



THE BULLETIN

24 MARCH 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)



Ecce Homo (1877) - Antonio Ciseri



The Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.
This Sunday's Gospel - Mark 15: 1-39

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GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Welcome

A very warm welcome to you, especially to anyone new and visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us! If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Our Lady of Dolours please contact us at 02 9410 9000 or email us at chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au - we would love to hear from you.

Holy week, the most important week in our lives as Catholics, is just around the corner so please make sure you are across the times for all the Masses and liturgies.

We are still seeking a few more young people to be actors for the Stations of the Cross at the Concourse on Good Friday - can you help?

Though it's a few months away, get your registrations in for Parish in Council and Kids in Council!

The Marian Catholic Action Group has a few important notices particularly about the celebration of the Day of the Unborn child - keep in mind the next ZOOM Rosary is also coming up next Monday!

For any inclusions to next week's bulletin, please email your content to Olivia at Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au by the close of business on Wednesday.

Our Lady
OF DOLOURS



Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

We have come now to the most important week of our Christian year: Holy Week. Each day ahead we will be led step by step into the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. This is the greatest Christian mystery: how his self-emptying become a self-giving bursts forth into an unimagined possibility of life – Resurrection! May these days ahead be ones of prayer for us, and may our celebration of Easter next weekend be one that is filled with the joy of our proclamation that Christ lives!

Our week unfolds with various liturgies. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Priests of the Diocese of Broken Bay gather for this celebration with Bishop Anthony to renew their priestly commitments. During Mass, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and brought back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. All of us are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.

On Wednesday evening we have a special outdoor parish Stations of the Cross starting at our church at 7.00pm – a powerful way to induct us into the days following. All are welcome!

Please note that, according to ancient Tradition, there are no Masses through the day on Thursday 28 March apart from the one Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm. It is at this Mass that we re-enact Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet. Might I invite you to have your feet washed as part of this ceremony. We still have several spaces left in the 12 spots that are available. We would be privileged to have you as part of this ritual. Do let our parish office know if you are available.

On the morning of Good Friday, we stage our Stations of the Cross not at our church but on the Chatswood Concourse at 10.00am. The steps will serve as the viewing area for parishioners as we are led through the stations by actors and narrators who will journey through the open space. This year, both the Capstone young adults and the youth groups are invited to lead the Stations of the Cross. Parents, please note that it will be a public event. We would love to have your involvement and you can sign up here: <https://forms.gle/W81dx3fThXPKzgr8>. There are many roles you can participate in which are all simple and no acting experience is required. There will be a rehearsal in the leadup, as well as dress rehearsal on the morning of Good Friday. Costumes and props will be provided courtesy of Pius X College.

Then our liturgies overflow with the new life of Christ Risen with 46 people being baptised at our Easter Vigil at 7.00pm on Saturday 30 March and at our Masses on Sunday 31 March! Please note that by tradition there is no evening Mass on Sunday 31 March.

The Sunday following Easter Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, and preparations are underway to commemorate this with our annual devotions. On Wednesday 3 April at 7.30pm one of our young adult leaders, Peter Nguyen will offer a lecture on the practice and background of the Divine Mercy devotion. All are welcome to attend in the Magnificat meeting room

Lastly, after much discernment we have decided not to continue with our monthly Sunday Spanish Mass at 12noon. We were able to offer this on a trial basis a couple of years ago. However, the pastoral need, given the relatively small number attending, does not present in a way to sustain the Mass in the future. However, we would very much like to celebrate the Spanish language and South American culture in our parish community! To this end, therefore, we will mark some Sundays which co-incide with a South American feast day or event, celebrating our 10.30am Mass with a Spanish character through readings, prayers and hymns alongside our English ones. In this way, too, our whole community can enjoy the richness of our South American brothers and sisters! We look forward to those celebrations!

他雖具有天主的形體，並沒有以自己與天主同等，為應把持不捨的，卻使自己空虛，取了奴僕的形體，與人相似，形狀也一見如人；他貶抑自己，聽命至死，且死在十字架上。為此，天主極其舉揚他，賜給了他一個名字，超越其他所有的名字。斐理伯書2:6-9

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. - Philippians 2:6-9

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Moh-Har Yip (sister of Moh-Ying Yip); John Luxton; Carmel Hurrell; Patrick McAuliffe (friend of Josef Widjaja); John Swinsburg; Peter Brink (husband of Dot Brink); Phillip Manu (Husband of Anna).

