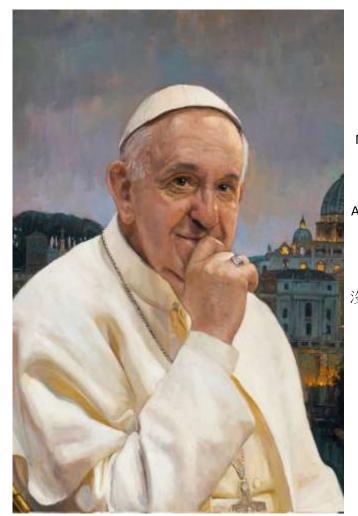


Sunday 2 March 2025 — 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Catholic Parish of Chatswood 94 A rcher 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.

沒有好樹結壞果子的,也沒有壞樹結好果子的。 路加 福音 6:37 A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten

tree bear good fruit. Luke 6:43



This Sunday, please do join us for Morning Tea in the PEW café following our 7.30am Mass

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

# Masses This Week

Monday	3 March	12.30pm	Weekday of Ordinary Time 8
Tuesday	4 March	9.00am and 12.30pm	Weekday of Ordinary Time 8
Wednesday	5 March	7.00am, 9.00am, 12.30pm, 7.00pm	Ash Wednesday
Thursday	6 March	9.00am and 12.30pm	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Friday	7 March	9.00am and 12.30pm	Friday after Ash Wednesday
Saturday	8 March	9.00am and 5.30pm	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Sunday	9 March	Usual times	First Sunday of Lent

## Please Remember in our Prayer

#### For those recently died:

Romeo Robles; 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:

Virginia Purpura; Su de Souza; Giselle Clark; 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; Linda Yip; Lonnie Chu; Minnie Walshe; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlasic; 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:

Aida Freeman; 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:**

**Colleen Baker** 

	U	pcoming Events in our Parish
Monday	3 March	Opening Mass Mercy College, Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood 9.00am
Monday	3 March	Alpha Series commences
Tuesday	4 March	Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Open Day 9am—10.30am
Tuesday	4 March	Ordination to the Diaconate of Kevin McGregor (Cathedral)
Wednesday	5 March	Ash Wednesday
Friday	7 March	Divine Retreat Centre Mass and Healing Service 6.30pm-8.30pm
Sunday	9 March	Monica Doumit speaks on "Protecting Life" 11.30am
Sunday	9 March	Rite of Election (Cathedral)
Saturday	15 March	Bishop Walker's Talks on the Gospel of Mark commence (3.30pm)
Sunday	16 March	9am Children's Mass with Blessing for Kindergarten children
Tuesday	25 March	Parish Online Rosary for Solemnity of the Assumption 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

## From Fr David

#### Dear friends,

Our parish pilgrimage group of nineteen to the Philippines enjoyed an extraordinary experience of discovery and friendship over the last two weeks. From Manila, to Iloilo, to Gimaras, to Cebu, to Bahol, and to the northern end of Luzon Island we experienced the remarkable 500 year history of the Church in this beautiful land. It was a very intense program but every part of it was fascinating and enriching. A very special thank you to Ditas Naguit who organized the event from beginning to end. It was quite a breathtaking achievement. Do have a look at some of the photos we have included in this week's bulletin.

On the final day in Manila, we visited Cardinal Pablo David who has accepted Bishop Randazzo's invitation to join our parish 1-4 August, coinciding with the canonization of Pier Giorgio Frasatti, one of our patrons as a Shrine of Hope for this Jubilee Year.

Sadly, one of our group, Virgina Purpura, become increasingly unwell during our trip, and needed to be admitted to hospital as we came to the end of our adventure. We keep Virginia in our prayer and look forward to having her home safely with us as soon as possible.

