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PARISH OF CHATSWOOD

26 Feb - 4 Mar 2023
First Week of Lent (Year A)



Christ In The Wilderness by Ivan Kramskoy

Welcome!

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

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

In this week's bulletin we reflect on the stations of the cross which started this Friday. We are also still looking for individuals or groups to help lead the stations each Friday.

Have you got your ticket to the Salsa and Dance night fundraiser for the World Youth Day Pilgrims yet? We have and we would love you to join us for a great cause!

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.

*Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.
This week's Gospel - Matthew 4:1-11*





Dear friends

We have begun the beautiful season of Lent, a time of reflection and renewal. It was so encouraging to see as many join us for Ash Wednesday. Over 2000 people came to our church on that day. This is a sure sign of the way in which the Spirit of God continues to move in the hearts of people longing for that fullness of life which only Jesus can give. The Spirit of God is alive and active!

At Easter we will receive 22 people as new members of the Church. On this Sunday, they will be presented to Bishop Anthony at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral at the Rite of Election. This is an ancient ceremony in which the names of the catechumens, those preparing for baptism at Easter, are inscribed in the Book of the Elect and formally presented to the Bishop. We keep our catechumens in our prayer through these final weeks of their preparation.

There are many opportunities through Lent to open our hearts more fully. The most powerful of these are the Sacraments – our attendance at Eucharist, our celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. There is Alpha and many other ways of deepening our encounter with the Lord through prayer and reading. One of the wonderful ways to do this is to pray the Stations of the Cross. This prayer follows each step of the Passion of Jesus, inviting us to reflect on its meaning in our lives. The Stations of the Cross are prayed through Lent on each Friday both at 11.45am and at 7.30pm. Our weekly bulletin will highlight other opportunities for our Lenten journey too.

Please note that next Monday February 27th, Olivia will be away at a training session so there will be limited access to the office and a delay in communication until she returns on Tuesday.

May the six weeks ahead as we prepare to proclaim Christ Risen again be ones of grace and blessing for each of us.

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

ANNIVERSARY:

Joseph Syria Santio; Bartolo Paino.

SICK:

Anthony Mustaca; Victoria Tano; Fe Mendoza.

Requests for Mass Intentions:

It is a privilege to our priests to be able to offer Mass for a special intention, especially at the time someone has died or on the occasion of their anniversary. 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 at a particular 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. All emails are on the back page of this bulletin.

This week's flowers are given in memory of Joseph Syria Santio whose 6th anniversary falls this month.

These flowers are placed the Our Lady chapel to the side of the sanctuary.



We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



The Pope's Prayer Intention for February



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

Above: Madonna and Child by Richard Campbell

當你施捨時，不要叫你左手知道你右手所行的，好使你的施捨隱而不露，你父在暗中看見，必要報答你。 瑪竇福音 6:3-4

But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. Matthew 6:3-4

Why is everything purple during Lent?

Purple is the colour traditionally attributed to royalty and it is the colour of the cloak the Roman soldiers placed on Jesus when they were mocking him as he was preparing to be crucified (Mark 15:17). Despite the soldiers' mockery, we recognise Jesus as God and king. And so we take the symbol of something that was used to ridicule him, and we reclaim it by adorning our churches with vestments and banners that are purple to proclaim Christ as the King who died because of love for us.

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The First Sunday in Lent each year presents Jesus in the wilderness confronting the reality of sin and evil. We hear of him fasting for forty days, and our season of Lent is our own forty-day journey into the wilderness, into the desert, into the outback of our own lives in imitation of his, just as his forty days was in imitation of the forty-year wandering of the people of Israel after their exodus from Egypt before reaching the Promised Land.

Commentators have debated how we are to understand the Greek *peiradzo*: is Jesus tempted into sin, or is his understanding of what it is to be the Son of God (remembering that the story of the baptism of Jesus is the one immediately before this one in all three Synoptic Gospels) being put to the test? Some have speculated about whether these three episodes are some kind of umbrella covering every form of sin. We seem to have gluttony (stone into bread), pride or hubris (jumping from the top of the temple), and greed or avarice (selling his soul to the devil for the kingdoms of the world). In terms of the seven deadly sins, catalogued by Evagrius Ponticus and John Cassian, this covers only three out of seven.

What had been proclaimed at the Jordan with the baptism of Jesus was that he was in a relationship with God, he was the beloved of God. Everyone who is baptised is proclaimed as the beloved of God also. An openness to the other, a concern for the wellbeing of others, is life, while being closed off from the other, being concerned only for the self, is death and sin. In the desert for forty days Jesus explored just what being in a relationship with God was all about. In the desert time of this Lent we are to explore what our being in a relationship with God is all about for us.

The tree in the middle of the garden, from which the serpent hung, brought death. In this story from Genesis we are given religious truth rather than literal truth, and the truth is that selfishness is sin. The tree on Calvary, from which Jesus hung, brought life. Writing to the Christians in Rome Paul understood this contrast between Adam and Christ. Sin came into the world through the first man, and righteousness came into the world through the last man. The first man brought death and condemnation, the last man brought life and justification.

The way through the temptations of our lives is to find strength and nourishment in the Word of God. St Augustine of Hippo said:

Do you think that the word of God is bread? If the Word of God, through whom all things have been made, were not bread, he would not say: 'I am the living bread that has come down from heaven.' You have learned, then, how to answer the tempter when you are in a bad way from hunger. [Footnote: *Enarrationes in Psalmos* 90/2. The excerpts from the translations of Augustine's homilies on the Psalms come from Augustine, *Expositions of the Psalms*, trans. Maria Boulding, in *The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century*, part III/15–20 (New York: New City Press, and Augustinian Heritage Institute, 2000-2004).]

