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PARISH OF CHATSWOOD

19 March - 25 March 2023

Fourth Week of Lent (Year A)

Laetare Sunday



Jesus Healing the Blind Man - El Greco

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 catch up with the Community Action Group who have a few updates on Yasir, Neilab, and little Mahtab - whose birthday we are still fundraising for - so keep an eye out on how you might give to this cause.

We also take a look at the Solemnities during Lent - keep an eye out for the Zoom online Rosary on the 25th to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation.

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.

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

This Sunday's Gospel - John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38





Dear friends

Thank you to all those who were able to enter the initiative of "24 hours for the Lord" all through Friday and Saturday morning. This has been a powerful expression of prayer and solidarity with the needs of our world. We now hope to have this event as part of every Lent before the Fourth Sunday.

Next Saturday, 25 March is the beautiful feast day of The Annunciation: Mary utters 'yes' to God's plan and receives the Author of Life so that all of us may have life in its fullness. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to promote the sacredness of life from conception to death. Through this week let us pray in particular for those who are vulnerable in life – the unborn, the sick, the aged, victims of violence. In a culture in which the discarding of life through abortion and euthanasia is so readily accessible, as a community of faith we stand for something different: the care of those who are vulnerable, knowing that this care of others is what leads to the most humanised life.

With great pleasure I announce the appointment of our new Parish CCD Coordinator, Karen Forbes. Karen is a parishioner of Lindfield who moved with her husband from the Inner West – Balmain/Rozelle to East Lindfield in 2022. She grew up on the North Shore, attending St Thomas' Willoughby Primary School and Monte Sant Angelo Mercy College North Sydney. Since 2017 she has been volunteering as a Special Religious Education Teacher at Rozelle Public School, initially as a class helper in 2017 and as a Scripture teacher since 2018. She has been teaching Scripture for Kindergarten, Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 classes within the Balmain/Rozelle Catholic Parish: St Augustine's Church Balmain and St Joseph's Rozelle. In addition, Karen is an Accredited Occupational Therapist working as a part time Contractor for accredited workplace rehabilitation providers in Sydney. Karen's position is a 30 hour role, 22.5 in Chatswood and 7.5 in the Parish of Lindfield. We welcome Karen to our team! She will commence on Monday 27 March.

This last week we have been able to transfer funds raised through our Lunar New Year celebrations to Jesuit Refugee Service – a total of \$1674.64. Next week we will be joined by our local Streetworks organisation. Our support of such enterprises is a great opportunity to exercise our Lenten call to almsgiving, and to make us more aware of the needs of others.

And lastly, but not least, a special congratulations to Lyddia Manlangit who has recently celebrated a milestone birthday! We thank the Lord for the gift that Lyddia is to us all!

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lie Gwik Tian

ANNIVERSARY:

Stephen Cane

Edna Kenna

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, 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.



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 8379 1605



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

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



The Pope's Prayer Intention
for March

Palms Wanted for Palm Sunday

As it is our desire to ensure that all people who attend the Palm Sunday Masses can leave with a palm, we ask if any parishioner who has palm trees in their garden would be willing to donate some palms to the parish.

If anyone can supply us with palms, it would be greatly appreciated.

The palms would need to be delivered to the Parish office during the week before Palm Sunday i.e. Monday 27th to Friday 31st March. Please let the parish office know if you are able to help with this by emailing Olivia at Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au

Thank you for your help.
Dcn Kevin Hale

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'
Matthew 4:4

Symbolically, blindness is darkness and sight is light. The author of the letter to the Christians in Ephesus tells us that we once lived in darkness but now we live in the light of the Lord. We all know the expression 'to see the light'. It refers to the sudden, complete understanding of something that is usually the complete opposite of what we believed before. Ultimately it derives from the stories about the encounter between Jesus and blind people: today's story from John's Gospel, the blind man from Bethsaida in Mark 8, and blind Bartimaeus in Mark 10 (with parallels in Luke 18 and Matthew 20).

He gives them sight, but they receive more than that. They are given insight, insight into who Jesus really is. Their physical disability is a metaphor for a spiritual truth. As blind people they stumble around, unable to find their way. When they see they gain freedom and wholeness. Of course, the reality is that many blind people are not that helpless and can learn to manage quite well. However, the metaphor remains: to be blind is to be aimless and lost.

So today we have Jesus say that he is the light of the world. He gives purpose and meaning and direction to our lives. He brings healing and wholeness to broken lives. This is why light is an important symbol in our Easter season and initiation liturgy. The paschal candle is the light shining in the darkness. At baptism we are each given a candle lighted from that paschal candle to represent the insight that we have gained: no longer do we walk with tiny steps and arms outstretched feeling our way, not sure where we are going. By becoming a follower we walk with bold steps in the right direction.

'Seeing is believing', goes the old expression, first recorded by John Clarke in 1639, but once again deriving from the Gospel of John, in particular from John 20:29, where Jesus comes to Thomas after the resurrection. Clarke, however, missed the point. It is all well and good for Thomas to believe in the risen Jesus because he saw him, but the rest of that verse goes on, 'blest are they who have not seen and have believed'. The stories of Jesus and the blind men tell us this as well. Even before they can see they believe what Jesus promises them. Jesus tells the man born blind to go, wash, and he trusts what Jesus says, and then he sees (see the connection between water and light, font and paschal candle!). He believes and then he sees; he does not see first and believe second.

