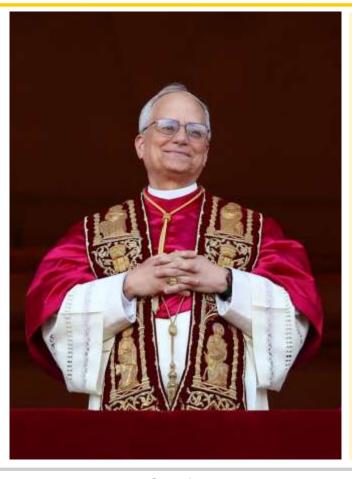


The Catholic Parish of Chatswood 94 A rcher Street Chatswood NSW 2067

# Sunday 11 May 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Easter Welcome!



## Mother's Day

Lord, we give thanks today for the precious gift of motherhood.

We entrust all mothers and motherlike figures to your divine grace in the care and nurture of their families.

Grant unto them the fruits of the Holy Spirit in their sacred role of motherhood.

May our Blessed Mother, embrace them in her love and protection as she did Your son Jesus, so that they may be a source of love, comfort and strength to their families. Amen

Join us for Morning Tea after our 9.00am and 10.30am Masses!

門徒都充滿喜樂和聖神。 **宗徒大事錄 13:52** The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. **Act 15:52** 



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

#### Masses This Week

Monday	12 May	12.30pm	Monday of Week 4 Easter
Tuesday	13 May	9.00am and 12.30pm	Tuesday of Week 4 Easter
Wednesday	14 May	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm	St Mathais, Apostle
Thursday	15 May	9.00am and 12.30pm	Thursday of Week 4 Easter
Friday	16 May	9.00am and 12.30pm	Friday of Week 4 Easter
Saturday	17 May	9.00am and 5.30pm	Saturday of Week 4 Easter
Sunday	18 May	Usual Times	5th Sunday of Easter

#### Please Remember in our Prayer

#### For those recently died:

Tom Rowan; Maria La Greca; Maria Fernandez; Edith Paredes; Suany da Cruz Mariante; Giovanni & Fina Finocchiaro; Melissa Zeitouni; Chris Bekiaris; May Murphy; Krisnawati Tatang; Salvatore Vasile; Jose Maria Montelibano; Rogelio Uy; Precy Ngo; Santana D'souza (Tina's father in India); Matthew Lunn; Carl Raymond Lodero; Hannah Meppem, (wife of William Meppem, daughter-in-law of Bruce); Malcolm Burgess; Anastasia Shevlin; Max Cowell (Linda & Jeanette Cowell's 90 yo uncle in London).

#### For those who are sick:

Ley Peng Tan; Lody Herlianto; Ken Kennedy; 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 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:

Jack Biviano; Michael Widjaja Tjong; Franko Stanich; Marko & Mara Stanich; Siegfried & Michaela Korb; Maria & Hubert Gussnig; Diana Carson; Imelda Calanzo; Jesse James Tangaro; Angelita Calonzo; Alexander Go; Frederick Abenales; Nora Chan; Mary Elaine Manlangit; Rodolfo Dy; Brenda and Graham Ladd; Pietro & Nunzia Culicetta; Luigi & Nunzia Di Mauro; Pietro & Carmela Patane; Antonietta Aloisio; Napoleon Nicdao; Nora Chan; Carlo Suplina; Anthony Dayton Karmelo Milostic; Mark Warnakula; Rodolfo Dy; Charles Kwok Hing Yuen (Sharon Yuen's father); Bernard Le; Mark Warnakula; Eugenie Tai; Adriana Cornelio; Issac Cornelio; Trinidad Reyes; Dominicano Reyes; Patricia Campos.

#### **Birthday Celebrations**

Joan Peev; Leo Barry; Tom Kempley.

#### Upcoming Events in our Parish

Tuesday	20 May	Commencement of Series, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" with Charbel Raish
Wednesday	21 May	Serra Association Mass at 6.30pm followed by dinner and talk by Fr David
Saturday	24 May	8pm Online Rosary for Our Lady Help of Christians
Sunday	25 May	Community Lunch after our 10.30am Mass
Thursday	29 May	"Meet the Architects" - A seminar with the architects assisting us with our church renewal, 7pm in Harrington Hall
Saturday	31 May	Solemn Vespers sung on our church at 4.45pm

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.

