

LENT  
Door of Mercy

*Sunday 30 March 2025 — Fourth 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.

我個兒子是死而復生，失而復得了；他們就歡宴起來。 路加福音 15:24

This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found. **Luke 15:24**

**Our Flower Donation This Week**

Christopher & Bernadette Yee Joy and Alexander & Kim Yee Joy  
in their Mother's First anniversary of death- Emily Mary Yee Joy on 27 March

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

## Masses This Week

Monday	31 March	12.30pm	Monday of Lent Week 4
Tuesday	1 April	9.00am and 12.30pm	Tuesday of Lent Week 4
Wednesday	2 April	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm	Wednesday of Lent Week 4
Thursday	3 April	9.00am and 12.30pm	Thursday of Lent Week 4
Friday	4 April	7.00am, 9.00am and 12.30pm	Friday of Lent Week 4
Saturday	5 April	9.00am and 5.30pm	Saturday of Lent Week 4
Sunday	6 April	Usual times	Fifth Sunday of Lent

## Please Remember in our Prayer

### For those recently died:

Max Cowell (Linda & Jeanette Cowell's 90 yo uncle in London); 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:

Edward Abanilla; Ruben Gabila; 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

Sunday	30 March	Commencement of annual Jesuit Refugee Services Food Drive 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
Monday	31 March	Alpha continues from 6.30pm in Magnificat Meeting Room
Thursday	3 April	Seniors Morning Tea with Meditation with Fr Hien Vu
Friday	4 April	Divine Retreat Centre Healing Mass and Service 6.30pm– 8.30pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5 April</b>	<b>Parish-in-Council 6 (registrations now closing)</b> First Saturday Public Rosary on our church Forecourt 3.45pm
Sunday	6 April	Third Scrutiny for our Elect at 10.30am Mass
Monday	7 April	Parish and Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Retreat Day Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium Liturgy of Light and celebration
Sunday	13 April	Palm Sunday
Wednesday	16 April	Candlelit Stations of the Cross in Parish Precinct 7.30pm
Thursday	17 April	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	18 April	Stations of the Cross on Chatswood Concourse at 10.30am

## From Fr David

Dear friends,

Last Monday the ABC Religious Affairs department visited us at our Shrine of Hope for an interview on Carlo Acutis. The interview will be part of a larger presentation on Carlo Acutis to be aired at the time of his canonisation on 27 April. We are now on the 'countdown' to this important moment, and we are already preparing for the celebration. We have confirmed that **Cardinal Soane Patita Paini Mafi, Archbishop of Tonga, will join us for our Sunday 5.30pm Mass on 27 April**, along with Bishop Randazzo and many clergy. This last week, we have formed a joint school orchestra between Mercy and Pius X College students to lead us in the music for the occasion, along with our Parish Choir. And soon we will publish the full details of the week-long celebration. We pray that this will be an event that brings our whole community many blessings.

Carlo teaches us that holiness isn't about being flawless—it's about being faithful. Carlo embodied this truth. He believed everyone is called to be a saint, not by escaping the world but by transforming it through love. He made daily choices to serve God and others: helping those in need, defending the bullied, and treating everyone with kindness. His life reminds us that sanctity isn't reserved for the few—it's an invitation extended to all of us, here and now. *Carlo wasn't perfect, but he was persistent.* When he fell short, he didn't dwell in disappointment—he sought forgiveness in Confession and continued striving for virtue. His journey assures us that holiness remains possible even amid our failures, as long as we keep turning back to God. Sanctity seeks not those without flaws but those with the courage to begin again.. So let us ask ourselves, "What single step can I take today toward greater holiness?"