Whilst we were away, I received notification from Olivia Lee, our Parish Services Lead, of her intention to resign from our parish team. As we may have appreciated, Olivia had required extended sick leave since the beginning of the year. It has also been a period of personal discernment for Olivia about her future. Olivia joined us at the beginning of 2023 and her infectious personality and remarkable generosity have, in no small way, contributed to our parish's vitality and growth. She has also, of course, brought to bear in her service to us her many skills, particularly in marketing and communication. These have enabled the presentation of the life of our community with panache and professionalism. Thankfully, Olivia has expressed a desire to continue to be associated with our parish community in voluntary ways, and we look forward to her continuing involvement in the life of our parish. Olivia returned to us on Monday 24 February and will conclude her time with us on Friday 7 March 2025. She has requested that there not be a formal farewell but I encourage us to express our immense gratitude to her personally for her contribution.

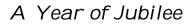
With Olivia's departure, we will re-consider the needs of our parish office and think through the recruitment of a new professional position focused on administration and facilities, with an ancillary position assisting us with communications. I do ask for our patience whilst such new arrangements are put in place. These take time and require the engagement of various processes.

This coming week we commence our annual Season of Lent, given us to prepare for our annual celebration of Easter, the greatest of Christian feasts. Lent is a time to reflect more deeply on the paschal mystery at the heart of our Christian discipleship, the death and resurrection of the Lord now lived out in our own lives through our call to move from self-ishness to a life lived for others. We die to our self; we rise to others. This dynamism is given special expression in the three traditional Lenten practices of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. In this light, Caritas Australia conducts the annual Lenten Appeal, Project Compassion. Appeal envelopes and boxes are available from this weekend in the church foyer.

Mission Broken Bay has provided us with a great resource: <u>2025 Lenten Resource | A Promise of Hope</u>. The resource is designed to be used individually and within a group setting. The Lenten booklets will be distributed to our parish through next week.

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 now some beautiful resources for the Year. A prayer and resource journal is now available in the church foyer. 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 Patricks, East Gosford, a Shrine of Hope for Families, and St Mary Immaculate, Manly, a Shrine of Hope for clergy and seminarians. Please feel welcome to take one of the booklets, and to use the stamp now in the foyer to mark our own Parish.

Lastly our sympathy to our Opus Dei community on the recent loss of Fr Joe Martins. Fr Joe was well known to us here in our church as he would assist when all our clergy were on conference or retreat. Fr Joe was farewelled from packed church on Friday 28 February. May he rest in peace.





Friday Sunday 21 March **TBD** August TBD

#### 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:

Students from Central Coast Catholic Schools Ryde Network of Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney (in discussion) ACU Student Life Office (in discussion)

#### OUR LADY OF DOLOURS · CHATSWOOD CATHOLIC PARISH

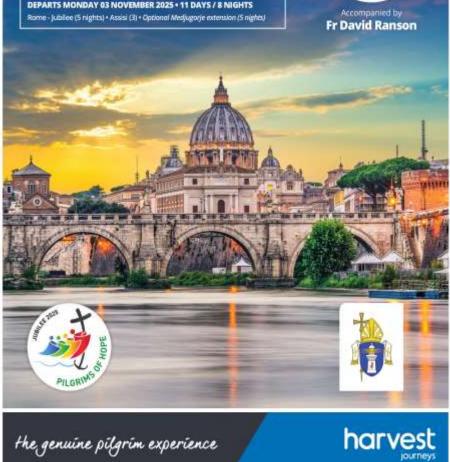
# Jubilee Year Pügrimage to Rome & Assisi

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 a ko 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 Sts 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



We would love you to join our Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Assis and Medjugorje (optional) in November. Phone Harvest on 1800 819 156 **Quote Pilgrimage PV2588** 



#### This Sunday we celebrate Catechist Sunday

#### Why Do We Celebrate Catechist Sunday?

Catechist Sunday is a special day to recognize and commission those who dedicate themselves to handing on the faith. The tradition began in 1935 when the Vatican published *On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education*, calling the Church to honour the vital ministry of catechesis.

On this day, those chosen to serve as catechists are called forth and commissioned for their mission. But Catechist Sunday is not just for them—it is a moment for all of us to reflect on our call, through Baptism, to share and live the Gospel. As a faith community, we are invited to recommit ourselves to this mission.