#### From Fr David

Dear friends,

We have come to a momentous event: the election of our new Holy Father. Pope Leo XIV. We give God thanks for the remarkable way in which the Spirit continues to lead his Church, and for the gift of a new Shepherd. We keep the Holy Father very much in our prayer in these days of his new pontificate.

Sadly we have had a number of recent deaths in our community. Mary Rowan's brother, Tom has passed away and during the week we learnt of the death of both Mary Fernandez and Maria La Greca who had been a long-term catechist at Mowbray Public. Maria will be farewelled from St Leonard's church, Naramburn on Monday 12 May at 11.00am Eternal rest grant unto our friends, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Today as we celebrate Mothers' Day we show our appreciation for the dignity and special role of mother. As we do so, the NSW Parliament is considering a Bill that would strike at our Christian understanding of the dignity of the human person, the role of mothers and also the right to religious freedom. The Bill being considered by Parliament seeks to expand abortion by compelling all hospitals and medical staff to provide abortion services. This would over-ride the rights of Catholic institutions to be guided by their faith and fails to respect the conscience guiding those working within Catholic institutions. Last Wednesday thousands of people, including Archbishop Anthony Fisher, and other religious leaders gathered outside Parliament House to register their objection to this Bill. Regrettably few parliamentarians have shown any regard for this expression of outrage at the Bill before Parliament which is well on the way to becoming law ./However it is still not too late to stop this Bill becoming law if a sufficient number of people voice their objection to it. The Bill is now moving from the Upper House to the consideration of the Lower House of Parliament. So our hopes of preventing our Parliament from passing into law rest son persuading our local member of Parliament to vote down this bill. Please write, email or ring the Premier Chris Minns (Phone (02) 7225 6000, the leader of the opposition Mark Speakman Phone (02) 9527 1477, <a href="mailto:cronulla@parliament.nsw.gov.au">cronulla@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a> and our local member for Willoughby Tim James (Phone (02) 9439 4199, <a href="mailto:willoughby@parliament.nsw.gov.au">willoughby@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a> demanding that they oppose this Bill.

Do save the date: Thursday 29 May at 7pm in Harrington Hall when we undertake the next step in the journey we have commenced to renew our beautiful church. This next step takes forward the outcomes of our recent Parish-in-Council on Saturday 5 April. On this occasion we will have the opportunity to meet and engage our two church architects who will assist us in our project: Mr John O'Brien and Mr Miguel Parades. During the evening they will share the principles of good church architecture and liturgical design, and share, too, the work that they have undertaken in may other churches. It will be a great opportunity to continue to develop the principles upon which we can base any enhancements for the future.





Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care



"Connecting to the Mission of Jesus Christ!"

MAY 2025 APPEAL









# Our Parish church is designated by Bishop Randazzo as a Shrine of Hope for Young People during the Year of Jubilee.

Saturday 5 April 9am Mass 50 Young Adults from Hornsby Parish

Monday 7 April Parish group from Toukley-Lake Munmorah

Tuesday 8 April 10.30am - 1.00pm Parishioners from St John the Baptist Woy Woy

Thursday 10 April Parish group from St Monica's Parramatta Diocese

Saturday 26 April—afternoon Young Adults from Parish of Manly-Freshwater

Friday 9 May—11.50am-12.30pm 70 Students from Redfield College

Monday 12 May at 10.30am Students from Tangara School for Girls

Sunday 24 May—afternoon Young Adults from around our Diocese, walking from Lindfield

Friday 6 June 10am –11.30am 80 Staff from St Brigid's College, Lake Munmorah

Thursday 19 June, 11.30am—1.00pm 45 x Stage 3 Students from St Thomas and St Philip Neri, Willougby

Sunday 10 August—2pm Ryde Network of Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney

#### 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 <u>www.bbjubilee.com.au</u> website will add a further joyful essence, noting how many pilgrims have completed the Jubilee Shrines of Hope Pilgrimage and which parishes they are from.

#### Jubilee of Musical Ensembles 10 - 11 May 2025

The purpose of celebrating Musical Ensembles in this Year of Jubilee is to become aware of, and give thanks for, the contribution of those who use their musical skills to support and enhance the liturgy, and to serve the community in other ways.