Let us thank God that Jesus was sent to bring us life. Let us thank God that Jesus is the Word who nourishes us in our hunger. Let us thank God that the Spirit gives us strength to guide us through life's temptations. Let us thank God that the Spirit calls new members to our Christian family and pray that they soon join us in this eucharistic meal we share.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

27 February: Chaplet of Divine Mercy 11:30am.
Rosary (Cenacle, MMP) 11:45am.

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

28 February: Morning Prayer: 8:45am.
Rosary 9:30am.

Wednesday Mass 7:00am, 9:00am, 12:30pm, 7:00pm.

1 March: Morning Prayer 8:45am.
Rosary 9:30am

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

2 March: Morning Prayer 8:45am.
Rosary 9:30am
Adoration and Exposition: After 9:00am Mass
Holy Hour with Reconciliation available 7:00pm

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

3 March: Healing Mass 6:30pm - 8:30pm with Fr Roni George VC
Morning Prayer 8:45am.
Rosary 9:30am
Stations of the Cross 11:45am. The 7:30pm Stations of the Cross will be replaced by the healing Mass.

Saturday Mass 9:00am

4 March: Morning Prayer 8:45am.
Exposition, Reconciliation, Rosary 9:30am.
Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help 10:00am
Benediction 10:30am

Sunday Mass 5:30pm Vigil (Saturday Night).

5 March:
7:30am followed by morning tea on the 1st

2nd Sunday of Lent Sunday of the month.

9:00am Family Mass - Children's Liturgy of the Word on 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays except on long weekends.

10:30am

5:30pm Youth Mass.



Cultural Community Mass:

Filipino: 12:00pm, 1st Sunday of the month.

Spanish: 12:00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month.

Indonesian: 7:00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month.

Monday 27 February

9:00am: OLOD Primary School Commencement Mass (church).
10:00am: Atrium Term 1 (Atrium)
7:00pm: Alpha (Magnificat, St Peter, St Paul).

Tuesday 28 February:

10:00am: Bible Discussion Group (St Paul).
3:30pm: Atrium all 3 levels (Atrium).
6:00pm: Planning Meeting (St Peter).
7:00pm: Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul).

Wednesday 1 March:

11:00am: Parish staff meeting (Magnificat).
4:00pm: Reconciliation Child/Parent Sessions (Atrium).
6:30pm: Indonesian Traditional Instrument Practice (Church).
7:15pm: Exploring the Faith Course (St Peter).

Thursday 2 March:

10:00am: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium).
10:00am: Seniors Morning Tea (Magnificat).
6:00pm: Legion of Mary (Magnificat).

Friday 3 March:

10:00am: Meditation (St Paul).
7:00pm: Online Zoom Meditation ID: 892 0631 0929 Pw: 085507

Saturday 4 March:

11:30am: Baptismal Preparation (Magnificat).
6:00pm: Salsa & Dance Night (Harrington Hall)
6:30pm: Capstone Youth (Magnificat).
6:30pm: Korean Bible Reading and Discussion (St Paul).

Sunday 5 March:

10:00am: Filipino Choir practice (Magnificat).
10:00am: Kids' Baptism Sessions (St Peter).
10:00am: Teen Choir practice (St Paul).



ABOUT US: JAN HUNTER



This week we meet Jan Hunter! You've probably seen Jan if you come to morning tea where she might be substituting a cuppa for a gin and tonic or lime juice cordial - her favourite drinks. Jan's favourite colour is pink and she thinks that a pink heart is the perfect symbol of who she is.

- **Ministry/Involvement with OLOD**

I am involved with the Seniors Group, 7.30am morning tea and the Welcome Group

- **What inspires you to do what you do for the church?**

I like to meet the needs of people.

- **What has been your biggest challenge?**

The biggest challenge we have faced is Covid and keep everyone safe. Another challenge is to get people involved.

- **What does Our Lady of Sorrows symbolise for you?**

Our Lady of Sorrows symbolises strength, to me. To accept the sorrows and wounds and to still be a strong woman, Mary needed strength.

CHOIR CORNER

CHOIR

Choir practice runs every Tuesday evening 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the choir loft in the church. You don't have to be a good singer, it's more about letting the beauty of the music enhance our prayer and worship. All are welcome!

10:30 AM CHOIR

There is an open invitation to join the 10:30am Choir that sings on the 4th Sunday of the Month lead by Sunny Chandra. After the 10:30am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month there is a rehearsal at the St Paul meeting room.