#### What Does the Word "Catechist" Mean?

The word "catechist" is more familiar than we might think. Many Catholics know the word "catechism" as a collection of Church teachings, but its root—catechesis—comes from a Greek word meaning "to echo" or "to resound." To be a catechist is to be an echo of Christ, passing on His teachings and love to others.

#### Why Do We Have a Special Day to Commission Catechists?

Catechists do more than teach—they nurture faith, guide hearts, and help others encounter Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the life of the Church" (CCC 7). This ministry is so important that the Church formally commissions catechists, recognizing their sacred role in building up the Body of Christ. Catechist Sunday is a moment to celebrate this calling and to remind every believer of their responsibility to share the faith.

As we celebrate Catechist Sunday, may we all be inspired to live out our faith more fully, becoming echoes of Christ in our families, parishes, and communities.

#### Have you thought about assisting an SRE teacher in a class / becoming an SRE teacher?

- It's a half hour weekly commitment, in school terms.
- Classes are available in state primary schools within the parish.
- Catholic Scripture classes are informative and fun for the children and rewarding for you!

Training and resources are available including teachers and student manuals. If you have any queries or if you're interested it would be great to hear from you!

#### Please contact Karen Forbes on 02 9410 9029 or email: karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au

#### At our Sunday 9.00am Mass we honor the following of our great parish catechists:

Name	Service Award/Training Cert
Pauline Larkins	20 years of service (papal blessing)
Virginia Lagos	Diploma of SRE
Amelia Lee	Diploma of SRE
Lei Davoren	Level 1 & Level 3 Certificate
Kathleen Lim	Level 1 Certificate
Bernadita (Ditas) Naguit	Level 1 and Level 3 Certificate
Virginia Purpura	Level 1 Certificate
Katie Tan	Level 1 Certificate
Virginia Lagos	Level 2 Certificate
Amelia Lee	Level 2 certificate



# 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.





Fr Hien has commenced celebrating the weekly "Chapel Mass" for students of Mercy College and Pius X College







Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary

Our Open Day is a structured morning that will provide you with an opportunity for meaningful insight into our school.

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Meet our Principal, teachers, students, parents.



Learn about Our Lady of Dolour's faith led approach, including and inclusive model of education.



Visit our classrooms, play area, library, specialised media room, music rooms.



Gain a real sense of the Our Lady of Dolour's community.

# Tuesday 4 March **2025** 9am - 10.30am

Come and experience first hand why Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood is a great choice for your children.



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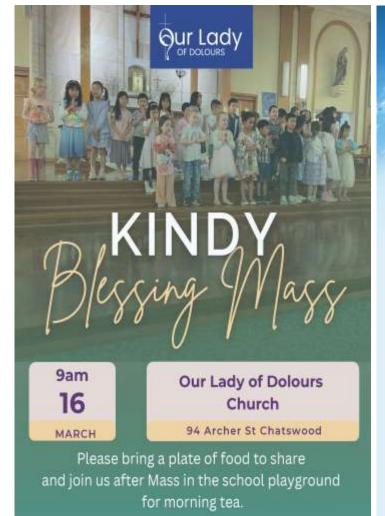
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Inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning, to use their talents to be the very best they can be.



# ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

# 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: <u>angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au</u>





Our recent Parish Pilgrimage to the Philippines reaches the Island of Bohol

## Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle

# **OTECTING LIFE** EQUIPPING YOURSELF TO DEFEND LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH WITH GUEST SPEAKER MONICA DOUMIT



11:30am on Sunday 9 March



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

In our society today, life is under threat through the growing acceptance of abortion and euthanasia. Now, more than ever, we are called to stand for the dignity and protection of all life.

Join us for an important conversation on how we can be informed, involved, and compassionate in defending life at all stages. Be inspired. Be equipped. Be a voice for life.

For more information, contact Cecilia at aikimtan10@gmail.com

Monica Doumit is the Director of Public Affairs and Engagement for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, engaging in policy and communications for issues such as abortion, euthanasia, marriage and religious freedom. She is an adjunct senior lecturer in law at the University of Notre Dame Australia and a regular columnist for the Catholic Weekly. Prior to working for the Archdiocese, Monica spent ten years working as a corporate lawyer in Sydney and London, and holds degrees in law and medical science, a diploma in finance and a masters in bioethics.

