

LENT
Door of Mercy



Sunday 16 March 2025 — Second Sunday of Lent

Our Lady of Dolours

*The Catholic Parish of Chatswood
94 Archer Street
Chatswood
NSW 2067*



Welcome!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish.
It is good to have you with us.

We keep Pope Francis in his illness in our prayer.

We acknowledge the Cammeraygal People of the Eora Nation, custodians of the land on which our parish stands and we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of national reconciliation.

As a Parish of Catholic Faith we are committed to ensuring always a community of safety and care for all, especially for children, and those who are vulnerable.

這是我的兒子，我所揀選的，你們要聽從他！ 路加福音9:35

This is my chosen Son; listen to him. **Luke 9:35**

Our Flowers this week at our Marian Shrine are donated by Diosa Farr in remembrance of her late husband, Warren.



Please note that our Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 18 March due to staff Lenten retreat day.



Bringing the Light of Christ to the City: We Love; We Grow; We Serve

Masses This Week

Monday	17 March	12.30pm	Solemnity of St Patrick
Tuesday	18 March	9.00am and 12.30pm	Tuesday of Lent Week 2
Wednesday	19 March	9.00am and 12.30pm	Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM
Thursday	20 March	9.00am and 12.30pm	Thursday of Lent Week 2
Friday	21 March	7.00am, 9.00am and 12.30pm	Friday of Lent Week 2
Saturday	22 March	9.00am and 5.30pm	Saturday of Lent Week 2
Sunday	23 March	Usual times	Third Sunday of Lent

Please Remember in our Prayer

For those recently died:

John Luxton (husband of Sally Luxton, 19 March); John Kong; Eddie Gacho; Carolina Jonsson (niece of Christer Jonsson and Chrystal De Croos); Gliceria Mangahas; Romeo Robles; Shirley Cahill; John William Arblaster; Janina Maciejak; Maria Cristina Sevilla; Joni Myles Sevilla; Donnell Loong; Isabel Montelibano Patron; Joan Hammond (mother of Julian, Paul & Alison) passed peacefully at the age of 98; Isabel Banico; Rene Gerardo Beringuel; Antonio Dy; Kerwin Calanzo; Patricia Mutkins; Terry Livermore; Tuan Sheng Hao (husband of Purita); Earle Deitz (husband of Elaine); Patrick Caplice; Nancy Benzie; Jose Lino Aguilar; Linda Sgarwwal; Dylan Lam; John Keenan.

For those who are sick:

Dorothy Chan; Coral Coughlin (wife of Tom); Virginia Purpura; Chet Catapang; Isabelle Patron; Anne Avery; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Eileen Swinsburg, Xu He Ooi; Carmel Villanueva; Marianne (Binnie) Tan; Mr Gurung; Colleen Baker (sister of Margaret Day), Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Ying Leong Fong; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Minnie Walshe; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlastic; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapria; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; Frank Hallissy; John O'Brien; Gerard de Leon; Carlos de Leon; Mary kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Raymond Grannall; Edna Kenna ;Bartolo Paino; Aida Freeman; Normand Erlex Hernandez Mallillin; Jakica Bacic; Manuel Antonio Gaspar (husband of Odete Gaspar; Joseph Syria Santio; Carlos Daposala; Eduardo Saplala; Jean-Marie Ta; Franko Bacic; Denise Suplina; Francis Ward (father of Judith Ryan); Angela Ryan (granddaughter of Judith); Watson Lee; Lisa McKee.

