

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood 94 Archer Street Chatswood NSW 2067

# Sunday 25 May 2025 - Sixth Sunday of Easter Welcome!

"My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them"





我把平安留給你們,我將我的平安賜給你們,我所賜給你們的,不像世界所賜的一樣。 **若望福音 14:27**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. **John 14:27** 



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

#### Masses This Week

Monday	19 May	12.30pm	Monday of Week 5 Easter
Tuesday	20 May	9.00am and 12.30pm	Tuesday of Week 5 Easter
Wednesday	21 May	9.00am and 12.30pm and 6.30pm	Wednesday of Week 5 Easter
Thursday	22 May	9.00am and 12.30pm	Thursday of Week 5 Easter
Friday	23 May	9.00am and 12.30pm	Friday of Week 5 Easter
Saturday	24 May	9.00am and 5.30pm	Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians
Sunday	25 May	Usual Times	6th Sunday of Easter

## Please Remember in our Prayer

#### For those recently died:

Gim Keat Ooi; Santana D'souza; 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

#### For those who are sick:

Wai Ping Tan; Ley Peng Tan; Lody Herlianto; Ken Kennedy; Chet Catapang; Anne Avery; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Eileen Swinsburg; Xu He Ooi; Carmel Villanueva; 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; 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:

Frances Fisher (sister of Pauline Larkins); Foong Yin Lee; Manel Gunasekara; Maria Vu (Fr Hien's mother),; 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**

Bernadette Jew, Margaret Day; Elizabeth Chung, Elizabeth Jung.

# Upcoming Events in our Parish

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	Bach Akademie concert in our church			
		Solemn Vespers sung on our church at 4.45pm			
Sunday	1 June	Afternoon tea for our Piety Store/PEW volunteers			
Monday	2 June	Hub of Hope meeting for students from our secondary schools			
	9-13 June	Annual Clergy Conference—our clergy will be attending			
Wednesday	18 June	6.30pm Mass and Supper to Farewell Deacon Kevin Hale			

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,

#### From Fr David

Dear friends,

Deacon Kevin Hale, having been with us for the past seven years, has now come to the discernment to retire fully form his parish engagement with us. As we appreciate, Deacon Kevin's formal appointment ceased some time ago. However, he has continued to be engaged in a number of way, including the coordination of one of our RCIA programs. Kevin has made a most remarkable contribution to our Parish over many years. Though we will be leaving us, we assure him that he will always a welcome figure at Chatswood and we do hope that he will come from time to time to various parish events. We will farewell Deacon Kevin with a Mass at 6.30pm and Supper on Wednesday 18 June.

I am very happy to share with you the appointment of Mrs Kristha Mangahas as our Administration and Facilities Officer, commencing with us on Monday 2 June 2025. Kristha is a valued member of our parish family, with children in Our Lady of Dolours Primary School. She is one of our Mass readers, and group leaders in our sacramental preparation program. Holding a Bachelor of Science Management Engineering (Philippines) and an MBA (Fance/Singapore), Kristha has had over a decade of experience in a broad range of roles in business management and for two years led a not-for-profit organisation, Friends of Hope Inc supporting marginalized communities in the Philippines. She has also worked as a Consultant for Accenture, Business Development Officer for Philippine Bank of Communications, and Strategic Initiatives Officer for China Banking Corporation. Kristha takes up a new role in our team. It has elements of previous roles, but Kristha's particular role has been crafted anew. The new role will take up some of the responsibilities recently borne by Diana so as to free her in her own role, and a number of the matters that have also fallen to me. It will take us a little time to ensure that the new balance of tasks works well, and we will shape this balance as we go along.

