

Fourth Sunday of Lent— 27 March 2022

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Our Lady
of Dolours



*Last Weekend we launched an exciting new journey
for our Parish Community
“Being Church in the City: Our Journey Together”*

We begin our journey
inviting everyone to share our dreams about our

- * church
- * Parish Community
- * Educational and Pastoral Precinct

Do take Fr David’s letter to read!

Share YOUR dreams via the various ways listed in the letter.
Encourage a parish group to which you belong to do the same!

Would you like to form a group after Easter to reflect together
on the questions outlined in Fr David’s Letter?

Do let our Parish Office know and we will facilitate
small discernment groups at the beginning of Term 2.

Let us dream together about all that is possible in
Being Church in the City

<https://churchinthecity.com.au/>



Palm Leaves for Palm Sunday

We are looking for 8-10 very large palm leaves to decorate our Church on Palm Sunday. They would need to be between 6-8 feet tall. If you have any palm trees in your yard, and could cut a few large leaves/branches for us, please deliver to the Church on the Saturday before Palm Sunday, 9 April. Thank you.

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	28 March	12.30pm Mass	Monday of the 4th week of Lent
Tuesday	29 March	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Tuesday of the 4th week of Lent
Wednesday	30 March	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Wednesday of the 4th week of Lent
Thursday	31 March	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Thursday of the 4th week of Lent
Friday	1 April	9.00am and 12.30pm Mass	Friday of the 4th week of Lent
Saturday	2 April	9.00am Mass	Saturday of the 4th week of Lent
Sunday	3 April		Fifth Sunday of Lent

Please Remember in your Prayers

SICK: Eva Silveri, Mr Loris Gardiman

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patrick Kelly, Philomena Noronha

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Melvie Cullen ; Giorgio Dolores; Mark Esteban; Patrick Moylan, Mr and Mrs Carrick



Congratulations and Welcome

Jadon Alexander Napoli,

James Ian Quinn,

Caroline Bao De Almeida Andrade,

James Nicholas Restuccia

Reflection on the Gospel this Sunday

The story of the prodigal son in Luke's Gospel is familiar to most of us. But how many of us also think of the father as prodigal? *Prodigal* means "recklessly wasteful" or "extremely generous." The son is prodigal because he wastes his inheritance. The father is prodigal because he lavishes his love on both his sons.

Let's examine the younger son's actions. He asks for his inheritance while his father is still living, and surprisingly his father accommodates him. At the time of Jesus, fathers were discouraged from distributing their inheritances while they were alive (see Sirach 33:20–24). According to Jewish tradition, the younger son is severing his connection to his family by demanding his share of the inheritance before the father's death. With no regrets, the younger spends his money in a far-off Gentile place. When his money is gone, he looks for an employer so he can earn a living to survive. In desperation, he takes a job feeding pigs.

Luke tells us that the younger son has no food, yet he cannot eat the pigs he is tending. He also cannot eat the feed he gives the pigs because the bitter carob pods cause nausea in human beings. Destitute, the younger son realizes that even the servants on his father's farm have something to eat. Upon his return, the younger son admits that he had publicly denounced his father, his family, and his community. Now humbled, he is willing to face the consequences of his earlier actions.

Even though the younger son seeks only his father's forgiveness and treatment as a hired hand, his father restores the son to his previous dignity. In this way, the father demonstrates to the community that he has welcomed his younger son back into the family. Then the father bestows the ultimate honor on his son—a community celebration in the son's honor. The story's focus then turns to the oldest son and his relationship with his father. Instead of honoring his father by hosting the celebration with him, the oldest son stays away. His action insults and humiliates his father. When the father leaves the celebration to plead with him, the oldest son speaks of himself as a slave. Then, in a self-righteous tone, he says: "I have never disobeyed your command. . . . But when this son of yours comes back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes; you killed the fatted calf for him!" (15:29–30).

The oldest brother's words indicate that he does not recognize the returning son as his brother. The selfish side of the older son emerges. The father tells the oldest son that "you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; was lost and has been found" (15:31–32). The father guarantees his love but also challenges the older son to recognize the dignity of his younger brother.

The story ends abruptly. We do not know what the oldest brother does. The question lingers for the Pharisees and the scribes who question Jesus about his relationship with sinners, and it lingers for us today.

