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## PARISH OF CHATSWOOD

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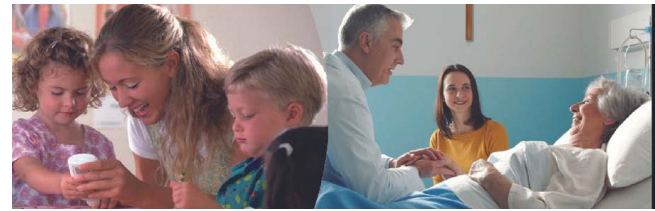
Pentecost Sunday (Year A)



Painting of the Icon of the Pentecost at St. Mary and St. Joseph Coptic Orthodox Church



A very warm welcome to anyone 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 visit our parish website at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood)



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As the Father sent me, so I send you:

Receive the Holy Spirit.

This Sunday's Gospel - John 20:19-23



**Fr David Ranson**  
*Parish Priest*

Dear friends

We have come now to the end of our Season of Easter. Pentecost is the great Amen to all that we have been celebrating from Easter. Christ lives! And in his resurrected life Christ sends us the Spirit, the Spirit that enables us both to remember him and to provide us always with new opportunities of encounter and discipleship.

For this reason it is my great joy to write a special Pastoral Letter to you all this Pentecost. I first wrote a Pastoral Letter for our parish at Pentecost 2021. Now, two years later our journey, Being Church in the City, has unfolded to that point where we can boldly and confidently proclaim our Parish Mission: "Bringing the Light of Christ to the City: We love, we grow, we share." My Pastoral Letter seeks to give our Mission

context but I also share some exciting new implications about how we might continue to journey forward from this point. This has been possible only because of the remarkable contribution of so many – throughout our process of listening and discernment an incredible 1500 submissions were received through all the various stages. This is a sure sign of the Spirit's vitality which demonstrates the remarkable good will and commitment in our community of faith. As can be seen in the Pastoral Letter, though we had to discern what formulation of our Mission finally to adopt, the intention of other formulations has not been lost and wonderfully is now captured in other parts of our parish framework.

I invite us all to celebrate the moment to which the Spirit has led us!

Please do take a copy of our Pastoral Letter, read and pray on what we have to share.

We are especially mindful of our Men Alive conference occurring in Harrington Hall this weekend. May this weekend be one of great blessing for all our participants.

We continue through until June our Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal, the pastoral charity of our Diocese of Broken Bay. Our Pastoral works are at the forefront of our community, serving those in need, helping to rebuild and renew families and parish communities and introducing our children in state schools to the wonder and beauty of our faith. The appeal mainly supports two key Diocesan ministries which get little or no government funding. They are:

- The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) – around 650 volunteer catechists taking the Gospel to approximately 14,000 state school children during the school terms. CCD provides a large range of online resources for the students plus newsletters, training, and workshops for the volunteers.
- Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Program – again Chaplain and care practitioners visit more than 3,000 individual hospital patients each year. Some are end-of-life patients, many may feel isolated, lonely or fearful; others will recover but are grateful to receive the sacraments; while some are parents trying to come to terms with very sick children or babies. There are probably many



amongst us who have or are facing similar circumstances and are very aware of the time, care and attention offered by this ministry.

Funds raised during the appeal go directly to these ministries. It is a difficult time to be asking people to be generous. We are all facing cost-of-living challenges in many ways. However, our support and generosity are vitally important. It has made a huge difference in the past to many people. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. These donations contribute to our Parish target. Our own Parish is committed to raising some \$70,000 annually for the Appeal, and by the end of June we have some \$40,000 remaining to raise. Everyone's gift makes a difference.