I am also delighted to share that we have obtained a relic of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati who is to be canonized on 3 August 2025. This relic makes ideal companion for Blessed Carlo Acutis for veneration in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel – one Saint for the young adults and the other for the youth. Paul Elarde, who was responsible for bringing the body of Blessed Frassati to Sydney in 2008 for World Youth Day, provided an introduction for John O'Brien, our consultant church architect, to Wanda Gawronski, the daughter of the sister of the Saint. He then sent an email request to Wanda, accompanied by letters from Bishop Randazzo for a relic of the Saint. Wanda replied, pointing out that as the Saint's body is incorrupt, there are no first class relics, only second class relics which she promised to send to the Parish. After a wait of 3 months, with no action despite follow up emails, John O'Brien managed to find her mobile phone number on the internet and spoke with her, before handing the phone to his wife Patrizia, who is an Italian speaker. This interaction was helpful and two weeks later the relic arrived! Also included was a prayer card and the "Proper of the Mass" for the Saint, which will be used later in the year for a celebrating mass to accompany his canonisation.

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.



Altar flowers are donated by Theresa, Josef, Johana, Maria and Martina Widjaja in loving memory of Michael Widjaja Tjong (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary).

Our Lady's Shrine flowers are donated by Pauline Larkins in loving memory of Frances Mary Fisher (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary).

# JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



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

Friday	21 March 5.30pm—7pm	Students from Central Coast Catholic Schools
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
	6 June 1.00pm—2pm	120 Staff from St Peter's College, Tuggerah
Saturday	14 June 1.00pm	Parishioners from St Mary MacKillop, Warnervale
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 Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly 30 May - 1 June

This Jubilee celebrates the importance of the family unit, recognising the unique roles played by children and grandparents; and also honours the elderly members of our communities, some of whom are without family members of their own.

For the Church, that throughout the world she may be able to proclaim and bear strong witness to the beauty of God's plan for the family and to value it as a gift and a vocation.

We pray to the Lord.

Jur Lady

# Chatswood Catholic Parish **JUBILIEE 2025**

"Hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5.5)



# Parish Pilgrimage to Our Diocesan Shrines of Hope

Chatswood → Manly → Gosford → Waitara → Chatswood

# SATURDAY, 14 JUNE 2025 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



CHATSWOOD: SHRINE OF HOPE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE Relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis



GOSFORD: SHRINE OF HOPE FOR FAMILIES

Relics of St John Paul II





Come and be part of our parish pilgrimage as we journey together in this Jubilee Year of Hopel

This one-day pilgrimage will take us to several of the designated Shrines of Hope in the Diocese of Broken Bay. A day pilgrimage of faith, fellowship and grace!



· Cost: \$35 per person -return transport included

• F&B: BYO snacks and drinks

RSVP by: Tuesday, 27 May





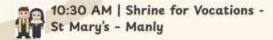
MANLY: SHRINE OF HOPE FOR VOCATIONS Relics of St John Maria Vianney

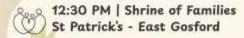


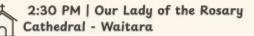
WAITARA: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Cathedral of Broken Bay

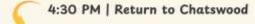


9:00 AM Mass @ OLD - Shrine for Young Hearts - Chatswood













# A Story from the Year of Jubilee

I just wanted to share a little something that brought back wonderful memories this past Easter weekend.

Back in the Philippines, I remember how we used to do *Visita Iglesia* during Holy Week — visiting 14 different churches and praying the Stations of the Cross at each one. It was always such a meaningful tradition.

My husband and I have been living here in Australia for about 12 years now, and just this past Easter, we finally found something similar — The Jubilee passport of Hope! We then decided to do a mini version of *Visita Iglesia* — this time with our daughter, Jana.

It turned out to be such a beautiful and enriching experience. Jana had the most amazing time exploring and learning about the pilgrim churches around our diocese. It was so heartwarming to see her curiosity and excitement grow with every visit.

One of the highlights of our pilgrimage was seeing the relics of Pope John Paul II. It felt extra special because I was just around Jana's age when he visited the Philippines. It brought back so many memories and made the experience even more touching for me personally.

I just thought I'd share this with you — it's lovely how some traditions can find new life in a different place, especially when shared with the next generation.