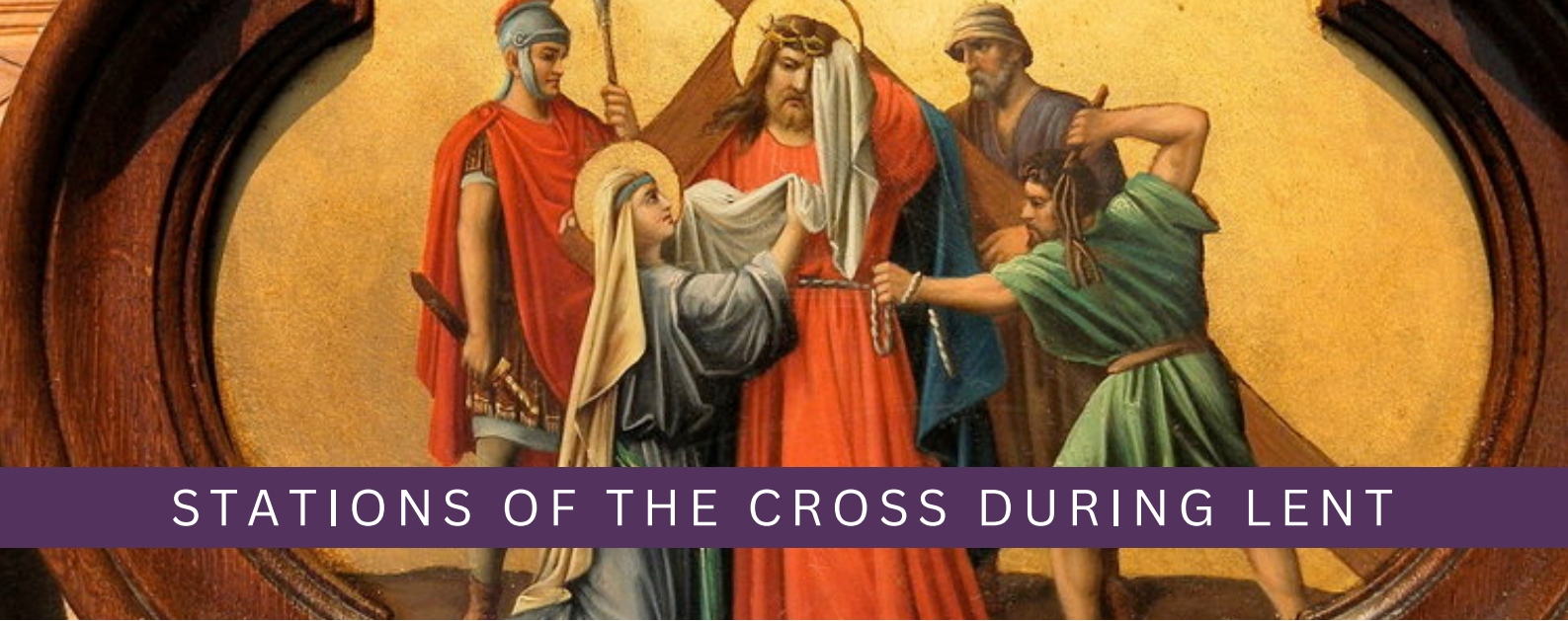
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are looking at growing our Children's Choir so if your child loves to sing, please bring them along! The Children's Choir sings at the 9am Sunday Mass on the third Sunday of each month. Rehearsals are held after the 9am Mass the second Sunday of each month so there is time to prepare.



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

Patrick Harrison, Director of Music



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

The Stations of the Cross refer to a series of 14 key events in the final hours of Jesus Christ's life on earth; His trial, crucifixion, and burial. In most Catholic churches, you will see the Stations of the Cross depicted around the church, in paintings or in carved images. Look around our church to see these 14 "stations".

The key scenes at each station are:

- First station: Jesus is condemned to death
- Second station: Jesus is forced to carry His cross
- Third station: Jesus falls the first time
- Fourth station: Jesus meets His mother
- Fifth station: Simon of Cyrene is made to carry the cross
- Sixth station: Veronica wipes Jesus' face
- Seventh station: Jesus falls the second time
- Eighth station: The women of Jerusalem weep over Jesus
- Ninth station: Jesus falls the third time
- Tenth station: Jesus is stripped of His garments
- Eleventh station: Jesus is nailed to the cross
- Twelfth station: Jesus dies on the cross
- Thirteenth station: Jesus is taken down from the cross
- Fourteenth station: Jesus is placed in the tomb



Would you like to help with leading this year's stations of the cross? We are still looking for individuals or groups to lead our Friday sessions.

For more information please contact Deacon Kevin at kevin.hale@bbcatholic.org.au

The Stations of the Cross has its origins in the Holy Land, where pilgrims walked the same path that Jesus trod, known as the Via Dolorosa. We cannot all go to the Holy Land to walk this path, hence the Stations of the Cross can be viewed as a mini pilgrimage that mirrors the road to Calvary.

We, in Our Lady of Dolours Parish, conduct the Stations of the Cross during Lent as a Lenten devotion for the community. It is a wonderful and prayerful opportunity during Lent to reflect on and remember Christ's passion so that we may fully appreciate His resurrection on Easter Sunday. At each station, we recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ's final hours. Prayers are said at each station until all fourteen are completed.

Times for the Stations of the Cross devotion are 11:45am and 7:30pm.

PARISH PICS



The parish is always a hive of activity, especially for the past couple of weeks! Enjoy these pics from a few of the events we celebrated.



Feasting after last week's Spanish Mass!



World Youth Day pilgrims nice and dry before last week's carwash.



Shrove Tuesday pancakes earlier this week!



Our Catechists at their Commissioning last Sunday!
Left to right: Chris Robbins, Chrystal De Croos, Carla Gageler, Lydia Manlangit, Peter Yau, Virginia Lagos, Eva Lim, Cecilia O'Connell, Michael O'Connell, Ditas Naguit, Pauline Larkins.

SENIORS MORNING TEA



Please join us this Thursday, 2nd. March at 10am in the Magnificat room for our next Seniors Morning Tea.

We welcome Gina from Ethica. She will show us the last goods from Peru and bring us up to date with the latest news.

So please come along, have a cuppa and do some shopping!

Read more about the work of Ethica here: <https://ethica.org.au/>

FEBRUARY CAPTION COMPETITION

Whilst everyone these days is stuck on their phone, our Seniors' Morning Tea group is keeping fit and earning their tea! Caption the photo on the left with something that best captures the spirit of our parishioners pictured and send your captions to Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au.

The best caption will be selected by members of our Seniors' Morning Tea group and will be judged according to humour and originality.

The winner will receive a Saints Like Us: Gratitude reflection card pack from Vunilagi Prayer and Reflection Cards. This set of 21 cards features a saints and holy women and men, together with their words of wisdom and a reflection question for you to think deeply on as you go about your normal life. The set also comes with a little card stand and is perfect for your desk or mantle - anywhere that will draw you to remember your faith.

Competition closes February 28th!



