

Bulletin.

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

Diocese of Broken Bay
Chatswood Parish Newsletter
Issue #0002 | Sunday 29 March 2026
Sixth Sunday of Lent - Palm Sunday



Welcome to Chatswood Catholic Parish

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, visiting for the first time, or returning after some time away, we are glad you are here. Our parish is a community of faith, prayer, and service, seeking to bring the Light of Christ into everyday life.

This bulletin is here to help you stay connected with what is happening in our parish, and to discover opportunities to grow in faith, serve others, and journey together as one community.



Bringing the Light of Christ to the City

We Love • We Grow • We Serve



Inside this bulletin.

Message from Fr David	3
Come and See What's happening this week at the parish	4
Church Schedule	6
Come and Grow Growing together in faith	9
Come and Serve Serve our community	15
Please Remember in Our Prayers	19
Our Parish Directory	24

“賀三納於達味之子！因上主之名而來的，當受讚頌！賀三納於至高之天！”
瑪竇福音 21:9

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest. Matthew 21:9

New to our parish?

If you are visiting or new to our community, we are glad you are here.

Please feel welcome to speak with one of our priests after Mass or contact the parish office for more information about parish life on 02 9410 9000 or chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



A message from Fr David.

Dear Friends,

On Wednesday evening it was announced that Bishop Anthony had been appointed by Pope Leo XIV as Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Legislative Texts, and elevated to the rank of Archbishop. We congratulate Archbishop Randazzo on this most significant appointment. It is truly a tremendous honour for him. However, the appointment also honours us – our own Diocese of Broken Bay which Archbishop Anthony has shepherded as enthusiastically and energetically over the last six and a half years. We wish Archbishop Anthony every blessing as he takes up this new ministry of service to the Church. Archbishop Anthony will relocate to Rome around the end of June. In the meantime, the Holy Father has appointed him in the role of Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese. This means that, though the See is now Vacant, Archbishop Anthony can still act with all the authority of a bishop for the good of our local Church. My own role as Vicar General will continue over this period as I assist Archbishop Anthony in this transitional time for our Diocese.

We now come to the greatest of weeks in our Christian Year. Step by step over this week we will journey together in our remembrance of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. There will be special moments through these days: the Mass of the Oils with the Archbishop Anthony, for the last time, at 7.00pm on Tuesday 31 March at Our Lady of The Rosary Cathedral Waitara; our Parish Stations of the Cross beginning in our church on Wednesday 1 April at

7.00pm; our annual Stations of the Cross on the Chatswood Concourse at 10.30am on Good Friday, Friday 3 April.

We gather for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday 2 April at 7.00pm. Please note that this is the only Mass celebrated on that day. There will be no 9.00am or 12.30pm Mass on Thursday 2 April. On Good Friday at 3.00pm we come to the church for the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Then the great climax of our week is our Easter Vigil at 7.00pm on Saturday 4 April at which we will welcome our Elect and Candidates into the Church. We will do this also at our 9.00am and 10.30am Masses on Easter Sunday morning. Please note there is no Sunday 5.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

Let us keep each other in our prayer through the days ahead, praying that what we celebrate in our liturgies will be lived out in our daily lives.

Fr David Ranson PP



We acknowledge the Cammeraygal People of the Eora Nation, custodians of the land on which our parish stands and we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of national reconciliation.

As a Parish of Catholic Faith we are committed to ensuring always a community of safety and care for all, especially for children, and those who are vulnerable.

Very Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG
Parish Priest, Our Lady of Dolours Church

What's happening this week at the parish.

Monday, 30 March 2026 – Sunday, 5 April 2026



Outdoor Parish Stations of the Cross

Our annual Outdoor Parish Stations of the Cross led by Fr Hien and assisted by our different parish ministry groups who set up small altars and decorate the stations of the cross. All Welcome!

Wednesday, 1 April 2026
7pm Start in the church



Mass of the Lord's Supper

Join us for Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Last Supper at 7pm. This is the only Mass celebrated this day.

Thursday 2 April 2026
7pm in the church



Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Our Youth Ministry perform a live re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross at the Concourse in front of the steps.

Join us at 10,30am for a prayerful journey through the stations as we prepare for Easter together.

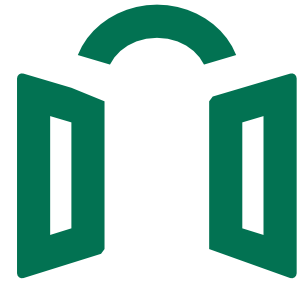
Friday, 3 April 2026
10.30am at Chatswood Concourse



Passion of the Lord

All are welcome to join our Good Friday solemn commemoration of Jesus' passion and sacrifice, today at 3pm.

