



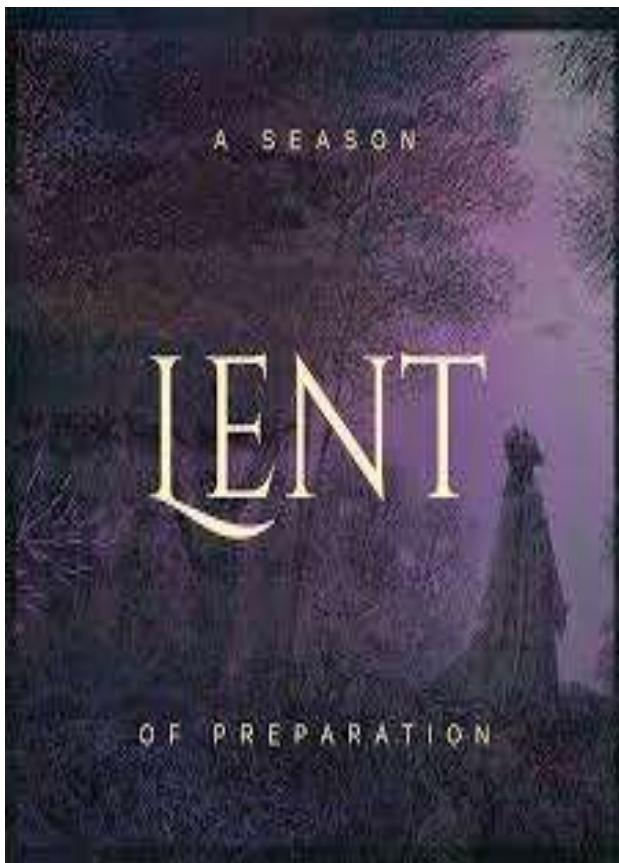
*Sunday 9 March 2025 — First Sunday of Lent*

# 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.

的確，『凡呼號上主名號的人，必然獲救。』。 羅  
馬書 10:13

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."  
**Romans 10:13**



**This Sunday, please do join  
us for Morning Tea  
following our 10.30am  
Mass  
on our Forecourt.**

**Please note that our Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 11 March  
due to staff diocesan in-service day.**

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

## Masses This Week

Monday	10 March	12.30pm	Monday of Lent Week 1
Tuesday	11 March	9.00am and 12.30pm	Tuesday of Lent Week 1
Wednesday	12 March	9.00am, 12.30pm, 6.30pm	Wednesday of Lent Week 1
Thursday	13 March	9.00am and 12.30pm	Thursday of Lent Week 1
Friday	14 March	9.00am and 12.30pm	Friday of Lent Week 1
Saturday	15 March	9.00am and 5.30pm	Saturday of Lent Week 1
Sunday	16 March	Usual times	Second Sunday of Lent

## Please Remember in our Prayer

### For those recently died:

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

### For those who are sick:

Coral Coughlin (wife of Tom); Virginia Purpura; Su de Souza; 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:

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

### Birthday Remembrances:

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

## Upcoming Events in our Parish

Sunday	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
Monday	17 March	Feast Day of St Patrick
Wednesday	19 March	Solemnity of St Joseph Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Rosan Mathew, Cathedral
Friday	21 March	Pilgrimage Visit of Central Coast Schools to our church 6.30pm
Tuesday	25 March	Parish Online Rosary for Solemnity of the Annunciation 8.00pm
Saturday	29 March	Commencement of annual Jesuit Refugee Services Food Drive
Sunday	30 March	Inaugural Community Lunch following Sunday 10.30am Mass
Sunday	30 March	Commencement of Baptism Program for children aged 6-12 years
Saturday	5 April	Parish-in-Council 6 (registrations now open)

## From Fr David

Dear friends,

As I share last week our much-loved Olivia Lee has concluded her current role with us last Friday. Olivia has taken up a new contract with Mary Mackillop Place for communications which is very exacting for her. **The good news is that we, ourselves, are not losing Olivia altogether.** I am delighted to share that Olivia will continue to exercise a presence with us as in Communications and Marketing. This ensures we continue to benefit from her tremendous creativity and passion. Olivia will continue publishing for us our posters and promotional literature as requested and required, as well as, in time, the parish bulletin, and managing our social media presence and electronic noticeboards etc. I express my immense gratitude to Olivia for her continuing involvement with us, for her generosity and vitality have been such a significant part of our growth over the last several years. I know, too, that Olivia will also contribute in voluntary ways in a number of parish groups which is wonderful.