Birthday Remembrances:

Lydia Manlangit - 13 March; Anny Widagdo – 8 March; Helen Shortall—7 March

Upcoming Events in our Parish

Sunday	16 March	9am Children's Mass with Blessing for Kindergarten children
Monday	17 March	Feast Day of St Patrick
Wednesday	19 March	Solemnity of St Joseph Youth in Council with students from Pius X College and Mercy College Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Rosan Mathew, Cathedral
Friday	21 March	Pilgrimage Visit of Central Coast Schools to our church 5.30pm
Saturday	22 March	Bishop Walker's Talks on the Gospel of Mark continue (3.30pm)
Tuesday	25 March	Parish Online Rosary for Solemnity of the Annunciation 8.00pm
Saturday	29 March	Commencement of annual Jesuit Refugee Services Food Drive
Sunday	30 March	Inaugural Community Lunch following Sunday 10.30am Mass
Sunday	30 March	Commencement of Baptism Program for children aged 6-12 years
Saturday	5 April	Parish-in-Council 6 (registrations now open)

From Fr David

Dear friends,

We are now on our Lenten Journey with our shared prayer that these weeks be ones of grace and renewal for us all. As from this Friday morning we **will celebrate one early morning Mass at 7am on each of the forthcoming Fridays of Lent.** All are welcome to take up this extra opportunity of prayer as a personal and communal exercise during the period of Lent.

Mission Broken Bay has provided us with a great resource: [2025 Lenten Resource | A Promise of Hope](#). The resource is designed to be used individually and within a group setting. After some delay, the Lenten booklets are now available.

Please note that our **Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 18 March** as our parish staff will be attending a diocesan Parish Staff Lenten Retreat Day at Pymble. Please keep all our staff in our prayer for they do so much for us all.

On this Wednesday, our Diocese celebrates the very special event of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Rosan Mathew. We extend our blessings to Deacon Rosan with great gratitude to God for raising for us another priest. The Ordination will take place at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara at 7.30pm. Therefore, please note that we will **not be able to offer our usual Wednesday 6.30pm Mass this Wednesday 19 March** as all our clergy will be at the Ordination. However, Mass will be offered at the other usual times of 9.00am and 12.30pm for the Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On **Wednesday morning we will be sponsoring as a parish our second Youth in Council.** This follows the method of our larger, well-established Parish in Council sessions. Ninety students from Years 10-12 from Mercy College and St Pius X College will join us for the morning, reflecting and conversing together on the theme of Hope: What does hope mean to me? Why is it important? What is one bold action that we students can take to spread hope in this Year of Jubilee. The conduct of these forums is a very significant contribution our parish is able to make to our young leaders.

We celebrate Lent this time, in a Year of Jubilee—a year that invites us to focus on Hope. Again, Mission Broken Bay has produced a beautiful resource for the Year. There is so much wonderful information and ideas in the booklet, including a Pilgrim's Passport that can be used in visiting the two other shrines of Hope in our diocese: St Patrick's, East Gosford, a Shrine of Hope for Families, and St Mary Immaculate, Manly, a Shrine of Hope for clergy and vocations. However, the arrival of further copies of the booklet has been delayed. We are working to secure more copies for all those who wish. However, do not let the delay stop us visiting the other shrines. **Let's make a passport book of our own and have this stamped at each shrine. The instructions for this are on our Jubilee page in the bulletin.**

We now have over 70 **children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time. Over the next three weekends they will continue to learn about Jesus' invitation to love more fully in our lives, yet how we often do not love as we might. Then, we have the need to seek forgiveness and to begin again. We come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a desire to live in the way Jesus invites us. We hear his word of forgiveness and mercy which become for us our inspiration to sin no more. Our children's example of these coming weeks is an inspiration to us to examine our own lives, and to engage the Sacrament of Reconciliation ourselves in a new and deeper way this Lent. All of us sin; all of us fail to love as we might; all of us need forgiveness from others and from God.



A Year of Jubilee



Our Parish church has been designated by Bishop Randazzo as a Shrine of Hope for Young People.

During this year we will welcome a number of pilgrimage groups to our church, particularly to pray before the Eucharist and to venerate Carlo Acutis to be canonized on Sunday 27 April.

For this occasion we will be joined by Cardinal Soane Patita Paini Mafi, Archbishop of Tonga.