For composers, musicians and singers, that their gifts will help all Christians to sing the song of the Spirit that is in their hearts. We pray to the Lord.

That the community may encourage those with musical gifts to come forward to use them for the liturgy, and for the community. We pray to the Lord.



# Saturday 24 May 2025

Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians

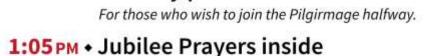


Calling all YOUNG ADULTS (18–35) for a pilgrimage walk from Lindfield to the Jubilee Shrine of Hope for Young People: Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood for an encounter with the Relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the Church's next saint!

## 11:50AM • Meet at Lindfield Village Green

Access via Kochia Lane or Tryon Road from Lindfield Railway Station.

12:30 PM • Halfway point at Roseville Station



Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood

Office of Readings for the Feast, Litany to the Saint,

Prayers for the Jubilee Indulgence.

For more information contact Vincent 0466 917 089



Facebook Event Page



# PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR DIOCESAN SHRINES OF HOPE

Saturday, 14 JUNE 2025 Mass 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Return

This one-day pilgrimage will take us to all four of the designated Shrines of Hope across the Diocese of Broken Bay.

- \$35 Per Person Includes Return Transport.
- . Bring your own snacks and drinks.
- Limited Seats! RSVP by Tuesday, 27 MAY
- Scan QR Code to Register.





ST PATRICK'S, GOSFORD RELIC OF SAINT JOHN PAUL II — SHRINE OF HOPE FOR FAMILIES

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL, WAITARA HEAD OF THE CHURCH OF BROKEN BAY — SHRINE OF HOPE CATHERDRAL

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5: 5



#### May: The Month of Mary



#### Rosary

via Zoom in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians Patroness of Australia

On Saturday 24 May 2025 at 8.00 pm

Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81470345645 Meeting ID: 814 7034 5645, No passcode required

In this month of Mary, as we pray for one another, let's all try to take some practical steps to deepen our devotion to Mary. Maybe that means praying the Rosary more regularly and with more devotion and affection. Perhaps consider joining the rosary group in praying the rosary before/after Mass (see details below). Mary has asked us to pray the rosary daily during all her six apparitions at Fatima between May and October 1917 for peace. Are we listening to her?

Marian Devotions in our Parish:

- Mondays Cenacle rosary of the Marian Movement of Priest at 11.45 am
- Tuesdays Saturdays: Rosary following the 9 am Mass
- Mondays Fridays: Rosary following the 12.30 pm Mass
- Every First Saturday rosary at 4 pm in the forecourt of the church, weather permitting.
- Parish Zoom Rosary at 8 pm led by our parish clergy on some special feast days of Our Lady (next one is on 24 May)
- Inviting the image of Our Lady of Fatima to your home during May for 2 or 3 days and pray as a family (The family that prays together stays together – Fr Patrick Peyton) – see details below).
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help every Saturday at 10 am

Many might see Mary as just another character in the Bible, one who was given a particular task, and when God was finished with her, she faded into the background with the rest of the crowd. But Mary was chosen by God Almighty, long before He spoke this world into existence, long before the fall of Adam and Eve, long before she gave birth to Christ, to be the immaculate vessel through which God would enter our world. She dedicated her entire life and all that she was, to the glory of the Father.

May is Mary's Month. This has been a custom in the Church dating back many centuries. In this special month, in which we will celebrate Christ's Ascension into Heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (the birthday of the Church) in June, it would be great to deepen our devotion to Mary. In the Acts of the Apostles, we see the beautiful image of the early Church united in prayer around "Mary, the mother of Jesus." That was what Jesus wanted as his last wish - that his mother should become our mother. He told the apostle St. John and each one of us: "Behold, your mother!"

If we love Jesus we should make sure that Mary always has an important place in our lives. The Gospel of John says John took Mary into his "own home." We need to do the same. We need to develop a deep personal relationship with Mary - one of love, affection, devotion and trust. We grow in faith and holiness if we stay close to Mary and if we listen to her words and learn from her example. At the Annunciation, Mary told the angel, "Let it be done to me according to your word". She entrusted herself totally to God's will for her life. She made a commitment to cooperate with His will, to be a "handmaid" to His plan of salvation.

