

# LENT

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*Sunday 23 March 2025 — Third 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.

如果你們不悔改，你們都要同樣喪亡。 路加福音 13:5  
If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!  
**Luke 13:5**

Thanks again to all those so diligently saving their stamps and leaving them in the Piety Store. They have generated quite an amazing amount of funds for the work of the Sisters of St Joseph, particularly in Peru.



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

## Masses This Week

Monday	24 March	12.30pm	Monday of Lent Week 3
Tuesday	25 March	9.00am and 12.30pm	<b>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</b>
Wednesday	26 March	9.00am and 12.30pm	Wednesday of Lent Week 3
Thursday	27 March	9.00am and 12.30pm	Thursday of Lent Week 3
Friday	28 March	7.00am, 9.00am and 12.30pm	Friday of Lent Week 3
Saturday	29 March	9.00am and 5.30pm	Saturday of Lent Week 3
Sunday	30 March	Usual times	Fourth Sunday of Lent

## Please Remember in our Prayer

### For those recently died:

Ivan Bacic; 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.

### 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:

Roybn Morrow; Emily Mary Yee Joy; Philomena Clarke; Braulio Dela Fuente; Emily Mary Yee Joy; John Luxton (husband of Sally Luxton, 19 March); Raymond Grannall; Edna Kenna; Bartolo Paino; Aida Freeman; Normand Erlex Hernandez Mallillin; Jakica Bacic; Manuel Antonio Gaspar (husband of Odete Gaspar).

## Upcoming Events in our Parish

Monday	24 March	Alpha Commences from 6.30pm in Magnificat Meeting Room
Tuesday	25 March	Parish Online Rosary for Solemnity of the Annunciation 8.00pm
Friday	28 March	Day and Night of Adoration and Reconciliation in our church Taizé Prayer Evening at Mercy College Chapel from 6.00pm—6.45pm Spiritual Growth Book Club recommences at 7.30pm in Magnificat Meeting Room
Saturday	29 March	Inaugural Meeting of HOPE Reflection Group on Word of God at 1.30pm Final Presentation of Bishop Walker on The Gospel of Matthew at 3.30pm Commencement of annual Jesuit Refugee Services Food Drive
Sunday	30 March	Second Scrutiny for our Catechumens at 10.30am Mass Inaugural Community Lunch following Sunday 10.30am Mass Commencement of Baptism Program for children aged 6-12 years
Thursday	3 April	Seniors Morning Tea with Meditation with Fr Hien Vu
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5 April</b>	<b>Parish-in-Council 6 (registrations now open)</b>
Monday	7 April	Parish and Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Retreat Day
Sunday	13 April	Palm Sunday

## *From Fr David*

Dear friends,

We have some fifty people celebrating their initiation into our Catholic Church this Easter, including 41 people being baptized. This is quite extraordinary and shows the vitality of the Spirit of God in our midst. Most of our catechumens and candidates have been involved in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults since last November. On the First Sunday of Lent, 10 March they were presented to Bishop Randazzo in the Rite of Election during which their names were inscribed in the Book of the Elect. Now, on the Third Sunday of Lent we welcome them to the 10.30am Eucharist to undertake the first of three Scrutinies. These are ancient prayers for those preparing for Baptism and they are a wonderful way for our community to acknowledge their journey and to surround them with our own prayer. They are prayed on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent.

Last Wednesday our parish hosted a second Youth in Council for over 100 senior students from Mercy College and Pius X College. Using the same methodology of our Parish-in-Council, the students entered conversation with one another on the theme of Hope. A very special thank you to our Animating Circle who facilitated the entire morning. Our next Youth in Council will be on Thursday 22 May, and we will enjoy a third one for this year later, too.

