



THE BULLETIN

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

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GLAD YOU'RE HERE
Welcome

A very warm welcome to you, especially to anyone new and 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 contact us at 02 9410 9000 or email us at chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au - we would love to hear from you.

This week registrations for Parish-in-Council open up for our first 2024 gathering in May! Come along, bring the family, and help plan our future.

Our Young Adults group has set up a Blood Donations Group - be in touch if you would like to join!

Holy Week is just around the corner! Could you help us with decorating the church for Palm Sunday? Could you offer yourself as a participant in the ritual of the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday?

This year for the first time ever, we are taking the Stations of the Cross to the streets of Chatswood! Spread the Word to join us on Good Friday at the Concourse.

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



Christ of the Wheat Field - Thomas Francis Dicksee



If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

This Sunday's Gospel - John 12:20-30



Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

We are now in our final weeks of the Season of Lent. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week, leading to the great celebration of Easter. Our Easter schedule is now available. Three special events through Holy Week, beyond our principal liturgies, are our parish Stations of the Cross taking place on Wednesday 27 March at our church and its environs, **our Good Friday morning Stations of the Cross at 10am this year taking place on Chatswood Concourse for the first time**, and our Seven Last Words devotion, taking place on Good Friday evening at 7pm. More details will be available next weekend.

In the coming week our children who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the last four weeks will be celebrating the Sacrament. They are a wonderful example to us of the heart of our Lenten Season: reflection on our lives, recognising the choices that we make either lead us into communion with one another and the Lord, or away from each other and God. May these final weeks of our Season of Lent be ones in which we, ourselves, recognise what must die in us so that

something might live. Then the paschal mystery we celebrate in Holy Week and Easter will be something personal and fresh for each of us.

Having joined the community in January 2021, I am now just half way through the period of my term as Parish Priest. As you appreciate, the term of a Parish Priest is normally 6 years unless the Bishop requires a variance as he balances the needs of the Diocese. A term of six years can also be renewed. However, given that I am half way through my first term at least, I thought it might be advantageous to undertake a 360 degree appraisal of my leadership. I have recently undertaken this through the use of the Leadership Circle Profile <https://leadershipcircle.com/en-au/leadership-assessment-tools/leadership-circle-profile/>. This involved the participation of nearly 30 people from across our parish. Through a confidential survey they engaged a survey on the various aspects of my leadership for you. A couple of weeks ago, the facilitator of the Review provided me with a lengthy feedback.

I was very grateful for the openness and honesty with which people had engaged the exercise. People's feedback was deeply affirmative. It is clear that I don't quite have the same belief in myself as many others do! However, the exercise also has opened some lines for reflection which I am committed to following through so that the way I lead into the future may be of greater benefit to everyone. I think there are some practical things I can do in regard to this, and also some more strategic explorations. So, all this has helped shape how I can approach the years ahead. In all, this review was the most significant evaluation I have undertaken and, perhaps, the most helpful. Please continue to keep me in your prayer that I may lead our parish community to the best of my ability.



This week's church flowers in the shrine are generously donated by Diosa Farr in celebration of the birthday of her late husband

Warren Farr

Thank you also to Diosa for donating the snacks for this weekend's Kindergarten Mass.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH IN COUNCIL

Join us for the return of Parish In Council (PIC)! Save the date for **Saturday, May 18th**, at Harrington Hall. Your presence is crucial in shaping the future and vitality of our parish.

PIC represents our church's commitment to synodal, collaborative decision-making. It replaces the Parish Pastoral Council, welcoming each of us to contribute our unique perspectives and wisdom in developing pastoral and strategic initiatives.

Register now by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://cbgja62m2x4.typeform.com/piciii>.



Register here



THE CROSS AT THE
Concourse

Please join us at the Concourse on Good Friday to commemorate Christ's sacrifice by praying the Stations of the Cross, with a reenactment by our Young Adults. We will be situated on the steps outside the Performing Arts Centre - all are welcome!

GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29 AT 10:00AM



IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Carmel Hurrell; Patrick McAuliffe (friend of Josef Widjaja); John Swinsburg; Peter Brink (husband of Dot Brink); Phillip Manu (Husband of Anna).

Our loved ones who are sick:

Margaret; Stanley Ng (husband of Teresa Ng); Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; John Luxton; Yvonne Corpuz; Judith Ryan; Maria Taylor; Moh Har Yip; Bill Piper; Frank Hallissy; John O'Brien; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; Mary Kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Lueng; John Tiorg and family; Esther Grant and family.

Our loved ones, at rest with God, whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Marie Elisabeth; Roy Wagland (9 March - related to Carolyn Wagland); Philomena Clarke - sister of Sr Marie Dayton; Magdalina Bolingot; Joseph Syria Santos (24 February).

- For Tim Zaichenko who passed away recently in a car accident. May he rest in peace and may the Lord comfort his family and friends at this time.
- As we honor the 40th day since the passing of Danilo Ilagan, father of Diana Ilagan Agudelo, we hold him close in our hearts. May his soul rest in peace, and may his family find comfort in cherished memories.
- For Anny Widagdo who celebrated her 70th birthday last week! We thank God for the wonderful life she has lived, and the joy and love she has brought into our lives.
- For the late Warren Farr whose birthday is this Sunday 17 March, we pray for the repose of his soul and for his family who will be missing him in a special way this week.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

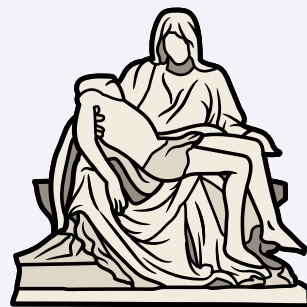


This year, St. Patrick's Feast Day falls on Monday, March 18th, instead of the traditional March 17th, as the latter is a Sunday. When a feast day lands on a Sunday during Lent, it is typically moved to the following Monday due to the precedence of Lenten Sundays.

Here are some fun facts about St. Patrick:

- While green is now associated with St. Patrick, blue was originally considered his color. It symbolized nobility in Ireland, and St. Patrick's vestments were often blue.
- Even astronauts aboard the International Space Station have celebrated St. Patrick's Day! In 2011, NASA astronaut Cady Coleman played an Irish flute in space as part of the festivities.
- St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland but also of engineers and paralegals.

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



Our Lady of Dolours, Pray for Us

*Rock of constancy,
pray for us.*

*Refuge of the abandoned,
pray for us.*

*Mirror of patience,
pray for us*

*Mother of consolation,
pray for us.*

*Companion of the sorrowful,
pray for us.*

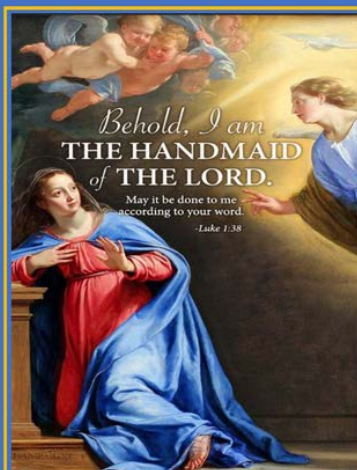
*Protectress of those who fight,
pray for us.*

*Shield of the oppressed,
pray for us.*

2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER

Everyone of us needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy – then we need an hour.

St Francis de Sales



JOIN IN OUR ZOOM

Rosary

Monday 25 March 2024

at 8.00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85468322301>

Meeting ID: 854 6832 2301

(No Passcode required)

Join us online to celebrate the Solemnity of

The Annunciation

by praying the Rosary together.

(Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood)

CAN YOU HELP IN MARCH?

Friday 22nd 3pm - 6pm

Stripping palm leaves and decorating the church for Palm Sunday.

Saturday 23 10:30am - 1:00pm

Stripping palm leaves and decorating the church for Palm Sunday.

Thursday 28 7:00pm

Join us in the sacred ritual of the Washing of the Feet during the Mass of the Lord's Supper by volunteering to have your feet washed.