Our loved ones who are sick:

Margaret; Stanley Ng (husband of Teresa Ng); Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Yvonne Corpuz; Judith Ryan; Maria Taylor; Bill Piper; Frank Hallissy; John O'Brien; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; Mary Kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Lueng; John Tiorg and family; Esther Grant and family.

Our loved ones, at rest with God, whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Maria Gan (sister of Catherine Lee); Lie Gwik Tian (mother of Caroline Lim); Edna Kenna - 27 March.

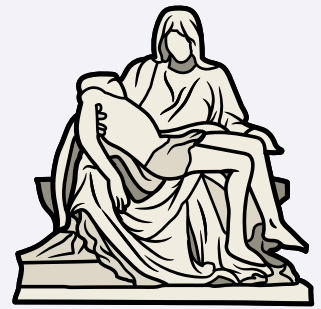
- We lift up Frank Hallissy to you, who is now receiving palliative care. May he continue to be surrounded by God's love and comfort during this time of need.
- For Moh Har and John who passed away this week, may eternal light shine up on them and may they rest in peace.
- For Patrick Benjamin Kinkade who is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this Saturday 23 March! May he always know that he is loved and cherished by God, and may his parents and godparents be wonderful stewards and examples of God's love to him.
- For Lie Gwik Tian, beloved mother of Caroline and grandmother of Irene, whose one year of passing is this month. May she rest in the peace of God's love and may her family be comforted as they remember her. May all the family travelling to be together for this occasion also be kept safe in their travels.



This week's church flowers in the shrine are generously donated by Catherine Lee in remembrance of the one year anniversary of the passing of her sister

Maria Gan

Our community would love to pray for you. If you have an intention you would like to be included in this bulletin e-mail chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



Our Lady of Dolours, Pray for Us

*Rock of constancy,
pray for us.*

*Refuge of the abandoned,
pray for us.*

*Mirror of patience,
pray for us*

*Mother of consolation,
pray for us.*

*Companion of the sorrowful,
pray for us.*

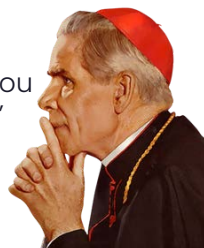
*Shield of the oppressed,
pray for us.*

2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER

"Fasting detaches you from this world.

Prayer reattaches you to the next world."

Venerable Fulton Sheen



Thank you

A huge THANK YOU to Anthony Ng, Ricardo, Mona, Lei, Amelia, Fr Anselam, Maricel, and, Peter, Joanna, Annabel, and Caroline Smeulders as well as Joanna's brother Kuba, for their generosity and kindness in cutting, clearing, and delivering beautiful palm leaves to us for this weekend's celebrations!



GOSPEL REFLECTION: "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU DESERTED ME?"



When Jesus utters, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" from the cross, it is a moment of immense vulnerability and humanity. This phrase, translates to "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" It's a moment that resonates deeply with human experiences of despair and abandonment. These words reflect the depth of his suffering and the weight of the sins of the world Jesus bears. However, to view these words solely as an expression of despair is to miss the depth of their significance. These words speak of salvation.

The phrase "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" finds its roots in Psalm 22:1, written by King David, a figure often seen as a precursor to Christ in his role as both king and suffering servant. The period between the writing of Psalm 22 and Jesus' death spans roughly 1,000 years. This Psalm is a poignant cry of despair and a feeling of abandonment, yet it also transitions into a deep expression of trust and hope in God. The use of this Psalm by Jesus at the moment of his greatest agony serves multiple purposes.

First, it establishes a direct link to the Jewish scriptures, affirming Jesus' messianic identity and fulfilling prophecies about the Messiah's suffering. It underscores the continuity of Jesus' mission within the broader narrative of Jewish history and salvation. Secondly, the Psalm itself, while beginning with despair, moves towards a declaration of faith and trust in God. In invoking its opening line, Jesus encapsulates the moment of agony and an unspoken reference to the hope and trust that follows.