# **OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

#### EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

TAKE THE PLANK FROM YOUR OWN EYE FIRST. Let us not presume to pass judgement on other peoples' shortcomings without first subjecting our own conduct to honest scrutiny. Perhaps we expect higher standards of moral behaviour from others than we require from ourselves. Criticism of the sinner is not infrequently a subtle form of self-condemnation in which pride is joined to lack of charity.

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 17: 19-20 The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

#### GREETING

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

#### R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### R. And with your spirit.

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

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

- P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.
- R. For we have sinned against you.
- P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
- R. And grant us your salvation.

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

- R. Amen.
- V. Lord, have mercy.
- R. Lord, have mercy.
- V. Christ, have mercy.
- R. Christ, have mercy.
- V. Lord, have mercy.
- R. Lord, have mercy.

#### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father, / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

#### COLLECT

P. Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. 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

A reading from the Book of Sirach. Do not praise someone before they have spoken. In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

Sir 27: 4-7

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged

on the quality of its fruit,

similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

#### **RESP PSALM** Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16, R. cf. v. 2 R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord / to make music to your name, O Most High, / to proclaim your love in the morning / and your truth in the watches of the night. R.

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree / and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R.

3. Planted in the house of the Lord / they will flourish in the courts of our God, / still bearing sap when they are old, / still full sap, still green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R.

#### SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 54-58 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to

the Corinthians. Victory has been given to us through Jesus

Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed



up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Phil 2: 15-16

Lk 6: 39-45

Alleluia, alleluial

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia

#### GOSPEL

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.

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

#### 2 MARCH 2025

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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. O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name

and count our oblations as signs

of our desire to serve you with devotion, we ask of your mercy

that what you grant as the source of merit may also help us to attain merit's reward. Through Christ our Lord.

#### R. Amen.

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

- R. And with your spirit.
- P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

R. It is right and just.

#### PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

#### **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 cf. Ps 12: 6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished by your saving gifts, we beseech your mercy, Lord, that by this same Sacrament with which you feed us in the present age, you may make us partakers of life eternal. 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, A 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**

#### **REMOVE THE PLANK**

Who thought that the Gospels and Jesus' words are humourless? Today's Gospel reflects on one of the key issues that touches all of us and does it in an exaggerated and humorous way. It is about judging others. In my criticism of others and judging them, according to Jesus, I ignore the bigger issue: my inability to self-reflect and see the larger personal weaknesses in my own condemning character. Jesus compares the 'splinter' in the other's eye to the huge 'plank' in one's own.

The eye, in Luke's world, was the gateway to the soul and the primary organ of decision making. For a disciple to be critical of others and not recognise the plank in their own eye is to be blocked from authentic soulful and considered living. This plank must be removed by careful and sustained spiritual surgery through closeness to Jesus. This is the ongoing quest for disciples journeying with Jesus.

In the second half of today's Gospel the image turns to the production of sound fruit. This is more about authentic discipleship than about agricultural production. It is again about the heart. Jesus' words encourage Luke's Gospel's audience, and us, to draw on the heart and live from its reservoir of goodness. As with the earlier humorous parable about seeing, we are invited to see deeply and act with integrity so that our hearts can grow in goodness. Authentic conduct will follow. This is the intent behind the Gospel's final piece of wisdom, that 'words flow out of what fills the heart'.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# 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**

Last year Father David offered his services as a rose pruner for auction at our annual Freedom Feast. What can you offer?

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 a 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 <u>jokaraolis1@bigpond.com</u> to arrange a pick up. Any questions or suggestions, just pass them on to the Community Action group. Let us each challenge ourselves by asking, what can / offer? Who do / know who can help?



# Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle

#### January Report of our Chatswood St Vincent de Paul Conference

Chatswood OLOS Vinnies received 14 calls for help in Jan-the highest monthly total yet. All but two were from families previously known to us. One new case concerned a family presently homeless, seeking help to move to recently allocated gov housing. We provided essentials , beds , fridge and eating facilities and referred them to our No Interest Loan Scheme whereby they could arrange other needs themselves. The other Newby was referred by Catholic Care and needed food and clothing. Both these families had children with difficulties. Of the other 12 cases, some also had personal difficulties, some had suffered DV and for some we were completing afore-started actions such as supplying delayed white-goods. Generally assistance with food and bills was sought. One particular ongoing case, with 3 children is particularly worrying, involving , DV, legal actions, potential rent arrears, financial hardship, need for transport and health issues.(Your prayers are requested for this family all those we assist). Over \$2000 of assistance was provided.

Over \$7500 was generously given in our Summer Appeal so we can continue to help those who seek our help. Thanks to those who helped.

## Save the Date

#### Our Lady of Dolours Tertiary Scholarships for Timor Leste Project in Partnership with ATLAS (Australia Timor Leste Advancement Society)

Thank you to the wonderful parishioners of OLD who supported our inaugural Christmas Cake fundraiser. Unordered cakes were sold out by 7.30am Mass!

We apologise to those who missed out. We will be sure to increase our supply for this year.

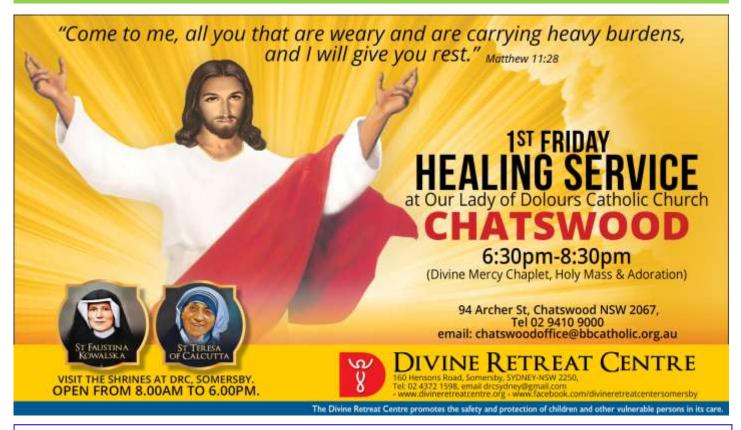
#### SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 4 May ATLAS TRIVIA 2025

from 1pm-3pm in Harrington Hall, an afternoon of fun where our projects will also be on display.





Our Leading Reflective Lives Ministry Circle



#### Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 5 March.

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)

Friday 7pm	14 March	Indonesian Group	Dyah/Sidha
Friday 7pm	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**

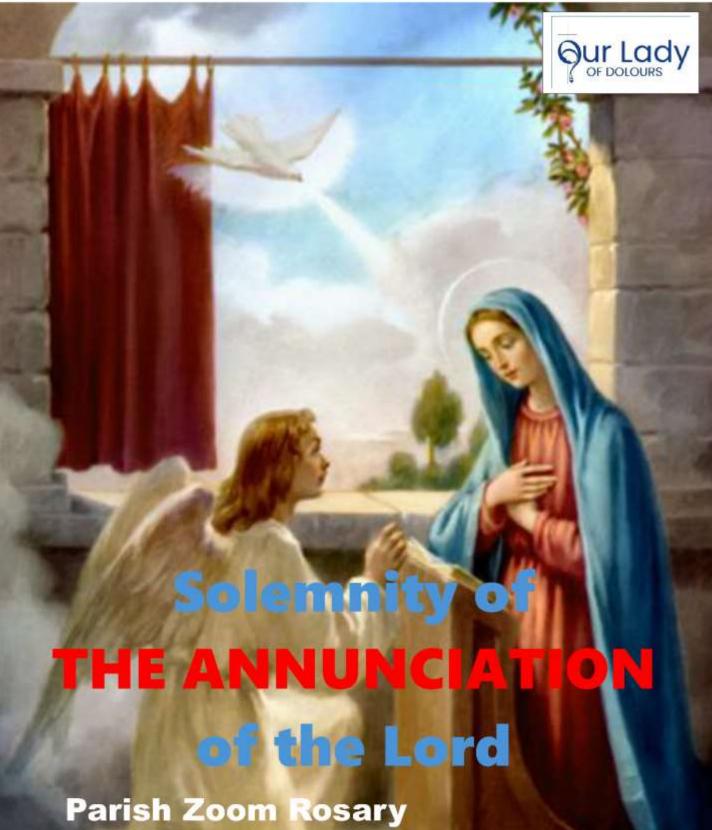
You are invited to join our Spiritual Growth Book Club. Come along and journey together with other parishioners, nourished by readings which deepen our faith and spirituality.