Other groups that are currently scheduled to visit us:

Friday	21 March at 5.30pm	Students from Central Coast Catholic Schools
Saturday	26 April—afternoon	Young Adults from Parish of Manly-Freshwater
Sunday	24 May—afternoon	Young Adults from around our Diocese, walking from Lindfield
Friday	6 June—morning	St Leo's College and OLOR Waitara Combined Staff Pilgrimage
Sunday	10 August—2pm	Ryde Network of Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS • CHATSWOOD CATHOLIC PARISH

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Every 25 years, the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. Not only is Italy a land of unforgettable charm and beauty, but it is also a land made rich in grace by its colourful history of holy men and women. In this dedicated Jubilee year, be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints, from St Francis and St Clare in Assisi, to St Peter and Paul in Rome, the Eternal City, where we cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and receive the Jubilee blessing.

DEPARTS MONDAY 03 NOVEMBER 2025 • 11 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS
Rome - Jubilee (5 nights) • Assisi (3) • Optional Medjugorje extension (5 nights)

Accompanied by
Fr David Ranson

the genuine pilgrim experience

harvest journeys

The Diocesan Shrines of Hope Passport

The following is the step-by-step guideline for the Broken Bay Pilgrim Passports

1. Jubilee Passports can be stamped at each Shrine and the Cathedral to acknowledge visit and time of prayer within.

A special downloadable [Broken Bay Jubilee Passport for Kids](#) for children to use when visiting the Shrines with their families/caregivers.

2. Once all three Shrines and Cathedral, with respective stamps, have been visited a Pilgrim's passport is "complete".

3. Pilgrims then have their passports verified at their own Parish office.

4. Each Parish will notify Mission Broken Bay with the names of those pilgrims who have completed their passports so that they may receive a special commemorative certificate signed by Bishop Anthony. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the Jubilee by presenting these certificates at the end of a Sunday Mass.

A live Tally on the www.bbjubilee.com.au website will add a further joyful essence, noting how many pilgrims have completed the Jubilee Shrines of Hope Pilgrimage and which parishes they are from.

**JUBILEE YEAR
OF HOPE 2025**



Renewing our church building

Parish-in-Council VI

Our church is now over 100 years old. It is as significant as it is splendid, being one of the most prominent churches in the entire North Shore. It continues to grow as a sacred place to which many people from all over come for worship and prayer.

This Year of Jubilee, for which our church is a designated place of pilgrimage, is an excellent opportunity for us to consider further how we can enhance our church to be all that it can be for its second century.

And so, on **Saturday 5 April**, we will gather for Parish-in-Council VI to begin to discern how we might refresh our church building in the best possible way.

As we think through so many practical opportunities, it will be important for us first to consider how we think of our beautiful church building, its importance in our life of faith and discipleship, and to discern some key principles from which the decisions for our church's renewal and enhancement might be made.

Date: Saturday 5 April from 12 pm to 5 pm in Harrington Hall (with catered lunch & afternoon tea)

Register Now: visit <https://parish-in-council-vi.rsvpify.com>, scan the QR code, or speak with our parish office. Registration is essential to help us plan for catering and table seating.



KIDS-IN-COUNCIL VI

We want Parish-in-Council to be accessible for all families with children of any age. That's why we created Kids-in-Council, for toddlers through to teens, running in parallel to Parish-in-Council, with catered lunch and tailored fun activities.

We would love your children to participate in our upcoming Kids-in-Council VI on Saturday 5 April from 11.45 am to 5 pm! To register your child(ren), simply visit <https://parish-in-council-vi.rsvpify.com> or scan the QR code above.



Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle



St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga



Open Evening & Expo
Wednesday, 26 March, 3-7pm

Priority enrolment* for students from our CSBB Priority Feeder Schools, including:

- OLOD, Chatswood
- Holy Family, Lindfield
- Corpus Christi, St Ives
- Sacred Heart, Pymble
- OLPS, West Pymble



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Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle

PLAYGROUP

Our Lady of Dolours
Chatswood Catholic Parish
94 Archer St Chatswood 2067

All babies, toddlers, infants, parents & carers are welcome to join our Playgroup in the Magnificat Meeting Room every Thursday from 1pm - 2:30pm.