Going forward, we will reframe the full-time position in the office as an Administration and Facilities Officer, responsible for the day-to-day management of the office, ordering of supplies, maintenance, IT, service contacts and curator of Harrington Hall and the meeting rooms and so forth. We will finalise the PD for this in the coming week and commence recruitment shortly after.

Further good news, is that Virginia Purpura, one of our recent Philippines pilgrimage group, who become increasingly unwell during our trip, and needed to be admitted to hospital as we came to the end of our adventure, has now been discharged and is resting with family.

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

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 vocations. Please feel welcome to take one of the booklets, and to use the stamp now in the foyer to mark our own Parish.

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

Others who inspire us this Lent are our 41 Catechumens, those preparing for Baptism at Easter this year. On this Sunday afternoon, 9 March they will be presented at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, to Bishop Randazzo in the ancient Rite of Election with their names inscribed in the Book of the Elect. Then, from the Third Sunday of Lent to the Fifth Sunday they will be presented to our 10.30am Mass for what are called "The Scrutinies" - ancient prayers encouraging them in their final preparation to be washed in the waters of baptism. We keep them all in our prayer, along with several others who have already been baptized but are to be received into the Church this Easter.





## A Year of Jubilee



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

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

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

Other groups that are currently scheduled to visit us:

Friday	21 March at 6.30pm	Students from Central Coast Catholic Schools
Saturday	26 April—afternoon	Young Adults from Parish of Manly-Freshwater
Sunday	10 August—2pm	Ryde Network of Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS • CHATSWOOD CATHOLIC PARISH

**Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi**

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

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

Accompanied by  
**Fr David Ranson**

*the genuine pilgrim experience*

**harvest**  
journeys

### This Weekend 8-9 March is the Jubilee for Volunteers

This weekend is the Jubilee of Volunteering. In the words of the US Catholic Bishops Conference, "volunteers are stewards of the gifts God has given them to advance the work of the Church, to alleviate human suffering, or to contribute to the transformation of the world." At Our Lady of Sorrows we have many avenues for volunteering, whether in service to the liturgy or to the life of the parish, whether by being a catechist or a Vinnies member, a participant in our Freedom Feast or an organiser of Alpha, whether as a leader of a community group or a teacher of conversational English, generous-hearted volunteers are the heartbeat of our parish. This weekend we celebrate them. And what better time than at the start of Lent in this Jubilee Year to think what this means for you. Where may Jesus be calling you to use your gifts to help others? In the resource developed by the United States Bishops Conference for the Jubilee of Volunteering, they include the following reflection:

When confronted about true righteousness and asked, "who is my neighbour?" (Lk 10:29), Jesus shared the timeless parable of the Good Samaritan, "the one who treated (the victim) with mercy," and concluded by simply saying, "Go and do likewise" (Lk 10:37). This is the cornerstone of volunteering, to extend mercy and love to others in imitation of Christ, who "did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mk 10:45). The Christian volunteer is the one who fulfils the Lord's great commandment to "love your neighbour as yourself" (Mt 22:39) and who follows Jesus' golden rule to "do to others as you would have them do to you" (Lk 6:31). Volunteering



# Reimagining 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 refurbishment 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

**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.



**Our Lady OF DOLOURS**

**KINDY Blessing Mass**

**9am 16 MARCH**

**Our Lady of Dolours Church**  
94 Archer St Chatswood

Please bring a plate of food to share and join us after Mass in the school playground for morning tea.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

For any queries contact: 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

### 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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## ST PIUS X COLLEGE OXFORD FALLS CAMPUS

Just 10 kilometres from the main Chatswood Campus, the Oxford Falls Campus features state of the art educational and sporting facilities. Covering six hectares it is the home ground for sport, extracurricular activities and special events.