Our Parish, along with all other parishes in our Diocese of Broken Bay, are preparing to migrate to a new parish database. Our current one, called PACS, has come to the end of its life and our Diocese has engaged a partnership with the Archdiocese of Melbourne to bring each parish onto a new database called PACEM. This new database will provide our parish with much greater functionality for a range of ordinary operations such as with sacramental preparation records, and financial recording too. It will help us greatly with the support of our many pastoral associations too. As we might imagine, the task of migrating from one system to another is no small thing. However, it is a great opportunity to ensure our records are as accurate and as current as can be. To this end, we are conducting a Parish Census over the next few weeks. Please do complete the Census Card available in the pews of the church and leave it in one of the white boxes around the church. This will ensure that we are able to keep in contact with you, too. A QR code appears below if people would like to complete their details through this method.

This week, we have 72 children celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, as part of their longer journey to celebrating the Eucharist for the first time in June. We have four liturgies for them on Tuesday and Thursday evenings this week. We keep them in our prayer with gratitude to God for their witness of the importance of this beautiful Sacrament of God's mercy.



Please complete our Parish Census  
Either through this QR Code or by the pew cards



**6 Apr 2025 - Daylight Saving  
Time Ends.**

At **3:00:00 am** clocks are turned **backward 1**  
hour

## 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.



# LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

## 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. **Registrations close this weekend, don't miss out!**



## 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



**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.souma@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mona.souma@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](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)

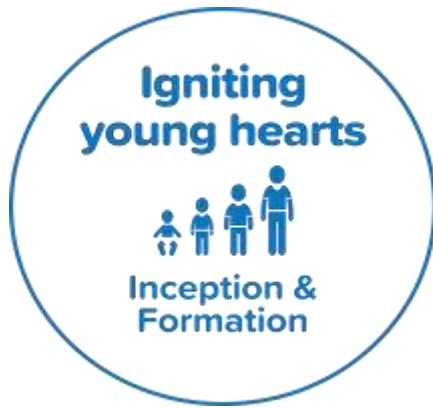


## Children's Sacramental Program Reconciliation 2025





## Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle



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 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  
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# **FREE BBQ LUNCH !**



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

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

## **ALL WELCOME**

Our parish's inaugural Community BBQ takes place at the Kirk St side of the Church this Sunday after the 10.30 Mass ends. The Community BBQ is an outreach to any and all who live in the area. Please invite people you know who would like a free meal, fresh and hot, and any one who is lonely or in need of company and a chat.



# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

30 MARCH 2025

**THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS.** The story of the prodigal son confirms Jesus' words that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The joyful and lavish banquet prepared by the father to celebrate his son's return is a symbol of the heavenly banquet. In this story the older son cuts himself off from the banquet. Unable to forgive like his father, he chooses to stay outside in his own private hell. May we know the joy of forgiveness and the joy of forgiving.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Isa 66:10-11

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling  
breast.**

## 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.

**R. Amen.**

*The Gloria is not said during Lent.*

## COLLECT

P. O God, who through your Word reconcile  
the human race to yourself in a wonderful  
way, grant, we pray, that with prompt  
devotion and eager faith the Christian  
people may hasten toward the solemn  
celebrations to come. 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** Josh 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua  
*The people of God went to the promised land  
and there kept the passover.*

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have taken  
the shame of Egypt away from you."

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal  
and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth  
day of the month, at evening in the plain  
of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover  
they tasted the produce of that country,  
unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn,  
that same day. From that time, from their  
first eating of the produce of that country, the  
manna stopped falling. And having manna  
no longer, the Israelites fed from that year  
onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 33:2-7. R. v. 9

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his  
praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my  
soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall  
hear and be glad. **R.**

2. Glorify the Lord with me. / Together let  
us praise his name. / I sought the Lord and  
he answered me; / from all my terrors he set  
me free. **R.**

3. Look towards him and be radiant; / let  
your faces not be abashed. / This poor man  
called; the Lord heard him / and rescued him  
from all his distress. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 2 Cor 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul  
to the Corinthians