An opportunity for the children to socialise and play, while the parents can come together in fellowship. To register, please email mona.sapuma@bbcatholic.org.au or call Mona on 9410 9000

WELCOME

PARENT & INFANT MASS
Child friendly weekday Mass every Thursday 12:30pm

Attending Mass can often be stressful for a parent, particularly while juggling the needs of your child. This Mass is an opportunity to gather with other parents, without judgement, with the support of the Priest and parishioners.



Children's Baptism

For children from 6 to 12 years of age

Twice a year, we run a preparation program for children between the ages of 6 and 12 who would like to be baptised.

This program includes the parents and child attending preparation sessions together in a small group with other children and families.

Our next Kids' Baptism Program will begin on
Sunday 30 March 2025

To find out more or to enrol use the QR Code to access the parish website page or email Angela at: angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au



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CHATSWOOD

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 22 MARCH

Chatswood Campus 9am - 2pm
35 Anderson Street Chatswood


Oxford Falls Campus 8am - 12noon
1 Dreadnought Road, Oxford Falls

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Igniting young hearts



Inception & Formation

Our Caring for Our World Ministry Circle



The 36-page booklet “Why We’re Pro-life” is freely available in our church. Please take a copy home and read it. “Why We’re Pro-Life” serves two functions.

First, it provides the words, ideas, and confidence to talk to others about abortion.

Second, it’s a compelling pro-life resource that you can give away to anyone. “Why We’re Pro-Life” is perfect for this important moment in the fight for life. It addresses the legal and cultural landscape of the new post-Roe world.

It avoids the charge that abortion is a church-state issue in that it appeals only to up-to-date science and to broadly shared beliefs about human rights. It strikes a tone of peaceful dialogue, much needed during a time of rising temperatures in the divisive debate over abortion.

International Day of the Unborn Child

The International Day of the Unborn Child is observed annually on March 25. It serves as a commemoration of unborn fetuses and stands as a day of opposition to abortion. This significant date was established by Pope John Paul II to coincide with the Feast of the Annunciation. The Pope viewed this day as a positive option in favour of life and the spread of a culture for life to guarantee respect for human dignity in every situation.

Social Justice truly begins in the womb as it pertains to people, and people start in the womb. The preborn are most vulnerable at the beginning stages of life and it is here that they require our greatest attention and efforts. However sadly today many babies will die at the hands of an abortionist before they come to birth.

The Day of the Unborn Child Procession – Sunday 23 March 2025

As Catholics we need to stand up for the life of unborn children. We recognise that abortion is a tragedy for both the child and the parent. On Sunday 23 March parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in a procession to mark the Day of the Unborn Child. Join us and others from across Sydney at the forecourt of St Mary’s Cathedral at 12.00 noon as we prepare to process through the streets of Sydney. The procession is aligned to the Feast of the Annunciation which commemorates the day in history where Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ became Incarnate. On this day “the Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us.” What better day than this to remember the plight of the unborn child in the modern world.

For those who have had an abortion experience or have encouraged someone to do so, God’s mercy and love is available through the sacrament of reconciliation. *Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries Sydney* offers retreats and other resources/assistance which bring spiritual and emotional healing. Their next retreat will be at 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville NSW on 10– 12 October 2025. Anyone interested can call and leave a message if it is not answered. Enquiries: rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com, Jeanette 0400 092 555.

A powerful story – a young woman who carried two pregnancies to term even though she was told her child would not have long to live (they both died within one hour after birth). During her third pregnancy, she got cancer and decided to delay treatment so that her son could be born. She died at age 28 on 13 June 2012, one year after the son was born. Her cause for canonization was announced on June 13, 2017, the fifth anniversary of her death <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/257705/chiara-corbella-s-beatification-cause-to-take-a-step-forward-in-june>



Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle



Last Sunday we were joined by Monica Doumit, from the Archdiocese of Sydney to talk to us about our Catholic response to pro-life issues. She spoke of the five virtues required: choice, compassion, courage, commitment and confidence.

We were very grateful to Monica, and look forward to her re-joining us in the future.