Is it possible for us to see Jesus today, like the man born blind did and like Thomas did? The answer must be yes. We can see Jesus in those who are his disciples. Augustine of Hippo said as much when he preached on this gospel story:

Are we to think, brothers and sisters, that he was here then and is not here any longer? ... It is now that faith is working by love; and if we are working now, then this is the day; Christ is here. Hear his promise and do not think he is absent ... He himself has said, 'And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world' (Matt 28:28 [sic]). [Footnote: In *Euangelium Iohannis Tractatus 44*; my own translation.]

This then is our Christian mission. Just as in baptism our candle is lighted from the paschal candle, who is Jesus, so our light must be the light of Christ shining in the darkness of our world. Our task is to be Jesus for others. In our eucharist today we thank God for the gift of Jesus, who has washed us and given us sight and insight. We thank God for the light that gives us true meaning and direction. We thank God for this season of preparation for initiation and renewal. We thank God for all those people who have shared their light and faith with us. We say yes to the call to live in that light and to be that light for those whom we meet.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

20 March: Chaplet of Divine Mercy 11:30am
Rosary (Cenacle, MMP) 11:45am

Tuesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm

21 March: Morning Prayer: 8:45am
Rosary 9:30am

Wednesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm

22 March: Morning Prayer 8:45am
Rosary 9:30am
Anointing of the sick after 12:30pm Mass

Thursday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm

23 March: Morning Prayer 8:45am
Rosary 9:30am
Adoration and Exposition: After 9:00am Mass
Benediction 12:00pm
Holy Hour with Reconciliation available 7:00pm

Friday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm

24 March: Morning Prayer 8:45am
Rosary 9:30am
Stations of the Cross 11:45am and 7:30pm

Saturday Mass 9:00am

25 March: Morning Prayer 8:45am.

Solemnity of the Exposition, Reconciliation, Rosary 9:30am
Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help 10:00am

Annunciation Benediction 10:30am
Online Rosary 8:00pm via Zoom
Meeting ID: 836 7894 7342 Passcode: 458930

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

26 March:
7:30am

5th Sunday of Lent 9:00am Family Mass

10:30am

5:30pm Youth Mass



Cultural Community Mass:

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

Monday 20 March:

- 10:00am: Atrium Term 1 (Atrium).
- 4:00pm: Atrium all 3 levels (Atrium).
- 7:00pm: Alpha (Magnificat, St Peter, St Paul).

Tuesday 21 March:

- 10:00am: Bible Discussion Group (St Paul).
- 4:00pm: Atrium all 3 levels (Atrium).
- 7:00pm: Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul).
- 7:00pm: Filipino Choir Practice (Church).
- 7:30pm: The Wild Goose Reflection and Discussion Group (Magnificat)

Wednesday 22 March:

- 9:30am: Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)
- 11:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (Magnificat).
- 1:00pm: Filipino Community Planning Meeting (Magnificat).
- 6:30pm: Indonesian Traditional Instrument Practice (Church).
- 7:00pm: Men Alive (Magnificat).
- 7:15pm: Exploring the Faith Course (St Peter).

Thursday 23 March:

Parish Office Closed as Staff are on Retreat

- 10:00am: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium).
- 4:00pm: Mercy College Music Performance (Church).
- 6:00pm: Legion of Mary (Magnificat).

Friday 24 March:

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

Saturday 25 March:

Election Day NSW

- 10:30am: Retreat with Sr Damian (Magnificat).
- 9:00am: Youth Storing cakes for Bake Sale (Magnificat).
- 4:00pm: Kids Baptism Practice (Church).

Sunday 26 March:

- 11:30am: Ministry Leaders' Morning Tea (St Paul).
- 12:00pm: Bach Akademie Concert (Church & Magnificat).
- 6:00pm: Cornerstone and Keystone Youth Group (Magnificat & St Paul).





This week we meet Patrick - the Director of Music for our parish who loves sweet tunes but not sweet food? I'm as confused as you are but Patrick is one of those people who doesn't have a sweet tooth. He would rather a steak over a cake - and for me that might actually be a mis-steak - Pat also likes a good pun and relaxing in the early hours of the morning with a good black coffee as it works it's way to charge him up.

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

I have always been passionate about music in the Catholic Church. Ever since I can remember I would sing along to the hymns in Mass and try to harmonise (even if it needed a lot of work at the time!). As I matured, I developed a deep appreciation for more traditional hymns as I began to understand the richness of their melodic lines that carry such inherent reverence. I find there is something truly remarkable in bringing traditional hymns to life, for as we sing them, we are echoing a song of praise that has been sung for generations. My passion for music could get me talking for hours, and somewhat of a personal saying is that I truly believe anyone can learn to play beautiful music. It is a blessing for me to be in this role and to help people find a greater joy and confidence in their musical capabilities as we work together and offer God the best we have.