Friday, 3 April 2026
3:00pm in the church.



March 2026

Monday, 30 March

OLOD PS Holy Week
Liturgy 9:30am in the
church

Tuesday, 31 March

Bible Discussion Group
10am in St Pauls Room
with Margaret Day &
Lydia M.

Tuesday, 31 March

Indonesian Legion of Mary
7pm in St Peters Room

Tuesday, 31 March

Filipino Choir Practice
7pm in Harrington Hall

April 2026

Wednesday, 1 April

English Conversation
classes 9:30am in
Magnificat Room

Wednesday, 1 April

Chinese Alpha Training in
St Pauls Room

Wednesday, 1 April

CIC Indonesian
Instrument Practice
6:30pm in Harrington Hall

Saturday, 4 April

Legion of Mary meeting
10:30am in St Peters
Room

Sunday, 5 April

Capstone Young Adults
Group fellowship 6:30pm
in Harrington Hall

April 2026

Please see flyers in church foyer for
details.

First Communion Enrolments Open!

To enrol your child:

www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood

Click on 'First Communion
Enrolments' where you will find
the dates and program info. Click
on 'Enrol Here' tab to complete
form.

Closing Monday 27 April 2026

chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au

Church Schedule

Mass Schedule This Week

Monday, 30 March 2026
12:30

Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday, 31 March 2026
9:00 & 12:30

Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday, 1 April 2026
9:00, 12:30pm

Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday, 2 April 2026
7:00 pm

Holy Thursday

Friday, 3 April 2026
3:00 pm

Good Friday

Saturday, 4 April 2026,
7:00pm

Holy Saturday

Sunday, 5 April 2026,
7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 12noon

Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Date	Time	Activity
30 March 2026	9:30 – 10:30	OLOD PS Holy Week Liturgy
	11:30 – 12:00	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	11:45 – 12:15	Rosary (Cenacle MMP)
	12:30 – 13:00	Afternoon Mass
31 March 2026	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass
	9:30 – 10:30	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	10:30 – 12:00	St Pius X Junior School Lenten Liturgy
	12:30 – 13:00	Afternoon Mass
1 April 2026	8:00 – 8:45	Mercy Holy Week Rehearsal
	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass
	9:30 – 10:30	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	10:30 - 12:00	Mercy Holy Week Liturgy
2 April 2026	12:30 – 13:00	Afternoon Mass
	19:00 – 20:30	Parish Stations of the Cross
	8:45 – 9:00	Morning Prayer
	19:00 – 20:00	Mass of The Lord's Supper
3 April 2026	15:00-16:30	Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion
4 April 2026	16:30 - 17:30	Vigil Singer Bookings
	19:00 - 20:00	Easter Vigil Mass
5 April	7:30 – 8:30	Mass
	9:00 – 10:00	Mass
	10:30 – 11:30	Mass
	12:00 – 13:00	Filipino Mass

Note: There might be changes to schedules due to late bookings. Please check with parish office to confirm.

- There will be no 6.30 pm Evening Mass of Hope on Wednesday, 1 April 2026. But we'll have the Outdoor Evening Stations of the Cross instead at 7 pm.
- There will be no Morning & Evening Adoration on Thursday, 2 April 2026 at 9.30 am & 7 pm respectively (Holy Thursday).
- There will be no Divine Retreat Centre Healing Mass on Friday, 3 April 2026 at 7 pm (Good Friday).
- There will be no Morning Adoration on Saturday, 4 April 2026 at 9.30 am (Holy Saturday).
- There will be no First Saturday Public Rosary: Saturday, 4 April 2026 at 4pm (Holy Saturday).
- Easter Monday Mass will be on 6 April 2026 at 12.30 pm.

Last Week in Review

Catechist & CCD Reflection Day



Catechists and CCD Reflection Day in Magnificat Room on Friday 20 March. Members meditated on Stations of the Cross.

Day of the Unborn Child Procession



Thousands of Catholics gathered at St Mary's Cathedral before processing through the city to Parliament House, giving public witness to the dignity of unborn life. A number of our Capstone Young Adults attended the procession.

'Walking in the Wilderness.'

We wrap up our Lenten program with Deacon Tan on Tuesday 24 March. Thank you all who joined in the 10am and 7pm sessions over the past 5 weeks growing in faith together.



New Seniors Programs!



Our seniors enjoyed a taster of the new programs provided by the Memory Innovations Centre on Tuesday 24 March.