### The complex features:

#### Sporting

- 2 Indoor Gymsnasiums
- 5 Basketball Courts
- 4 Rugby and Football Fields
- 4 Cricket Nets
- 2 Cricket Wickets (1 Turf and 1 Synthetic)
- 2 Outdoor Tennis / Basketball Courts
- Full Athletics Facilities
- Change rooms

#### Venue

- Multi-Purpose Hall seats 1500
- Full AV, sound and lighting system
- Multi-Purpose Seminar room seats 200
- 2 Function Catering rooms
- 2 Canteens, BBQ facilities
- 2 Classrooms, with full AV facilities
- Kitchen Prep room
- Staff rooms
- Onsite and offsite parking

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

## Our Caring for Our World Ministry Circle



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

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

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

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



## Global Mission: No age limit!

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

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

**Venue:** Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at [palms.org.au/events](https://palms.org.au/events)

**Date:** Thursday 27 March 2025

**Time:** 11 am – 12 pm

**02 9560 5333**

[palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



### Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal

We urgently need your support.

The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza’s people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. **Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal.**

You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](https://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413







# PROTECTING 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](mailto:aikimtan10@gmail.com)

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / C

9 MARCH 2025

**TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL.** The temptations experienced by Jesus in the wilderness were not temptations to moral evil as we usually understand it. They were not temptations to steal or murder or commit adultery. They were far more subtle: to give priority to material comfort, to have power over others, to test God. During Lent, let us take some time to examine our own attitudes: are we giving priority to God or in subtle ways putting ourselves first and God second?

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 90:15-16

**When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.**

## 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. Grant, almighty God, through the yearly  
observances of holy Lent, that we may grow  
in understanding of the riches hidden in  
Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their  
effects. 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

Deut 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
*The confession of faith of the elect.*

Moses said to the people: "The priest shall  
take the pannier from your hand and lay it  
before the altar of the Lord your God. Then,  
in the sight of the Lord your God, you must  
make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He  
went down into Egypt to find refuge there,  
few in numbers; but there he became a nation,  
great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-  
treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted  
harsh slavery on us. But we called on the  
Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard  
our voice and saw our misery, our toil and  
our oppression; and the Lord brought us out  
of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched  
arm, with great terror, and with signs and  
wonders. He brought us here and gave us this  
land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here  
then I bring the first-fruits of the produce  
of the soil that you, Lord, have given me."  
You must then lay them before the Lord your  
God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord  
your God."

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESP PSALM

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v. 15

**R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in  
trouble.**

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the  
Most High / and abides in the shade of the  
Almighty / says to the Lord: 'My refuge, / my  
stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, / no plague  
approach where you dwell. / For you has he  
commanded his angels, / to keep you in all  
your ways. **R.**

3. They shall bear you upon their hands /  
lest you strike your foot against a stone. / On  
the lion and the viper you will tread / and  
trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue  
him; / protect him for he knows my name. /  
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with  
you.' / I will save him in distress and give  
him glory. **R.**



### SECOND READING

Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Romans

*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we  
proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips  
and in your heart. If your lips confess that  
Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart  
that God raised him from the dead, then you  
will be saved. By believing from the heart  
you are made righteous; by confessing with  
your lips you are saved. When scripture says:  
those who believe in him will have no cause  
for shame, it makes no distinction between  
Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord  
who is rich enough, however many ask for his  
help, for everyone who calls on the name of  
the Lord will be saved.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!**

**No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the  
mouth of God.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!**