What has been your biggest challenge?

My biggest challenge has always been the wrestle between improvement and acceptance. As a musician, I am always looking to improve, however, at times over the years I would rob myself of the joy found in playing music as I was always concerned with improvement. It wasn't until recently that I began to approach music in a way that allowed me to feel joyful in accepting my capabilities, while still working hard to improve every step of the way.

What does Our Lady of Sorrows symbolise for you?

For me, Our Lady of Sorrows symbolises the raw and uncomfortable side of the human experience. Mary's response to pain did not question God's intent nor the nature of His existence, but instead became a pillar for trust and perseverance. When we suffer, we can all be guilty at times of pointing the finger, blaming others and doubting in God, but a simple lesson we can learn from Our Lady is to not question the good in our lives when we can only feel the bad. Suffering, whilst not easy, should not rid us of all the good that has come, is still present, and will come. We as a people of faith must be like our Mother and retain a heavenly perspective that rises above suffering, driven by a deep and real faith in our Father.

You don't have to be able to sing to start a conversation with Patrick,
if you see him around say hello!





St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland namely because despite being born into slavery, he worked hard to expand the literacy of the Irish people, as well as their understanding and love God.

St Patrick is probably best known for the lore around his explanation of the Holy Trinity by using a shamrock, but he should also be recognised for his championing of causes for women and the poor as he utilised his position to speak to kings and noblemen on how to better treat those in their care.

Learning from St Patrick, how might we use our power to encourage the better care of those less fortunate than ourselves?



St Joseph is the patron of many causes such as expectant mothers, fathers, the Universal Church - the list goes on! So much is entrusted to his care because of the way he cared for Jesus and Mary, protecting them from all harm. Although we know St Joseph as a simple carpenter, he is descended from the royal line of David.

St Joseph's words are never captured in the Bible, but his presence is always felt; he is a reminder to us of humility and unwavering love.

Learning from St Joseph, how can we better love those around us through our actions rather than our words?



The Annunciation is the Solemnity we celebrate to commemorate the moment when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to let her know she would give birth to Jesus. This encounter shows us Mary's courage to bear all the challenges that came with being the mother of God.

The Annunciation also shows how God invites us to work with him to co-create wonderful things. It shows us the power of saying 'yes' to God's invitation to be a part of something that can help change the lives of all people.

Learning from the Annunciation, what is something that God is asking of you, that scares you to say 'yes' to?

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

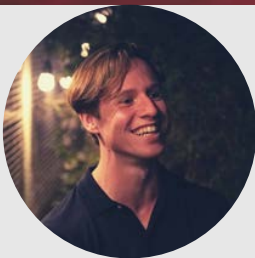
There is an open invitation to join the 10:30am Choir that sings on the 4th Sunday of the Month lead by Sunny Chandra. After the 10:30am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month there is a rehearsal at the St Paul meeting room.

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 gam Sunday Mass on the third Sunday of each month. Rehearsals are held after the gam Mass the second Sunday of each month so there is time to prepare.

YOUTH MASS

Now that we have a weekly Youth Mass each Sunday 5:30pm, you are invited to join in the music ministry! We meet in the choir loft each Sunday at 4:30pm. Hope to see some more young adults and teens there!



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

Patrick Harrison, Director of Music

VINNIES MONTHLY REPORT

In Feb, Chatswood St V de P received 4 requests for help. A previously homeless family of 4 needed some help to settle into a newly leased unit in Artarmon. A struggling Jobseeker recipient whom we have assisted before and who has particular difficulties with paying for furniture storage until he gets new digs, contacted us again. A Disability Support Pensioner could not cover his Specialist Medical Expenses until he reaches the Medicare Safety Level. An urgent call was received from a young lady just out of prison who needed food and clothing. Costs of some \$750 were incurred.

We trust that parishioners are aware of the Poor Boxes at the various entrances of the Church and that donations to these go towards assisting our local needy.

John R



OLOD COMMUNITY ACTION UPDATE

Last Saturday 11th March, some of us from the Refugee Mentorship group journeyed to Fairfield to meet our refugee family for the second time. This part of our role to help them settle into the community by sharing Australian cultural norms with them and learning about theirs as well as to respond to needs they themselves identify. We once again met with the family of Yasir and Neilab as well as their two daughters Mahtab and Baran. We came to celebrate young Mahtab's second birthday and broke bread with the family. Mahtab was ecstatic to see us and had a blast being cheeky and showing off the books that were given to her on our last visit.

A week prior to our visit, the family's cook top/oven set fire and we were on the call all week to provide support, assurances and guidance. We were relieved to see them in good spirits despite the cook top/oven not being fixed yet.