In the midst of his agony, Jesus' invocation of Psalm 22 serves as a call to faith. For those familiar with the Psalm, its ultimate message is one of trust in God's deliverance and faithfulness. By uttering these words, Jesus expresses his personal anguish and invites his followers to trust in God's plan and the promise of redemption, even when God seems distant. For example, verse 24 of this Psalm speaks of God's accompaniment in times of trouble;

*For He did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
He did not hide His face from me,
But heard when I cried to Him,*

On a scriptural level, Jesus' cry from the cross is a profound expression of the cost of human sin and the depth of God's love. It signifies the moment when Jesus, bearing the sins of humanity, experiences a separation from the Father. This moment of abandonment is central to the Christian understanding of atonement; through this separation and subsequent death, Jesus bridges the gap between humanity and God, offering salvation to all.

Jesus' use of this phrase underscores the reality of his suffering. It highlights the fact that, though divine, Jesus experienced human emotions deeply. This moment of perceived abandonment fulfils the scriptures and underscores the authenticity of his sacrifice.

Reflecting on Jesus' last words invites us to contemplate the depth of God's love, the reality of human suffering, and the promise of divine redemption. It is a call to recognise the depths from which we are lifted by divine love and the breadth of the hope offered through Jesus' sacrifice. As such, these words remain an important element of Christian doctrine and human experience, inviting ongoing reflection and faith.

In conclusion, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" encapsulates a moment of agony and divine mystery in the Christian faith. It is a moment that speaks to the depth of Jesus' suffering, the reality of human pain and despair, and the ultimate hope of redemption. Through these words, Jesus fulfils scripture, underscores his solidarity with human suffering, and points towards the promise of resurrection and hope.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH IN COUNCIL

Join us for the return of Parish In Council (PIC)! Save the date for **Saturday, May 18th**, at Harrington Hall. Your presence is crucial in shaping the future and vitality of our parish. PIC represents our church's commitment to synodal, collaborative decision-making. It replaces the Parish Pastoral Council, welcoming each of us to contribute our unique perspectives and wisdom in developing pastoral and strategic initiatives.

Register now by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://cbgja62m2x4.typeform.com/picijj>.



JOIN US FOR
HOLY WEEK
 AT OUR LADY OF DOLOURS



Tuesday of Holy Week

- 7:30pm Chrism Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral: 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara



Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross



Holy Thursday

- 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper



Good Friday

- 10:00am Stations of the Cross at Chatswood Concourse
- 3:00pm Passion of the Lord
- 7:00pm Prayer and Reflection Night on the 7 Last Words of our Lord.



Easter Saturday

- 7:00pm Vigil Mass



Easter Sunday

- Sunday Mass at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

No evening Mass.

Divine Mercy
SUNDAY

APRIL

07

2:30PM - 4:15PM

- PROCESSION
- EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
- DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
- ADORATION & BENEDICTION
- BLESSING OF HOLY ARTICLES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AVAILABLE FROM 3:00PM

"On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

(Diary 699)



JOIN IN OUR ZOOM

Rosary

Monday 25 March 2024
 at 8.00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85468322301>

Meeting ID: 854 6832 2301

(No Passcode required)

Join us online to celebrate the Solemnity of

The Annunciation

by praying the Rosary together.

(Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood)

Novena to the Divine Mercy

This 9-day novena consists of praying a daily Chaplet of Divine Mercy along with specific prayer intentions for each day. The chaplet is prayed on rosary beads. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on Easter Saturday. This year we will not be praying the Novena in the church but parishioners are encouraged to say the prayer privately. Leaflet for the 9-Novena will be made available in the Parish Library. Alternatively you can find the prayer by Googling 9-day Divine Mercy Novena.