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new  
creation; the old creation has gone, and now  
the new one is here. It is all God's work. It  
was God who reconciled us to himself through  
Christ and gave us the work of handing on  
his reconciliation. In other words, God in  
Christ was reconciling the world to himself,  
not holding men's faults against them, and  
he has entrusted to us the news that they are  
reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ;  
it is as though God were appealing through  
us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's  
name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake  
God made the sinless one into sin, so that in  
him we might become the goodness of God.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Lk 15:18

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus  
Christ!**

**I will rise and go to my father and tell him:**



**Father, I have sinned against heaven and  
against you.**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus  
Christ!**

## GOSPEL

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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.**

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all  
seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he  
had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes  
complained. "This man" they said "welcomes  
sinners and eats with them." So he spoke this  
parable to them:

"A man had two sons. The younger said to  
his father, "Father, let me have the share of  
the estate that would come to me." So the  
father divided the property between them. A  
few days later, the younger son got together  
everything he had and left for a distant  
country where he squandered his money on  
a life of debauchery.

"When he had spent it all, that country  
experienced a severe famine, and now he  
began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself  
out to one of the local inhabitants who put  
him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he  
would willingly have filled his belly with the  
husks the pigs were eating but no one offered  
him anything. Then he came to his senses and  
said, "How many of my father's paid servants  
have more food than they want, and here am  
I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and  
go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned  
against heaven and against you; I no longer  
deserve to be called your son; treat me as one  
of your paid servants." So he left the place  
and went back to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father  
saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to  
the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed  
him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father,  
I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
I no longer deserve to be called your son." But  
the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring



out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

"The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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. We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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 AND 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: 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

Lk 15:32

**You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy

and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. 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

### GOD'S LAVISH DELIGHT

This Sunday's Gospel brings us to the very heart of Luke's teaching—forgiveness and God's delight in the return of the sinner. The Gospel's introduction sets the scene: Jesus attracts and dines with moral reprobates. Is this mirroring what's happening with Luke's householders as they gather for the Lord's Supper? Like Jesus, are they too being criticised by religious legislators?

Three parables follow. Our focus is on the third, the parable of two lost sons. Preachers often exclusively focus on the young son who demands his inheritance to leave the farm for a life of pleasure. The son is virtually treating his father as though dead when inheritances were usually bequeathed. He wants to completely cut family ties. We know what follows. The son's need to address his chronic hunger and loneliness sitting with Earth's most unclean creature, the pig, brings him to acknowledge his wrongdoing. He wants to return to his father's farm not as a son but as a hired hand.

The father's longing for his son's return is palpable and completely upturns social expectation. It reflects God's visceral response to the lost one who returns. The second older son is also lost. His adamant rejection of his younger brother's behaviour and his unwillingness to join the celebration of the brother's return flags an attitude circulating in Luke's world. The father's plea to this son for a change of heart is also a plea to the Gospel audience: Are we able to celebrate the joy of God's lavish delight over those we would prefer to exclude?

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





## Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle



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/>



Our parish was represented at the March for Unborn Life on Sunday 23 March. Sienna Klarica writes:

The procession was a beautiful testament to the true love so many people have for the vulnerable lives in our world. It was peaceful and harmonious, filling me with hope for Australia's future. Seeing people of all ages united in prayer for a cause greater than ourselves was incredibly uplifting.



### 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](mailto:carlagageler@outlook.com)





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WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US FOR