远离恶便是聪明

To shun evil is understanding

From Fr David

Dear friends

We have enjoyed quite an eventful week! Last weekend we launched our exciting new pastoral initiative, Being Church in the City. This represents a journey into which we are all invited to lead us to Pentecost 2023. What is the Spirit saying to us as a community of faith in Chatswood? How can we grow being Church in such a vibrant, multicultural, and urban city? We begin our journey inviting everyone to share their dreams and their hopes. Do be sure to fill out a dreams sheet, or email us, or go online to <https://churchinthecity.com.au/> We very much look forward to hearing from you and shortly sharing with you what people have contributed. We especially encourage our many parish groups to do this collectively. And over the next few weeks before the end of Term 1 we will invite anyone who would like to join a small group as another way of sharing hopes and dreams to do so as well.

Over last weekend we also enjoyed a number of different celebrations especially a marvelous concert on the evening of Saturday 19 March on the Forecourt. We were treated to some wonderful Irish and Italian singing in honour of St Patrick and St Joseph whose feast days we recently celebrated. And into the mix was some inspiring Irish dancing by Gerard Ryan!

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 27 March	March for the Unborn Child
Saturday 2 April	Parish Retreat Day
Sunday 10 April	Palm Sunday
Sunday 10 April	2pm Concert of Bach Akademie
Tuesday 12 April	7.00pm Mass of the Oils, Cathedral
Thursday 14 April	Holy Thursday
Sunday 17 April	Easter Sunday
Sunday 8 May	Mother's Day
Sunday 15 May	JRS Food Collection in Parish



This Week

Sunday	27 March	12noon	Infant Baptisms
		10.00am-12noon	Youth Group (Magnificat Room)
Monday	28 March	7.00pm-9.00pm	Alpha (Magnificat Room)
		11.30am-12noon	Divine Mercy Chaplet and then 11.45 am Rosary (MMP Cenacle)
Tuesday	29 March	9.45am-12.15pm	Bible Discussion Group (St Paul Room)
		9.00am-11.00am	Playgroup (Magnificat Room)
		7.00pm-9.00pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
		7.00pm-8.30pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary
Wednesday	30 March	All Day	Parish Staff Retreat Day (Please note the Parish Office will be closed this day)
		6.30pm-8.00pm	Indonesian Music practice (Church)
		7pm-9pm	Parish Finance Committee (St Paul Room) (TBC)
Thursday	31 March	9.30am-12noon	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		5.30pm-7.30pm	Legion of Mary (English) (Magnificat Room)
		7pm-8pm	Holy Hour with Reconciliation available
Friday	1 April	10.00am-11.30am	Meditation (St Paul Room)
		11.45am-12.15pm	Stations of the Cross (Church)
		6.30pm-8.30pm	Divine Retreat Centre Healing Mass & Prayer
Saturday	2 April	All Day	Parish Retreat Day (See Page 5 of the Bulletin for details)
		9.30am	Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Benediction/ Reconciliation available
		11.30am-12.30pm	Baptism preparation (Magnificat Room)
		4.00pm-6.00pm	Filipino Chaplaincy Chatswood Parish (Magnificat Room)

From Fr David cont'd

This weekend, our special events continue with our Feast for Freedom on the evening of Saturday 26 March at 6.30pm in Harrington Hall. Thankfully, since last weekend the Australian Government has revised its provisions for refugees, particularly those from Ukraine. During these challenging times, we are encouraged to look for those ways to welcome those so severely displaced by conflict and war and to ensure that they have every support they require.

A very special thank you to Ditas Naguit and Nenita Axalan for facilitating our evening of prayer on Friday 25 March at which we joined in solidarity with Pope Francis' consecration of the people of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Over 50 people online joined those who were able to gather in our church for the Rosary and to pray Pope Francis' consecration which is printed in the middle of the bulletin for us all.

Let us not cease in our prayer for peace.

Celebrating St Patrick and St Joseph on Saturday 19 March



Fr. Joey is looking for directees
for his Spiritual Direction Class.

The directees will meet with him once a
month and will discuss the movement of the
Holy Spirit in their life.

Fr. Joey will serve as a guide and companion
in the person's journey in his/her spiritual life
towards God.