On the evening of Wednesday 19 March over five thousand people gathered outside Parliament House to protest a Bill which has now been introduced into Parliament which could oblige Catholic hospitals to conduct abortions and force doctors and nurses employed by the hospital to carry out these abortions despite their personal objections. My special gratitude to our Marian Action Group, and Michael and Cecilia O'Connell for facilitating our own parish participation in this occasion. As they shared with me, it was a powerful expression of the opposition to such a bill which takes away from Catholic hospitals the right to determine their actions according to Catholic principles and values. The protest on Wednesday was a great show of opposition to the Bill but of course most people would have been unable to attend at the given time and location. It is of the greatest importance that all Catholics express their opposition to this Bill by emailing or writing to the Premier (Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000) and their Local Member to oppose this Bill and to at least modify the existing abortion legislation which ranks amongst the most extreme anti-life laws in the world. The consequences of this Bill being passed by Parliament may strip Catholic hospitals of their ability to conduct their operations in a manner which is true to the Catholic faith, respects the life of every person and obliges doctors and nurses to act contrary to their conscience. In this situation it is imperative that a massive show of opposition to this Bill is forthcoming and so it is hoped that all parishioners will take the trouble to express their opposition to the Premier and their Local Member. The draft of the Bill can be found at <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/bills/Pages/bill-details.aspx?pk=18697> There will be a further demonstration outside Parliament House this coming Wednesday evening, 26 March.

Fridays take on a special significance for us as a Catholic Community during the Season of Lent. Particularly, they are a day of abstinence when we fast from meat. It is also a day on which we might engage in extra prayer and reflection. On the last Friday of the month, this coming Friday 28 March, such will be the opportunity through the day. The Blessed Sacrament is available for Adoration all through the day and night, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available through the day. This particular Friday in Lent is also celebrated as "24 Hours for the Lord". Adoration and Reconciliation will be available especially at our own church and at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

**A reminder, too, that during Lent we have an extra Friday 7.00am Mass available for our spiritual renewal.**



## A Year of Jubilee



### Our Parish church is 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.**

Tuesday	8 April 10.30am - 1.00pm	Parishioners from St John the Baptist Woy Woy
Saturday	26 April—afternoon	Young Adults from Parish of Manly-Freshwater
Friday	9 May—11.50am-12.30pm	70 Students from Redfield College
Sunday	24 May—afternoon	Young Adults from around our Diocese, walking from Lindfield
Sunday	10 August—2pm	Ryde Network of Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney

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**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 (3 nights) • Assisi (3) • Optional Medjugorje extension (5 nights)

Accompanied by  
**Fr David Ranson**

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### 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](http://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.



# 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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### Igniting young hearts



### Inception & Formation

## 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](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)



## OPEN DAY SATURDAY 22 MARCH

**Chatswood Campus 9am - 2pm**  
35 Anderson Street Chatswood

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

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
at [www.spx.nsw.edu.au](http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au)



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## 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.squma@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mona.squma@bbcatholic.org.au) or call Mona on 9410 9000



## 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.





## Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle



On Wednesday 19 March 2025 our parish sponsored and facilitated our second Youth in Council with over 100 students from years 9-12 from Mercy College and Pius X College/ Together we reflected on Hope.



On Friday 21 March 2025 we were joined by 117 students from our Catholic Secondary Colleges on the Central Coast on pilgrimage to our church as the Shrine of Hope we are for your Year of Jubilee. Our pilgrims joined us for dinner, prayer, reflection and Adoration from 5.30pm - 7.30pm. Thank you to all those who helped in welcoming.





## Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle

**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](http://www.lifeandfamily.com.au)

An initiative of **Life and Family Institute**  
Ph 02 9002 0354 [info@lifeandfamily.com.au](mailto:info@lifeandfamily.com.au)  
together with **TFP - Australia Needs Fatima & Servants of Mary Help of Christians**

**Archbishop Anthony Fisher** **Cardinal Mykola Bychok**

### February Report of our Chatswood St Vincent de Paul

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](mailto:El.Herlianto@vinnies.org.au) or John 0439783956.

### 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](mailto:rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com), Jeanette 0400 092 555.