Recently, we have had cameras and systems installed in our church to provide us with a very professional capacity for live-streaming. Though most people have now re-joined us (last weekend we had over 1200 people join us for our Masses), our capacity to broadcast will ensure our outreach even further – across the world! The capacity gives us opportunity, especially, for significant events – such as School Graduations – and also for weddings and funerals. The equipment, software, and systems now installed are 'state-of-the-art' with remarkable functionality to make the experience of watching what is livestreamed very professional and first class. The operating system is now in the corner of the choir loft. And now we are looking for operators! Might there be people who would be interested in becoming first class operators of the cameras and film makers? This is something open to people of all ages! It may be, however that some senior students, in particular, would really enjoy engaging this ministry? If anyone is excited and interested by this possibility, do let me or Olivia in our parish office know, and we will arrange training with Ben Thrum, our sound engineer who has installed the system for us and to whom we are very grateful.

Finally, Bishop Anthony invites us to a very special Mass and gathering at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara at 5.30pm on Tuesday 30 May, the eve of the Feast of Mary, Star of the Sea, Patroness of our Diocese. Following Mass, Bishop Anthony invites everyone to the Light of Christ Centre to share with us his vision of a Cathedral precinct. He wishes to open this consideration to all of us in the Diocese. Please do feel welcome to join us at the Cathedral for this auspicious evening.



**Love, kindness and compassion towards others:** The importance of loving God, loving one another, being a good example and serving others with kindness and humility.

**Evangelisation, spreading God's Word and love:** Parishioners discerned that we should focus on spreading the word of God and evangelising to those who may have lapsed or who are not yet familiar with the teachings of Jesus - making disciples by helping others in their individual faith journey.

**But the Church is not dead. It lives, and what is more, it will keep on living. It will keep on being birthed in new ways, in new places and at new times. This is our bold and proud affirmation on this day of Pentecost.**

**Growing together in Faith:** The need for us all to grow together in faith, deepen our relationship with God and find greater meaning and purpose in our lives.

**Helping those in need and serving others:** The importance of serving others in the community and helping those in need - acts of compassion and action - a strong charitable presence in our community.

**Community building and supporting each other:** The need for us all to come together as a parish community to support and nurture one another spiritually, act as a source of good in the community, and help those in need.

# IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Noela Morris; Michael Tjong; Frannie Fisher (sister of Pauline Larkins); Barbara Alvarino Jaramillo; Artemio Farol;  
Yvonne Brownley Frewen; Lillas Roche;

## SICK:

Margaret Marchetto; Elena Guerrera; Baldo Polizzi; Anthony Mustaca.

## ANNIVERSARY:

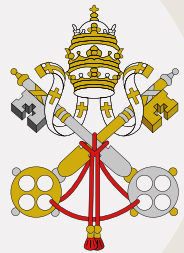
Hugh Russell; Margarita Tu & Jean Marie; Paul Truc Le.

*Our community would love to pray for you. If you have an intention you would like to be included in this bulletin please e-mail [chatswoodparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodparish@bbcatholic.org.au)*

### The Pope's Prayer Intention for May

For church movements and groups:

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



### Flower Donations

Thank you to the Filipino Community Chatswood Parish (FCCP) for their donation of the flowers on the arch surrounding the statue of Our Lady.



The flowers in the shrine are in commemoration of the second anniversary of Sofjan Djafar. Thank you to Shanti for this donation.



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we gather, the Cammeraygal people, and pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as we continue the journey of Reconciliation and pray for justice and peace.

Image: Crucifixion by Richard Campbell

### A Prayer for all in Sorrow

Bless those who mourn, eternal God,  
with the comfort of your love  
that they may face each new  
day with hope and the certainty  
that nothing can destroy the  
good that has been given.

May their memories become  
joyful,  
their days enriched with  
friendship,  
and their lives encircled by your  
love.

Picture: Our Lady of Sorrows by Olivia Lee





# Discerning our parish MISSION



**Towards the end of 2022 and over the last few weeks leading up to Pentecost, we began focussing intently on discerning our Parish Mission, a short statement that defines our reason for being and what we sense the call of God to be.**

Amazingly, we had 1,447 parishioner responses through a variety of discernment activities. And so, on this great Festival of Pentecost, we are excited to share the Parish Mission that we have discerned together is...