# HOLY WEEK

SUN

APRIL

**13**

**Palm Sunday**

TUES

APRIL

**15**

**7PM**

**Mass of the Oils**

OLOR Cathedral -  
27 Yardley Ave Waitara

WED

APRIL

**16**

**7PM**

**Stations of the Cross**  
by Candlelight

THURS

APRIL

**17**

**7PM**

**Mass of the**  
**Lord's Supper**

FRI

APRIL

**18**

**10:30AM**

**Stations of the Cross at**  
**Chatswood Concourse**

FRI

APRIL

**18**

**3PM**

**Solemn**  
**Commemoration of the**  
**Lords Passion**

SAT

APRIL

**19**

**7PM**

**Easter Vigil**

SUN

APRIL

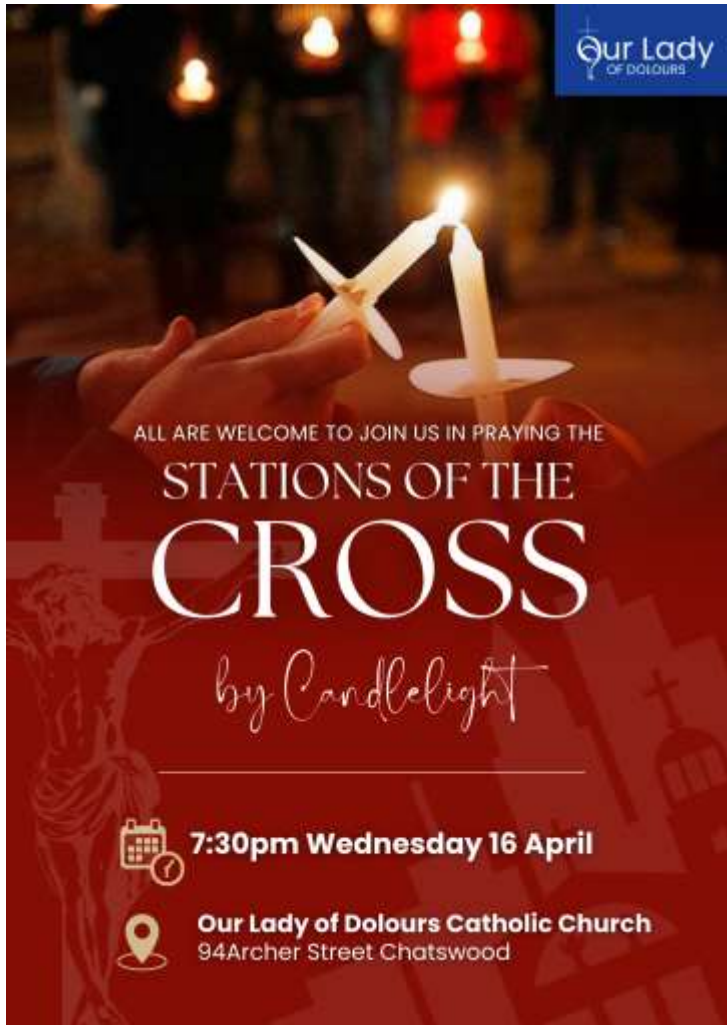
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**Easter**