Marie Villanueva



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



#### 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 Clara in Assisi, to Sts Peter and Paul in Rome, the Eternal City, where we cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and receive the Jubilee blessing.

DEPARTS MONDAY 03 NOVEMBER 2025 • 11 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS
Rome - Jubilee (5 nights) • Assisi (3) • Optional Medjugarje extension (4 nights)



Accompanied by Fr David Ranson



He genuine pilgrim experience



#### What on earth does Fr David do all week?

At the Serra Association Dinner and Meeting last Wednesday, I shared the nature of my work as Vicar General to Bishop Randazzo. I thought it may helpful to share with others too!

I have been in the role of Vicar General now for 10 years, appointed by Bishop Comensoli in May 2015. This period was 'interrupted' from June 2018 to November 2019 when I was Diocesan Administrator prior to arrival of Bishop Randazzo.

By Church law, every bishop is to appoint a Vicar General – though the law does not stipulate the responsibilities of the VG This means the role is exercised quite differently in various dioceses: there is no position description Notwithstanding the Vicar General participates in the bishop's governance of the Diocese.

A bishop's authority is envisaged in three ways

- Legislative he has the capacity to decree, to make binding laws for the diocese;
- Judicial he has the capacity to determine canonical cases;
- Executive the power to administer the diocese.

The Vicar General has all the executive power of the Bishop – but with one caveat, he must exercise this only according to the mind of the Bishop. Thus, the Vicar General can act in the name of the Bishop if the Bishop is absent from the Diocese. He can represent the Bishop at various functions he cant attend.

I am one of the Trustees of the Diocese, and as Vicar General, I sign all the diocese's contracts and legal documents.

I sit with the Bishop on all the main consultative bodies of the Diocese. These main committees are

- College of Consultors, meets 6 times a year
- Council of Priests, meets 4 times a year
- Diocesan Finance Council, meets 4 times a year
- And the Council for Pastoral Mission (Deans, Heads of Mission, Director of Agencies) when Bishop calls it together.

#### I am also

- Chair the incorporated Board of Catholic Schools Broken Bay
- Chair the soon to be incorporated Board of CatholicCare Broken Bay

Bishop Anthony has also made me Moderator of the Curia. This means that I coordinate for him the work of all the diocesan Chancery. The Chancery is the agency at the service of the Bishop's mission. It is constituted by various Areas of Mission:

- Administration and Finance
- Clergy and Parishes
- Mission Broken Bay
- Safeguarding
- Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
- Pastoral Discernment and Accompaniment
- People and Participation
- Vocations
- Communications

As such I become a sounding board for the Heads of Mission, with the capacity to bring people together on issues which require close collaboration across various Mission Areas.

The three main areas for my involvement are with:

People and Participation. In this I work with our Head of People and participation to

- Work actively to promote a positive culture in the Chancery
- Oversight of occasions such as Chancery Retreat Days
- Attend to issues as they emerge
- Oversight chancery developments

#### What on earth does Fr David do all week?

#### Safeguarding

- Approvals for all visiting clergy to our diocese come to me
- All complaints in respect to sexual abuse and professional standard, historical and current, come to me for oversight and adjudication (working with our Safeguarding and legal team)
- Delegated as Head of entity, so oversight of any investigation and canonical processes that we are required to undertake
- Work with clergy who may have complaints made against them
- Represent the Diocese before those who have been abused

#### In addition to this I

- Chair the NSW/ACT Province of Bishops' Safeguarding Community of Practice
- And am a Member of the Reference Panel for the Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Professional Standards and Safeguarding.

#### **Clery and Parishes**

- Oversight of policies and procedures in respect to clergy Prepare Letters of Appointment and agreements
- Primary contact for all the international partnerships we have
- Oversight of Clergy Hospital Chaplaincy in the Diocese
- Oversight of cultural communities in the Diocese Korean and Filipino
- Handle complaints that emerge in the life of parishes
- Lead or assist particular diocesan projects as they emerge
- Work with parishes on particular pastoral and property matters that arise.