### GOSPEL

Lk 4:1-13

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.**

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by  
the Spirit through the wilderness where he was  
tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the  
Jordan and was led by the Spirit through  
the wilderness, being tempted there by the  
devil for forty days. During that time he ate  
nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then  
the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of



God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him. 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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. Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them

we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**R. It is right and just.**

### PREFACE OF 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

### COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

**R. Amen.**

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

**R. And with your spirit.**

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

*All exchange a sign of peace*

### LAMB OF GOD

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

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

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

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 4:4

**One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. 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

### FIDELITY TESTED

Today we begin our journey through Lent, the liturgical season leading to the holiest week of the Church's year and Easter. We begin with Luke's story of Jesus' temptation initiated by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is in the wilderness, the place of solitude, the place of 'no place'. Jesus is here for forty days, alone with God.

The scene is reminiscent of Israel's 40-year wilderness sojourn in which its own covenant fidelity to God is tested. The parallel between Israel and Jesus is unmistakable. Moreso, given the three encounters with Satan that Jesus has. Each is found in Deuteronomy in which Israel fails in its covenantal loyalty and trust in God. By contrast, Jesus is not seduced by food, power or status. He remains loyal to God despite Satan's best efforts to seduce, tempt and manipulate Scripture to woo him into reconfiguring his loyalty away from God.

Satan was originally a member of the heavenly court (as, for example, in the Book of Job) whose principal task was to test the loyalty of God's people. Later, under the influence of Near Eastern myths and traditions about winged beings separate from and warring against the gods, Gospel writers have Satan take on a more sinister mission—to tempt people away from God. Jesus is Satan's focus here and, though he leaves the scene completely disempowered by Jesus' commitment to God, will return at the time of Jesus' passion and death. Lent becomes our time to be with Jesus, to enter our Lenten wilderness, to identify what seduces and draws us away from God.

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*

### **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

### Stations of the Cross during Lent

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

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

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

**(Please note that the Divine Retreat Centre Prayer will replace our 7pm Stations of the Cross on 7 March)  
On Friday 21 March Stations will be prayed at 8.00pm**

Friday 7pm	14 March	Indonesian Group	TBC
<b>Friday 8pm</b>	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 Lady OF DOLOURS**

**Solemnity of  
THE ANNUNCIATION  
of the Lord**

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

**Leading  
reflective lives**



**Prayer &  
Spirituality**

*"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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## Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle



### Alpha Commenced 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 OF DOLOURS**

# THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

A SERIES OF TALKS  
WITH BISHOP DAVID WALKER



SATURDAY  
MARCH 15



SATURDAY  
MARCH 22



SATURDAY  
MARCH 29

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

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

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





## *Our Nurturing Relationship Ministry Circle*



**Last Thursday, 6 March at our Seniors Morning Tea, everyone enjoyed meeting Dr Telan and learning about immunization.**

**Our next gathering will be on Thursday, April 3rd, and everyone is welcome to join.**



**Sadly, having been with us for the last couple of years, Juan & Cecilia Alarcon are going back to Ecuador. Juan was in the parish choir. And our choir farewelled them in style. Thank you Jaun for your great contribution to our music ministry!**





## Our Nurturing Relationship Ministry Circle



It is my pleasure to inform you that the Indonesian Community has a new Coordinator: SIDHA SOEHARNO  
email [dsoeharno@yahoo.com.au](mailto:dsoeharno@yahoo.com.au)  
effective 16 February 2025.

As the outgoing Coordinator, I am grateful for all the support and assistance given to me, and I am sure that you will continue to support Sidha as she takes on this role in service to our Lord & the community.

May God bless us all.  
Anny Widagdo  
Indonesian Ex-Coordinator





## 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

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## LENTEN REFLECTION MORNING

*With*  
*Bishop Danny Meagher*

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

**15<sup>TH</sup> | MARCH | 2025**

Register with the QR code to help us plan for catering



*You are  
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)*

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/L8YT468SfHPXTSp6>

**Book by Sunday 16 March to avail of early bird prices!**

**Last booking date Thursday 3 April.**

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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.