If you are interested to be a directee,
please email Fr. Joey at:
joey.frez@bbcatholic.org.au

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

A wonderful Lenten opportunity

O.L.D. Parish Lenten Retreat



*You are invited to
join*

*at Marymount Mercy Centre
36 David Road
Castle Hill NSW*

on Saturday, 2nd April

*from 9 am to 7 pm
(Lunch provided)*

Cost: By donation

*Talks, Reflection, Scriptural Activity, Prayers,
Singing, Adoration, Confession, Personal Time
6:00 PM - Holy Mass*

*For catering purposes, please R.S.V.P. via email
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au by 27 March*

*“For I will satisfy the weary soul, and every
languishing soul I will replenish.”*

Jeremiah 31:25

Entering Lent



Confession Times:

Thursday : 7 PM
Saturday : 9:30 AM

Our Lady Of Dolours Chatswood
94 Archet St. Chatswood



Garratt Publishing is again offering a series of Lent talks with four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union. Each week these scholars will work together to explore the readings of the week from their area of expertise.

- Professor Mary Coloe PBVM
- Dr Mary Reaburn NDS
- Dr Chris Monaghan CP
- Dr Janina Hiebel

TUESDAYS 7 - 8pm
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April 5, 12

<https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/mgvkyk41mgm7a7/?ct=t>

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL

The presentations will be recorded and made available after each session. An email will be sent to you on how to access the videos.



Fourth Sunday of Lent
26 & 27 March



Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.



With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



What's Happening in our Parish



SENIOR MONTHLY GET TOGETHER

Please join us for an information morning on how to stay well during the upcoming winter season.

We will have an information pack with all the information you'll need to stay healthy over the coming months.

Join us in the Magnificat Room at 10am on Thursday 7th April for morning tea and a chat.

Jan Hunter and Linda Cowell

Supporting our parishioner, Stephanie Ho in a wonderful initiative

20 year old Stephanie Ho (one of the senior altar servers) is preparing to run 320km from Canberra to Sydney this July - the equivalent of a marathon every day for a week - to raise funds for a school in rural Nepal. She taught English at this school in 2019 and saw with her own eyes the lack of resources available to the students. She noticed that even though the students enjoyed learning, there was much room for improvement. Over the past few months, she has collaborated with the school and identified its priorities to facilitate its improvement. Her Canberra to Sydney run will raise funds to:

1. Build a mini science lab equipped with beakers, crucibles, bunsen burners, test tubes etc.
2. Install some computers and a projector
3. Provide more cookery to allow for a larger variety of meals (meals were provided to the students during school time)

Every cent raised through the fundraiser will go towards acquiring equipment for the school. After the run, Stephanie will fly over to Nepal to buy the equipment to deliver to the school, while also assisting in its installation. To assist in fundraising, Stephanie has set up a GoFundMe page. Please see the link below or search "Stephanie Ho go fund me Nepal" in Google.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/c2c-run-for-nepal>

She is also looking for anyone with a campervan/motorhome who wouldn't mind lending it for the 7 days? It'll be covered by insurance and is all for a good cause :) Any donations of any amount will be much appreciated. By helping Stephanie fundraise, you will be providing a much brighter future to the students in Nepal.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



Fr. Ronil George VC
DRC, SOMERSBY



Fr. Joby George VC
DRC, SOMERSBY

1ST FRIDAY
HEALING SERVICE
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
CHATSWOOD
6:30PM-8:30PM
(Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Mass & Adoration)
1TH APRIL, 6TH MAY, 3RD JUNE, 1ST JULY, 5TH AUG

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The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.

Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary *by Pope Francis on 25 March 2022*

O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns. We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbour's keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the Church and for all humanity. By God's gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?" You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: "They have no wine" (*Jn* 2:3). Now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.

Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.
Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.
Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world.
Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness.
Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons.
Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love.
Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity.
Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your Sorrowful Heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: "Behold your son" (*Jn* 19:26). In this way he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: "Behold, your Mother" (v. 27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history. At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

*Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
by Pope Francis on 25 March 2022*

Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The “Fiat” that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God’s mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the “Fiat”, on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our “living fountain of hope”, water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.



Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal

The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives.

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

**Our world and our hearts
hunger for Reconciliation.**

**Last Wednesday and Thursday evenings
our children
preparing for their First Holy Communion
gathered in our church
to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
for the first time.**

**May their example of conversion and renewal of life
inspire us also to enter this season of Lent
with hearts changed and open to peace.**

For the sake of our world.