#### Further to this

- I am Executive Officer for the Orders and Ministries Commission which makes recommendation to the Bishop in respect to seminary applications and petitions for various Orders to Priesthood.
- Oversight of all the applications for marriage dispensations of weddings taking place in the Diocese (assisted by my staff who prepare the documents for me)
- Chair the Diocesan Awards Committee
- Member of the Clergy Retirement Fund
- Member of the Cathedral Precinct Redevelopment Commission

#### In all this I am very ably assisted by

- o Executive Officer, Chris Ohlsen
- o Administrative Assistant, Evangeline Suhood

It all makes for a very full week! Ordinarily, during the week I am in the Parish on Mondays and Fridays, and in my Chancery office Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday.

Please continue to pray for me!







REFESHING OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

# MEET OUR ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

At our Parish-in-Council on 5 April 2025, we began a conversation about what matters most in the future of our church space. Now, we're invited to take the next steps together.

These sessions are a chance to hear from the people helping us explore what's possible - and to understand the practical considerations behind any changes.

Following our evenings of awareness building and information gathering we will have the opportunity to participate further in the journey through a survey process.

We hope you'll be part of the journey!

## 29 MAY 7PM HARRINGTON HALL

# Designing churches that inspire worship

Architects John O'Brien and Miguel Paredes share insights into liturgical design and examples from other church renewal projects.

## 29 JUNE 7PM HARRINGTON HALL

# Creating Comfort Through Climate Control

Rodney Jacome from Engtec Consulting explores options for effective climate control in our church.

## 1 JULY 7PM TBC

# Lighting the Way Forward

Electrical engineer Omer Ulas from Ulas Engineering outlines what's needed for upgraded lighting, audio-visual, and power systems.

# Our Nurturing our Relationships Ministry Circle



Our monthly Community BBQ is on again this Sunday in the PEW area with plenty of seating for you to relax and lunch together. It starts after 10.30 Mass. This month it is being run by our Chatswood Vinnies conference with the support of our tried and true OLOD team led by Albert Jantong. We are also delighted to be welcoming guests from the community who have not been to our church before. Do make a point of getting to know them and others in the parish you haven't met





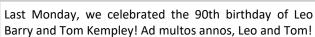


Over this last week, Fr Hien has been travelling in Kerala, India for the celebration of newly ordained, Fr Rosan Mathew's Mass of Thanksgiving with his family. Whilst there he met up with Fr Jose Philip whom we know well at our parish of Chatswood!



# Our Nurturing our Relationships Ministry Circle





A number of our choir were able to be with Titus, our Director of Music at his recital at the Sydney Town Hall!











## 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

#### Zoom Details:

Link - https://Zoom.us/j/8034195601 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.

The following Youtube videos might inspire you to start praying the rosary daily if you have not already done:

Fr Chris Alar, a very articulate speaker and Marian priest never had devotion to Our Lady until a testimony from another priest changed him: https://youtu.be/EPkDQUUyYKM?si=yY0dqphtL5R4s8MY (16 mins)

T K Coleman's powerful rosary testimony - did not believe in the rosary and said he will never become Catholic but he now says 4 sets (20 decades) of the rosary everyday.



Fr Hien in Kerala with Mass of Thanksgiving of newly ordained Fr Mathew Rosan.







Explore your Faith with the Legion Of Mary Praesidium Mothers Of Divine Mercy

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

discover how you can make a difference.

All Welcome !

Every Tuesday at 7:00pm In The St Peter Room

Contact:

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

25 May 2025

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH YOU. Shortly before his death Jesus assured his disciples that he would not abandon them. In his name, the Father will send the Holy Spirit to be with them and guide them. The early Christian community experienced the Spirit's presence as they sought to discern God's will on various issues: 'it has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves', the apostles and elders would say. As we face difficult decisions today we also can be at peace, confident that God's Spirit is with us.