Mary teaches us to always look to Jesus. Her last words in the Gospels, at the wedding at Cana, should be the first words that define how we live: "Do whatever he tells you". She welcomed Jesus into her life and gave him to the world. That should also be an example for us. We should be ready always to bring the gift of Jesus to others. Know Mary, know Jesus. No Mary, no Jesus.

Mary is the Queen of Peace, so throughout this month of May and throughout the year let us offer prayers for peace for Australia and in the world. Let us ask Mary's intercession to help us love her as Jesus loved her.

#### Our Sustaining our Future Ministry Circle



In the coming weeks we have two significant building developments occurring.

Firstly, we will undertake the refurbishment of our church Piety Store. This room currently suffers from very poor air flow, and a less than adequate display area. To assist, we will place display cabinets on either side of the piety store door, replace the current door with one matching the other doors in the foyer, and divide the actual piety store room into a sales area and storage area with proper ventilation.

Secondly, we will undertake repair of the front windows of the first floor of the parish office which have been leaking water whenever it rains for many years! This will explain the scaffolding that will be erected. During this time, access to our parish office will need to be through the rear office door.



#### Nurturing our Relationships Ministry Circle





#### Our Leading Reflective Lives Ministry Circle

You are invited to join us pray the rosary nightly via Zoom, without leaving the comfort of your home, if you are not able to join us in person in the church. Our Zoom rosary schedule is as follows:

Monday 8.00 pm Tuesday 7.30 pm Wednesday 8.00 pm

Thursday 8.00 pm (Pro-Life Rosary)

Friday 8.00 pm

Saturday 7.30 pm (Rosary for Vocations)

Sunday 8.00 pm

(In brief the rosary is prayed at 7.30 pm every Tuesday and Saturday and at 8.00 pm the rest of the week.)

#### Zoom Details:

Link - <a href="https://Zoom.us/j/8034195601">https://Zoom.us/j/8034195601</a> or

ID Number – 8034195601 (no passcode required)

Please join us if you can especially during this month of May which is dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary.





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Join us at Our Lady Of Dolours Parish for Fellowship, Prayer, and Community Service.

Discover how you can make a difference.

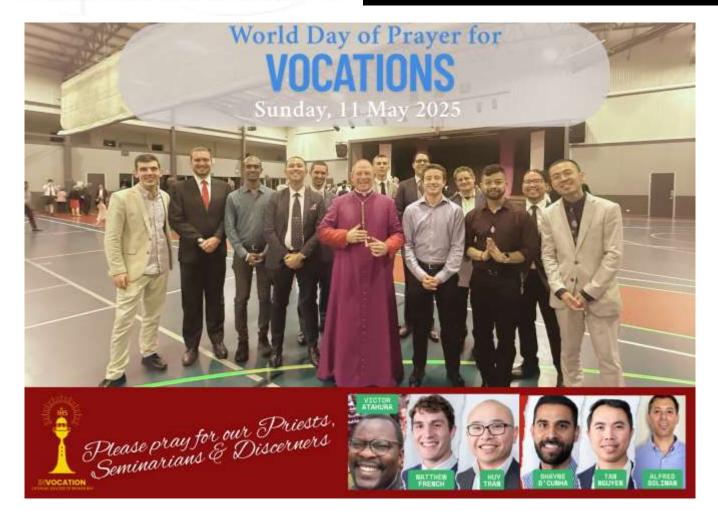
All are welcome!

Every Tuesday at 7:00pm In The Magnificat Room

Contact:

Caroline Lim : 0430 888 598





## Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle



Our Alpha Retreat Day at St Anthony in the Fields, Terrey Hills on Saturday 3 May 2025







#### Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle

# Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. Aided by a unique color-coded Bible Timeline<sup>™</sup> Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan.

Our Lady of Dolours will begin the *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* study on Tuesday 20th May 2025 (7 pm to 9 pm – doors open at 6.45 pm) in the Magnificat Room, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood. Participants will meet every week for 7 weeks to hear Charbel Rais from Parousia Media present, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

The course is free but registration is essential. Scan the QR code on the poster to register on Eventbrite. We hope you can join us.



On Friday 9 May
We were visited by 70 students on
pilgrimage to our shrine of Carlo
Acutis.