This last visit, we were able to bring a small chalkboard for Mahtab, a coffee table, an electric frying pan and a portable stove. We were welcomed in with open arms once again and got to chatting with the family, wishing Mahtab a very happy birthday. We chatted about how things were going for them and gave some advice when it came to some Australianisms that they were not as familiar with. Shortly after, Neilab laid out a mat for us to eat on and we all sat down on the floor with an array of foods from different cultures. For lunch, we had a Filipino "pancit" dish, an Italian meatball dish and an Afghani vegetable dish which made it a multicultural affair and truly represented the beauty of living in Sydney. Mahtab had a blast playing with her noodles and was very social compared to the last time we saw her. A great meal was had by all and we discussed life in Sydney and the friends that the family have made. We learned that Yasir is an AC Milan fan and loves his football. We also learned that they used to have 3 cats at home and that one of them was extremely playful. We took joy in seeing videos that Yasir showed us of him playing with one of them. What shocked us was that Yasir said that the quality of food here was even better than back in Afghanistan, and when paired with Neilab's elite cooking skill, there's almost no lack of good Afghani food in Sydney. However, he did express that he was missing one particular aged meat dish that was hard to find in Australia. If anyone knows where to find this dish, please let us know! We finished off with a lovely rose tea and said our farewells. We thanked them for their hospitality and began the drive back north full of great food and appreciation for the great company we were in. We are continuing to keep in touch with the family and mentor them as they transition into life in Australia. Our mentoring role with the family is for 6-12 months. We would love others in the parish to join us in supporting these wonderful new arrivals. If you are interested, please contact the OLD Community Action refugee mentors at oldcommunityaction@gmail.com

by Timothy Tagle



A reminder that we are hosting a birthday party for little Mahtab, whose family our Community Action Group supports. This will be her first birthday in Australia! If you would like to donate to Mahtab's birthday please transfer your donation to the parish account below and note the transaction as Mahtab's Birthday: Chatswood Parish Working A/C
BSB: 062 784 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 100001609



On Friday 31 March, the Community Action Group are holding a showing of the film, The Letter – a Message for Our Earth, which is a very beautiful documentary about Pope Francis's Laudate S'i and his invitation to four climate activists from different parts of the world to travel to Rome and dialogue with him about climate justice and the message of his encyclical, Laudate S'i.

Showing at Our Lady of Dolours on Friday 31st March at 7:15pm for a 7:30 pm start in the Magnificat Room.

"The Letter" is a film about Pope Francis's Laudato S'i encyclical and his invitation to four activists from different parts of the earth to come to Rome to dialogue with him about climate justice. This beautiful and at times surprising film was made by the same award-winning documentary team that made My Octopus Teacher. Following its global premiere in Vatican City on 4 October 2022, the film was an instant success amassing over 7 million views in its first two weeks, with the support of celebrities such as Leonardo DiCaprio and Arnold Schwarzenegger. And now it is coming to Our Lady of Dolours, showing for one night only. This is a film for the whole family that will stimulate valuable conversation with your children. Teachers report that anxiety about the future of the planet is endemic among young people. Pope Francis's film The Letter gives hope and encouragement that is sorely needed and is a vital message of faith for our young people and for us all.

PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Lindfield-Killara Parish is seeking to recruit a part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator, working approximately 35 hours per month, allocated as per the varying needs of the position. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, coordinating and supporting the various ministries to children and youth and their families. The ideal candidate would have relevant experience in working with young people, of working with volunteers in a Catholic environment, comfortable working autonomously and having an understanding of the need for accountability and ownership in a role, and excellent time management skills. They would also have a good understanding of, and commitment to Catholic values and teachings.

The role allows for flexibility with the working schedule; however, you would need to have availability outside of normal working hours as some activities would by necessity take place on weekends. If this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to parish@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Applications close Friday 24th March 2023.

CELEBRATE LIFE WEEK

As Catholics we could do well to consider how we can make this world a better place, a place that is more closely conformed to the design that God has for us. This might start with some consideration of life itself, life the greatest gift.

God's Gift to us

Without life we have nothing and all those things that bring us enjoyment and satisfaction are denied to us. As Catholics we recognise that life is a gift from God our creator who has made us in His image and likeness. As a body/soul composite we are made for this life but much more than that, we are made for eternal life with Him in heaven and this must shape our attitude to life.

In this week of celebration of life we praise and thank God for the gift of life and we extol those amongst us who protect and support life.

·Mothers:

We give particular recognition to the role of mothers who occupy a unique and special place in co-operation with the creative plan of God since it is mothers who nurture life in the womb and care for it after birth. We salute those women who undertake the vocation of motherhood. We work for recognition of both the dignity of motherhood and the rights of the unborn. We have the opportunity to express our concern in this regard by joining in the peaceful and prayerful procession that marks the Day of the Unborn Child held this year on Sunday 26 March beginning at St Mary's Cathedral and proceeding through the streets to Parliament House.

·Health Workers:

Doctors and other health workers such as midwives, nurses occupy an important role in assisting women in conceiving and bearing a baby and they deserve our recognition and support for the work that they do. .

·Volunteer workers:

Within our society we have many ordinary men and women who generously give of their time and effort in times of need to safeguard and protect life. In this regard we must applaud the efforts SES volunteers, beach lifeguards, firefighters, police and others. These people make great sacrifices and should be an encouragement to us to do whatever we can in the support of life.