Foundation Youth Ministry

WELCOME TO THE YOUTH MINISTRY SECTION OF THE PARISH BULLETIN! EACH WEEK, YOU CAN FIND RELEVANT UPDATES HERE.

Upcoming Events

General Information

YOUTH GROUP

JOIN US FOR YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY

DATE & TIME

27TH MARCH, 10AM

LOCATION

PARISH MEETING ROOMS

YOUTH LEADERS

CAILIN, JOSEPH, RIYA AND SEAN

FOUNDATION YOUTH MINISTRY IS MADE UP OF:



CORNERSTONE
FOR YEAR 6 TO 9



KEYSTONE
FOR YEAR 10 TO 12

WE MEET FORTNIGHTLY AFTER THE 9AM FAMILY MASS

Updates

We are currently in the process of planning a holiday activity which we anticipate will take place on the 22nd of April. Keep an eye on our social media for further updates!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A YOUTH LEADER?

PLEASE EMAIL US IF YOU ARE KEEN TO JOIN OUR YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Our Facebook Page

FOLLOW US TO STAY UPDATED



PLEASE CONTACT US VIA EMAIL

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What's Happening in our Parish

Fifteen years of the Filipino Chaplaincy Chatswood Parish (FCCP)

FCCP was formed in response to a need to support local Filipinos in assimilating into Australian life. It is a faith-based community that aims to maintain Filipino values and culture, grow spiritually in the Catholic Faith amidst a secular society and provide advice to newly arrived Filipino migrants who may need information about the Australian way of life.

On the 1st of April 2007, FCCP was launched at an Inaugural Mass at Our Lady of Dolours attended by 420 people from Sydney and surrounds. The first ten years saw the FCCP grow from a small group of dedicated volunteers to a community involved in the parish.

FCCP is one of several Filipino communities in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Under the guidance of Fr David Ranson, a Charter for the FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY in the Diocese of Broken Bay was drafted in 2019 with the aim of providing a framework for the different Filipino communities as they operate in their respective parishes. Deacon Roberto Corpuz is the current Broken Bay Filipino Chaplaincy (BBFC) Pastoral Coordinator. The Charter was approved by Bishop Anthony Randazzo in June 2020.

Over the years, FCCP has introduced traditional Filipino religious practices like the Living Rosary, Flores de Mayo, Lenten programs, Simbang Gabi (Novena Dawn Mass), and Christmas Carols into the parish. FCCP also actively participates in various parish activities through the kids' ministry, faith formation, music, liturgy, community outreach and cultural events like international food fairs and multicultural days.



This coming April 3, 2022, FCCP is celebrating 15 years of “Faith in Action” at Our Lady of Dolours Parish in Chatswood on April 3, 2022 after the 12:00pm Filipino Mass. We invite you all to come and celebrate with us!

The past two years have been challenging for all due to COVID but that didn't stop FCCP from staying in touch and finding solutions to what may otherwise be challenges! In 2020, most activities – meetings, praying the Rosary, following a Lenten Program, even celebrating its 13th anniversary – were done via Zoom. Thank God for technology! A few of FCCP's recent highlights include the celebration for the commemoration of 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines held on March 2021; participation in the Ordination to the Diaconate of two Filipino seminarians and the subsequent Ordination into priesthood of Fr Aldrin and Fr Roger, together with Fr Sam, in October 2021. Lastly, the annual Novena Dawn Mass (Simbang Gabi) launch which is normally held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in Waitara was held in Chatswood to allow for a larger attendee capacity.

Preparing for Easter

BACH'S EASTER ORATORIO



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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

PROGRAM

J.S. Bach Cantata 'Am abend aber desselbigen Sabbats' BWV 42
J.S. Bach Cantata 'Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden' BWV 6
J.S. Bach Easter Oratorio BWV 249

DATES 2022

Friday 8th April 7:30pm
St Francis of Assisi Church, Paddington
Saturday 9th April 7:30pm
Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, Penrith
Sunday 10th April 2pm
Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood

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Preparing for Easter



The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 12 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.

Parishioners are warmly invited to join together in this celebration. Please contact the parish office before Monday 4 April should you wish to attend.

