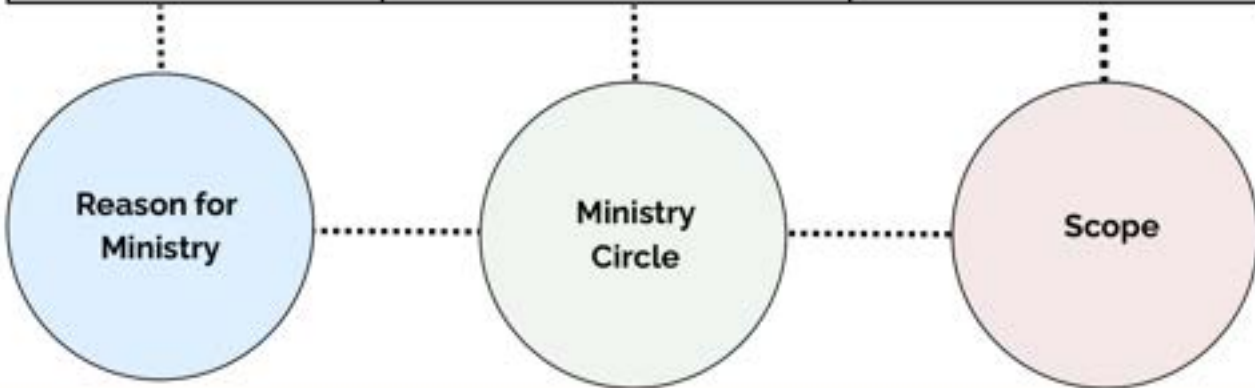
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OUR CIRCLES OF MINISTRY

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



PARKING



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Mass This Week:

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

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

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

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

Reconciliation: 7:00pm.

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

Saturday Mass: 9:00am

Reconciliation: 9:30am.

Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Sunday Mass

- 7:30am

- 9:00am

- 10:30am

- 5:30pm - Youth Mass



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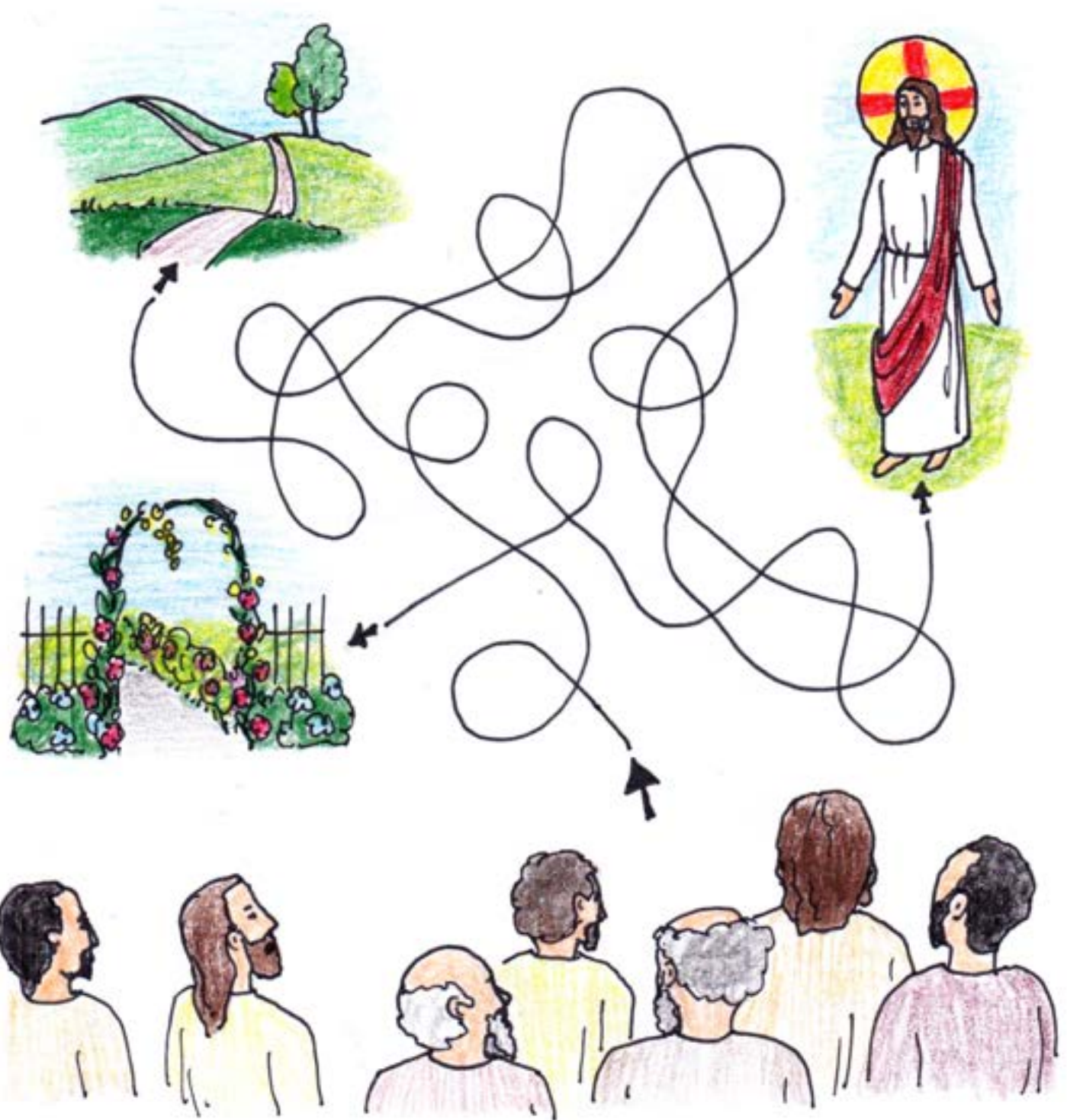
Want to receive the bulletin via e-mail?