What you can do:

So this week we have much to celebrate in terms of the life that God gives us and the many people who play a role in supporting and nurturing that life. But at the same time we have much to do to address the anti-life mentality that is so manifest within our society:

- Prayer, in particular we might take up the practice of adopting an unborn baby and praying for him/her and the mother (prayer cards available in the racks at the church foyer)
- Join the parish pro-life group
- Write to our parliamentary representatives especially the Premier and Leader of the Opposition.
- Sign the petition calling for a Commission of Enquiry into the abortion industry. This petition is to demand an examination on all aspects of the treatment of unborn babies and their mothers which so far have remained unscrutinised and therefore without the proper consideration which they deserve.

- *Michael O'Connell*



Please join us for The Day of the Unborn procession next Sunday 26th March to show your support for and lend our voices for the most vulnerable in our society who do not have a voice and for all the mothers.

We meet at 12 noon at the forecourt in St. Mary's Cathedral under the banner of Our Lady of Sorrows Chatswood.

- *Maureen Playdon*

BACH AT EASTER



Join Bach Akademie Australia for their first concert of 2023.

Easter is one of the most special times of year, offering us an opportunity to both reflect, celebrate, and come together. In our first concert of 2023, we focus on Bach's music for Easter. This incredibly important time of year provided him with compositional opportunities unequalled except for Christmas. We begin with Bach's ebullient Easter Cantata BWV 66 'Erfreut euch, ihr Herzen', followed by his intimate and tender funeral Motet 'Komm, Jesu, komm'. To crown our Easter celebration, we will perform Bach's brilliant 'Missa Brevis' in F major, written in the last decade of his life. Intended for Good Friday, and

containing only the Kyrie and Gloria, it is one of his 4 short 'Lutheran Masses', nonetheless a fabulously virtuosic and substantial work of genius featuring 2 French horns, oboes and full choir, meriting him with the title of one of the greatest who ever lived.

J.S. Bach Cantata 'Erfreut euch, ihr Herzen' BWV 66

J.S. Bach Motet 'Komm, Jesu, komm' BWV 229

J.S. Bach Missa Brevis in F major BWV 233

Sunday March 26 @ 2.30pm Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood

BOOK NOW: <https://www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au/events>

Ph: 1300 785 377

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.

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

DATES / TIMES

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH

6:30PM-8:30PM

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PIZZA LUNCHEON WYD FUNDRAISER!

If you're 18 or over, grab a drink and some home made pizza whilst fundraising for a wonderful cause: to support our World Youth Day Pilgrims.

Tickets are \$85 and include food and drinks. Scan the QR code below to get your ticket on TryBooking now!



SCAN ME

ZOOM ROSARY



ZOOM ROSARY FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

You are invited to join our parish Zoom Rosary on:

*Date: Saturday, 25 March 2023
Time: 8.00 pm Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney*

*Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83678947342?pwd=WGpoU0pyVUJSanVzRlZEV2RlZldldz09>*

*Meeting ID: 836 7894 7342
Passcode: 458930*



*Our Lady of Dolours
Parish
Chatswood,
Phone: 9410 9000*

PIETY STALL

When you enter the church, on the right hand side you'll see a room - that's our piety stall! Open after Mass every Sunday (including the Saturday night Vigil), the piety stall is a great place to have a look at gifts, cards, ornaments and many more items helping to encourage your faith.

Check out some of the items that will be stocked this month and pay the team a visit.

Before the middle of the year the piety stall will be completely cashless, helping to make payments easier for our community.





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!





Lenten

Retreat

With Sr Damian Lai S.P.C



A Biblical Walk
with our God of
History, Mystery &
Majesty

25 MARCH

10:30 am - 3:00PM

MAGNIFICAT ROOM

BYO LUNCH

*All
Welcome!*



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*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WILD GOOSE



DISCOVERING A DEEPER
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY
SPIRIT

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

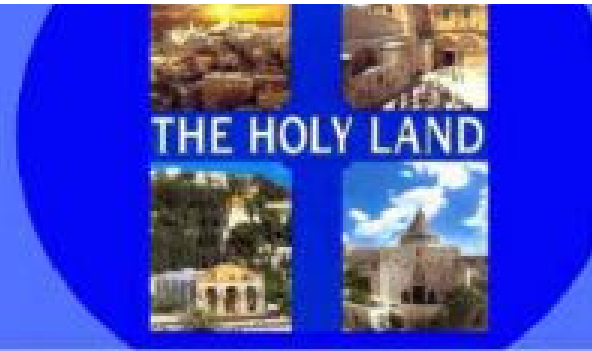
The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule.

Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help!

To make an offering and learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject



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





**ON
GOING**

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



**26
MAR**

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.



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Chrism Mass 2023

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 4 April at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year.

**28
SEP**

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.