If you can help please contact
Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au

GOSPEL REFLECTION - WE WISH TO SEE JESUS

"Sir, we wish to see Jesus." This simple question in today's gospel reading echoes down through the centuries to us today. There are many who wish to see Jesus. This very quote is one that is often written on church pulpits, not for the congregation to see, but for the preacher, to remind us of why you come to worship. You wish to see Jesus. We all wish to see Jesus.

Those who first asked this famous question were Greeks, we are told in this reading. They were not expecting a messiah, in other words. But they had heard of this man, Jesus, and wanted to see him for themselves. They had no doubt heard that Jesus had recently raised Lazarus from the dead, the last and perhaps greatest of the miracles that he performed. They had surely heard about Jesus' recent triumphal entry into Jerusalem, on the day which we will celebrate next week as Palm Sunday. So, naturally, they wanted to see Jesus for themselves. Who wouldn't? But there is no record of the Greeks actually getting to see Jesus that day.

Instead, this request initiated a conversation, between Jesus and his disciples about his upcoming death. And at the end of that conversation, Jesus tells his disciples that when he is lifted up, he will draw all peoples to himself. In other words, when he is crucified, then all the world – including the Greeks – will see Jesus. But only then. "Sir, we wish to see Jesus," they asked Philip. And there are many who wish to see him still. Including us. But if we want to see Jesus, truly see him, there is one place, above all, that we must look. We must look to the cross.

"Sir, we wish to see Jesus." If this is your request, too, then look to the cross, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world. There, we will see Jesus. Today, by God's grace, you and I get to see Jesus in the gift of Holy Communion. We have heard his words. We have worshiped, prayed, gathered in his name. We have seen Jesus once more. We have been set free from sin, death, and the devil. We have been reminded that we now belong to Jesus, and live in his kingdom. Attached to Jesus, we can now bear the fruit of the kingdom. Reminding all the world, through our words and our deeds, that we have a Savior, who has been lifted up, and seeks to draw all the world to himself. Thanks be to God. Amen.



Reflect on:

- What does it mean to "see Jesus" in today's world?
- Why do you think the Greeks were curious to see Jesus despite not expecting a messiah?
- How would you react to someone's request to you, that they want to see Jesus? What would you do?

HOLY WEEK



Tuesday of Holy Week

- 7:30pm Chrism Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral: 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara



Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross



Holy Thursday

- 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper



Good Friday

- 10:00am Stations of the Cross at Chatswood Concourse
- 3:00pm Passion of the Lord
- 7:00pm Prayer and Reflection Night on the 7 Last Words of our Lord.



Easter Saturday

- 7:00pm Vigil Mass



Easter Sunday

- Sunday Mass at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

No evening Mass.



Leukaemia
Foundation

**World's
Greatest
Shave**

On April 2nd, Bryce is shaving off his hair for a beautiful cause!

To donate and support his journey by going to the link below, or scanning the QR code.

All the best to you, Bryce!

<https://tinyurl.com/ms6xyvt7>



There are 140,000 families facing blood cancer right now. And it takes the lives of 16 Australians every day.

I'm raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation, to give life changing support to Australians facing blood cancer, and to fund critical research, bringing us closer to the day when zero lives are lost to blood cancer.

Will you be part of my World's Greatest Shave community and donate to my page?

Your donation means that together, we're working to stop blood cancer in its tracks.

Any amount – big or small – will make a real, tangible difference.

Thank You!

他雖然是天主子，卻由所受的苦難，學習了服從，且在達到完成之後，為一切服從他的人，成了永遠救恩的根源。 希伯來書5:8-9

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. *Hebrews 5:8-9*

OUR
WEEK
IN PICS



Happy 70th birthday to Anny - a woman of many talents, among which is being the coordinator of our Indonesian Catholic community! Wishing you many more years of happiness ahead!

Prayer Through Painting was a beautiful chance for us to connect with God in a creative and new way. Thank you to the Pew Crew for organising!