Contact Olivia at

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7th, 2023




*In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples
the way to the Father in Heaven.
Do you know which is the way?
Follow the squiggly line to find out!*

Blessed Jane of Portugal

May 12

BLESSED JANE WAS BORN IN 1451, A PORTUGUESE PRINCESS. SHE WANTED TO BECOME A DOMINICAN NUN, BUT HER FATHER WOULDN'T LET HER.



Here's a little picture of Our Lady!

SHE AGREED TO NOT LEAVE UNTIL HER BROTHER HAD A CHILD, BUT STILL HER FATHER MADE IT HARD.



Our family must have an heir!

I understand.

AFTER 12 YEARS SHE WAS FINALLY ALLOWED TO JOIN THE DOMINICAN NUNS.



Alright - you may go!

Jane is needed at a meeting.




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BUT THE FAMILY STILL KEPT CALLING HER BACK TO THE ROYAL COURT.

JANE WAS SICKLY AND DID THE WORST JOBS IN THE CONVENT.




ONCE WHEN SHE HAD TO GO BACK TO THE COURT, SHE WAS POISONED BY A WOMAN THAT SHE HAD ONCE CORRECTED.



Ha! She thinks she can tell me what I can or can't do!

AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF SUFFERING, BLESSED JANE DIED AT THE AGE OF THIRTY-NINE.