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / C

23 MARCH 2025

**UNLESS YOU REPENT.** When misfortune strikes people considered to be sinners, others might say: 'They had it coming! God is punishing them!' In today's Gospel Jesus criticises such attitudes on two grounds. Firstly, it is wrong to see the wrath of God in every tragic event. Secondly, we need to recognise that we are all guilty of sin and in need of conversion. Instead of judging others, let us ask God to forgive our sins and help us as we undertake the difficult task of reform.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 24:15-16

**My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**

## 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.

**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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.**

*The Gloria is not said during Lent.*

## COLLECT

P. O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, by your mercy.

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

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

*This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESP PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11. R. v. 8

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**



2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, / gives judgement for all who are oppressed. / He made known his ways to Moses / and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

4. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / For as the heavens are high above the earth / so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

### SECOND READING

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

*All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## GOSPEL

Lk 13:1-9

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.**

*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

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. Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. 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 OR II 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: 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 83:4-5

**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from

on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

#### A CHANGE OF HEART

Last week our Lenten focus was on prayer. This Sunday is about conversion and a change of heart. In the first part of today's reading, Jesus reminds his audience that suffering or persecution is not the result of guilt or sin. Terrible events remind us to have a spirit of repentance. "Repentance" is more of an openness of heart and mind to God, the essential and primary quality of a disciple, and less the codified legalistic need to address one's infringement of ethical or moral standards.

The second part of today's Gospel moves in an ecological direction. Repentance implies ecological conversion. The parable of the fig tree and its owner highlights the attitude of its owner to what is grown on his property. He sees the tree as unproductive and therefore unable to provide a cash return. The owner is greedy. Earth's gift, the tree, is seen as a commodity whose lack of fruitfulness means for the landowner that it is to be "cut down" because it is "taking up the ground" (literally in the Greek, "using up Earth").

What appears as ecological sensitivity is rather an economic or materialistic agenda. But the one who cares for the Earth and the tree, its gardener, offers a more viable and environmental friendlier solution. Leave the tree, offer it fertiliser, and it may bear fruit in the future. He pleads for patience for Earth's fruitfulness. This is instructive for contemporary disciples: tender horticultural practice that cares for Earth is preferred to pragmatic, utilitarian destruction.

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](mailto: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





# **FREE BBQ LUNCH !**



**Sunday 30 March  
12.00 p.m.**

**Kirk St Chatswood  
at the side of the church**

**ALL WELCOME**



All children love chocolate except those that make it under working conditions labelled 'slave labour' by UNESCO. As an Earthcare Parish, we are committed to using our buying power to limit exploitation of the poor and the planet. Some of the biggest makers and sellers of chocolate Easter Eggs have the worst record for using child labour, paying very low wages to cocoa farmers and/or destroying native forest in Africa, especially in Ghana and the Ivory Coast. One way to identify ethically-sourced and produced Easter Eggs and chocolate is by looking for one or more of these symbols



Companies given a 'Progressing in policy and practice' rating by Be Slavery Free include Ferrero, Mars Wrigley, Nestle and Hershey whereas Lindt is rated 'Needs to do better' and Cadbury and David Jones were both scored by Be Slavery Free as 'Trailing in Policy and Practice'. To find out more, go to the website for Be Slavery Free, a consortium of Australian universities, consultants and civil society groups: <https://www.chocolatescorecard.com/scorecards/>



## **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  
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## 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 : **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 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.

**Leading  
reflective lives**



**Prayer &  
Spirituality**



## Our Leading Reflective Lives Ministry Circle

 **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.*



Join us for a very special evening  
at Mercy College for

**Taize Prayer**

Friday 28 March 6pm-6.45pm

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY, PARISHIONERS  
AND FRIENDS IN A SERVICE OF SONG, SILENCE AND CONTEMPLATION.  
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE.

In the Mercy Chapel

Followed by light refreshments



*"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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# HOPE

A REFLECTION GROUP CONTEMPLATING THE  
**WORD OF GOD IN OUR LIVES**



**Commencing 1:30pm Saturday 29 March**



**Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church**

St Paul Room 96 Archer Street Chatswood

"Hope Gospel Reflection Group" will commence its first gathering at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 29th, 2025, at St Paul's Room.

This is a small discussion group with 10 – 12 members. The Holy Spirit is the teacher and the group leader facilitates the discussion.

This two-hour gathering is an opportunity to read the Gospel for the coming week, reflect upon it, and share personal insights, reflections from the heart, and your life experiences that tie in with the Gospel.

It concludes with a Rosary Prayer which includes praying for family and friends in need.