'Let's Get Moving' exercise and 'Brain Games' to stimulate cognitive function, physical, mental and social wellbeing.
FFS & HCP \$25/session or CHSP \$12.50/session

Term 2 classes commence 21 April in Magnificat Room.
Phone: 1800 324 924

Email: info@catholiccaresdbb.org.au

First Reconciliation

We congratulate the 70 children who have now completed their program of preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (These pictures are printed with parental permission).



First Communion Enrolments Open!

To enrol your child: www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood

Click on 'First Communion Enrolments' where you will find the dates and program info. Click on 'Enrol Here' tab to complete form. Enquiries: chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au

Growing Together in Faith.

Our parish offers many opportunities to deepen faith, prayer, and understanding of God's presence in our lives. Whether through pilgrimage, learning, shared reflection, or quiet prayer, these gatherings invite us to continue growing as disciples of Christ together.

Exploring The Faith

Exploring the Faith offers a welcoming space for those who wish to deepen their understanding of Catholic belief and practice. Through guided discussion and shared reflection, participants are invited to ask questions and grow in confidence in their faith journey.

**St Peter's Room
Wednesdays 7pm.**

**Contact
Anthony@churchinthecity.com.au**

Meditation Group

The Meditation Group provides a quiet and prayerful space to pause, reflect, and listen to God. Through guided meditation, participants are encouraged to deepen their interior life and grow in attentiveness to God's presence.

**Fridays, 9.30am
Location: St Paul's Room
Jon Nurman
jnnurman@yahoo.com**

Spiritual Growth Book Club (with Fr. David)

This book club offers an opportunity to reflect more deeply on faith and life through shared reading and discussion. Guided by Fr David, participants are invited to listen, reflect, and grow together in spiritual understanding.

**Friday 10 April 7.30pm
Location: Magnificat Room
Contact: Bernadette Jew**

bjew@innovart.com.au



What makes Jesus so special that we remember him year after year - for over 2,000 years?

Come and explore this question and other big questions about life, faith and meaning as we journey in Alpha together in 2026 at Chatswood Catholic Parish.

Alpha is an introduction to Christian faith, which assumes nothing.

If you've never read the Bible, never prayed, never been to church before – then Alpha is for you. But it's also for you if you've been coming to church for a long time, maybe your whole life – but you've still got questions.

In each Alpha session we enjoy a free meal, watch a video and then have a reflective conversation together about what we've just watched.

We'll be offering Alpha once a week on Monday evenings, commencing Monday 20 April 2026.

When? We meet at 7 pm for dinner, and finish at 9.15 pm.

Where? Parish Meeting Rooms, Cnr Kirk & Archer Streets, Chatswood - enter from Kirk Street.

Registration is essential for catering purposes. To register for Alpha...

- Scan the QR code, or
- Visit form.jotform.com/chatswoodparish/alpha

If you have any questions about Alpha, contact Gillian on 0412 373 324 or email gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com



Parish Life & Community Groups

Alongside our faith formation, our parish is home to groups that foster friendship, cultural connection, and community.

Parish Playgroup

A welcoming space for families with young children to connect, share support, and build friendships.

Thursdays, 11.00am

Location: Magnificat Room.

Contact: Mona.Saouma@bbcatholic.org.au



Atrium

A space for children to explore their relationship with God. Sessions available for 3-6, 6-9 and 9-12 year old, held during school terms.

Location: Atrium Rooms, Kirk St

Contact: Angela or Rose at

old.childrens.atrrium@gmail.com

Mums' Ministry

A supportive group for mothers to connect, share experiences, and encourage one another.

Sundays, 3.45pm

Location: St Peter's Room

Music and Choir Ensembles

Love to sing? Our parish has a number of choirs to suit all levels and interests!

Director of Music: titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au

Parish Choir: every Sunday 10:30am led by Titus

Lifestyle English Conversation Program

A friendly and supportive group offering conversational English practice in a relaxed parish setting.

Wednesdays, 9.30am

Location: Magnificat Room

Contact

anthony@churchinthecity.com.au

Legion of Mary (Indonesian Community)

A prayer-centred group fostering devotion, fellowship, and service within the parish.

Tuesdays, 6.30pm

Location: St Peter's Room

Contact Caroline Lim

Caroline.Lim26@yahoo.com

Seniors & Grandparents Morning Tea

A morning reflection with Fr Hien. Come and join us for a calm morning of reflection. Sharing prayer and spiritual preparations as we enter the Easter Triduum.