Chatswood St Vincent de Paul received 4 requests for help in January. Three of these were from people already known to us. An old age pensioner sought help with dental needs and food, another Disability Support pensioner had paid up his bills but had nothing left to live on, whilst a third, also Disability support, had just been released from hospital following a stroke and needed help to get back to managing affairs. An itinerant sought a top up for her Optus. Assistance in excess of \$300 was provided.



YOUTH

Hey everyone! Have a look below at our upcoming youth ministry events. We're back for 2023 and our team is so excited to journey alongside the young people of our Parish!

Cailin Geraghty, Youth Leader



Youth Groups



FOR YEAR
5-8



FOR YEAR
9-12

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



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

Young Adults

Stay Updated

EMAIL

FOUNDATIONYOUTHMINISTRY.OLD@GMAIL.COM

INSTAGRAM

FOUNDATION_YOUTH_MINISTRY

FACEBOOK

SCAN THE QR CODE



DATES / TIMES

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH

6:30PM-8:30PM

SATURDAY 04 MARCH

Salsa & Dance Night

DANCING . LIVE PERFORMANCES . FOOD

TICKETS \$35

INCL. FOOD

7:00PM

HARRINGTON HALL

94 ARCHER ST CHATSWOOD

E-MAIL:

FOUNDATIONYOUTHMINISTRY.OLD

@GMAIL.COM



Scan here to buy tickets!

BAKE SALE

Foundation Youth members will be selling baked goods to fundraise for WYD.

More details coming soon!

MAR 18-19

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PIZZA LUNCHEON WYD FUNDRAISER

OVER 18s EVENT FOOD AND DRINKS INCLUDED

Tickets \$85



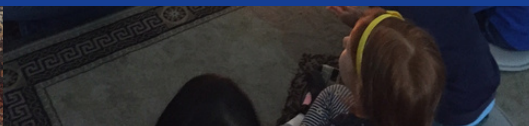
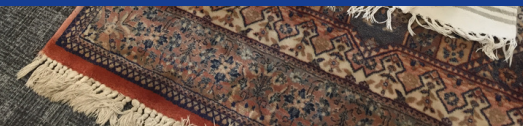
WORLD YOUTH DAY

Our young adults are preparing to join hundreds and thousands of other young people in celebrating their faith at World Youth Day in Lisbon this year! Sean Dixon, Cailin Geraghty, Clive Sam, Monty Calimbahin, Savio Coutinho, Ashleigh Wan, Thomas Hurrell will join other young Aussies in Lisbon together with Pope Francis to celebrate the joy and unique gifts that young people bring to our Church. If you would like to support our pilgrims, there is a tap and go donation point at the back of the church where you can also read more about them.

Please continue to keep all the pilgrims in your prayers.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Our parish Atrium session times are:

For 3-6-year-olds

- Monday 10:00am - 11:30am and 4:00pm - 5:30pm
- Tuesday 4:00pm - 5:30pm
- Thursday 10:00am - 11:30am

For 6-9 and 9-12-year-olds

- Monday 4:00pm - 5:30pm
- Tuesday 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Term 1 Sessions:

Monday 6 February until 6 April (9 weeks)

Term 2 Sessions:

Monday 1 May until Thursday 29 June (9 weeks)

Term 3 Sessions:

Monday 24 July until Thursday 21 September (9 weeks)

Term 4 Sessions:

Monday 16 October until Thursday 7 December (8 weeks)



*"Children are the joy of
the family and of
society."*

Pope Francis

Family Mass

Our gam Family Mass is a family and child-friendly liturgy oriented to families with young children. This Mass is central to our mission of empowering parents in their role of bringing their children into relationship with God through their connection to the parish community.

There are many ways you and your child can get involved in this Mass such as:

- Join the Children's Liturgy of the Word .
- Sing in the Children's Choir on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- Children from Year 3 and up can join the Prayer Reading Roster.

But the best way to begin is to come along, see how everything unfolds and encourage your children to get involved. See you there!



ALL ARE WELCOME!

KINDY

Blessing



19 March 9:00am Family Mass
Our Lady of Dolours
94 Archer St Chatswood

Please bring a plate of food to share and join us after Mass in the school playground for morning tea.

For any queries contact: Angela at
angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

Our Lady
of Dolours



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

*Scan this QR code to donate to the first or second collection for our Parish.
Thank you for the many ways in which you support our parish!*



Home Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be available again to visit your home for a week from Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday. A special blessing will be given when the statue is picked up from O.L.D. church after 9 am Mass.

A booklet of prayers will be provided to help your family and friends to venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary.

If interested, please contact via text or audio call for reservation

Cecilia @ 0466 961 240; or,

Ditas @ 0405 999 510

Pre-election...Be informed!

Get
the
facts

top pick of topics and s
Something for you. Connect,

Hear the
stories

PUBLIC FORUM
MONDAY 13 MARCH
5.00-7.00 PM

Dougherty Community Centre
7 Victor Street, Chatswood

Find out more about these issues before you vote:

HOMELESSNESS & WOMEN IN NSW

Unaffordable housing, high rents and no-cause evictions are causing growing homelessness, especially among women over 55

FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE IN NSW

NSW is the only State not to have begun a process towards Treaty and reconciliation. Let's get it started.