Please get in touch with Hannah Fong by email:  
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## Our Nurturing our Relationships Ministry Circle



Birthday Celebrations for Lisa in our Parish Choir



**Our Lady OF DOLOURS**

**SENIORS & GRANDPARENTS**

**APRIL**

**Morning Tea**

**3 APRIL 10 am**

Join us for a special morning and meditation with Fr Hien Vu. treat yourself to delicious food, Tea hot coffee, and Easter activity.

**Parish Magnificat room**

For any queries contact Mona [mona.sajouma@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mona.sajouma@bbcatholic.org.au)

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Ordination of Fr Rosan Mathew as priest of the Diocese of Broken Bay  
Wednesday 19 March 2025





# 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.*

<https://www.mglsisters.org/events/#carmel-house-retreats>

## **Behold Day Retreat**

Saturday 26th April

*"BEHOLD, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5)*

*Take a day to reflect on the incredible gift offered to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and allow God's love and mercy to bring new life.*

[trybooking.com/CZPVW](https://trybooking.com/CZPVW)

## **Jubilatio Pentecost Intensive**

Wednesday 4th June - Sunday 8th June

*"Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit"*

*Come and encounter the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Experience a time of deep renewal and joy as we celebrate and embrace the gift of the Spirit through fellowship, inputs, prayer and practical workshops.*

[trybooking.com/CZPVZF](https://trybooking.com/CZPVZF)

## **Delight Creative Retreat**

Friday 10th - Sunday 12th October

*Spend time with the God who delights in you and be transformed and restored through a range of creative prayer experiences. Enjoy creativity, play and rest and allow God to recreate you.*

[trybooking.com/CZPWS](https://trybooking.com/CZPWS)

## **Immerse Silent Retreat**

Friday 31st October - Sunday 2nd November

*Dive deep into the graces of silence and contemplation. Immerse yourself in the love of God who waits for us to abide in Him. Join with the Saints and complete the Jubilee Year with a retreat focused on redemption, rest and refreshment.*

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## A round and About



**SCHOENSTATT**  
AUSTRALIA

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



OFFICIAL PILGRIMAGE SITE  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE  
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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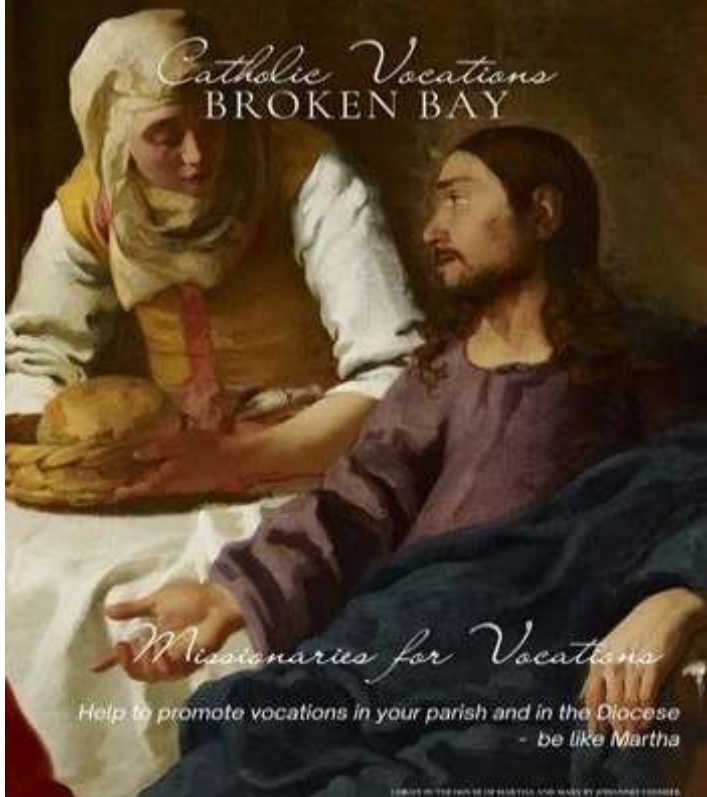
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Thursday 15 May 2025 | 9am - 1pm  
Register now  
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### 150 Years of Loreto in Australia – Travelling Exhibition at Loreto Normanhurst

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 <b>(The Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated after Mass each Wednesday evening Mass and on the 3rd Wednesday of the month)</b>
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.