Have you heard? This year's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be taking place at the Concourse! Here we are checking out the outdoor space.



Thank you to everyone who stopped by to pray and receive Reconciliation as part of 24 Hours for the Lord last week!

With special thanks to the guardians and priests who helped make this happen because of their time and generosity.



Thank you so much to Su for creating the new Baptismal bibs and stoles - they look amazing!

THE PASSION NARRATIVES OF THE Gospel

MARCH 09 MARCH 16 MARCH 23

3:30PM - 4:30PM
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THESE SERIES OF TALKS BY BISHOP DAVID WALKER

Magnificat Room
96 Archer St, Chatswood
Entry from Kirk St

St Benedict's Country Fete

Sunday 7 April 2024

10am to 3pm

2 FAGANS ROAD ARCADIA PH: 9653 2312

Trash & Treasure - Chocolate Wheel - BBQ
Devonshire Tea - Coffee - Cakes
Flowers & Plants - Rides and lots more...

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | 17 MARCH 2024

THE HOUR HAS COME. Jesus was greatly troubled as the hour of his suffering and death approached. He was tempted to ask the Father to save him from this hour. But he knew that his death would be a source of new life for all. Today's liturgy invites us to share in Jesus' self-sacrificing love. For ourselves, as for Jesus, the grain of wheat must die in order to produce a rich harvest.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

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.

P. Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You open for your people the way from death into life: 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.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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 31: 31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant

with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**
3. Give me again the joy of your help; / with a spirit of fervour sustain me, / that I may teach transgressors your ways / and sinners may return to you. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 5: 7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12: 26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; / and where I am, my servant will also be. / Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 12: 20-30

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus'. Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal

life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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. Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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 OR II OF LENT

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

Jn 12: 24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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 in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

A MATTER OF TIME

In this fifth week of Lent, we approach the crux of our belief. We are drawing near to our journey through Passion Sunday and Holy Week. Jeremiah heralds: “See the days are coming” and Jesus in the Gospel of John proclaims, “Now the hour has come!” These times are both important in their own context yet also mark God’s time.

Jeremiah’s prophetic words announce God’s new covenant with the House of Israel, a covenant which God writes on their hearts that “I will be your God and you will be my people” (Jer 31:33).

As John’s passage opens, it is the time of the Passover and some Greeks want to see Jesus. Their seeking of Jesus affirms the words of the Pharisees earlier “the world has gone after him” (John 12:19). The Greeks approach Philip as he has a Greek name, and Philip goes with Andrew, to Jesus. With the Greeks seeking him, Jesus recognises that the gathering has begun, “the world has gone after him,” so he announces, “the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified” (John 12:23). An Amen saying follows: “Very truly (Amen, amen), I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit” (John 12:24). In this image of a grain of wheat is firstly the revelatory sense of Jesus’ fate, destiny and mission. Secondly it is the way to see the disciples and our own lives and mission.

Dr Rosemary Canavan


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NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH

Monday
18 March
Solemnity of St Patrick



- 10:00am OLOD Primary Holy Week Practice
- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 1:30pm Organ Practice

Tuesday
19 March
Solemnity of St Joseph



- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 11:15am OLOD Primary Holy Week Practice
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 2:00pm Organ Practice
- 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm Reconciliation
- 7:00pm Filipino Choir Practice

Wednesday
20 March

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00 Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 10:30am Organ Scholar
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 1:30pm Organ Practice
- 2:30pm Organ Lesson
- 3:30pm Organ Practice
- 4:00pm Organ Lesson
- **6:00pm Mass**

Thursday
21 March

- 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**
- 2:00pm OLOD Primary Holy Week Practice
- 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm Reconciliation
- **7:00pm Holy Hour Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation also available**

Friday
22 March

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 10:30am Organ Practice
- 11:30am Stations of the Cross
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 2:00pm OLOD Primary Holy Week Practice
- 3:00pm Organ Practice
- 4:00pm Organ Practice
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday
23 March

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation, Rosary
- 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- 11:00am Choir Practice
- 1:00pm Baptism

PARENT & INFANT MASS

Come along to our 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 would be an opportunity to gather with other parents, without judgement, with the support of the Priest and parishioners.