On Monday 12 May we will have a number of students with us from Tangara School



# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

11 May 2025

I KNOW MY SHEEP. The apostles faced much opposition as they proclaimed the Good News of Christ. Since then, many Christians have suffered martyrdom in great persecutions. Today's Scripture readings make reference to such difficulties but they also offer a firm message of hope and consolation. The faithful followers of Jesus, those who listen to his voice, will have eternal life. They will never be lost forever or destroyed by evil forces. May these words console us as we strive to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through the joys and struggles of life.

#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

#### **GREETING**

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

#### R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

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. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

#### R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

#### R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: 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.

#### GLORIA

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

#### COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. 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**

Acts 13:14,43-52

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 99:1-3.5

## R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (or Alleluia!)

- I. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. R.
- 2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. R.
- 3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. R.

#### SECOND READING

Apoc 7:9,14-17

## A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL**

Jn 10:27-30

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice:

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,

so that the renewal constantly at work within

may be the cause of our unending joy. 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-V OF EASTER

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

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Jn 20:27

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

and my soul shall be healed.

P. Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

#### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

#### **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

#### **CLAIMED BY THE FATHER**

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, our Gospel attention turns traditionally to John's 'parable' of the Good Shepherd. Each of the lines in today's Gospel deserves special and lingering attention. 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice': The sheep are the members of John's Gospel household. Listening to the voice of Jesus is what links to the next line: Jesus 'knows' those who listen to him. 'Know' refers not to information about, but an intimate link with. Jesus 'knows' with a depth of intimate love.

This intimacy flows over into the experience of 'eternal life' (the next line). It also brings about a communion that leads to identity and 'being found'. If you have ever felt lost, either personally or in life direction, Jesus offers a centre, an eternal promise of identity that will never be taken away. This is the sense behind Jesus' reassurance to John's audience of never 'being stolen'. Those who follow Jesus are claimed by the Father. They will always be found, and are one with Jesus' God because, as John asserts at the Gospel's conclusion, Jesus and the Father are 'one'.

Today's Gospel is rich and powerful. We celebrate Jesus' love of us, his desire that we 'know' our communion with him and his Father. Through Jesus we are one, eternally, with the Father. He continues to shepherd us.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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#### Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle

#### **Catechists News**

Chatswood Catechists had an enjoyable and busy term 1 settling students into their Special Religious Education lessons, from Kindergarten to Year 6 at five public primary schools in the parish.

The focus in term 1 was for students to learn about the meaning and practices of Lent while preparing for Easter. We discussed with the children the many opportunities to grow closer to Jesus during this time through prayer, kindness and reaching out to others.

It was delightful to see the children enjoying completing activities in their 'Walking with Jesus' workbooks, including prayers and songs, drawings, colouring-in and word puzzles.

Term 2 lessons will focus on Jesus as our friend, what it means to be good friend, forgiveness and receiving the Holy Spirit.

#### **High School SRE**

Prior to the term 1 school holidays Catechists Tony and Gillian conducted a seminar 'Invitation to the Christian Life' with high school students in Years 7 to 11, at Chatswood High School.

Discussions with the students included what it means to belong to a faith community and the concepts of grace and belonging, Fruits of the Spirit and the Sacraments. Symbols of Sacraments were displayed in the sacred space during the lessons, with the students increasing their knowledge about Baptism and Confirmation.

Very warm appreciation to all our Catechists for their wonderful ongoing efforts while engaging students in learning God's love for them.

#### Have you thought about assisting an SRE teacher in a class or becoming an SRE teacher in a public school?

It's about a half hour weekly commitment in school terms with lesson plans and materials provided.

Classes are available in public primary schools within the Chatswood parish, and there are high school seminars. Classes are informative and fun for the children while they learn about God's love for them. It's rewarding for you too!

If you're able to assist or relieve a class, either regularly or casually, we'd love to hear from you! Training and support is provided along with lesson plans, manuals and worksheets.

Please contact the parish office or Catechist Co-ordinator Karen Forbes on 02 9410 9029 or email: <a href="mailto:karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au">karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au</a>



Term 1 Chatswood High School seminar during a break: 'Invitation to a Christian Life'



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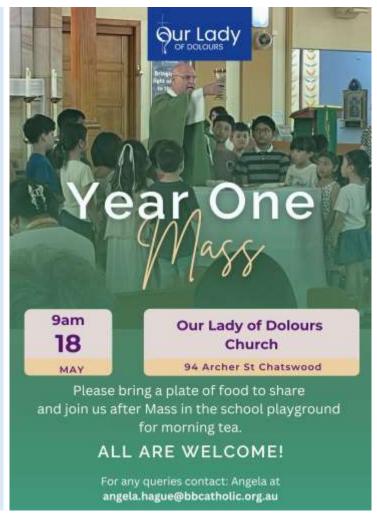
...supports parents in helping their child nurture their relationship with God and with their Catholic friends.