7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM  
*No evening Mass*





## Our Worshipping Together Ministry Circle

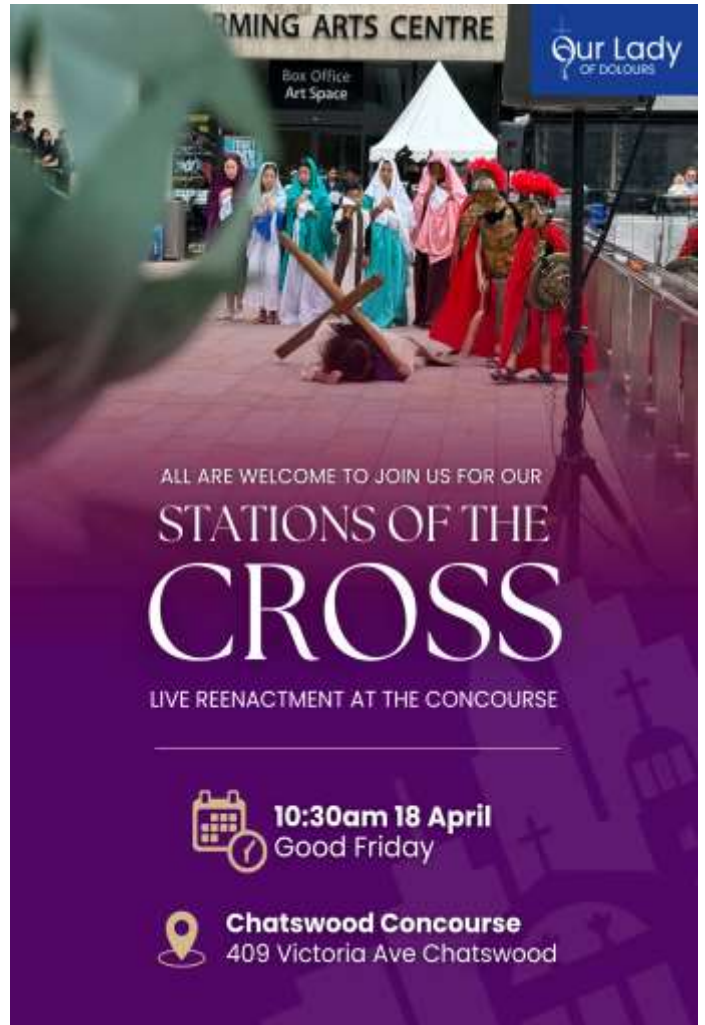


Our Lady  
OF DOLOURS

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US IN PRAYING THE  
**STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS**  
*by Candlelight*

 **7:30pm Wednesday 16 April**


 **Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church**  
94 Archer Street Chatswood




FORMING ARTS CENTRE  
Box Office  
Art Space

Our Lady  
OF DOLOURS

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR OUR  
**STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS**  
LIVE REENACTMENT AT THE CONCOURSE

 **10:30am 18 April**  
Good Friday

 **Chatswood Concourse**  
409 Victoria Ave Chatswood

*"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)