NORTH SHORE'S ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

NSW communities of koala, platypus and rock wallaby face extinction due to bushfires, land clearing and climate change

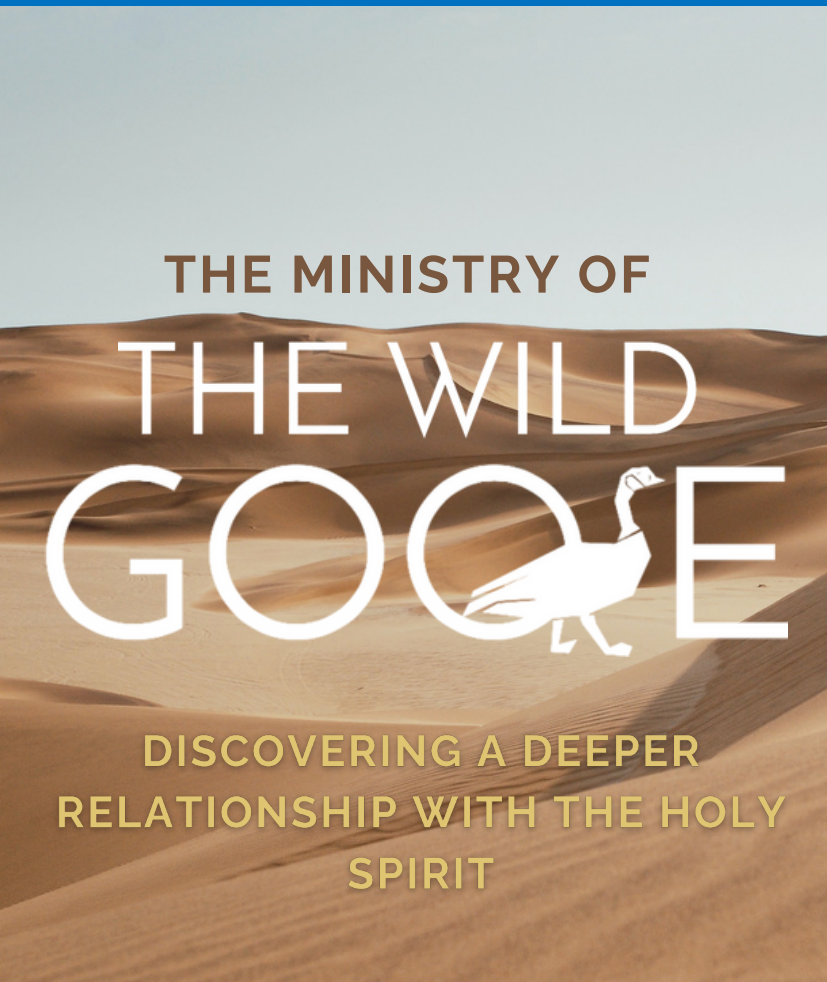
Free to the public...Expert speakers...Personal stories...Question time



*Our goal is to make sure
our election candidates
care: about social &
environmental justice -
and our children's future*

For more
information

[northsiders.belief.in.
action@gmail.com](http://northsiders.belief.in.action@gmail.com)



THE WILD GOOSE

Reflection and Discussion on the Holy Spirit, beginning March 7.

Tuesdays 7:30pm- 9:00pm
Magnificat Room, Kirk Street

All welcome!

Any questions? Contact Gill at
gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com

The Wild Goose series is truly a work of the Holy Spirit. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit.

It is a 14 part series featuring Fr Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert,

The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.



Spiritual
Direction

Now available with Fr Joey.

For more information please e-mail the parish office at chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Aid to the Church in Need

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

HELP SYRIA. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please visit www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake



DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH?

JOIN OUR LIFESTYLE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PROGRAMME(LECP)

2023 PROGRAMME COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH



G'day

You're here! Fabulous!
Maybe you speak a
little English; maybe
you speak a lot!

Would you like to
improve your
conversational English?

What is involved?

Each week mentors will select 'topics' of interest as the basis of our conversations in English.

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



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.



Still interested?

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

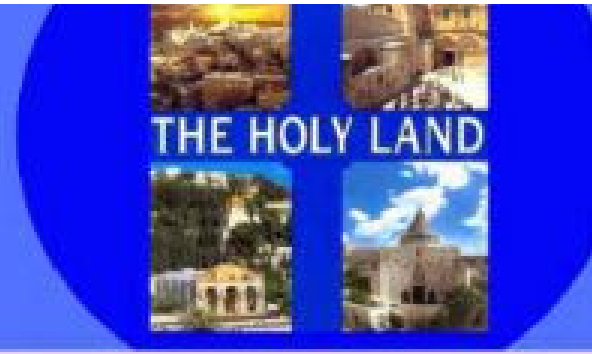
If you know friends or family members who could benefit from LECP, please let them know!



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

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

Holy Land Pilgrimage



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land starts on 26th September for 8 nights 9 days for 30 pilgrims.

Note: 20 already expressed interest to join but not all confirmed yet

Proposed program: Mass will be celebrated daily

Day 1 - Arrival; transfer to Haifa, Mt Carmel Stella Maris;

Day 2 - Cana, Tiberias (Mount Beatitudes, Capernaum, Tabgha, Boat ride on Sea of Galilee), Nazareth

Day 3 - Mount Tabor, Jericho, Mt Temptation, Dead Sea, Wadi Welt to view St George in Kotziba

Day 4 - Bethlehem - Shepherd's Field, Church of the Nativity, St Catherine Church, Milk Grotto, Mt Zion, Dormition Abbey, Cenacle

Day 5 - Ein Karem, Basilica of Visitation, Church of St John the Baptist; Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum

Day 6 - Wailing Wall and temple area; via Dolorosa; Old city of Jerusalem: Jewish, Moslem and Christian Quarters

Day 7 - Bethany, Lazarus Tomb, Bethphage, Mount of Olives, Ascension place, Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemani, Basilica of the Agony, Tomb of BVM

Day 8 - Full visit of Holy Sepulchre; Abu Gosh

Day 9 - Transfer to Ben Gurion airport after Mass & breakfast

Pilgrimage Cost: per person

10 - 14 pilgrims AUD 3700

15 - 24 pilgrims AUD 3200

25 - 35 pilgrims AUD 2500

Single supplement - additional AUD 1200

INCLUSION:

Hotel accommodation with breakfast and dinner

1 night: Haifa - Stella Maris Mt Carmel

1 night: Nazareth - Legacy or similar 4-star

6 nights: Jerusalem - Olive Tree or similar 4-star

Deluxe air-conditioned bus with wifi

Chaplain (Fr Joey)

Local English-speaking guide

Entrance fee for visits mentioned in the program

Parking and portage where necessary

Pilgrimage Cost:

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches

Tips of all kinds

Drinks

Flights*

Insurance

- **Note:** You need to book your own flights so you can use your frequent flyer points or flight credits, if any. We will advise expected date/time to meet in Tel Aviv. We can provide assistance to book flights on case-to-case basis.