Thursday 2 April 10am in Magnificat Room

Children's Choir: every 1st and 3rd Sunday 9am led by Titus

Teen's Choir: every 2nd Sunday 5:30pm led by hannah.johnsun8@gmail.com

Young Adult's Choir: every 1st Sunday led by ashwan9904@gmail.com

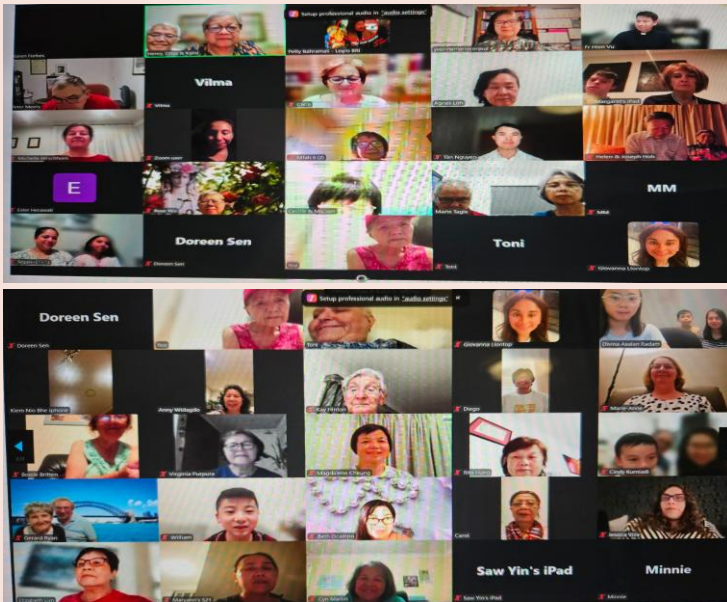
Filipino Choir: every 4th Sunday led by giselle.goloy@gmail.com

Indonesian Choir: led by molita.khreich@gmail.com

Mass Welcomers

Welcoming people to weekend masses. To join our friendly team, contact anthony@churchinthecity.com.au

Zoom Rosary on Wednesday 25 March:



Calling All Young Singers to sing at our Easter Sunday 9am Mass!

If you are in Year 2 – 6 and you love to sing, come and join our Family Mass Choir for our special Easter Sunday Celebrations on 5 April.

RSVP

angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

Infant Baptism Ministry

Fr Hien would like to invite families who have had their infant baptised in the past 6 months at Our Lady of Dolours church to a morning tea gathering.

Please contact office to register your interest at: hien.vu@bbcatholic.org.au

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / A

29 MARCH 2026

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 faithful, carrying palm branches, assemble either in front of the church or inside the church.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Jn 12:1; 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

Mt 27:11-54

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

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

N. Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. Jesus replied:

J. It is you who say it.

N. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

O. Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N. But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

O. Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

N. For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

O. Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

N. The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:

O. Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

N. They said:

C. Barabbas.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

N. They all said:

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Pilate asked:

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:

O. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

N. And the people, to a man, shouted back:

C. His blood be on us and on our children!

N. Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed

the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

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

C. So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God'.

N. Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

J. Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

N. That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

C. The man is calling on Elijah,

N. and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C. Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

N. But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N. At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people.

Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

C. In truth this was a son of God.

Longer form, Mt 26:14-27:66

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

P. Pray, brethren . . .

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

PREFACE OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God . . .

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.

A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL



Unauthorised reproduction of this bulletin prohibited. Published with ecclesiastical approval by ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel 02 9394 3400 Email: sales@stpauls.com.au Scripture readings taken from The Jerusalem Bible, © 1966 Hodder & Stoughton Ltd. All rights reserved. Psalm text from The Psalms, A New Translation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins. New translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Artwork by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj. Layout, commentaries and illustrations © St Pauls Publications, 2026. No 761. Website: www.stpauls.com.au

华人启发

Chinese Alpha

寻光之旅

Searching for Light



At Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church Chatswood 车士活慈悲圣母天主堂

日期 | Date

星期三 Wednesday
4月22日 22 April 2026

联络电话 | Contact No.

Hannah Fong
0449 839 188

时间 | Time

12:15pm - 2:30pm
总共13節 (包括午餐)
13 Sessions (Including Lunch)

费用全免, 欢迎所有人参加
Free, Open to everyone

地点 | Venue

Magnificat Room
Our Lady of Dolours
Catholic Church
Crn of Kirk and Archer Sts
Chatswood 车士活



Parish-in-Council IX

Saturday 16 May 2026

Our parish holds three Parish-in-Council (PiC) gatherings a year. PiC's are for our whole parish community - embracing all who share in the life of our parish through worship, ministry, friendship or family.

At PiC we meet new people, get to know one another better, listen to each other and together, guided by the Holy Spirit, help to discern and shape the future of our parish - what God might be calling us to do, to live out our parish mission of Bringing the Light of Christ to the City – We Love, We Grow, We Serve.