We need parents to support this important ministry by becoming a parent volunteer.

Please consider joining our team of parents who support each other in this role and grow you own faith friendships at the same time.

Volunteers are rostered on once per month during the school terms.

If you can help or would like to know more about what's involved, please contact Angela at the parish office on 9410 9033 or angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

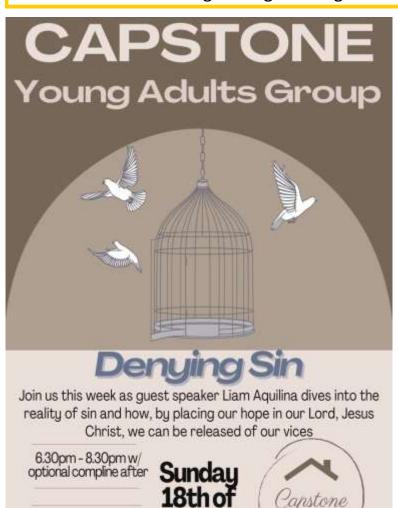




Our wonderful team of Catechists who each week share our Catholic Faith with over 700 Catholic children in our public schools.

Why not join them?

#### Our Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle



May

Harrington Hall



Last Sunday 4 May
Bryce and Kiara were commissioned as Ministers
of the Eucharist at our 10.30am Mass.
A wonderful witness of our young people's
inclusion in our liturgical life.



Last Sunday evening our Capstone Young Adult group were treated to a beautiful presentation by Carla Ho on "Love is my Vocation". They were re-joined by Fr Marek for the occasion!

#### Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle

# What a fantastic Trivia day at Chatswood Parish last Sunday!

The people there were so welcoming and it was nice to see all the support we received and how well the event was organised, I know I don't have all the names but Carla thank you for all your hard work and for the support from your husband Stephen. Also Trish and the rest of the Chatswood team were great. We couldn't have asked for or expected more.

The food, the drinks, the atmosphere and the enthusiasm shown for the ATLAS cause was amazing, Special thanks to Fr David for all his support and for coming for the day - it was also great to see Liz Biok there as well. I think everyone had a great time at the event had a great time and got to learn a little more about ATLAS and our works.

It seems like a miracle how the day came together but Carla and the Chatswood people were the miracle workers.

Thanks to our own Committee members and volunteers for the hard work, including Noreen (5 stars), Robyn, Jenny, Gerald, and our barrel boy Paul. And the fabulous Dillon Duo and of course Kirk.

Please share this with all involved - I know I have missed many of our workers and supporters and I wish I could acknowledge every single one.

**Kindest Regards** 

Greg Kennedy from the Australia Timor Leste Advancement Society (ATLAS)









## Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle



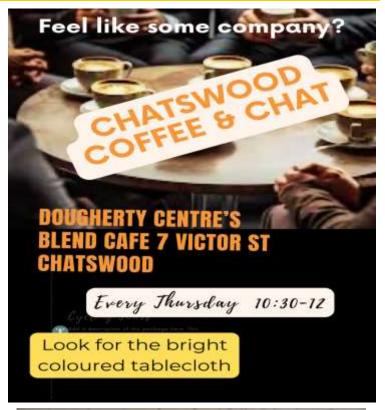
#### Our Chatswood St Vincent de Paul Conference March 2025 Report

Chatswood OLOD Vinnies received 20 requests for help in March (previous record was 14 last month), included were 8 newbies.

It was a mixed bag of problems. We were able to provide information on our No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) and assist to complete applications where needed. We provided advice on local sources of free/cheaper food. We helped a young couple in unaffordable digs with food. We sorted out a rent arrears problem to enable a hard-doer to maintain a roof over his head as well as providing furnishing to two people recently moved and assisting another with removal expense. We had 3 off the street calls, one involving a homeless person living in her car.