February Report of our Chatswood St Vincent de Paul Conference

We had 10 requests for help were received by OLOS Vinnies in Feb. Only one was new, a refugee family needing basic gear to move into new public housing -we provided this and info on our no interest loans scheme to obtain other needed household items. One of the others is in a precarious financial situation facing rent increases. We provided additional furniture to another. One family is having difficulties coping with a number of issues (legal, health, employment, difficult neighbours) - we helped out with food; two others appear to be battling with instability issues and we will assist if and where we can. Some \$1000 of assistance was provided. We gave moral and pantry support to the others of our needy neighbours.

OLOS Vinnies keeps a pantry at the store in Victoria Avenue where food assistance can be provided to itinerants and those living on the streets and others with temporary lack of necessities..

Our little group is still seeking new members , particularly males, help in this ministry. If interested, please contact El, El.Herlianto@vinnies.org.au or John 0439783956.

Day of the UNBORN CHILD
Sunday 23 March 2025

...I will not forget you. I have carved you on the palm of my hands. Isaiah 49

10:30am Mass
St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

12 noon Angelus
Followed by a prayerful
Street Procession
Led by Archbishop Fisher and
Cardinal Mykola Bychok
followed by an address at
Parliament House by our
Guest Speaker
Cardinal Mykola Bychok

1:30pm Benediction
St Mary's Cathedral

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the **Day of the Unborn Child**. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb. It is a day of remembrance of the dignity of the unborn and of the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion.

For more information check
www.lifeandfamily.com.au

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / C

16 MARCH 2025

STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH. In today's Gospel Jesus takes three of his disciples aside and reveals himself to them in his glory as the Son of God. His aim is to strengthen their faith in him as they make the difficult journey to Calvary. Jesus does something similar for us in the Sunday Eucharist. He invites us to step aside from our daily chores to pray, to listen to his word and be nourished by him. Strengthened, we go out from Mass ready to take up our journey along the way of the cross.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis
God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.

Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have mercy and answer. / Of you my heart has spoken: / 'Seek his face.' **R.**

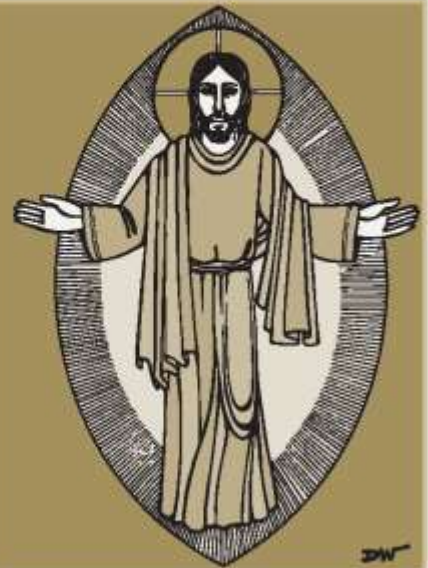
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face. / Dismiss not your servant in anger; / you have been my help. **R.**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 3:20-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from



heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

Longer form, Phil 3:17-4:1.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Lk 9:28-36

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing

which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

PRAYER IS KEY

On this Sunday we accompany Jesus up a mountain with three of his first-called disciples, Peter, John and James. The intention of Jesus' mountain-ascent, as Luke notes, is 'to pray'.

Luke locates this event at the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, where suffering and death await. This journey will occupy almost half the Gospel. The journey is one of instruction. Jesus instructs his disciples, Luke's audience and us on how to be authentic in a culture where status and materialism seduce. Prayer is key. Like the prophets of the First Testament, Jesus, the prophet, speaks truth and confronts compromised leadership. This will come at a high cost. Luke's Jesus knows this. The mountain is sacred, perceived as closer to the Heavens and God's abode. Jesus prays to God seeking discernment in what will unfold.