Why does PiC matter?

PiC isn't a 'church' meeting, it's a vital part of our parish's journey of synodality - walking together, listening to one another and discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us. PiC is also for everyone, all ages and all backgrounds, whether you're new to Chatswood Parish or been here since birth, whether you live nearby or travel from afar.

Chatswood PiC IX - Saturday 16 May

Everyone is warmly invited to join us in Harrington Hall on **Saturday 16 May starting at 12.05 pm** for our ninth PiC. The afternoon will feature lunch, thought-provoking presentations, conversations and the opportunity for each and every one of our diverse voices to be heard.

Kids Welcome!

We want PiC to be accessible for all families with children of any age. That's why we created Kids-in-Council, for toddlers through to teens, running in parallel to PiC, with catered lunch and tailored fun activities and games.

Register Today

Visit form.jotform.com/chatswoodparish/picix, scan the QR code, or speak with our parish office. Registration is essential to help us plan for catering and table seating.



Serving Our Community.

Our faith is lived not only in prayer, but in service. These opportunities invite us to support those in need, contribute to parish life, and put our faith into action through generosity, compassion, and care.

St Vincent de Paul — Volunteers Needed

Through your continued support, our St Vincent de Paul Conference has been able to respond to a growing number of requests for help from individuals and families experiencing hardship. We are currently seeking volunteers who can assist with home visits and administrative support, offering both practical help and compassionate presence to those in need.

**Time commitment:
1–2 half days per week**

**Contact: El Herlianto or John
(details available via parish
office)**

Our Community Garden

Our Community Garden was started as part of our parish's commitment to the principle of Laudato 'Si: hearing the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. It has been maintained over a period of two years by a team of parishioners who have planted, watered, fertilised and harvested two crops of herbs and vegetables with varying success. Recent plumbing works required the Pius-styled recycled-pew garden beds to be removed to the perimeter along the Kirk St fence. Despite the changes to our garden plans, our community

gardeners are more enthusiastic than ever.

**Contact: Jo Karaolis
jokaraolis1@bigpond.com**

Community Transport Drivers

Drivers who have a great commitment to help other parishioners get to mass! We need you!

**Contact Dee
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au**

DIGNITY Pro-Life Alliance

The DIGNITY Pro-Life Alliance invites parishioners to reflect on and uphold the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death. Through prayer, learning, and respectful advocacy, the Alliance encourages Catholics to engage thoughtfully with issues affecting the most vulnerable in our society. Resources are available for those who wish to learn more and become involved.

**Learn more and get involved via
the DIGNITY Pro-Life Alliance
website or Contact Cecilia
aikimtan10@gmail.com**

Good Friday Holy Land



Offer hope by supporting the Sacred Places and Christians of the Holy Land.

Our annual Appeal for the Sacred Places of the Holy Land will be taken up on the afternoon of Good Friday.

Additional Parish & Diocesan Notices

St Vincent De Paul February Report

OLD Vinnies received 11 requests for help in February with three of them are new. The first new request is a homeless couple referred by the Parish and who appeared to have lost all their possessions after being expelled from their last squat at the Botanical Gardens, were rekkitted out.

The second new request was from a Persian mother who had been living in the area for some time but who had suffered a motor accident last year, which has caused financial and medical difficulties. (She was also suffering concern for her family in Iran.) The third was a young person, referred by a youth services organisation concerned with vulnerable youth, was given food, clothing and info on local services.

There were three requests who are struggling to maintain themselves whilst waiting for partners to be able to contribute to rent and housekeeping. Another three were suffering with depression. Three of our small "family" of people needing longer term assistance to keep afloat until things turn around for them, were in this February group.

Lack of affordable accommodation was a constant problem for those not in public housing. Some \$5,000 of resources were utilised.

El Herlianto

Deacon Tan Nguyen's Ordination on Wednesday 29 April 7:00pm

Location: Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara NSW 2077

Fr Tan Nguyen Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 30 April 10:00am

Location: Our Lady of Dolours Church, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067

Fr Tan Nguyen will be appointed as Assistant Priest at Corpus Christi Parish, St Ives effective on 21 April 2026.



Update – Timor Leste Tertiary Scholarship Program

Through the generosity of some of our parishioners we have been able to extend our Timor Leste Tertiary Scholarship Program. In addition to our two continuing students Palmira and Ana, this year we will approve three new students: Caterina (teaching), Mariana (Nursing), Anastacia (Nursing), and possibly a fourth in Public Administration.