#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

cf. Isa 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

#### **CREFTING**

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

#### R. Amen.

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

#### R. And with your spirit.

#### **PENITENTIAL ACT**

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

#### R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

#### R. And grant us your salvation.

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

#### R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

#### R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

#### R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

#### R. Lord, have mercy.

#### **GLORIA**

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

#### COLLECT

P. Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



#### RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8. R. v. 4 R. O God, let all the nations praise you! (or Alleluia!)

- 1. O God, be gracious and bless us / and let your face shed its light upon us. / So will your ways be known upon earth / and all nations learn your saving help. R.
- 2. Let the nations be glad and exult / for you rule the world with justice. / With fairness you rule the peoples, / you guide the nations on earth. R
- 3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; / let all the peoples praise you. / May God still give us his blessing / till the ends of the earth revere

#### SECOND READING Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23 A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

Jn 14:23-29

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.

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him

and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad
to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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. May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

#### **COMMUNION RITE**

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R Amen

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

R. And with your spirit.

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

All exchange a sign of peace

#### **LAMB OF GOD**

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

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

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

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. 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.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

#### **ULTIMATE UNION**

In today's Gospel we become privileged listeners to Jesus' prayer to God. The prayer sums up John's theology of ultimate union and Jesus ongoing promise to be with the Gospel's audience, with us. Today's selection also reaches beyond the present and into the future.

This is a powerfully rich Gospel for the Easter Season. As we reflect on the implications of Jesus' resurrection, Jesus prays that we will come to experience the heart of ultimate union that exists between Jesus and the Father. In later Trinitarian theology, this prayer will be considered the highpoint of the believers' experience of God and the foundation for a later theology of the Trinity. In a sense, we become part of the divine 'dance' (the word is 'perichoresis') within the persons of the Trinity.

Today's Gospel invites us to celebrate our union with God, through Jesus' resurrection, with each other, our natural world and the whole of the Cosmos. It is for this reason that a second theme in the Gospel concerns mission. Jesus' followers are sent on mission to the world to reflect and enact this experience of divine

Finally, we are reminded that the love which the Father has for Jesus becomes the kind of love which Jesus has for us. And how powerful is that! What a wonderful Easter day this Gospel invites us into.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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On Thursday 22 May our Parish hosted our third Youth-in-Council with nearly 110 students from Pius X College and Mercy Catholic College.

Our theme for Conversation in the Spirit was Mental Wellbeing

We were joined by Matt Caruana—
a very impressive young man who shared with us
his life journey and the way by which he
discovered new purpose in this life

See Matt's story

<u>Matt Caruana</u>







...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



In his role as Vicar General
Fr David blessed and opened the new
Catherine Centre
at St Lucy's School for Children
with Special Needs.
at Wahroonga
last Tuesday 20 May.

The school is now fully functioning as a K-12 enterprise.

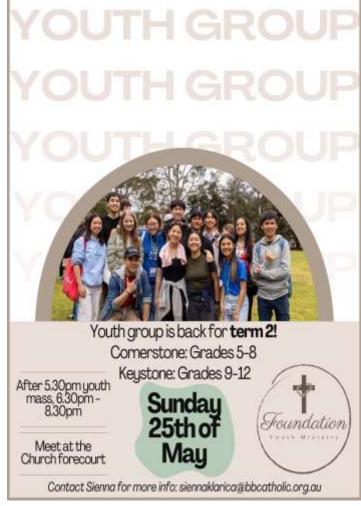
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Last Monday our Parish commenced a new initiative called, Hub of Hope. This development has emerged as an outcome of Youth in Council in March, which focused on the theme of Hope. With our Hope of Hope, students form Pius X College, Mercy and Brigidine will come together

four times a term to grow in awareness of issues

of social action with practical outcomes.



Any student in Years 10-11 who are at other schools are most welcome to join our Hub of Hope! Our next meeting is on Monday 2 June at 4.30pm in the Magnificat Meeting Room.