Petra, Jordan extension after pilgrimage can be offered depending on the number of people interested.

Please contact Fr Joey or Ditas for further details via

email - bhnaguit@gmail.com

with cc: joey.frez@bbcatholic.org.au

or text/call - 0405999510

by **14 February 2023** – to secure accommodation in Holy Land.

In case political unrest is imminent cancellation 45 days before the departure will be allowed without penalty. Highly recommended to purchase travel insurance as soon as final payment is made.

Deposit of \$250 will be requested to secure your place. Payment can be made by credit card via TryBooking (link to be sent).



Legacy Nazareth Hotel



Olive Tree Hotel





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 ,
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World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year.

This year, there are a number of services being held in our Broken Bay parishes:

1. Epping and Carlingford Parish – St Gerard's, Friday 3 March, 11am
2. Gosford Parish – Thursday 2 March, 10.30am
3. North Harbour Parish – St Kieran's, Friday 3 March, 10am
4. St Ives – Friday 3 March, 11am

Further details can be found at www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/ or please contact Pina Bernard at pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au



Day of the Unborn Child

10:30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney
12:00pm Street Procession
1:30pm Benediction

Join the celebration and commemoration of the importance and beauty of all life.

for further information contact Maureen Playdon 0428 402 528



The Art of Liturgical Celebration

Liturgy and Music Conference 28-30 September, Brisbane

6 Keynote presentations, 50+ Workshops, Conference Mass, Panel Discussion, Regional Interest Group, Yarning Circles, Conference Dinner, Trade and Resource Exhibits.

This conference is an absolute MUST for all liturgists, musicians, clergy, choristers, lay liturgical ministers, composers, teachers, conductors, liturgy teams, campus ministers - all who love liturgy and music! Enquiries: liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au



Free Lenten Video Series

Discover the path to profound peace & happiness.

What is it?

A totally free video series from evangelist Matthew Leonard that will help you surrender all your difficulties to the Lord and find interior peace.

How do I watch it?

Scan the QR Code for the sign up page (or go to ScienceOfSainthood.com).

When does it begin?

Streaming begins Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and lasts through Lent.

“Can I just say - WOW!”

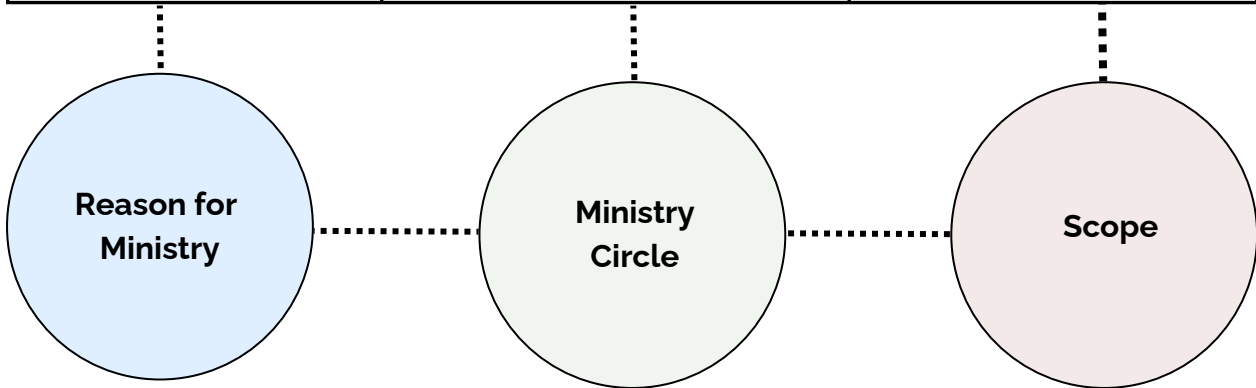
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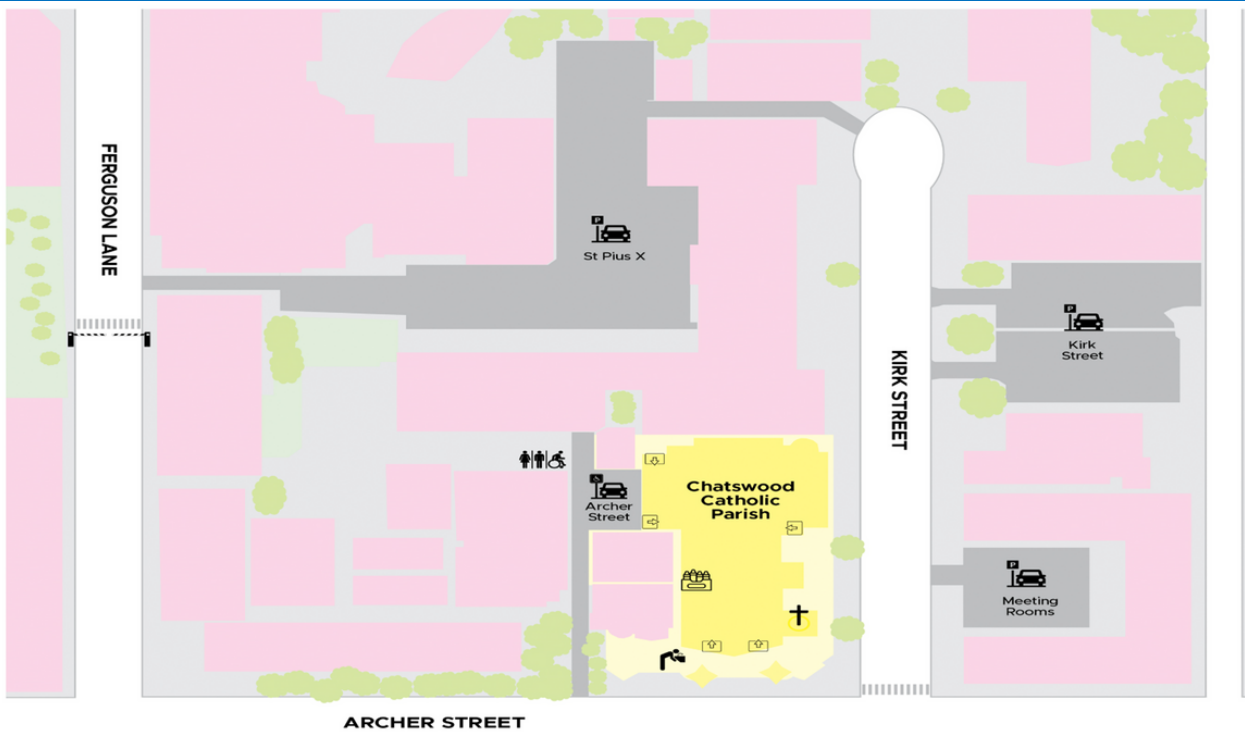
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OUR CIRCLES OF MINISTRY