Two weeks ago, we received a request from a parish priest in Dili asking if we could help five students who were having to drop out of university because they couldn't afford to continue. These four girls and one boy were part way through their studies in nursing (3), accounting and pharmacy. Their families are subsistence farmers struggling to make a living. That same week a generous parishioner donated an amount that met our shortfall for this semester and allowed us to approve Fr Guil's request:

*"Dear Our Lady of Dolours Support Committee,
Peace and blessings to you.*

I, Father Guilhermino da Silva, write this letter to respectfully recommend five students who are in serious need of financial assistance in order to continue their schooling. These students personally approached me to ask for help. Before responding to their request, I confirmed their situation with their teachers, who affirmed that all five are academically capable, disciplined, and motivated to study, but face financial hardship.

Some of them have not yet been able to pay their school fees at all, while others have only made partial

payments. Without assistance, they are at risk of interrupting their education...(He then gives a brief description of each student's circumstance and course of study.)"

By giving our support to these students now, we are providing life changing opportunities for them and their families and in doing so we are helping to build a stronger future for this new nation.

If you would like to assist these young Timorese to complete their courses please contact:

Carla Gageler carlagageler@outlook.com 0402 373 728
or Trish Wilson patriciaawilson23@gmail.com 0431 696 504



The latest ATLAS Quarterly Newsletter is available now in the church foyer. Keep up-to-date with what's happening in Timor Leste with the work of our partnership with ATLAS.

Please Remember in Our Prayers.

For Those Recently Deceased

Michael Purpura Glemao, Margaret Lee-Mathai, Scholastica Lakra, Barbara Woodall, Robert Cantwell; Pui Yee Yeung; Francis Moey; Darren Eng; Joe Salgado; Reynaldo Alovera; Margaret Fernandes; Phillip Rochfort Fiet Marie Widyasurya; Eva Barion (Marte Tagle's sister); Kenny Tsang; Francesca Di Mento, Eric Rapisardi, Maria Christina Labalan, Peter Charles Prior, Binnie (Maryanne) Tan.

For Those Who Are Sick

Rosa Solomon, Alexander Papandrea; Leo Papa: Evelyn Azar; Bruce Meppem; Ely Herft; Augustine D'silva; Catherine M Chan, Mirjana Marinovic; Mellita Jones; Daniel West; Ying Leong Fong; Rosetta Lo Presti; Celine Robinson; Rafael Senedrin; Gina Marotta; Deysi Villanueva; Ervita Wiroatmodjo; Almira Christina Chen; Mary Oakley; Eugenia San Gabriel; Jim Dennis; Jeremy Moon; Ley Peng Tan; Lody Herlianto; Chet Catapang; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Carmel Villanueva; Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlasic; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapira; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; Gerard de Leon; Carlos de Leon; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time

John Tung Leung SIU (10 years death anniversary, Father of Susana Siu); A. Simon; Mary Simon; Emily Mary Yee Joy; Corsino Vicoy Sr; Maria Bui Thi Phap; John Luxton; Aida Freeman; Edward Mendes; Moh Har Yip; Magdalina Bolingot Shirley Greathead; Elizabeth Shin' John William Arblaster; Jakica Bacic; Ivan Bacic; Franko Stanich Marko; Mara Stanich; Siegfried Korb; Michaela Korb; Maria Gussnig; Hubert Gussnig; Diana Carson Alphonso Le, Sr Marie Elizabeth, Edna Kenna, Raymond Grannall, Edward Abanilla

Birthday

Fr David Ranson

Sacraments Celebrated

Our Altar Flowers This Week

Altar Flowers are donated by Peony Cheung in loving memory of late husband Fred F.Y. Ng (20th anniversary).

Flowers that will be displayed in our church on Holy Thursday have been generously donated by one of our parishioners.

Flower Donations

Honour a special occasion or remember a loved one with Altar Flower arrangements.

Suggested donations: \$130 for a standard arrangement with your choice of flower colours. \$200+ for fuller or specific flowers like roses.

Email Chloe at chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au, at least 1 month prior with your preferred date/colours.

Our Volunteers, Irene and Cynthia, will beautifully arrange your flowers and place them by the tabernacle for the weekend.


Prayer for Vocations

During this month, the Serra Association invites parishioners to remember in prayer the bishops, priests, and deacons of our Diocese, asking God to strengthen and sustain them in their ministry and to inspire future vocations.

Around and About.

Our Serra Association invite us to remember one of the bishops, priests, deacons and sisters in our Diocese in our prayer each day during the month of April 2026.

Prayer For Vocations



Heavenly Father, we praise you for your goodness and thank you for your gifts.