Marian Catholic Action Group

3rd FRIDAY EVERY MONTH
 7:00pm - 9:30pm
 Harrington Hall



Women can come as they are, share their stories, and find strength and fellowship

Drinks and light nibbles provided, please feel welcome to bring a plate to share. To register your interest or to find out more please email chloe.ayward@bbcatholic.org.au or call 9410 9000

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 Country Fete**
Sunday 7 April 2024

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 to 3pm**

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 Devonshire Tea - Coffee - Cakes
 Flowers & Plants - Rides and lots more...**

OUR WEEK IN PICS



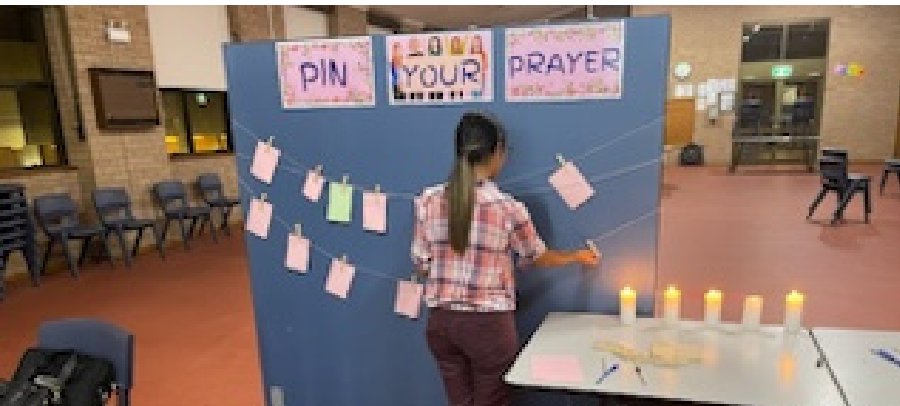
Standing room only at this week's weekday morning Mass for the St Pius X and Mercy Catholic college students!



Lei, Elaine, Eva and Wendy were 4 of over 500 women enjoying the Women's Lenten retreat in Sydney!



Double celebration for their choir with the arrival of their new folders, and the lovely Lisa's birthday! Happy birthday Lisa!



Play group had another busy week of being cute!



Our Lady's Ladies had their first montly reflection night and it was a beautiful time of sharing!



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / B

24 MARCH 2024

THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. We see ourselves in the crowds who cried 'Hosanna to the Son of David' one day and 'Crucify him' just a few days later. Like Peter and the other disciples we can be fickle followers of Jesus. We should not, however, imitate Judas and despair at our infidelity. Rather, we should look to Jesus who allowed his blood to be poured out for many 'for the forgiveness of sins'. Let us praise him with grateful hearts.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

THE PROCESSION

The priest greets the people, blesses the branches and sprinkles them with holy water. The Gospel (Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16) is then read.

Before the procession the priest may say these or similar words:

P. Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

°Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

°Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

The Gloria is omitted.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. 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

Isa 50: 4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my

cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. / They curl their lips, they toss their heads. / 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: / let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, / a band of the wicked beset me. / They tear holes in my hands and my feet, / I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my clothing among them. / They cast lots for my robe. / O Lord, do not leave me alone, / my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren / and praise you where they are assembled. / 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; / all sons of Jacob, give him glory. / Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 2: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / Christ became obedient for us even to death, / dying on the cross. / Therefore God raised him on high / and gave him a name above all other names. /



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

GOSPEL

Mk 15: 1-39

(N. Narrator J. Jesus O. Other single speaker C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

N. First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He answered,

J. It is you who say it.

N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N. But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

O. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again,

O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N. They shouted back,

C. Crucify him!

N. Pilate asked them,

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Crucify him!

N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C. He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

J. Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N. This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said,

C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying,

O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

O. In truth this man was a son of God.

The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Mk 14:1–15:47

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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. Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

PREFACE OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

After the Preface, we sing or say:

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

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

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

COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

R. Amen.

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

R. **And with your spirit.**

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

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

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

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Mt 26: 42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

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NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH

- Monday
25 March
- 10:00am OLOD Primary Holy Week Practice
 - 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)
 - **12:30pm Mass**
 - 1:30pm Organ Practice

- Tuesday
26 March
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
 - **9:00am Mass**
 - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 - 11:15am OLOD Primary Holy Week Practice
 - **12:30pm Mass**
 - 2:00pm Organ Practice
 - 3:00pm Organ Practice
 - 7:00pm Filipino Choir Practice