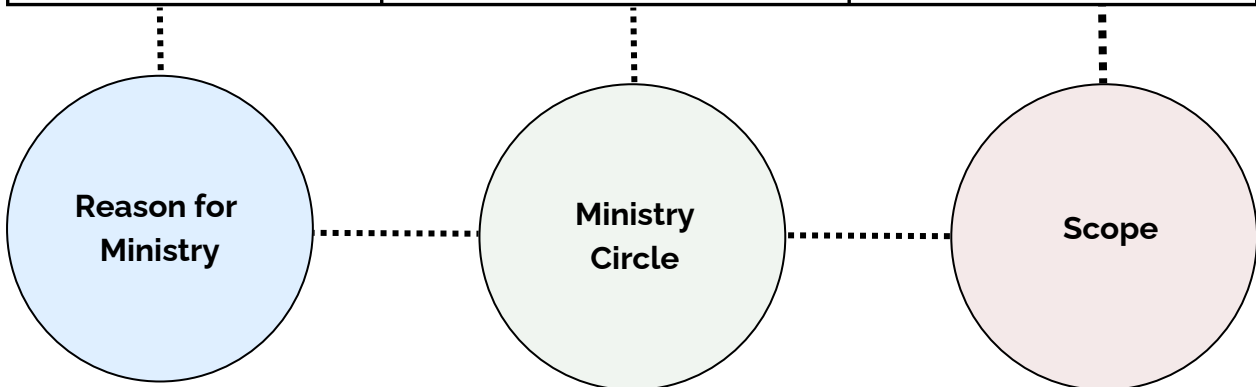
This conference is an absolute MUST for all liturgists, musicians, clergy, choristers, lay liturgical ministers, composers, teachers, conductors, liturgy teams, campus ministers - all who love liturgy and music! Enquiries: liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au

**THE ART OF
LITURGICAL
CELEBRATION**

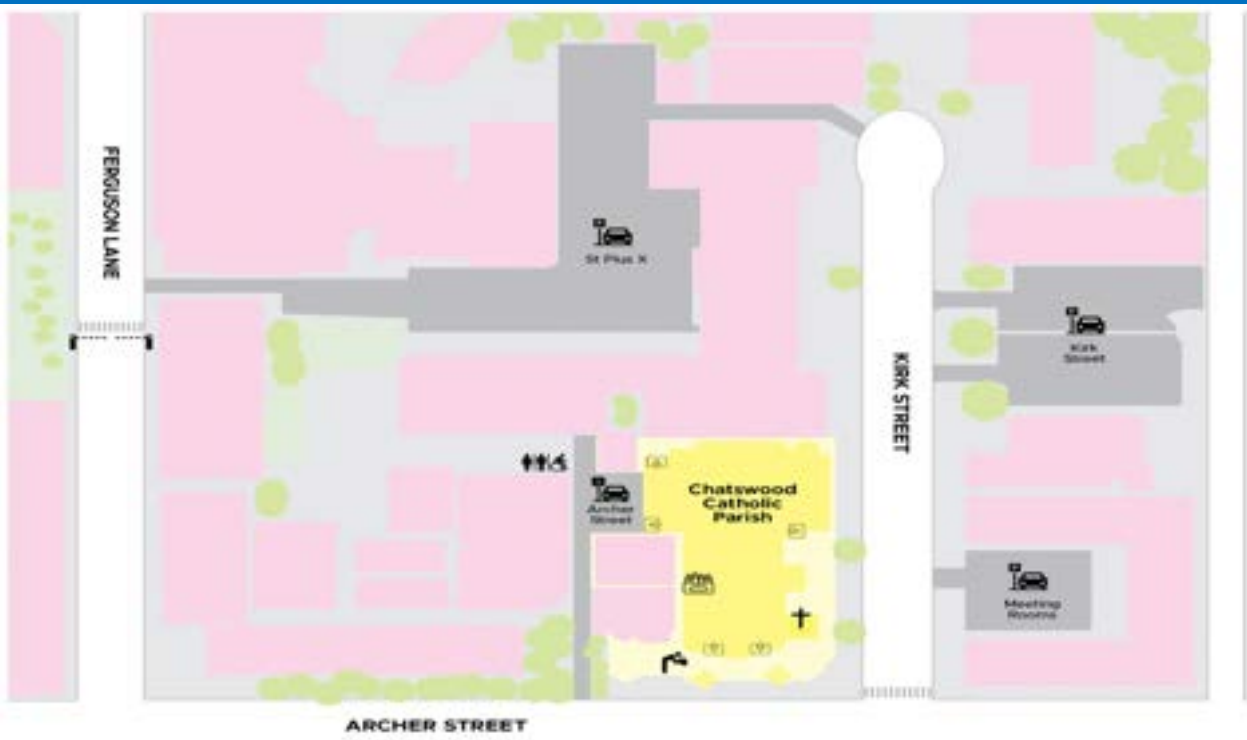


OUR CIRCLES OF MINISTRY

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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bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood

Want to receive the bulletin via e-mail?