Bring the
children for a
special blessing!

PLAYGROUP

All parents, babies, toddlers and infants 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



VINNIES CHATSWOOD FEBRUARY REPORT


Chatswood Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society received 6 calls for help in Feb. Two were from new "clients" and both are single mothers needing help to set up in public housing digs. We provided essential furniture to both and white goods to one as she was unable to service a "no interest loan." Another caller, a Domestic Violence victim whom we had helped at end of last year to set up in a new unit, needed replacement items which had been stolen. She had been abused again, this time by one of her new neighbours and will move again shortly. Another client needed suitable clothing for a court appearance, another food and a third, a disabled pensioner, needed transport to get to medical appointments. Some \$2000 were expended.

John R


Catholic Vocations Broken Bay
Young Adult Event

ENCOUNTER

ADORATION | FORMATION | COMMUNITY
FRIDAY MARCH 15, 6PM



Guest Speakers
Sr Joyce Mabini & Sr Jennifer Conolly



EVENTS @ BROKEN BAY
VENUE: ST AGATHA'S CHURCH
TREBOR ROAD PENNANT HILLS 2120
P: 0418 522 449 | 02 8379 1626
E: vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

- 2:00pm Decorating for Palm Sunday
- 4:00pm Kids Baptism Practice
- 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Mass
24 March

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



- **7:30am Mass**
- **9:00am Family Mass**
- **10:30am Mass**
- 12:00pm Baptism
- 1:30pm Organ Practice
- 2:30pm Organ Practice
- **5:30pm Mass**
- 7:00pm Youth Adoration and Confession with Fr Anselam

NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

Monday
18 March

- 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 6-9 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
- 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter)
- 7:00pm Alpha (Magnificat, St Paul)

Tuesday
19 March

- 10:00am Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)
- 2:30pm Staff Team Meeting (Magnificat)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 6-9 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
- 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter)
- 7:00pm Metanoia faith program (Magnificat, St Paul)
- 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter)
- 7:00pm Parish Finance Committee (Parish Office)

Wednesday
20 March

- 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat)
- 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter)
- 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter)

Thursday
21 March

- 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up at 12:00pm
- 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter)
- 5:30pm Parish Choir Practice (St Paul)

Friday
22 March

- 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul)
- 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter)
- 6:30pm L.I.F.E 2 Formation (Magnificat)
- 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing

Saturday
23 March

- 8:30am Atrium Teen Group Meeting (St Peter)
- 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter) set up 10:00am
- **3:30pm Bishop David's Talk: The Passion Narrative of the Gospels (Magnificat)**

Sunday Mass
24 March

- **8:00am Filipino Choir Practice (St Paul)**
- 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul)
- 11:30am RCIA (St Peter) set up at 11:00am
- 4:00pm Mothers Group (St Peter) set up at 3:30pm
- 6:30pm Cornerstone & Keystone Youth Group (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter)

Service for Passiontide

Music, Carols and Readings

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara
6:00pm Saturday 23 March 2024
following the 5pm Vigil Mass

with Members of the Cathedral Schola
and Maris Stella Diocesan Youth Choir

All Welcome

BACH - THE BENEFACTOR

Music to guide and inspire us



PROGRAM

J.S. Bach Cantata 'Brich dem Hungrigen dein Brot' BWV 39

J.S. Bach Harpsichord Concerto in E arranged for Violin in D (after BWV 1053) arr. K. Debrezeni

J.S. Bach Cantata 'Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben' BWV 147

DATES

Friday 12th April, 7.30pm
St Francis of Assisi Church, Paddington

Sunday 14th April, 2.30pm
Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood

That's us!

BOOKINGS www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au 1300 785 377

SENIOR'S MORNING TEA
1st Thursday of every Month
Please join us



At Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood we gather for Senior Morning Tea on the 1st Thursday of each month please join us and bring someone with you while we chat and listen to the guest speaker we enjoy having coffee, tea and a snack.