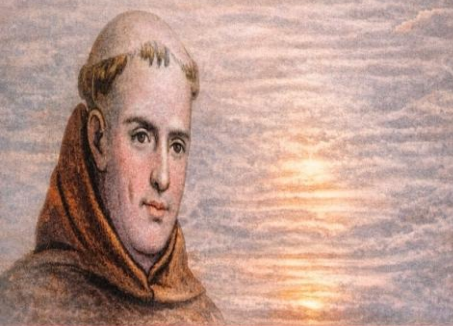
Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church.

Assist all your people to know their vocations in life and help them to prepare for it.

Call many to be Priests, Deacons, and Consecrated Men and Women for your greater glory and for the service of your people.

Give those whom you call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



St. Junipero Serra
Feast Day in USA: July 1

Month	Date	Name
April	1	Bishop Anthony Randazzo
	2	Bishop Emeritus David Walker
	3	Bishop Emeritus Robert McGuckin
	4	Fr Colin Blayney
	5	Fr Stephen Hill
	6	Fr Timothy Raj MSFS Fr Alex Peter Selvaraj MSFS
	7	Fr Gaspar Mushi Cssp Fr Jules-Davy Malonga Cssp
	8	Fr Vincent Lourduswamy MSFS
	9	Fr Michael Belonio OSA
	10	Fr Michael Sullivan OSA
	11	Fr Jumbin Torres OSA
	12	Fr John Zhang OSA
	13	Fr John Hill
	14	Fr Robert Borg
	15	Fr Jim McKeon
	16	Fr Aldrin Valdehueza
	17	Fr Vince Casey
	18	Fr Greg Chee OCD
	19	Fr Gerard Moran OCD
	20	Fr Sunny Peackal OCD
	21	Fr Restituto Ogismer cs
	22	Fr Jose Aliro Gutierrez cs
	23	Fr Savino Bernardi cs
	24	Deacon Roberto Corpuz
	25	Deacon Richard Houwig
	26	Deacon Adrian Gomez
	27	Deacon Paul Simmons
	28	Deacon Kevin Hale Deacon Kevin McGregor
	29	Fr Ireneuz Czech SDS
	30	Fr Brendan Lee Fr Anoop Devasia

Our Lady OF DOLOURS

Holy Week 2026

94 Archer St Chatswood NSW 2067
Ph: 02 9410 9000 chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

29 MAR	Palm Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday Vigil 5:30pm Sunday Mass 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 5:30pm
01 APR	Wednesday of Holy Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Dolours Church 7pm
02 APR	Holy Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm <p>Only Mass celebrated this day.</p>
03 APR	Good Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stations of the Cross at Chatswood Concourse 10:30am Passion of the Lord 3pm
04 APR	Holy Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vigil Mass 7pm
05 APR	Easter Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Mass at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am <p>No evening Mass.</p>

JORDAN & THE HOLY LAND

13 DAYS

Footsteps of Jesus Pilgrimage

Watch the Gospels come alive as we set out on this true pilgrimage of faith and follow the life of Jesus in a deeply personal way. From his younger days in Nazareth and his public ministry in the Galilee to his passion, death and resurrection in Jerusalem, prepare to be deeply moved, as we create memories for a lifetime.

DEPARTS MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2026 • 13 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS
Dead Sea (2 nights) • Sea of Galilee (3 nights) • Jerusalem (5 nights)

Accompanied by **Fr David Ranson**

Jerusalem

the genuine pilgrim experience

harvest journeys

VAD IN AUSTRALIA

Our Speakers:

PROFESSOR MEGAN BEST
VAD Legislation: Future Trends
Dr Megan Best is a professor of bioethics at the Institute for Ethics and Society at the University of Notre Dame Australia. She has a clinical background in Palliative medicine and has researched extensively in psycho-oncology, bioethics and spiritual care in healthcare.

DR JOANNE WRIGHT
FutureTrendsInReferenceto the
Canadian Experience
Dr Wright is an Aged Care Psychiatrist working in both public and private practice in Northern Sydney. She has experience in the palliative care area.

DR FRANK BRENNAN
The Impact of VAD on Palliative Care Practice
Frank Brennan is a Palliative Care Physician based at St George and Calvary Hospitals, Sydney. He is also a lawyer and has an interest in the human rights dimensions of Palliative Care and pain management.

Saturday 9th May 2026 10.00am - 12.00pm

University of Notre Dame Broadway
140 Broadway, Chippendale Pioneer House
Room: NDS5/209
Walking distance from Central Station. Parking available Broadway Shopping Centre.