## **Bringing the light of Christ to the city We love, we grow, we serve**

Given to us through the Spirit, our Parish Mission is not only a celebration but also a responsibility.

### **Bringing the light of Christ to the city**



Together we share the love of Christ and spread the word of God, evangelising to the people of Chatswood and greater Sydney.

“Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.’” *Matthew 28:18-20*

### **We Love**



We love God and we love one another, living as good examples with kindness, compassion, honesty and humility.

“He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’” *Matthew 22:37-39*

### **We Grow**



We grow together in faith, deepening our relationship with God and finding greater meaning and purpose in our lives.

“We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.” *Colossians 1:9-10*

### **We Serve**



We come together as a parish community to serve, support and nurture one another, acting as a source of good in the community, helping those in need through acts of compassion and action.

“After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord - and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.’” *John 13:12-15*

One of my philosophy professors told me there were two sets of alternatives at the heart of philosophy, which is another way of saying that there are two fundamental choices between two different ways at the heart of understanding life. The years have proven, at least as far as I am concerned, just how insightful this observation was. The two sets of alternatives are one and many, and being and flux. The solemn feast of Pentecost, the last day of our Easter season, gives us the opportunity to reflect on the first set: one and many. When we look out at the world, are we the kind of persons who see what we have in common with others and see what unites us, or are we the kind of persons who first notice the differences between us and other people: either our gender, or our skin colour, or our language, or our religion, or our social status, or our nationality, or our education, or our occupation? There are so many things that make us different from one another that it is a rare person who is able to focus on what makes us one.

Yet, it is our Christian vocation, given to each of us in baptism, to be people of oneness and unity. Being one is a key concept in John's Gospel, as we see in the great prayer of Jesus, which we find inserted into the Last Supper narrative. That unity is brought about by the Spirit. In John's Gospel the giving of the Spirit to the disciples occurs not at Pentecost, as we hear in Acts of the Apostles, but on the evening of Easter Sunday itself. While the various texts of the New Testament may not agree on their chronology, they do agree on the important point about the significance and purpose of the Spirit being given.

Augustine of Hippo expressed this significance well in one of his homilies preached to his congregation in the early years of the fifth century about how the disunity symbolised by the tower of Babel was reversed by the conferring of the Spirit:

At Pentecost, by contrast, the humble piety of believers brought all these diverse languages into the unity of the church. What discord had scattered, love was to gather together. Like the limbs of a single body, the separated members of the human race would be restored to unity by being joined to Christ, their common head, and welded into the oneness of a holy body by the fire of love. Anyone therefore who rejects the gift of peace and withdraws from the fellowship of this unity cuts himself off from the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Sermo 271) [Footnote: The excerpts from the translations of Augustine's sermons that appear in these reflections come from Augustine, *Sermons*, trans. Edmund Hill, 11 vols in *The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century* series (New York: New City Press, and Augustinian Heritage Institute, 1991-1997).]

Acts of the Apostles shows us how the earliest Christians attempted to live this unity: it was a unity in diversity, not a unity based on uniformity. Theirs was a unity based on a common experience of the love, forgiveness, and peace of Jesus. In a fractured world, we, as Christian people, must be living beacons of unity. We know we have the Spirit when our actions lead to reconciliation, not division; when they lead to understanding, not anger; when they lead to hope, not despair. We are thankful today for the gift of the Spirit, who inflames our hearts and makes us one.

*Geoffrey D. Dunn*

We open our hearts to the Spirit of God poured out on us. It is the Spirit that renews and re-creates. It is the Spirit that keeps giving birth to the Church.  
In that Spirit we celebrate what God is doing in us, and what God will always do in us, through us, and for us.  
In the Spirit, it is never the time for despair.  
It is always the time to celebrate possibility.



# MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday *Memorial: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

- 29 May:**
- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy
  - 11:45am Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)
  - **12:30pm Mass**

Tuesday • 8:45am Morning Prayer

- 30 May:**
- 9:00am Mass
  - 10:30am Funeral for Michael Tjong
  - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
  - 12:30pm Mass

Wednesday *Feast: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 31 May:**
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
  - **9:00am Mass**
  - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thursday *Memorial: St Justin, martyr*

- 1 June:**
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
  - **9:00am Mass**
  - 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, Rosary, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
  - 12:00pm Benediction
  - **12:30pm Mass**
  - 7:00pm Holy Hour
- Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation (Confession) also available.*

Friday • 8:45am Morning Prayer

- 2 June:**
- **9:00am Mass**
  - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
  - **12:30pm Mass**
  - **6:30pm: Healing Mass with Fr Roni George VC**

Saturday *Memorial: Sts Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs*

- 3 June:**
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
  - 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation (Confession), and Rosary
  - 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
  - 10:30am Benediction
  - **5:30pm Vigil Mass**

Sunday Mass *Solemnity: The Most Holy Trinity*

- 4 June:**
- **7:30am Mass**
  - **9:00am Family Mass**
  - **10:30am Mass**
  - **12:00pm Filipino Mass**
  - **5:30pm Youth Mass**



**Cultural Community Mass:**

Filipino: 12:00pm, 1st Sunday | Spanish: 12:00pm, 3rd Sunday | Indonesian: 7:00pm, 3rd Sunday

# GATHERINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday *Memorial: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

- 29 May:**
- 10:00am: CCD Catechist Reflection Day (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter)
  - 10:00am: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
  - 4:00pm: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
  - 4:00pm: Atrium 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
  - 7:30pm: Altaration - Understanding the Mass (Magnificat)
  - 8:00pm: Parish Online Zoom Rosary

Tuesday • 8:30am: Choir Practice for Michael Tjong Funeral

- 30 May:**
- 10:00am: Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)
  - 4:00pm: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
  - 4:00pm: Atrium 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
  - 7:00pm: Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter)
  - 7:00pm: Filipino Choir Practice (St Paul)
  - 7:30pm: Wild Goose Faith Discussion and Reflection (Magnificat)

Wednesday *Feast: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 31 May:**
- 9:30am: Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)
  - 11:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (Magnificat)
  - 7:00pm: Parish Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday *Memorial: St Justin, martyr*

- 1 June:**
- 10:00am: Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)
  - 10:00am: Seniors Morning Tea (Magnificat)
  - 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)
  - 6:00pm: Legion of Mary (St Peter)
  - 6:00pm: Beta Program (Magnificat, St Paul)

Friday • 10:00am: Meditation (St Paul)

- 2 June:**
- 7:00pm: Online Zoom Meditation

Saturday *Memorial: Sts Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs*

- 3 June:**
- 11:00am: Choir Rehearsal for 9:00am Mass (St Paul)
  - 11:30am: Baptism Preparation (Magnificat)
  - 6:30pm: Feast for Freedom (Harrington Hall)

Sunday Mass *Solemnity: The Most Holy Trinity*

- 4 June:**
- 10:00am: Filipino Choir Practice (Magnificat)
  - 10:00am: Teen Choir Practice (St Paul)
  - 1:00pm: Filipino Mass Fellowship (Magnificat)
  - 6:30pm: Capstone Young Adults (Magnificat)





# OUR WEEK IN PICS



Our Lady's online cheer squad - Parish Zoomers praying the rosary online to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians!

Last week our 3 Saints Pilgrimage kicked off - and it was a fantastic journey!



Scan this QR code on your phone to see the beautiful drone footage Fr Marek captured at Kincumber during the 3 Saints Pilgrimage.



### 3 SAINTS PILGRIMAGE

Having not yet been on any of the great pilgrimages – think of The Holy Land/Jerusalem, Camino de Santiago – the Three Saints Pilgrimage sounded like a more accessible alternative and thus I signed up, not really knowing what to expect. Meanwhile, as I realised later on, there was a large team of parishioners led by Fr Marek, who were busy organising all the logistics to make the pilgrimage day possible.