This prayer, in which the disciples are also caught up, brings him into communion with two First Testament figures, Moses and Elijah, representatives of the Torah (Moses, whom Israelites believed inspired the first five books of the Bible) and the Prophets (Elijah). Their presence is Luke's reminder that God's loving accompaniment of and revelation to the Israelites continued through Jesus into Luke's day. This scene is helpful for our Lenten journey. Prayer, especially in times of struggle and the search for discernment, is key.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle



Our Lady of Dolours Freedom Feast

SATURDAY 21 JUNE 2025

Raising money to help refugees
make a future in Australia



I know the plans I have for you...to give you hope and a future
Jeremiah 29:11

REQUEST FOR AUCTION PRIZES

Raising money to help refugees make a future in Australia

Thank you to the generous parishioners who have already donated prizes for our Jubilee Year Freedom Feast. We have been offered a dinner for 6 with a special guest and a Presentation Box of 5 Magnums Rosemount Estate 1996 for the live auction and some beautiful homeware gifts for the silent auction.

In this Jubilee Year, Our Lady of Sorrows is donating money raised in our annual Freedom Feast to support refugee families living in Sydney who are not allowed or not able to work and do not receive any help from the government. With a little help now, these families will become valuable contributors to our society. They are the outcasts that Jesus dedicated his ministry on earth to serving and healing. To raise money for them we are holding an auction at our Freedom Feast and we need your help in securing appealing prizes. Do you have a business that can offer a service to be auctioned? Do you have a holiday house that can be made available for weekend? Perhaps you know someone with a yacht who can provide a day out on the harbour? Or you may have a very desirable object that can be included in a Silent Auction?

You can bring your donation to the parish office or contact jokaraolis1@bigpond.com to arrange a pick up. Any questions or suggestions, just pass them on to the Community Action group. Let us each challenge ourselves to match the great donation from our more-than-busy parish priest by asking, what can I offer? Who do I know who can help



Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle

The Call for Safe, Affordable Housing for All

On Thursday night, 9 parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Sorrows joined Fr David in an Assembly of nearly 1000 people from churches and organisations all over Sydney urging political leaders to do more to address the current housing crisis in Sydney and the impacts of climate change.

The Assembly was organised by the Sydney Alliance of which our parish is a founding member. We heard people tell their stories which were so similar to those we hear from our Vinnies clients each week of how they can't afford to pay their energy bills and also buy the prescribed medications they need, or how they don't turn on the air conditioning in sweltering heat because they need the money for groceries.

Political leaders present were urged to do more for people on low incomes to help them avoid falling into homelessness, to ensure rental properties are insulated and damp-proof, to enable all to access solar energy and other protections against rising energy costs.

There was great energy in the Hall and an inspiring sense of solidarity between the many organisations and churches present.



Australia Timor-Leste Advancement Society invites you to a fun afternoon of Trivia

Join us to catch up and enjoy the trivia
Prizes and raffles

Funds used to support ATLAS's Timor-Leste projects

Harrington Hall, Catholic Church,
94 Archer St, Chatswood

Parking: Chatswood Chase Shopping Centre OR
St Pius High School Grounds behind Church.

Sunday 4th May 2025

12:30pm arrival for a 1pm start

Tickets \$20 **10 people per table**

Limited numbers

RSVP 17th April 2025

Phone or text Carla on 0402 373 728
or email carlagageler@outlook.com



Our Leading Reflective Lives Ministry Circle

Stations of the Cross during Lent

We will gather together to join in the suffering of Christ on the hill of Golgotha that the Lord walked, and meditate on the "Passion and Death of Jesus", while as we preparing for the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. We will pray "**The Station of the Cross**" every Friday at our church (OLOD).

Date : **7 March, 14 March, 21 March, 28 March, 4 April, 11 April**

Time : **11:30 AM and 7:00 PM**

(Please note that the Divine Retreat Centre Prayer will replace our 7pm Stations of the Cross on 7 March)

On Friday 21 March Stations will be prayed at 8.00pm

Friday 8pm	21 March	Filipino Group	Giselle Goloy
Friday 7pm	28 March	Seek and Men Alive Group	Peter Ng and Peter Woo
Friday 7pm	4 April	Family Group	Carla Gageler
Friday 7pm	11 April	CCA Group	Hannah Fong

Spiritual Growth Book Club

You are invited to join our Spiritual Growth Book Club. Come along and journey together with other parishioners, nourished by readings which deepen our faith and spirituality.