## Our Caring for our World Ministry Circle

# TIME TO BOOK YOUR SEATS

**4 WEEKS TO GO** 

Tickets for our Hope for Freedom Feast are now on sale. This is one of our parish's biggest nights of the year, made possible by the loving generosity of parishioners who cook, donate prizes, buy tickets and come along. Don't miss out. Buy your tickets now. Invite friends, join others from your parish group or come alone and we will find you a great table of people to be part of.

# FREEDOM FEAST SATURDAY 21 JUNE AT 6.30 PM

In Harrington Hall

Tickets \$70 available from Humanitix https://events.humanitix.com/olod-hope-feast



# 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,



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 Caring for our World Ministry Circle

#### From our Parish Pro-Life Group on Marriage and Family

At the start of his pontificate, Pope Leo XIV spoke about the importance of marriage and family. He affirmed that "the family is founded on the stable union between a man and a woman, and that the unborn and elderly enjoy dignity as God's creatures", articulating clear Catholic teaching on marriage, family, abortion and euthanasia.

The basis for the family is the committed union of a man and a woman in marriage and their openness to the gift of life. That is why God has raised marriage to the level of a sacrament. Today however

- Many people refuse the commitment of marriage preferring instead to engage in casual or non-committed relationships. These relationships lack the sacrificial nature involved in marriage and tend to be based on a person's self-indulgence. In this situation when one's personal desires are not met, discord enters the relationship which often leads to domestic violence and the dissolution of the relationship.
- Divorce and re-marriage is widely accepted even among non-Catholic Christian churches which reflects a decision lacking in commitment at the time of marriage.
- Reliance on contraception aids the approach to a sexual relationship that promotes self-indulgence and exploitation of the other while excluding the generation of new life.
- Same sex "marriage" is embraced and accepted when marriage is seen as simply the fulfillment of one's own desires rather than being grounded in the design of God.
- Children are viewed as being of value only to the extent that they are wanted. In this situation same sex couples
  are able to acquire a child through surrogacy or adoption even though such a relationship is not open to the
  generation of new life.
- Society continues to promote the advancement of women in terms of enhancing their career opportunities
  downgrading the significance of motherhood and their role in creating a home conducive to family life. This is
  encouraged by government significantly subsidizing childcare while doing little to assist stay-at-home mothers.
- In the absence of a committed relationship, many families are now headed by one parent only, generally the woman. The absence of the father in many households has a very detrimental impact on children and may well be a major factor in the growing incidence of crime committed by children sometimes younger than ten years of age and the absence of the father removes the example of masculinity and manhood from the lives of many children.
- Probably the greatest assault on the family is recourse to abortion which pits parents against their very own child even while so many couples in stable married relationship seek to adopt a child.

Marriage of course is not an easy path and the raising of children places significant demands on the parents but the value of any activity is measured not simply by the demands that it imposes on a person but on the good that can result. In this situation can there be any greater outcome than the generation of a new life ultimately destined for eternal union with God in heaven.

The Catholic family constitutes the domestic Church and the parents are the first educators of the children in the faith and their example, both as parents and as people of faith, schools their children in the practice of Christian virtues.

# Caring for our World Ministry Circle

At a time when the relevance of the Church is sometimes questioned, the Catholic understanding of marriage, which stems from the very design of God Himself, conveys a message to the world very much needed in today's society.

Of course the union of two people is always going to present its own difficulties and so we should not be surprised that some Catholic marriages end in separation of the parties to the marriage. But this should not deter us from pursuing a Catholic marriage as the expression of the highest ideal for the union of a man and a woman. When a marriage breaks down it is not for us to pass judgment but rather to seek ways that will enhance marriages.

We should here mention that our prayers are important in obtaining the graces that are so necessary for a family. Our daily rosary is important in this respect as well as bringing to Our Blessed Lady our many other intentions. We would encourage participation in the pro-life Zoom rosary said on every Thursday evening at 8 pm (ID 8034195601). This is especially important given the laws that now govern our state which allow for abortion at any time during pregnancy and also allow midwives and nurses to prescribe the abortion pill so as to make abortion even more accessible.