Some requests for help were from people with very complicated circumstances involving DV, legal, severe chronic illness (one involving 24 hour care), large pharmaceutical bills, very little usable income after mortgage payments, inability to hold down jobs due to physical problems. We expended over \$3000 in assistance.

If you would like to provide much needed help in this ministry please contact El at <a href="mailto:El.Herlianto@vinnies.org.au">El.Herlianto@vinnies.org.au</a> or John on 0439783956





Our Coffee and Chat has moved to the Dougherty Centre, Chatswood, in the Blend Cafe. Come along on Thursday mornings, 10.30-12.00 to be part of our conversation circle, bringing the light of Christ to our city. Join in our jigsaws, knitting project and other activities with residents of the Dougherty Centre and others from the Chatswood and Artarmon area.

#### Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle



#### Our Lady of Dolours Freedom Feast SATURDAY 21 JUNE 2025

Raising money to help a refugee family make a future in Australia

#### TICKETS ON SALE NOW

https://events.humanitix.com/olod-hope-feast



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

Mercy and Pius students are currently working with Chatswood Library, participating as young technology mentors, tailoring solutions to any issues Seniors might face with their devices, which they are able to bring in. It is a practical, hands on program that parishioners have participated in before- and that many more can benefit from.

If we know of any seniors who may benefit from the program, can we ask them to contact the library, or submit an expression of interest form on our website

Link to **Expression of Interest** page here <a href="https://libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Events-and-programs/">https://libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Events-and-programs/</a> <u>Events-listing/Be-Connected-Young-Mentors-Expressions</u> -of-interest

If we can't get the numbers, we may have to cancel, or reduce the number of student volunteers needed.

**Lee Abrahart** - *Children and Young Adult Librarian* **WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL**PO Box 57 Chatswood NSW 2057
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Lee.Abrahart@Willoughby.nsw.gov.au

#### **OLOD Hope Feast 21 June 2025**

Bookings have now opened for our annual parish Feast for Freedom on Saturday 21 June at 6.30 p.m. This year we are honouring the Jubilee Year of Hope, when captivity will be transformed to liberty and mourning will turn to hope (Isaiah 61:1-3). In our parish we will extend hope to one family captured by war and violence and living in a refugee camp, desperate for a new life in a free country. We will do this by raising money at our annual Feast that will provide funds to bring such a family to safety in Sydney. Our goal is to raise \$16,000. Imagine what it will mean for one desperate and frightened family to be sponsored to settle in our city, to be able to send their children to school, to be able to work and create a new life. We can give this liberty, this joy, to one family in our broken world. But only with your support.

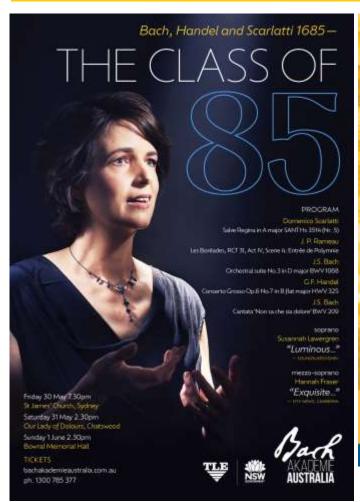
You can help in two ways. Firstly, by coming to the Feast and bringing a friend or family member with you. Secondly, by donating an item that will sell well in our silent or live auction. To buy a ticket, click on <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/olod-hope-feast">https://events.humanitix.com/olod-hope-feast</a> or use the QR code.

To donate a prize, email <a href="jokaraolis1@bigpond.com">jokaraolis1@bigpond.com</a>
or simply drop it off at the parish office. It will be a
great night with fabulous food and a lot of fun. Your
guests will have a wonderful time
and we will be helping to bring the
light of Christ to our city.



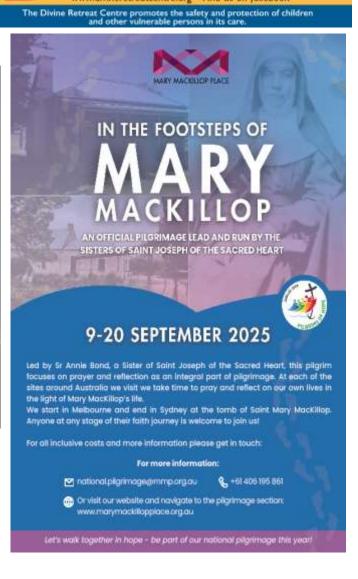
A number of our parishioners were present at the NSW Parliament last Wednesday 7 May to protest proposed changes to abortion legislation. We continua to fight for the right of conscience.