Love God Mark 12:30	Worshiping 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.

Sunday Masses:

5:30pm Vigil
(Saturday Night).

7:30am

9:00am

10:30am

5:30pm
Youth Mass

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Contact Olivia at

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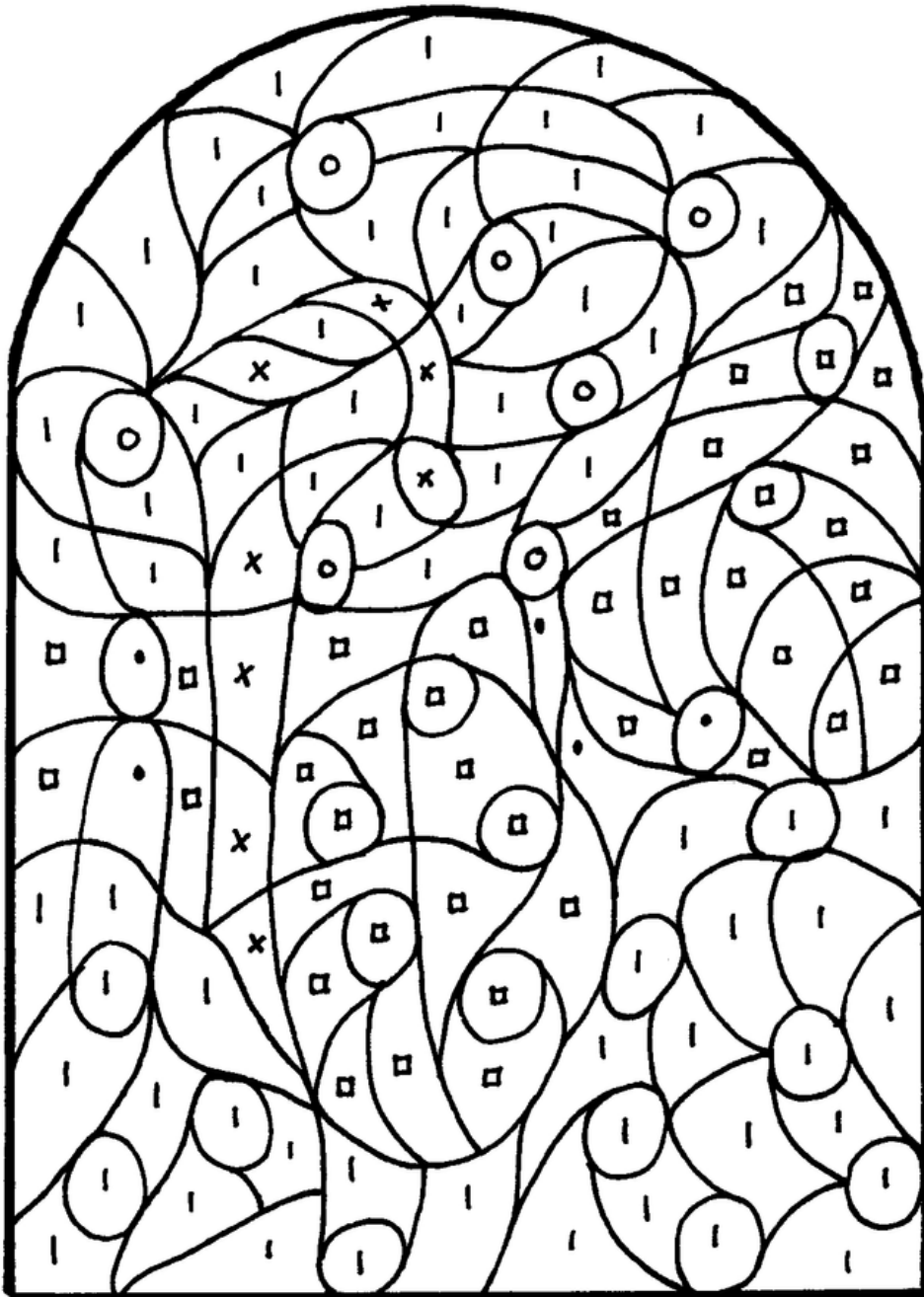
**The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday
from 9:00am - 5:00pm.**

You are always welcome to call in or visit us.