The day began early on Saturday morning with a group of 58 disparate parishioners and friends gathered on the coach at Chatswood; it was a cold morning, however, the clear blue sky was promising, as Fr David waved us off with a smile. The first leg of our coach trip was interspersed with a Pilgrim's prayer for the day's encounters in faith; then some hymn singing, and a friendly three saints quiz, which was blitzed by Cheryl on Team-2. Team-1 redeemed themselves in the second quiz, later in the day, perhaps with a bit of prompting by the Quizmaster.

Our first stop was at the lovely little sandstone Church of the Holy Cross, Kincumber, where our group of pilgrims meditated on the travails of Saint Mary Mackillop and the Stations of the Cross. "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom".

The second stop was a short distance away at St Patrick's, Gosford, where we had both a morning tea break and lunch at the visitor's centre there. What a surprise it was when Fr David and Deacon Rosario joined us for mass, during which our private petitions were gathered in a basket and presented with the offertory bread and wine; we were also reminded that the pilgrim's journey is an ongoing one, where we will often wonder, "Are we there yet?". After mass, there was the opportunity to venerate the relic of Saint John Paul II, which is situated at the left of the main altar.

Somehow, the day was both getting colder and time was getting away, and so our driver took us to the Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby. After another comfort break, everyone was ready for the Divine Mercy Hour with Veneration of the Sr Faustina relic. Sr Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun, who had visions of Jesus and was given the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonised on 30th April, 2000, by Pope John Paul II. We were all surprised and delighted to see that we also had the opportunity to venerate the relic of St Mother Teresa (canonised 4th September, 2016 by Pope Francis).

The Divine Mercy Hour was very moving, with prayer, hymn singing and veneration of the relics. So, it was a big day for this group of pilgrims from the suburbs of Sydney; new friends were made, food was shared, petitions were made, and blessings were given. It was an enjoyable day, and moreover, it was another few "miles" travelled on the pilgrim's journey of faith.

Thank you to Fr Marek and all the team, who organised everything including transport, hospitality, music, social media, and liturgy.





# WE'RE LOOKING FOR A YOUTH MINISTER



Do you have a passion for working with youth and young people? Are you dynamic & enthusiastic about the Catholic faith? Are you willing to help our youth and young people engage with their faith in a fun, caring and supportive environment?

Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood invites you to join their team as a Youth Minister, working casually two days per week, including 5 hours on Sunday (4:30pm to 9:00pm).

This is an exciting role where you will build and maintain a parish youth group, encouraging young people to engage and participate in parish youth activities, ensuring a sense of fun, community, belonging and faith for the youth and young adults in the parish.

You'll work to build a strong youth network and collaborate with like groups and organisations as well as encouraging, supporting and assisting volunteers to assist in the youth ministry.

The ideal candidate will have a good understanding of the Catholic Church coupled with a comprehensive knowledge of, and experience in the delivery of contemporary youth ministry programs. These skills supported by well-developed communication and interpersonal skills will be crucial to your success.

If the above sounds like you, please apply by sending a CV and brief cover letter addressing role requirements via email to [Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au)

Applications close Friday, 2 June 2023

*The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to child abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.*

## Needs a New Home



There are two beautiful wooden bookshelves that have been taken out of the office to make free up some space. They are currently resting outside the PEW area if you would like to have a look.

If you would like these, please e-mail Carol at [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au) - first in best dressed.

These are free but you will need to bring your own truck and muscles as Olivia and Carol will not be of great physical help - but will cheer you on!





A FUNDRAISER FOR THE JESUIT REFUGEE SOCIETY AND THE HOUSE OF WELCOME

# FREEDOM FEAST



6:30PM SATURDAY 3RD JUNE 2023



HARRINGTON HALL, ENTRY FROM FERGUSON LANE, CHATSWOOD



TICKETS \$35 INC. 2 COURSE MEAL + DRINKS



GUEST SPEAKER:

JAMES ATANASIOUS

PEACE, JUSTICE, AND ECOLOGY FACILITATOR, DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

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*I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.*  
Matt.25:36