#### A round and A bout











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

# SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2025

AT OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH 94 ARCHER STREET CHATSWOOD COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM

OUR MASS CELEBRANT AND AFTER DINNER SPEAKER WILL BE FATHER DAVID RANSON OUR VICAR GENERAL AND PARISH PRIEST OF OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PARISH CHATSWOOD

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

Please remember to pray <u>every day</u> 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.



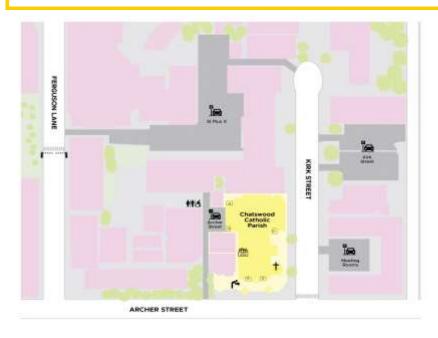
#### Our Parish Ministry Circles



#### Supporting our Parish Financially

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

#### Parking at our Parish



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.

#### Further Parish News

# Job Opportunity: Parish Engagement Officer Parish of Chatswood Full-Time Position Applications Close: Saturday, 17 May 2025

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood is seeking a dynamic and personable **Parish Engagement Officer (PEO)** to help nurture a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming parish community. This pivotal role fosters a culture of connection and belonging for newcomers and long-standing parishioners alike.

#### Key responsibilities include:

- Personally welcoming and integrating new parishioners into the life of the parish
- Connecting people with ministries, volunteer roles and faith groups
- Coordinating welcome events and social gatherings
- Supporting a culture of Christian hospitality across parish programs and liturgies
- Assisting with communications including the weekly bulletin and ministry directory

#### We're looking for someone who is:

- Warm, relational and organised, with excellent communication skills
- Experienced in community engagement, volunteer coordination or parish life
- Proficient with digital tools and content creation
- Deeply committed to the mission and values of the Catholic Church

This is a rewarding opportunity to play a key role in growing a connected and caring parish culture.

#### **How to Apply**

To apply, please submit your **resume** and a **cover letter** addressing your suitability for the role to **david.ranson@bbcatholic.org.au** by **Saturday, 17 May 2025**.

For further information, please contact **david.ranson@bbcatholic.org.au**.

The Parish of Chatswood is committed to creating a safe environment for all, with zero tolerance for abuse. Successful applicants will need to complete a National Police Check and Working with Children Check.

Note: Only candidates with the right to work in Australia can apply. No agency contacts, please

## Our Serra Association invite us to remember one of the bishops, priests and deacons in our Diocese in our prayer each day.

#### In this month of May, we remember the following:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 Fr Roger Del-	2 Fr Vitalis Oguh	3 Fr Hien Vu	4 Fr Lucious Choi
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Fr Peter DeSou-	Fr Peter Dowd	Fr Biju Matthew	Fr Jose Philip	Fr Vincent Ngu-	Fr Shansana	Fr Sam French
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Fr David Ranson	Fr Anselam Lakra	Fr Joey Frez	Fr Kelvin	Fr Biju Jose OSH	Fr Joy Thomas	Fr Satheesh An-
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Fr Biju Mathew	Fr Joseph	Fr Raphael	Fr Vincent Musin-	Fr Stephen	Deacon Rosan	Brother John
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Fr Tomy Kuruvelil	Fr Baby Thomas	Fr Raul Balute	Fr Teody Medina	Fr Brian Moloney	Fr Eliseus Shin	

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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

9.00am and 12.30pm Tuesday:

9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm Wednesday:

> (The Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated after Mass each Wednesday evening Mass and on the 3rd Wednesday of the

month)

Thursday: 9.00am and 12.30pm Friday: 9.00am and 12.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am

Morning Prayer: Tuesday to Saturday: 8.45am

Rosary

Monday: 11.45am (preceded by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11.30am); Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am; Monday to Fridays:

1.00pm

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

Thursday Holy Hour with Exposition and Reconciliation 7.00pm

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