- Wednesday
27 March
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
 - **9:00 Mass**
 - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 - 11:15am OLOD Primary Holy Week Practice
 - **12:30pm Mass**
 - 1:30pm Organ Practice
 - 2:30pm Organ Lesson
 - 3:30pm Organ Practice
 - 4:00pm Organ Lesson
 - **6:00pm Mass**
 - 6:45pm Teen and Youth Choir Practice
 - **7:00pm Stations of the Cross Procession around the Church Precinct - if raining, will move to Harrington Hall**

- Thursday
28 March
- Thursday of the Lord's Supper*
- 2:00pm OLOD Primary Holy Week Liturgy
 - 5:30pm Parish Choir Practice
 - **7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**

- Friday
29 March
- Friday of the Lord's Passion*
- **10:00am Stations of the Cross at the Concourse**
 - **3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy**
 - 7:00pm Prayer and Reflection on the 7 Last Words of Our Lord

- Saturday
30 March
- Paschal Vigil in the Holy Night*
- **9:00am Mass**
 - 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation, Rosary
 - 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 - 11:00am RCIA Anointing
 - 1:00pm Baptism
 - **5:30pm Vigil Mass**

- Sunday Mass
31 March
- Sunday of the Resurrection*
- **7:30am Mass**
 - **9:00am Family Mass**
 - **10:30am Mass**
 - 12:00pm Baptism
 - 1:30pm Organ Practice
 - 2:30pm Organ Practice




FIRST SATURDAY
Public Rosary

APRIL
06

3:00PM RECONCILIATION
4:00PM ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

 OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH
94 ARCHER ST, CHATSWOOD
CHATSWOODOFFICE@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU



Chatswood Catholic Parish
94 Archer St Chatswood 2067

PARENT & INFANT MASS

Come along to our child friendly weekday Mass every Thursday 12:30pm

Attending Mass can often be stressful for a parent, particularly while juggling the needs of your child. This Mass would be an opportunity to gather with other parents, without judgement, with the support of the Priest and parishioners.



Bring the children for a special blessing!

PLAYGROUP


All parents, babies, toddlers and infants are welcome to join our Playgroup in the Magnificat Meeting Room every Thursday from 1pm - 2:30pm.

An opportunity for the children to socialise and play, while the parents can come together in fellowship. To register, please email mona.saouma@bbccatholic.org.au or call Mona on 9410 9000


Catholic Vocations Broken Bay
Young Adult Event

ENCOUNTER

ADORATION | FORMATION | COMMUNITY
FRIDAY MARCH 15, 6PM



Guest Speakers
Sr Jojie Mabini & Sr Jennifer Conolly

 EVENTS @ BROKEN BAY

VENUE: ST AGATHA'S CHURCH
TREBOR ROAD PENNANT HILLS 2120
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E: vocations.ministry@bbccatholic.org.au

NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

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| <p>Monday
25 March</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium) • 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium) • 3:45pm Atrium for 6-9 year olds (Atrium) • 3:45pm Atrium for 9-12 year olds (Atrium) • 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter) • 7:00pm Alpha (Magnificat, St Paul) |
| <p>Tuesday
26 March</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Bible Discussion Group (St Paul) • 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium) • 3:45pm Atrium for 6-9 year olds (Atrium) • 3:45pm Atrium for 9-12 year olds (Atrium) • 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter) • 7:00pm Metanoia faith program(Magnificat, St Paul) • 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter) |
| <p>Wednesday
27 March</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat) • 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter) • 6:30pm Indonesian Music Practice (St Paul) • 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter) • 7:00pm Men Alive Prayer and Discussion (PEW Garden) |
| <p>Thursday
28 March</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium) • 1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up at 12:00pm • 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter) |
| <p>Friday
29 March</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) • 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter) • 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing |
| <p>Saturday
30 March</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am Atrium Teen Group Meeting (St Peter) • 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter) set up 10:00am |
| <p>Sunday
31 March</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul) • 11:30am RCIA (St Peter) set up at 11:00am |