First Sunday of Lent February 26th, 2023

*Today's first reading tells us about sin.
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and find out what the story was.*



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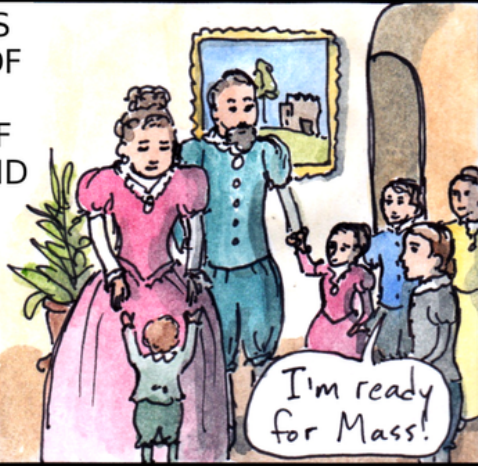
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Saint Casimir

March 4

CASIMIR WAS THE THIRD OF THE 13 CHILDREN OF THE KING AND QUEEN OF POLAND IN THE MID-1400'S. HE WAS A GOOD AND PIOUS BOY.



EVEN AT A YOUNG AGE HE WOULD STAY UP AT NIGHT TO PRAY, OR SLEEP ON THE FLOOR.

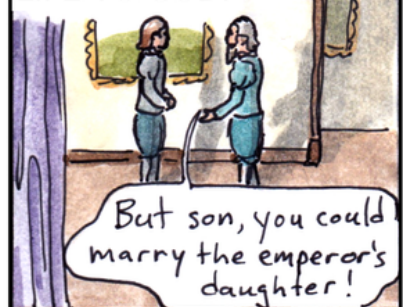


WHEN HE WAS STILL A TEENAGER HIS FATHER SENT HIM TO RULE HUNGARY.



BUT HE LEFT AFTER HE WAS TOLD TO FIGHT A BATTLE THAT THEY COULDN'T WIN.

HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO MARRY SO THAT HE COULD DEDICATE HIS LIFE TO GOD.



SAINT CASIMIR WOULD NOT LET THE GOOD THINGS OF THE WORLD DISTRACT HIM FROM GOD.



HE DIED OF LUNG TROUBLE AT THE AGE OF 23 IN LITHUANIA. HIS LAST WORDS WERE A HYMN TO OUR LADY.

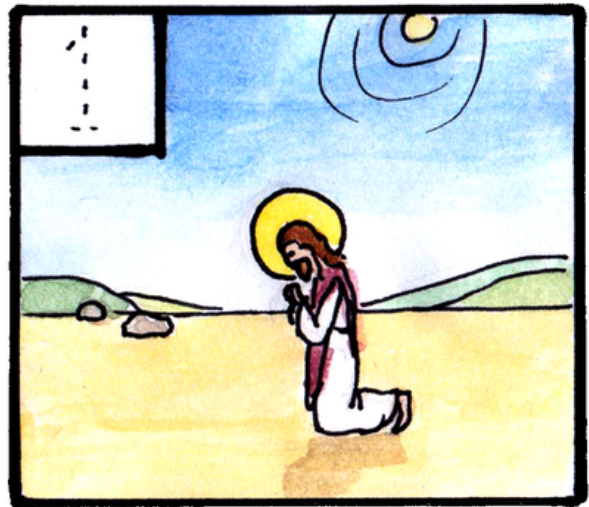
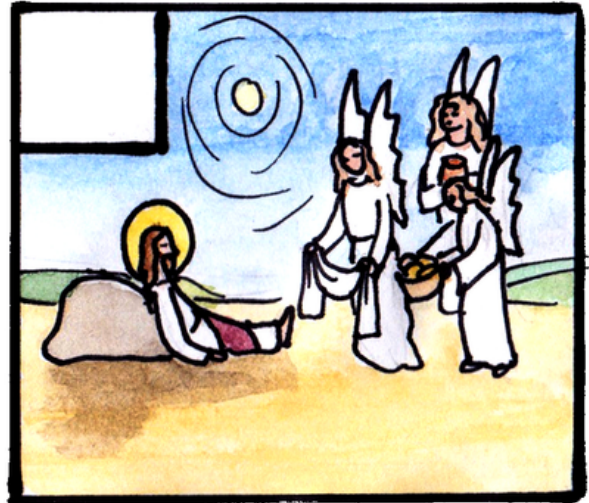
SAINT CASIMIR WAS OBEDIENT TO HIS FATHER AS LONG AS HE WAS ALSO BEING OBEDIENT TO GOD. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE LISTEN TO OUR PARENTS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY TEACH US TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT. WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TODAY TO OBEY YOUR PARENTS AND PLEASE GOD?

Sort the Story!

What happened when Jesus had prayed and fasted for forty days in the desert?

See if you can sort out the order of these pictures.

Write 1 on the first, 2 on the second, and so on.



What Happens in Lent?

In today's Gospel story, Jesus goes out into the desert to fast and pray for forty days. In the forty days of Lent, the Church asks us to fast, give alms, and pray.



In Lent we don't eat meat on Fridays. Many people give up things like candy or dessert for all of Lent. When we give up food that we like, it reminds us that food isn't the only thing we need- we need God too!



Giving alms means giving money or things to the poor or the Church. God lets there be people who need our help so that we can become better by helping them!

The third thing that we should do in Lent is praying. You could say an extra prayer every day- maybe an "Our Father" or a "Hail Mary" when you wake up or before you go to bed. Another good idea is reading a bit from the Bible, because when we read the Bible we let God speak to us.

What are some little things you could do for Lent? Try to do things that will help you think a bit more about God every day.