For spiritual support please email:
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For general enquiries please email:
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LENTEN FAST 3

We have now entered the second half of Lent. In our preparation this week we are thinking about Jesus' call to us to find a simpler and more sustainable way of life. 'Consider the lilies of the field'.... God has created a world of abundance with plenty for all His creatures so that we need not worry about what we shall eat or what we shall put on. We need only find our way back to Enough instead of More. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand was a miracle of sharing. If we share equitably the earth's resources that God's goodness provides, there will be enough for all. Current business models

depend on us replacing products that are still working with newer versions, discarding broken equipment that could once have been repaired and updating our wardrobes with the latest changes of fashion. Meanwhile our carbon footprint on the earth becomes heavier and more and more of our stuff goes to land fill. The call this Lent is for us to find our way back to a simpler life, less stressful, less materialistic and less damaging to our common home. A way of life that is closer to nature, kinder to our neighbour and nearer to God.

OLOD Earthcare Community

THE UMBRELLA SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Ingrid Bass, Principal Facilitator of Umbrella School of Music, uses music to empower individuals with disabilities and improve their lives – a very special mission! Umbrella is now seeking sponsors for an inclusive Disney musical production, "CAMP ROCK," in Sydney, featuring both disabled and non-disabled performers and donations need to be received by June. Through their campaign in the Australian Cultural Fund (ACF), you can learn about their unique production model, support their mission, and receive a tax deduction. Your donation will provide equal access to performing arts, break down stigmas, celebrate diversity, and foster connections. Join Umbrella in realising this dream by donating to the ACF campaign. Thank you for your support in bringing joy and opportunities to people of all abilities. To donate: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8rh8vb> or use the QR code.



BLOOD DONATION TEAM



The Capstone Young Adults group have set up a blood donation group for our parish! Our team name is Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Parish Chatswood and currently our only team champion is Bryce. If you'd like to be a team champion, or be a part of a group that will donate together, please contact Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au and she will place you in contact with Bryce.

Anyone already registered with the Red Cross Lifeblood can elect to join the team and your individual donations will help contribute to our tally.

Donating blood is a wonderful and simple way to help others in need!

Live simply so others may simply live.

- Mother Teresa



CHATSWOOD menALIVE

Chatswood menALIVE is part of a National Catholic Mens Movement these past 20 years and is represented in 26 dioceses throughout Australia and New Zealand encompassing some 25,000 men.

The purpose of menALIVE is to help men discover God at work in their lives, a God who is walking beside them on their own personal journey.

Chatswood menALIVE meets twice monthly to discuss men's topics, leading to in-depth personal reflection & prayer with a scriptural basis.

In addition to regular monthly meetings, other events include:

- A National Conference (menALIVE MAX)
- State of Origin Nights
- Sydney Camino Walk
- Men's Masses & Bar B Q's
- Men's Breakfast
- Men's Movie Nights

MEETINGS EVERY 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

MAGNIFICAT ROOM

PARISH MEETING ROOMS
CNR OF ARCHER & KIRK ST. CHATSWOOD
OPPOSITE OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH

MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7 PM

ALL MEN WELCOME
FOR MORE INFO

EASTER BUNNY VISITING



Get ready for an egg-citing visit! The Easter Bunny is scheduled to make a special appearance after our 9:00am and 10:30am Mass on Sunday, March 31st.