 **ST FAUSTINA  
KOWALSKA**

 **ST TERESA  
OF CALCUTTA**

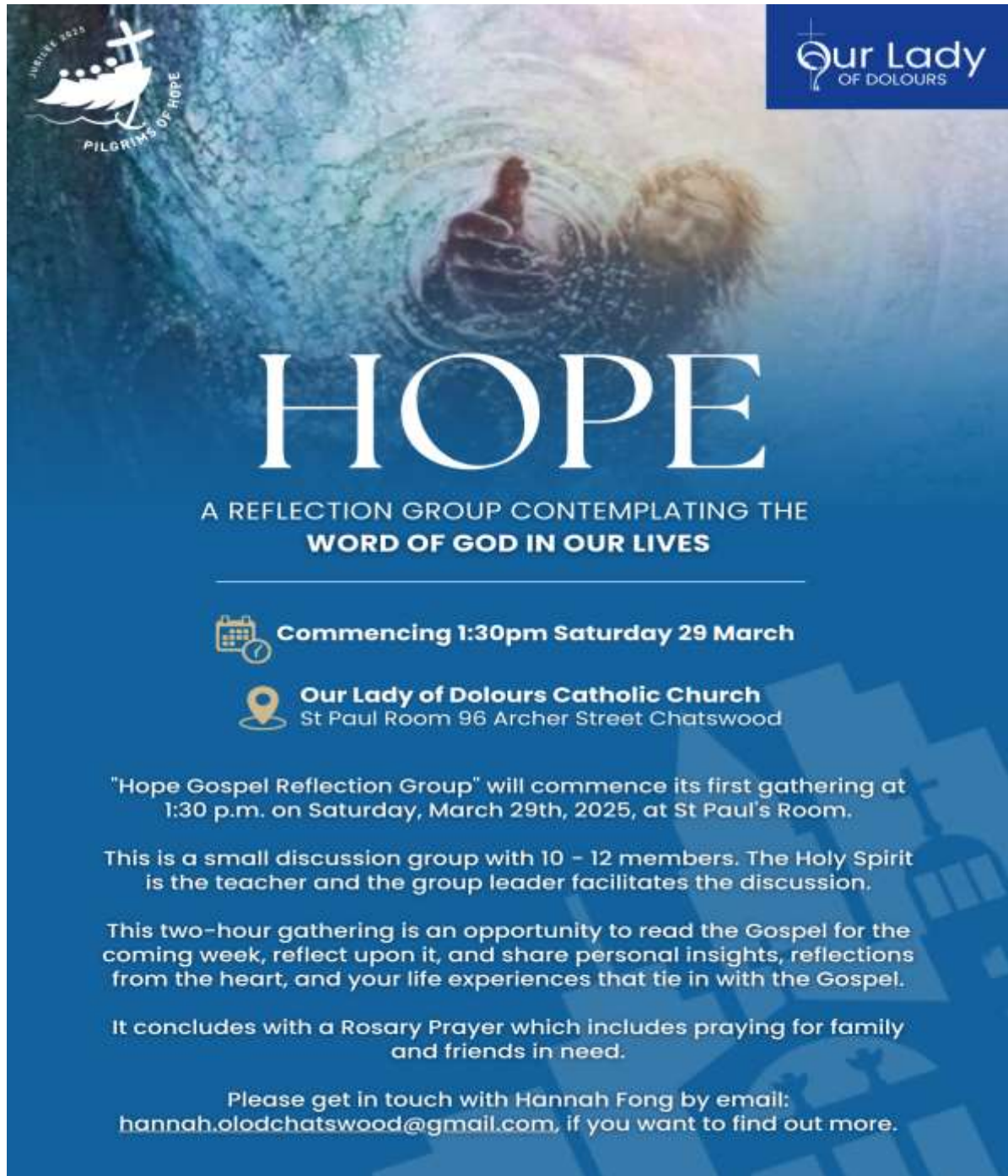
**VISIT THE SHRINES AT DRC, SOMERSBY.  
OPEN FROM 8.00AM TO 6.00PM.**

 **DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE**  
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Tel: 02 4372 1598, email [drcsydney@gmail.com](mailto:drcsydney@gmail.com)  
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The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.





## Our Leading Reflective Lives Ministry Circle



**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:  
[hannah.olodchatswood@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.olodchatswood@gmail.com), if you want to find out more.



Here are the two screenshots of those who attended our online Parish Rosary for the Solemnity of the Annunciation last Tuesday. At one point we had 66 screens. We had people joining the rosary from across our diocese and including Taree and Melbourne in Australia, as well as Singapore and the Philippines overseas.



## Growing in Faith Ministry Circle



Last Sunday we welcomed our Elect to be biopsied at Easter to our 10.30am Mass for the first of the Three Scrutinies—ancient prayers of blessing for those preparing to be received into the Church. On Saturday 29 March Bishop Walker concluded his series of formation in faith on the Gospel of Matthew. Thank you Bishop David!