- · 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.

# Our Leading Reflective Lives Ministry Circle



Parish Zoom Rosary Tuesday, 25 March 2025 at 8 pm Link - <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8034195601</u> Meeting ID: 8034195601, no password required

# Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle



#### Alpha Commences Monday 3 March "What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith. Alpha is based on hospitality, sharing and prayer. Each session includes a meal, a DVD presentation and small group discussion, where no question is too trivial or controversial.

Alpha is not so much a course, but an EXPERIENCE!

Gathering once a week, each Alpha experience brings together people from every walk of life.

The format of Alpha is always the same. We begin each Alpha gathering by sharing a meal, we watch a video and then have a small group discussion.





Our Lady's Ladies Meets on the 3rd Friday of the month in the Magnificat Meeting Room

Our first gathering for the year was last week!

Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle

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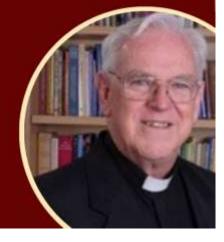
# A SERIES OF TALKS WITH BISHOP DAVID WALKER





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.



# Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle

Photos from our wonderful parish pilgrimage to the historic churches of the Philippines. Grateful for your prayer and support!







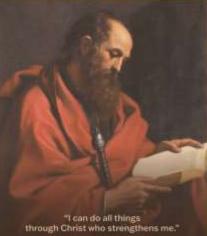




## A round and A bout

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL Bishop of Broken Bay Invites you to the Ordination of

#### Kevin McGregor to the Order of Diaconate



7:30pm, Tuesday, 4 March 2025 Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara **Refreshments following Mass** RSVP: Friday, 21 February 2025 events@bbcatholic.org.au

You are



Bishop Danny Meagher

09:15 AM	Mass
09:45 AM	Morning Tea (Parish Hall)
10:15 AM	Reflection Talk
11:00 AM	Silent Holy Hour
12:00 PM	with Adoration, Confession Benediction
12:00 PM	Lunch (Parish Hall)

Enrich your Lent this year. Parishioners and friends are invited to join Bishop Danny Meagher for a special Lenten reflection morning.

St. Michael's Catholic Parish, Lane Cove



Register with the QR code to help us plan for catering

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### invited... 2025 East Coast Mariapolis

The Tops Conference Centre 51 Bendena Gardens Stanwell Tops NSW 2508

From: Good Friday, 18 April (after dinner) To: Easter Monday, 21 April (after lunch)

"I have been created as a gift for those around me and those around me have been created by God as a gift for me." (Chiara Lubich, 1949)

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Focolare: https //focolare.org.au 

The Mariapolis is an annual multi-day gathering organised by the Focolare all over the world.

It is a time of spiritual nourishment and renewal open to everyone: adults, families, young people and children; those who are new to Focolare spirituality and those who know it for a while.

It's a chance to live in a spirit of fellowship and experience unity through shared life experiences, spiritual input and living the Gospel together during the different activities.

It is a place and time to experience what it would be like to live in a world where relationships based on Gospel values, especially that of loving one another, are at the centre.

More information available on online booking form: https://forms.gle/L8YTa468SfHPXTSp6 Book by Sunday 16 March to avail of early bird prices! Last booking date Thursday 3 April.

> For gueries, please contact the Focolare: Ph: (02) 8971 8373 Email: sydney.f@focolare.org.au

# Parish Contact Information

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

Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and Reconciliation 7.00pm