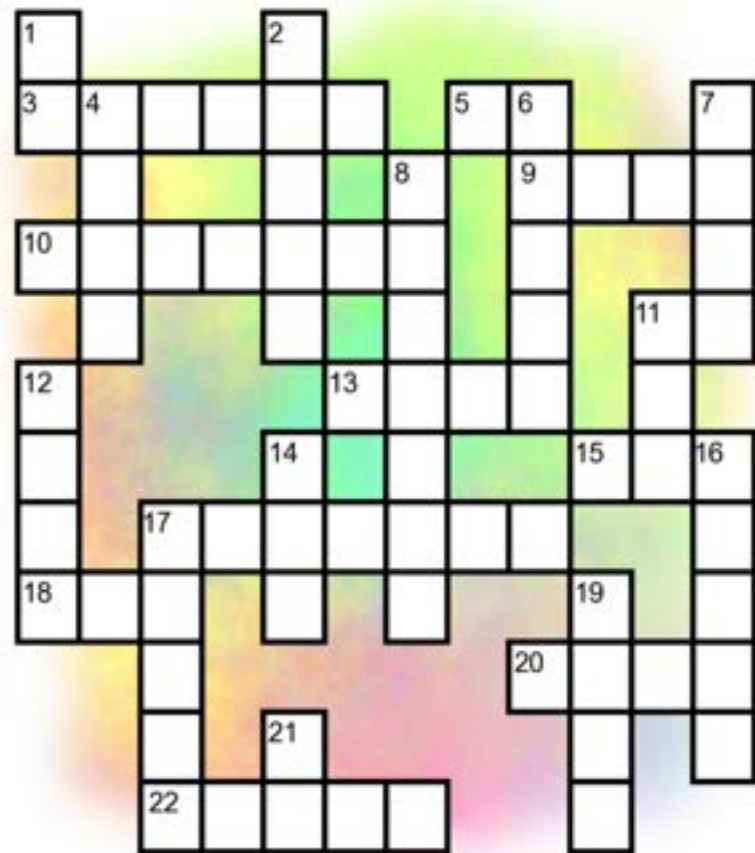


BLESSED JANE COULD HAVE HAD A RICH EASY LIFE AND MARRIED AN IMPORTANT MAN, BUT INSTEAD SHE CHOSE TO FOLLOW HER HEART AND LIVE FOR GOD ONLY. SHE DIED BECAUSE THE WOMAN SHE HAD CORRECTED DID NOT LIKE TO HEAR THAT SHE HAD DONE WRONG. LIKE JANE, WE MUST BE READY TO SUFFER FOR THE TRUTH.

"Show us the Father" Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.

**IS WHOEVER
OF BECAUSE
ON BELIEVE
ME FATHER
YOU WORKS
AND DOING
WHO SPEAK
WILL AMEN
OWN JESUS
TIME THAN
SHOW STILL
KNOW SEEN**



_____ (2d) said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a _____ (9a) and you _____ (6d) do not _____ (12d) me, Philip? _____ (17a) has seen me has _____ (7d) the Father. How can you say, ' _____ (19d) us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in ____? (21d) The words that I _____ (22a) to you I do not speak ____ (11a) my _____ (11d). The Father _____ (18a) dwells in me is _____ (16d) his works. _____ (8d) me that I am in the _____ (3a) and the Father ____ (5a) in me, or else, believe _____ (10a) ____ (1d) the works themselves. _____, (4d) amen, I say to _____ (14d), whoever believes in me _____ (13a) do the _____ (17d) that I do, _____ (15a) will do greater ones _____ (20a) these, because I am going to the Father."

Jesus is the Way to Heaven

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples that He is the way to the Father in Heaven.

Jesus is the way for us to go to Heaven. But how can a person be a way to get somewhere? Jesus is always with the Father in Heaven, so the closer we are to Jesus the closer we are to Heaven!

How can we be close to Jesus? Here are some ways:

Pray to Jesus. Prayer is talking with God. When we want to be friends with someone we talk with them a lot.



Try to be like Jesus. Always do the right thing. When you need to decide what to do, think: "What would Jesus do in this situation?" Stay close to Mary, His mother. She will keep you close to Jesus.



Receive Jesus in Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an amazing gift. It is Jesus coming to us so that we can receive Him into our bodies and souls. Communion is the closest we can be to Jesus until we get to Heaven.



Answers to Cross-Word-Across: 3.Father 5.is 9.time 10.because 11.on 13.will 15.and 17.whoever 18.who 20.than 22.speak
Down: 1.of 2.Jesus 4.amen 6.still 7.seen 8.believe 11.own 12.know
14.you 16.doing 17.works 19.show 21.me