### 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).

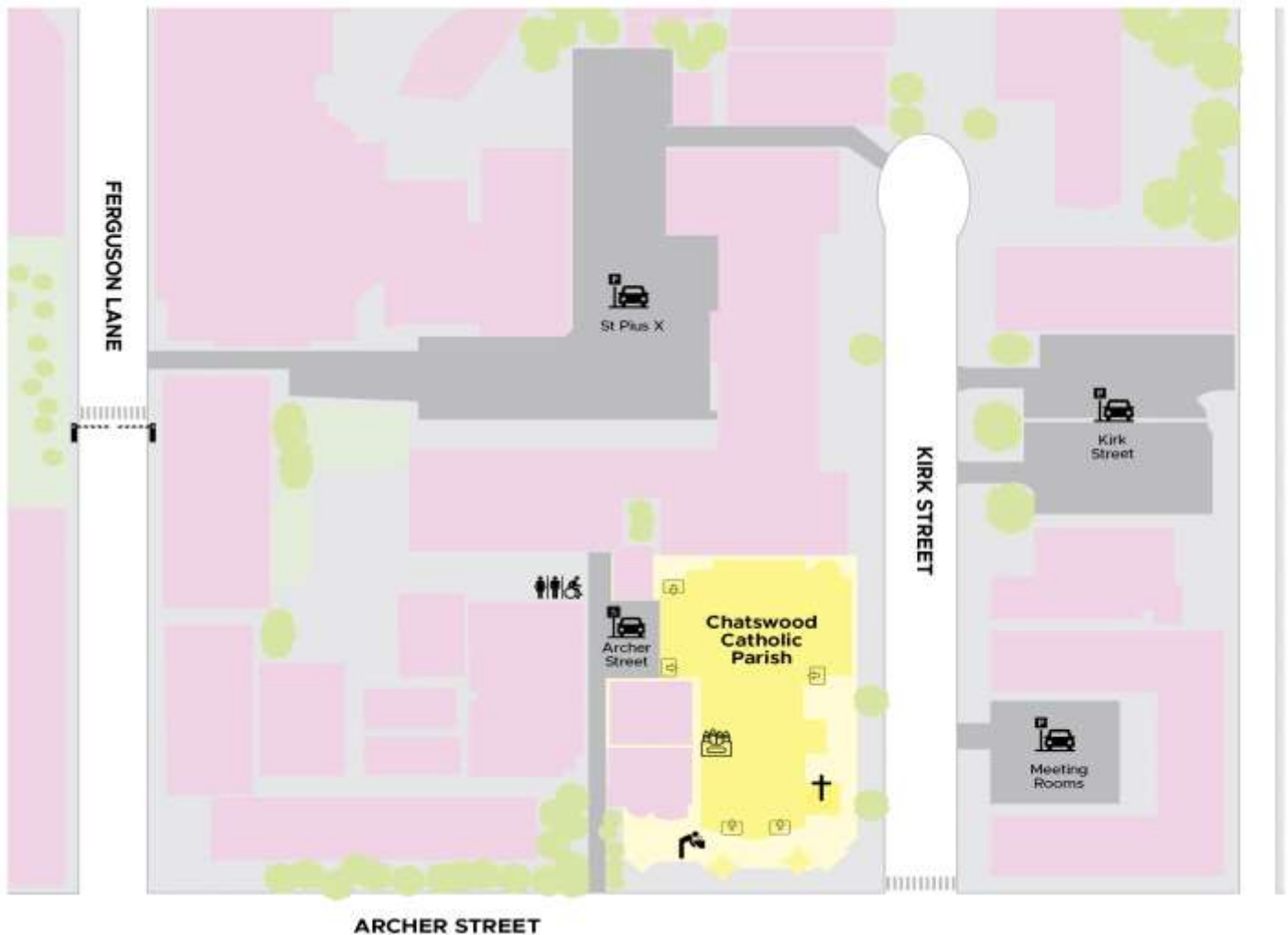
Date : **4 April (Family Group); 11 April (CCA Group)**

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

**Please Note that the Friday Healing Service replaces 7.00pm Stations of the Cross on Friday 4 April**



## Parking at Our Lady of Dolours



After our weekend evening Masses the Pius Carpark is closed about one hour after Mass for the security of the College. Please move your car to the parish car park on Kirk St if you are going to be longer than an hour following Mass.

## Supporting our Parish Financially

Donation for	Description	BSB	Account Number
Clergy Giving (First collection) (support for Clergy)	Chatswood Parish Pastoral Revenue A/C	062-784	100001606
Parish Giving (2nd collection) Planned Giving by EFT & general donation to Parish (support for Parish operation)	Chatswood Parish Working A/C	062-784	100001609

# JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025





## Around 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

02 4773 8338  
MT SCHOENSTATT  
230 FAIRLIGHT RD  
MULGOA  
SCHOENSTATT.ORG.AU



<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.*

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

### Grace and Truth Event

You are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Wednesday, 30 April for an evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship. Open to men and women of all ages. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Sister Elena Marie and Father James Baxter. The event will run from 5-9PM, starting in the crypt of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Fee: \$20. For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org).

### 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.