Service for Passiontide

Music, Carols and Readings

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara
6:00pm Saturday 23 March 2024
following the 5pm Vigil Mass

with Members of the Cathedral Schola
and Maris Stella Diocesan Youth Choir

All Welcome

BACH - THE BENEFACTOR

Music to guide and inspire us



PROGRAM

J.S. Bach Cantata 'Brich dem Hungrigen dein Brot' BWV 39
J.S. Bach Harpsichord Concerto in E arranged for Violin in D
(after BWV 1053) arr. K. Debrezeni
J.S. Bach Cantata 'Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben' BWV 147

DATES

Friday 12th April, 7.30pm
St Francis of Assisi Church, Paddington
Sunday 14th April, 2.30pm
Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood

That's us!

BOOKINGS www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au 1300 785 377

The Echoes of My Sorrow

The echoes of my sorrow
Seeks absolution for my sins
Their halo shines brightly
As I linger in darkness within
Am I worthy?
I claw my fingers into the ground
Forgiveness is buried too deep

I Am here, gaze upon me
Infinitely overflowing with mercy
He weaves into my fractured heart
His love knows no bounds
Flowing like a gentle stream
Washing away my sins
His grace forever surrounds

by: C. C. Michigan

C.C is a young creative in our parish -
thank you for sharing this beautiful
submission, C.C!

SENIOR'S MORNING TEA 1st Thursday of every Month Please join us

4th April 2nd May 6th Jun 4th July 1st Aug 5th Sept
3rd Oct 7th Nov 5th Dec



At Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood we gather for Senior Morning Tea on the 1st Thursday of each month please join us and bring someone with you while we chat and listen to the guest speaker we enjoy having coffee, tea and a snack.

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Our Lady OF DOLOURS

Join us for
**EASTER EGGS
WITH THE
EASTER BUNNY**

MARCH
31
9:00AM & 10:30AM
MASS EASTER SUNDAY

Get ready for an egg-citing visit! The Easter Bunny is scheduled to make a special appearance after our 9:00am and 10:30am Mass on Sunday, March 31st.
After the 9:00am Family Mass, there will be an Easter Egg hunt.
All are welcome!

Some notices from our MCAAG group:

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Please note that there is note that there will be no devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help on 30 March as it is Holy Saturday. Devotion will resume the following Saturday 6 April at 10 am.

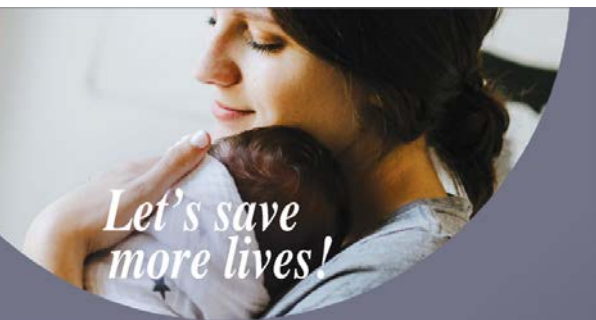
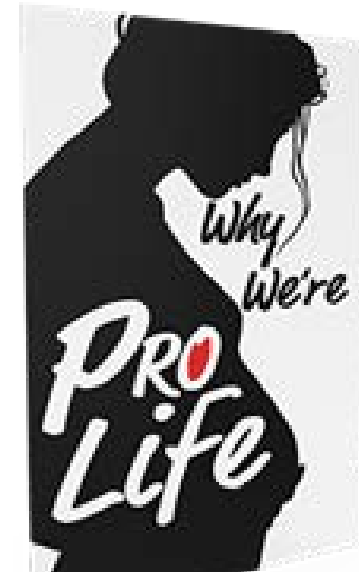


International Day of the Unborn Child

The International Day of the Unborn Child is observed annually on March 25. It serves as a commemoration of unborn fetuses and stands as a day of opposition to abortion. This significant date was established by Pope John Paul II to coincide with the Feast of the Annunciation. The Pope viewed this day as a positive option in favour of life and the spread of a culture for life to guarantee respect for human dignity in every situation.