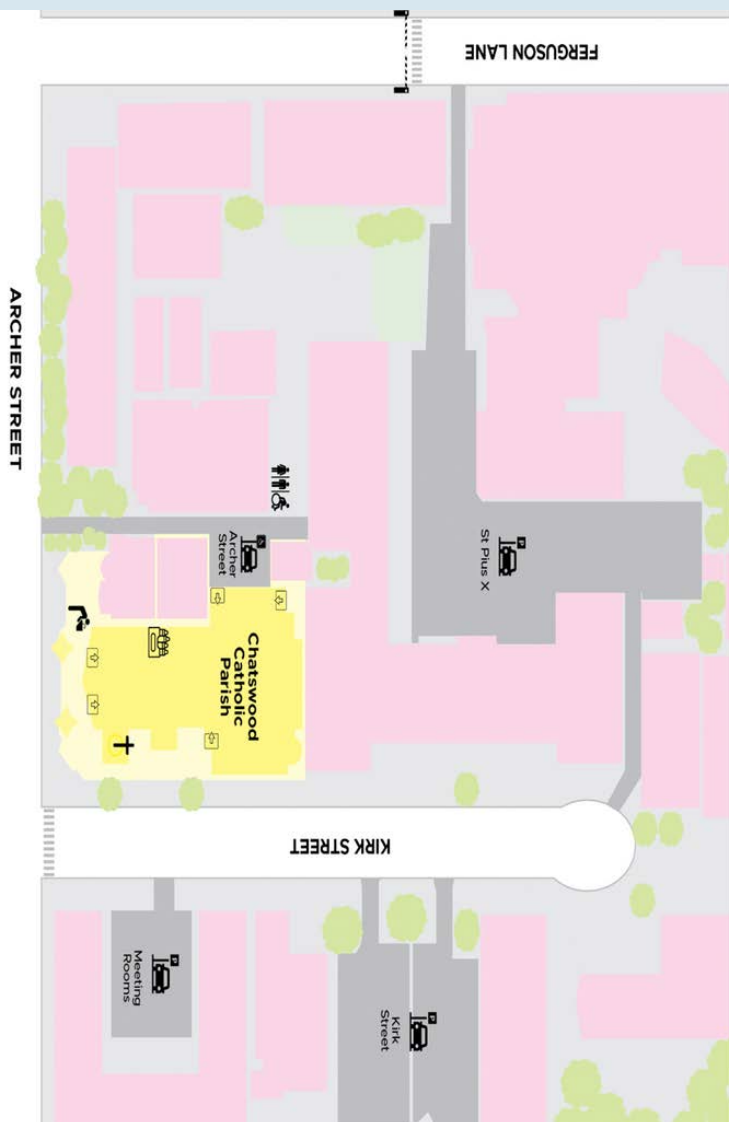
After the Family Mass, there will be an Easter Egg hunt.

All are welcome!

"The goal of fasting is inner unity. This means hearing, but not with the ear; hearing, but not with the understanding; it is hearing with the spirit, with your whole being."

Fr Thomas Merton

PARKING MAP



The Children's Atrium

of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
for children aged from 3 to 12 years.

*A place where children come to be with God
to discover and explore God's love for them.*



The Atrium is a specially prepared room, where children spend time with God so that they can nurture their relationship with him. The program is based on Scripture and Liturgy and framed by Montessori principles of Education. Run in three age groups, each room is prepared for them based on their stage of development and their religious needs and capacities at each stage. The age groups and times available for the children to come to our Atrium at Chatswood are:

3-6 year olds

Mondays 10am-11:30am
Mondays 3:45-5:30pm
Tuesdays 3:45-5:30pm
Thursdays 10am-11:30am

9-12 year olds

Mondays 3:45-5:45pm
Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm

6-9 year olds

Mondays 3:45-5:45pm
Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm

To find out more watch this
video or contact
Angela or Rose at:

old.childrens.atrrium@gmail.com



OUR CIRCLES OF MINISTRY

Love God

Mark 12:30

Love One Another

John 13:34

Go Make Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20



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Regular Mass Times:

Monday	Mass 12:30pm.
Tuesday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Wednesday	Mass 9:00am, 12:30pm & 6:00pm.
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30am • 9:00am • 10:30am • 5:30pm





Divine Mercy

SUNDAY

APRIL


07

2:30PM - 4:15PM

- PROCESSION
- EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
- DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
- ADORATION & BENEDICTION
- BLESSING OF HOLY ARTICLES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AVAILABLE FROM 3:00PM

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery."
(Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska - No. 1507)



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