Rsvp by: Thursday 7th May 2026
admin@catholicmedicine.org

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Carmel House Retreats 2026

MAY 20-24 Pentecost Intensive RUAH
"He breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit". Jn 20:22
The Ruah (breath) of God renews each soul that receives its power. Embrace the gift of the Holy Spirit through fellowship, inputs, prayer and practical workshops and help renew the face of the earth
<https://www.trvbooking.com/DIDAV>

OCT 16-18 Hand Made Creative Healing Retreat
"In his hand is the life of every creature." Job 12:10
Come away for a weekend of reflection on how carefully God has made and upheld your life through different creative prayer experiences.
<https://www.trvbooking.com/DIDCB>

JUNE 27 GARDENS Day Retreat
"Grieve not as those who have no hope." 1 Thess 4:13.
Spend a day reflecting on how while we experience pain, grief and loss in life, we can also discover in such moments that God is renewing us and doing "a new thing" (Rev 21:4) within us.
<https://www.trvbooking.com/DIDBD>

NOV 14 ALIVE Holy Spirit Family Retreat Day
Your family has been carefully chosen and put together by God and has an important mission entrusted only to you.
Discover as a family the power of the Holy Spirit to live with boldness and love!
<https://www.trvbooking.com/DIDCI>

AUG 28-30 HOMECOMING Silent Retreat
"His father saw him, ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." Lk 15: 20
Your heavenly Father waits for you to come away with him for a weekend of silently soaking in his great love for you. Embrace this opportunity for encountering deep peace and serenity.
w/e: <https://www.trvbooking.com/DIDBK>
extensive: <https://www.trvbooking.com/DIDBJ>

Missionaries of God's Love Sisters

Carmel House
345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW 2566
mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com
mgl sisters.org

Our Parish Information

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood

94 Archer Street,
Chatswood NSW 2067

Parish Office

Office Address:

PO Box 1446,
Chatswood NSW 2057

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Contact

Phone: 9410 9000

Emergency Calls: 0473 046 906

Email:

chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Instagram & Facebook:

@ourladyofdolourschatswood

Clergy & Parish Staff

Parish Priest

Very Rev Dr David Ranson VG
david.ranson@bbcatholic.org.au
Blog: davidranson.com.au

Assistant Priests

Rev Fr Anselam Lakra
anselam.lakra@bbcatholic.org.au
Ph: 9410 9028

Rev Fr Hien Vu

hien.vu@bbcatholic.org.au
Ph: 9410 9027

Deacon (Transitional)

Rev Mr Tan Nguyen
tan.nguyen@bbcatholic.org.au

Parish Team

Receptionist: Diana Tinambun
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au
Ph: 9410 9000

Administration & Facilities Officer:

Kristha.mangahas@bbcatholic.org.au
Ph: 9410 9030

Parish Engagement Officer:

duyen.au@bbcatholic.org.au
Ph: 9410 9035

Project Officer: Chloe Aylward

chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au
Ph: 9410 9021

Director of Music: Titus Grenyer
titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au
Ph: 9410 9034

Children's Ministry Coordinator:
angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au
Ph: 9410 9033

Pastoral Support Worker: Mona
mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au
Ph: 9410 9024

Catechist Coordinator: Karen
karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au
Ph: 9410 9029

Youth Ministry Officer: Sienna
sienna.klarica@bbcatholic.org.au
Ph: 9410 9026

Bookkeeper: Amelia Lee
amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au
Ph: 9410 9032

Parking at Our Parish

Parking is available around the church precinct. Parishioners are asked to observe local parking regulations and be considerate of our neighbours.



Piety Store Opening Hours

Weekdays after 12:30pm Mass

Weekends after each Mass

Enquiries:

giftshopinthecity@gmail.com

Supporting Our Parish

Clergy Giving (First Collection)

BSB: 062-784 | Account No:
100001606

Parish Giving (Second Collection)

BSB: 062-784 | Account No:
100001609

Mass Times & Devotions

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am - Mass
9.00am – Family Mass
10.30am - Mass
5.30pm –Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday: 12.30pm
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.00am & 12.30pm
Wednesday: 9.00am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm
Saturday: 9.00am

St Peter's Green Aged Care Facility

Sunday: 11.00am
(for residents only)

Cultural Masses

Filipino Mass: 12.00pm,
first Sunday of the month
Indonesian Mass: 7.00pm,
second Saturday of the month

Devotions & Sacraments Morning Prayer:

Tuesday–Saturday: 8.45am

Rosary:

Monday: 11.45am

Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30am;

Monday - Friday: 1.00pm

Adoration:

Thursday: after 9.00am Mass
(Benediction at midday)

Holy Hour & Reconciliation:

Thursday: 7.00pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday: from 9.30am

Anointing of the Sick:

Wednesday:

After evening Mass

3rd Wednesday:

12.30pm Mass