A 36-page booklet "Why We're Pro-life" is freely available in the church. Please take a copy home and read it. "Why We're Pro-Life" serves two functions. First, it provides the words, ideas, and confidence to talk to others about abortion. Second, it's a compelling pro-life resource that you can give away to anyone. "Why We're Pro-Life" is perfect for this important moment in the fight for life:

- It addresses the legal and cultural landscape of the new post-Roe world.
- It avoids the charge that abortion is a church-state issue in that it appeals only to up-to-date science and to broadly shared beliefs about human rights. Not religion.
- It strikes a tone of peaceful dialogue, much needed during a time of rising temperatures in the divisive debate over abortion.



The Day Of The Unborn Child – Sunday 14 April

As Catholics we need to stand up for the life of unborn children. We recognise that abortion is a tragedy for both the child and the parent. On Sunday 14 April parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in a procession to mark the Day of the Unborn Child. Join us and others from across Sydney at the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral at 12.00 noon as we prepare to process through the streets of Sydney. The procession is aligned to the Feast of the Annunciation which commemorates the day in history where Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ became Incarnate. On this day "the Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us." What better day than this to remember the plight of the unborn child in the modern world. For those who have had an abortion experience or have encouraged someone to do so, God's mercy and love is available through the sacrament of reconciliation. Rachel's Vineyard offers retreats and other resources/assistance which bring spiritual and emotional healing - Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Sydney: Retreat Information (rachelsaus.blogspot.com) - 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au



Can you help me find 2 more volunteers for 365Life?

365Life volunteers place business-size cards, with a pro-life message, around Australia. Every card, guided by the Lord's hand, can save an unborn baby, or connect someone to pregnancy help.

All I need is for you to forward your pro-life friend's name and address (email and phone would be helpful too) to me —

Peter Stevens 0413 467 831
365Life@familyvoice.org.au

I'll register your friend and send free cards.

About St Joseph – Feast Day 19 March

Silence, often misunderstood as weakness, became Joseph's greatest virtue. It was not a void of expression, but a deep well of contemplation and surrender. In the silence of his heart, Joseph listened intently to the whispers of divine guidance, heeding the angel's call to protect and provide for the Holy Family.

Symbolically, the lily becomes Joseph's flower, reflecting the purity and innocence of his soul. Just as the lily blossoms amidst the thorns, Joseph's quiet strength flourished in the challenges he faced. The lily's delicate petals remind us of Joseph's gentle care and unwavering love for Mary and Jesus, nurturing their growth with tender devotion.

In a world often consumed by noise and clamor, St. Joseph's example invites us to embrace the transformative power of silence. It is in the hushed moments of reflection that we hear the whispers of God's presence, guiding us with the same gentle assurance that led Joseph on his journey of faith. Like the lily, may our lives bloom with the beauty of silent strength, rooted in trust and anchored in love.



- How can I emulate St. Joseph's humility and willingness to serve others in my daily interactions and Lenten practices?
- How can I cultivate a deeper sense of obedience and surrender to God's will in my own life during this Lenten season?



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Regular Mass Times:

Monday	Mass 12:30pm.
Tuesday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Wednesday	Mass 9:00am, 12:30pm & 6:00pm.
Thursday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm. Reconciliation: 7:00pm.
Friday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Saturday	Mass: 9:00am Reconciliation: 9:30am. Vigil Mass: 5:30pm
Sunday	Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30am • 9:00am • 10:30am • 5:30pm

The Children's Atrium

of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
 for children aged from 3 to 12 years.

A place where children come to be with God to discover and explore God's love for them.



The Atrium is a specially prepared room, where children spend time with God so that they can nurture their relationship with him. The program is based on Scripture and Liturgy and framed by Montessori principles of Education. Run in three age groups, each room is prepared for them based on their stage of development and their religious needs and capacities at each stage. The age groups and times available for the children to come to our Atrium at Chatswood are:

3-6 year olds
 Mondays 10am-11:30am
 Mondays 3:45-5:30pm
 Tuesdays 3:45-5:30pm
 Thursdays 10am-11:30am

6-9 year olds
 Mondays 3:45-5:45pm
 Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm

9-12 year olds
 Mondays 3:45-5:45pm
 Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm

To find out more watch this video or contact Angela or Rose at: old.childrens.atrrium@gmail.com