- Learn how to do spiritual reading.
- Learn our faith and cultivate theological reflection.
- Engage in spiritual conversation.
- Enhance our spiritual growth and formation.

This year we are focusing on a series of books called Notes on Prayer, published especially for the Jubilee. Father David will guide us through this spiritual reading.

We will meet on the last Friday of each month at 6.30pm in the Magnificat Room.

Our first meeting is on **Friday 28 March**. No need to register, just come along.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28



**1ST FRIDAY
HEALING SERVICE**
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
CHATSWOOD
6:30pm-8:30pm
(Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Mass & Adoration)



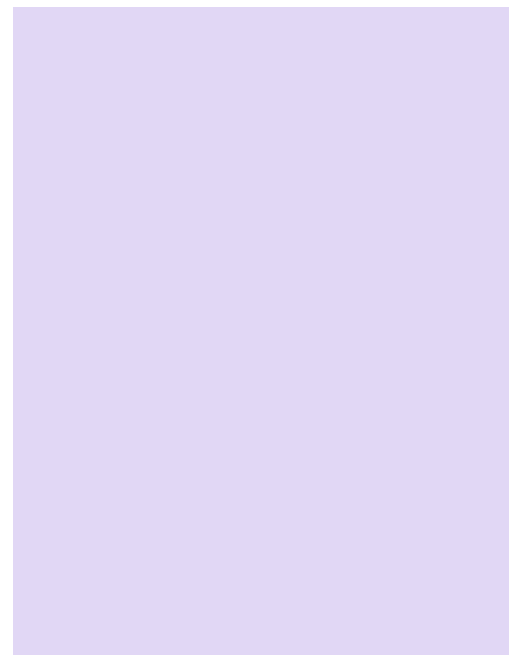
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VISIT THE SHRINES AT DRC, SOMERSBY.
OPEN FROM 8.00AM TO 6.00PM.

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

Our Leading Reflective Lives Ministry Circle



Our Parish library has now been re-categorized and reorganized.
A heartfelt thanks to Fr Hien, Anna, Elizabeth Chung, and Su De Souza for their invaluable help.



Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle



Our Alpha Programme for Lent 2025 has commenced! We have over 20 people enjoying this wonderful opportunity each Monday night.



Our Lady OF DOLOURS



THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

A SERIES OF TALKS
WITH BISHOP DAVID WALKER



SATURDAY
MARCH 15




SATURDAY
MARCH 22




SATURDAY
MARCH 29

 **3:30PM on the above Saturdays**

 **Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church**
Magnificat Room 96 Archer Street Chatswood

All are welcome to join this journey, led by Bishop David, exploring the richness and meaning of the Gospel of Saint Matthew.



A special congratulations to Virginia Lagos who, along with others from our Catechist ministry, received her Diploma of Special Religious Education!



Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle



Forty one Catechumens from our Parish of Chatswood were presented on Sunday 2 March 2025 to Bishop Randazzo in the Rite of Election at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. We are looking forward to their Baptism this Easter!





IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2025
AT SACRED HEART CHURCH
2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE
COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM

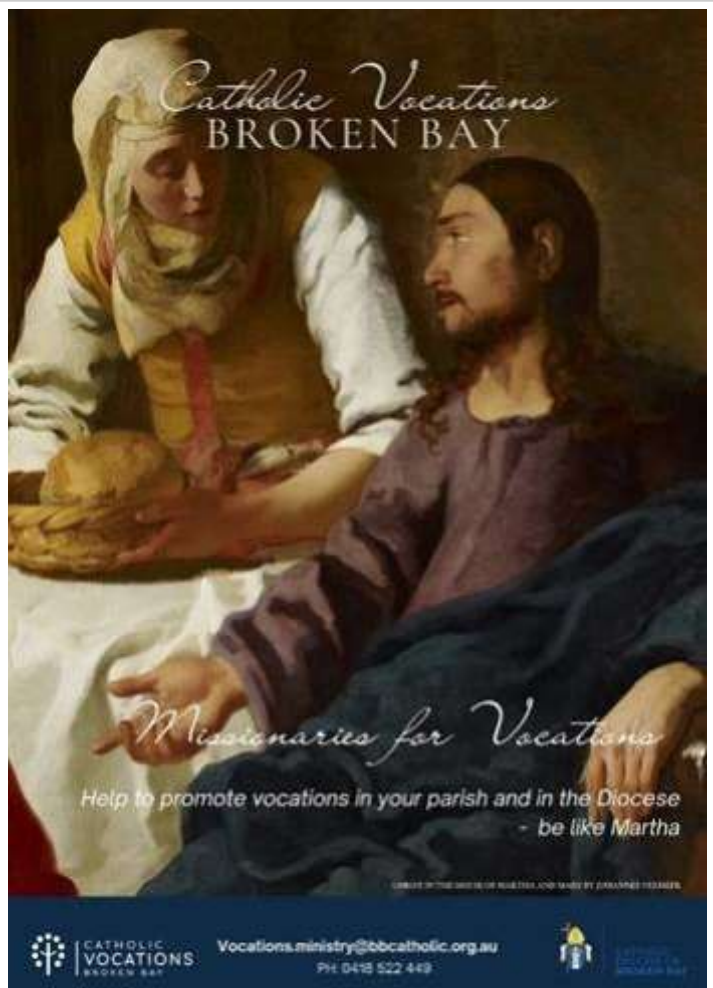
OUR MASS CELEBRANT AND AFTER DINNER SPEAKER WILL BE
FATHER MAREK WOLDAN ASSISTANT PRIEST AT MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH
HE WILL BE SPEAKING TO US ABOUT HIS VOCATION JOURNEY FROM
POLAND TO AUSTRALIA

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.



A parishioner has lost the other pair of this earring. If anyone has found it, kindly drop it off at the Office. The parishioner is feeling a great loss because it was her mother's earrings and gifted it to her.



A round and A bout

SCHOENSTATT AUSTRALIA

6pm Friday 28th March to
5pm Saturday 29th March

OFFICIAL PILGRIMAGE SITE
MOUNT SCHOENSTATT SHRINE

24hr for the Lord
Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

- Commit to an hour with our Lord and his mother.
- 6pm mass on Friday followed by reconciliation (a light supper available)
- Reconciliation before 5pm mass on Saturday evening
- A Jubilee Indulgence is granted to those who make a pilgrimage to the Shrine

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Global Mission: No age limit!

Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities!

Palms is celebrating Seniors Week with a special [online session](#) showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au

150 Years of Loreto in Australia – Travelling Exhibition at Loreto Normanhurst

This year, the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM) celebrates 150 years in Australia, commencing their ministry in Ballarat. The Loreto Sisters have been a blessing to our local area since they founded Loreto Normanhurst in 1897. Today, the school continues to embody their vision, fostering a strong sense of faith, justice, and education.

As part of the sesquicentennial celebrations, a travelling exhibition highlighting the rich history and lasting impact of the Loreto Sisters will be on display from 23 May – 6 June at Loreto Normanhurst. Please save the date to experience a stunning, creative collaboration from all Loreto Schools in Australia. More event details will be provided soon.

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Sunday Masses

5.30pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass

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

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

10.30am, followed by Morning Tea on the 2nd Sunday of the month

11.00am at St Peter's Green Aged Care Facility, North Lane Cove (Note this is for residents only)

5.30pm

Filipino Culture Mass
12noon, 1st Sunday of the month

Indonesian Culture Mass
7.00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month

First Friday of the month: 6.30pm—8.30pm Divine Retreat Centre Healing Mass and Prayer

Weekday Masses and Devotions

Monday:	12.30pm
Tuesday:	9.00am and 12.30pm
Wednesday:	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm (The Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated after Mass each Wednesday evening Mass and 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
Monday: 11.45am (preceded by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11.30am); Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am; Monday to Fridays: 1.00pm

Thursday Adoration After 9am Mass. Ends with Divine Mercy Chaplet at midday followed by Benediction.

Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and **Reconciliation** 7.00pm

Saturday Morning: **Reconciliation** from 9.30am.