We would greatly welcome enquiries from parishioners who would like to join the parish pro-life group and offer whatever assistance they are able to give. Enquiries please contact Maureen (0428402528) or Cecilia (0466961240).

# A Global Prayer Vigil for Myanmar

# Light in the Darkness

Thursday 29 May 2025, 7:00pm AEST

Jesuit Mission Australia and the Taizé Community invite you to join a chorus of prayer for Myanmar jesuitmission.org.au/vigil







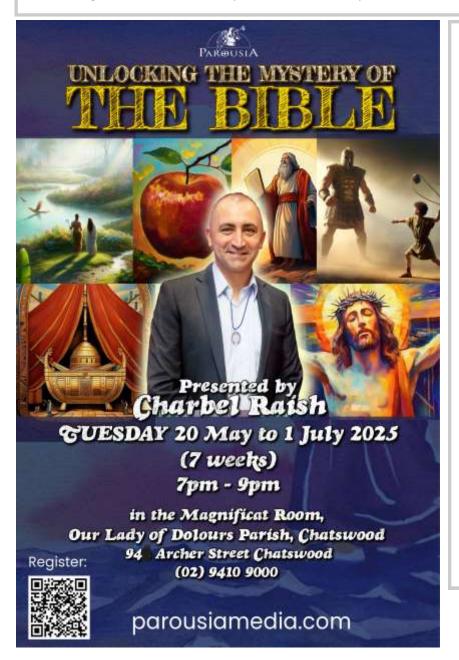
## Our Growing in Faith Ministry Circle





Nearly 70 people registered for our "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" program which commenced last Tuesday 20 May evening.

We ae grateful to Charbel Raish for making this program available through our Parish. Though we have a full house please let us know if you are interested to join across the six weeks ahead.



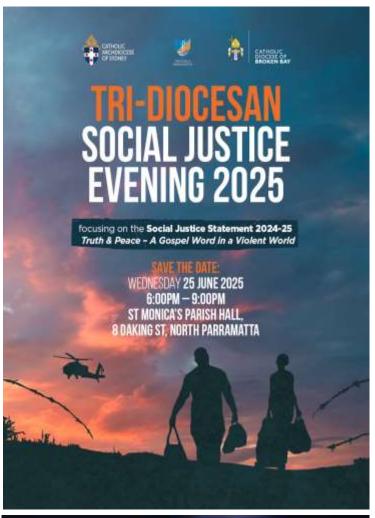
# Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

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>TM</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.



## A round and A bout











#### A round and A bout









Our Seminarians had a wonderful time together at their Annual Ministry and Mission Formation Forum (April 24-27)





They also served at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood on the visit of Bishop Rene Ramirez, the first Filipino Bishop in Australia and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne (April 29)

Our men in descernment served at the Memorial Mass of Pope Francis at the Cathedral (April 28).



I shall lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord - Psalm 116:13 vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

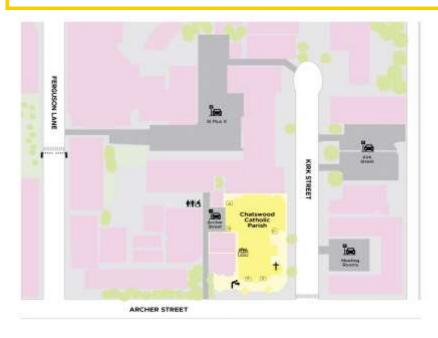
# Our Parish Ministry Circles



# 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.

## A round and A bout



The National Association of Catholic Families is hosting a

Family Day

where we will hear from

Gerard O'Shea

on

"The Moral Development of the Child"



Sunday 18 May - 12pm to 4pm



St. Benedict's Parish Hall, Arcadia

BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE PROVIDED BEFORE THE TALK

BYO drinks and sweets for afternoon tea



RSVP 0435 496 624 or nacf.sydney@hotmail.com





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, and Community Lunch on the last Sunday.

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.