Last Saturday 19 March we celebrated the Feast of St Joseph.

Since the 17th century it has been a custom on this day, celebrated in Italy as Fathers' Day, to create a table of bread. It commemorates the delivery of the people from a great famine through the intercession of St Joseph. Today, a table of bread is created, the bread is blessed, and given to those who are needy. Our blessing of the table of bread after our 5.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass preceded our great forecourt concert in honour of both St Joseph and St Patrick whose feast day occurred several days earlier.



The Five First Saturdays Devotion

From our Marian Catholic Action Group



Jesus and His Mother Made a Special Request for the Five First Saturdays

The First Saturdays Devotion, also known as the “Five First Saturdays” is a special request by Our Lord and Our Lady to make reparation for all the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We should continue to fulfill them every month to console the Hearts of Jesus and Mary and make reparation for the sins of others. The continued practice of the First Saturdays will help bring about a period of peace and the salvation of many souls as Our Lady promised (Fatima, July 13, 1917). On December 10th, 1925, The Child Jesus and Mary came to Sister Lucia. The Child Jesus spoke first saying: “Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother covered with the thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to remove them with an act of reparation”. What does the Child Jesus mean by “compassion”? Compassion is another word for “mercy”. In fact, the practice of mercy begins with having mercy on the Sacred Heart of Jesus who beheld our every act during His Passion and is in need of being consoled too.

Four Practices in Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

We now know that in order to make reparation for these sins, we are asked to receive the Holy Communion of Reparation, but we should not forget that Our Lady ALSO asked for other practices to be done to fulfill her request. The four practices that have to be fulfilled on the First Saturday, each with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as Our Lady asked in 1925, are the following:

Confession*

Receive Holy Communion*

Pray the Rosary*

Keep her company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary*

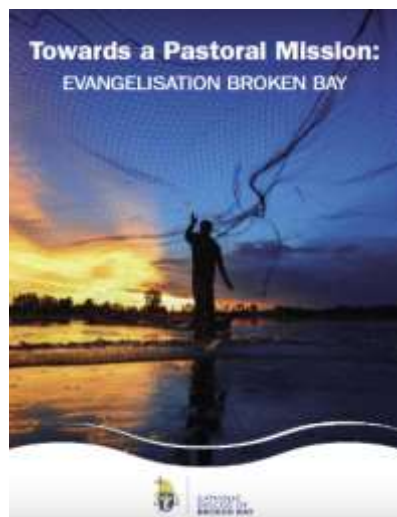
* Each of these practices need to be done with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Further explanation on how to make the Five First Saturdays is found in the pamphlet left in the church foyer or in the parish library.



The Sydney-born event, which has grown into the world’s largest movement for the environment with supporters in over 190 countries and territories, will mark its 15-year anniversary in 2022. Earth Hour 2022 aims to shine a light on the importance of thriving ecosystems, abundant with wildlife. Climate change is accelerating biodiversity loss and threatening the health of some of Australia’s most important and iconic ecosystems, like the Great Barrier Reef.

One in three Australians are expected to take part in the symbolic switching off lights in support of stronger climate action.

A round and About



Evangelisation Broken Bay is developing a 2022-2025 Pastoral Mission titled 'One in Christ' to support the vision and mission of evangelisation in the Diocese, and Bishop Anthony's six key priorities.

A document, *Towards a Pastoral Mission*, has just been released as a precursor to the Pastoral Mission which outlines the outcomes we would like to work towards:

- Empower Communities for Evangelisation
- Form Disciples for Mission
- Build Community
- Promote our Vocational Call
- Advance the Common Good
- Embrace the Poor and Vulnerable

This document can be accessed here: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/evangelisation/towards-a-pastoral-mission>

We seek your input to ensure that the goals and priorities are aligned to the needs of the communities and individuals served by Evangelisation Broken Bay. You are invited to consider six questions and provide us your feedback.

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ANTHONY M. MAHER
EDITOR

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

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

10.30am

11.00am at St Peter's Green Aged Care Facility, North Lane Cove

5.30pm

Filipino Culture Mass

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Indonesian Culture Mass

7.00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month

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Monday: 12.30pm

Tuesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

(Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated after Mass on the 3rd Wednesday of the month)

Thursday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Friday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am

Morning Prayer: Tuesday to Saturday: 8.45am

Rosary

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