Contact Olivia at

Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au



Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023

*What did the man that Jesus cured say to the people
 who thought Jesus was a sinner?
 Use the code at the bottom to find out!*

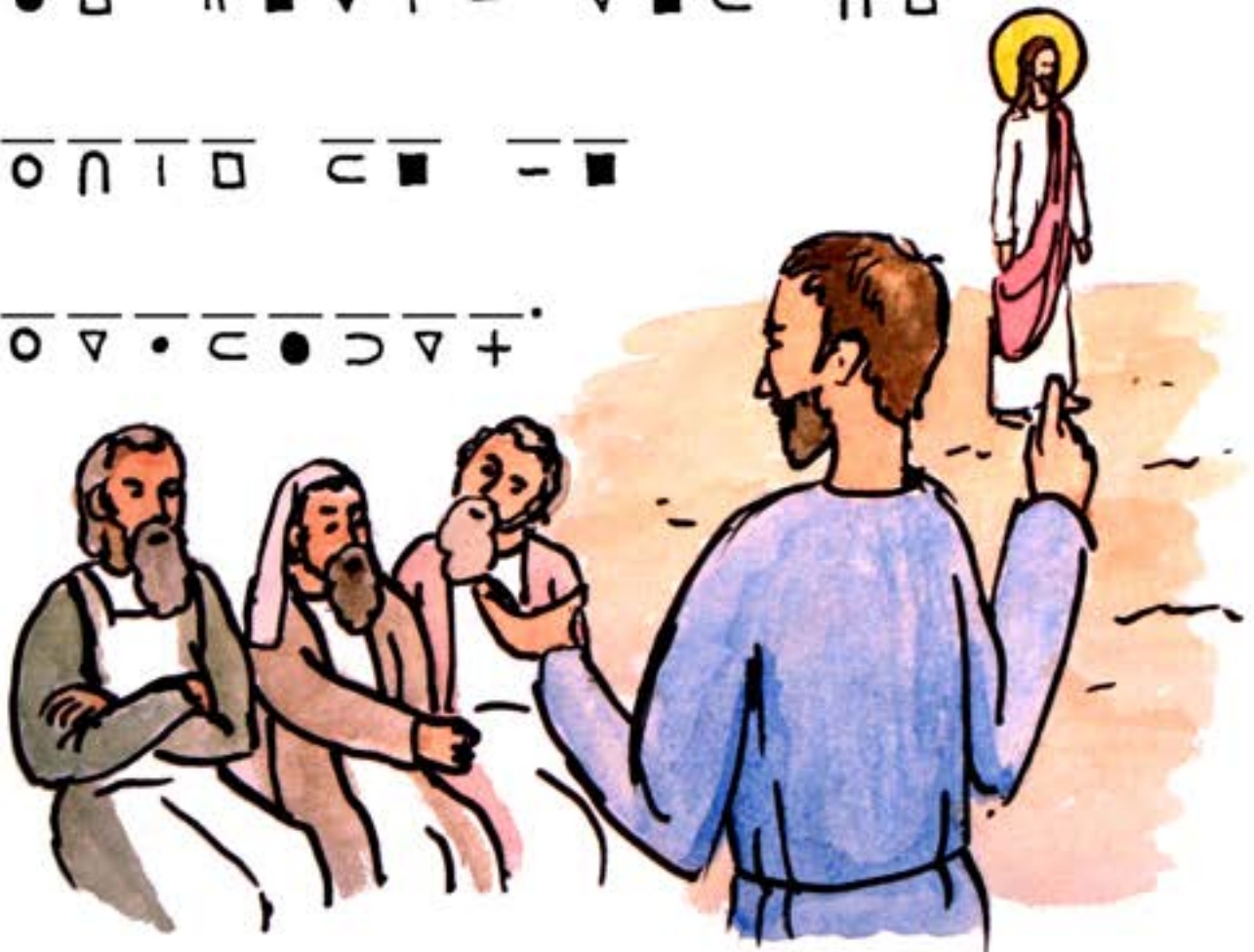
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 A B D E F G H I L M N O R S T U W Y

THE ANNUNCIATION

MARCH 25

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS PEOPLE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR GOD TO SEND THEM A SAVIOUR. WHEN THE TIME WAS RIGHT HE SENT AN ANGEL TO A YOUNG WOMAN.



MARY WAS SHOCKED. WHO WAS THIS? WHAT WAS THE MEANING?



Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace with God.

You shall conceive and bear a Son, and call Him Jesus...



How shall this be done, since I know not man?



The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you...

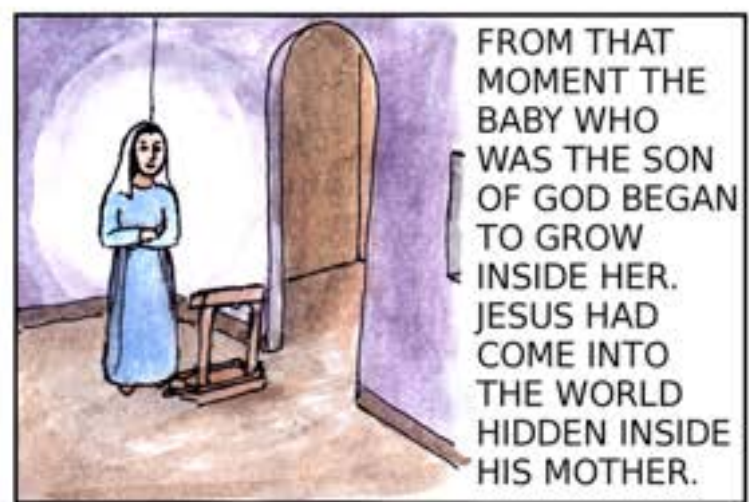


SHE ACCEPTED GOD'S PLAN EVEN THOUGH SHE KNEW IT WOULD NOT BE EASY.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word.



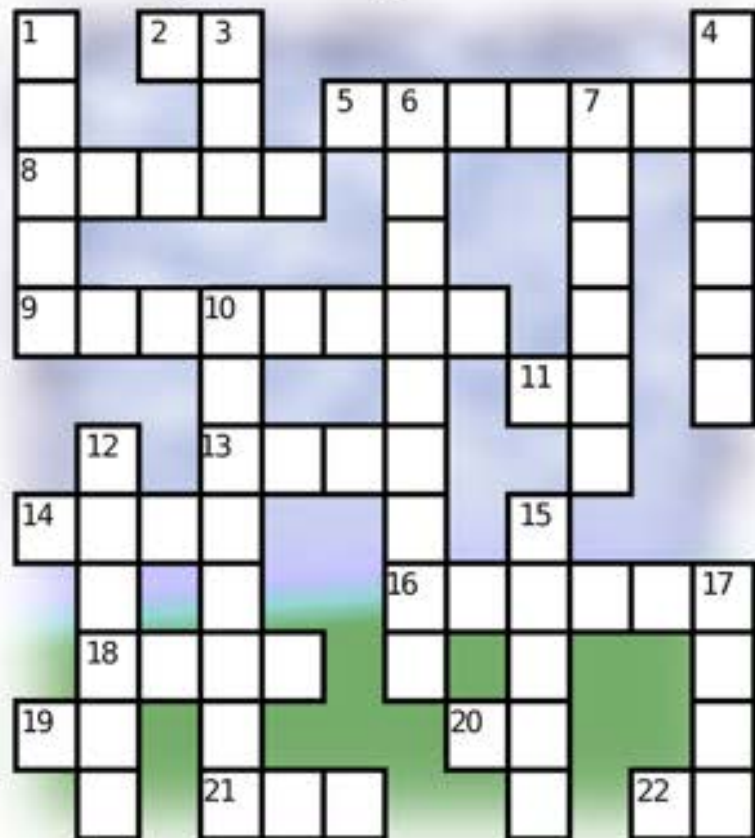
FROM THAT MOMENT THE BABY WHO WAS THE SON OF GOD BEGAN TO GROW INSIDE HER. JESUS HAD COME INTO THE WORLD HIDDEN INSIDE HIS MOTHER.



THE ANNUNCIATION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS OF THE YEAR BECAUSE IT IS WHEN JESUS FIRST CAME TO EARTH, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS STILL HIDDEN. GOD DEPENDED ON MARY TO SAY 'YES' TO HIS WILL EVEN THOUGH IT WAS VERY HARD. WE SHOULD BE ALWAYS READY TO DO GOD'S WILL TOO!

The Lord is my Shepherd...

OVERFLOWS IN
SHEPHERD OF
WATERS HE
BEFORE OIL
TABLE SAKE
STAFF SOUL
WANT PATHS
LORD VALLEY
SET ANOINT
ME COURAGE
NO PASTURES



The _____ (18A) is my _____, (9A)

I shall not _____.(14A)

In verdant _____ (10D) he gives me repose;

beside restful _____ (16A) he leads me;

he refreshes my _____.(13A)

____ (22A) guides ____ (19A) in right _____ (1D)

for his name's _____.(17D)

Even though I walk in the dark _____ (12D)

I fear ____ (2A) evil; for you are at my side

with your rod and your _____ (15D)

that give me _____.(5A)

You _____ (21A) the _____ (8A)

_____ (4D) me

____ (11A) the sight ____ (20A) my foes;

you _____ (7D) my head with _____;(3D)

my cup _____.(6D)

Saint Joseph

This Monday, March 20th, is the feast day of Saint Joseph. He is one of the greatest saints in the Church. The Bible doesn't tell us very much about him, but we know that he was very obedient and trusted God, and that he must have been a very holy man- God chose him to look after His own Son, Jesus!

Saint Joseph was just a poor Jewish carpenter, but God saw that he was a very good man so He chose him to be the husband and protector of Mary, who would be the Mother of Jesus. Saint Joseph provided for Mary by his hard work.



When Jesus was born Saint Joseph protected Him from the evil King Herod, who wanted to kill Him. He spent his days working to support Jesus and Mary and taught Jesus how to be a carpenter. Saint Joseph was Jesus' teacher, but he also learned from Jesus how to be holy.

Saint Joseph died a holy and peaceful death in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Now he is in Heaven, helping us when we pray to him. We should pray to him because he is a great protector and teacher for us, just like he was for Jesus.

Answer to Front: If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything. Answers to cross-word: Across: 2.no 5.courage 8.table 9.shepherd 11.in 13.soul 14.want 16.waters 18.Lord 19.me 20.of 21.set 22.he Down: 1.paths 3.oil 4.before 6.overflows 7.anoimt 10.pastures 12.valley 15.staff 17.sake