Once again, on Saturday 3rd June, our parish Community Action group is holding a Freedom Feast in support of refugees and asylum seekers. The Feast will include tasty dishes from the countries from which refugees come to Australia seeking refuge from imprisonment, fear and poverty, for themselves and their children. Our guest speaker will be James Atanasious from the Australian Catholic University and the Parramatta Diocese's Peace, Justice and Ecology ministry of which he is the facilitator. James will speak of his own experience as a refugee from South Sudan via refugee camps in Africa to first Tasmania and then Sydney. Last year we raised \$6000 from this event and we hope to do the same this year. The money raised will be shared between the Jesuit Refugee Service and the House of Welcome. The ticket cost is \$35 which includes the two-course meal and drinks. Register here through Humanitix: [events.humanitix.com/freedom-feast](https://events.humanitix.com/freedom-feast) or scan the code on the poster above.

## Aid to the Church in Need

The Catholic Charity Aid to the Church in Need has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit [www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal](http://www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal)





# CATECHISTS CORNER



**Karen Forbes**  
*CCD Catechist  
Co-ordinator*

## Did you know...

Many Chatswood parish Catechist/SRE teachers have provided voluntary religious education in state primary and high schools for a number of years.

Some have served for decades - amazing!

**Applications are open for the 2023 CCD Catechist Service Awards – closing date is Friday June 2, 2023**

- Service Awards are presented to Catechists/SRE teachers, Assistants and other persons in the Diocese of Broken Bay.
- Awards are in categories, commencing at 5 years then issued in 5 year increments.
- Catechists who have served for 20 years are issued with a Papal blessing.

## The Awards:

- Recognise individual achievement and acknowledge the support of family, friends and the parish community in continuing this voluntary service.
- Acknowledge the valuable contributions made to the Ministry of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD).

**Catechists: please submit your applications so your service can be acknowledged!**

Please contact CCD Catechist Co-ordinator Karen Forbes if you have any queries or to obtain an application form.

As the closing date is Friday June 2, 2023 please submit your completed forms to Karen for signing no later than Thursday June 1..

Have you thought about assisting an SRE teacher in a class / becoming an SRE teacher?

- It's a half hour weekly commitment, in school terms.
- Classes are available in state primary schools within the parish.
- Catholic Scripture classes are informative and fun for the children and rewarding for you!

Training and resources are available including teachers and student manuals. If you have any queries or if you're interested it would be great to hear from you!

Please contact Karen Forbes on 02 9410 9029 or email: [karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au)

On this day, the Spirit is poured out on the disciples.

They are released from their disillusionments and their fears; they are enSpired and emboldened to go out and to preach the good news that the life of Christ is more powerful than death, that the self-sacrifice of his love has overpowered the forces of selfishness and suspicion, that the future stretches out beyond us a constant invitation full of possibility.

*Pastoral Letter to the people of Chatswood Parish*



# I AM JESUS

**When Jesus came down to earth two thousand years ago, He changed the world more than any other person and all of our lives forever. Despite this, Jesus escaped the attention of most writers and historians of His own time and even the four people who wrote the Gospels skipped over nine-tenths of His life.**

In an exciting new short course - **I AM Jesus** - through movie clips and discussion, we'll be taken back 2,000 years to the dusty roads of Galilee, to meet Jesus and discover who He really was on earth.

By using movies, we will come much closer to Jesus' life as it happened. The movies will help us think about Jesus in a new way and challenge our assumptions of who Jesus is.

As we watch the movie clips, we will imagine ourselves standing there, on the edges of the crowd, listening, watching - what do we see? what impresses us? what confuses us? how would we have responded to this son of a carpenter from Nazareth?

Starting with what Jesus may have looked like and what it would have been like to meet him on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, we'll then look at His birth, messages and miracles, coming to better know Jesus and taking away lessons to apply in our lives.

I AM Jesus runs for four weeks on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Magnificat Room, starting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. The course is for anyone, all ages and backgrounds, interested in learning more about Jesus in a relaxed, thought provoking and down to earth setting.

To register, or if you have any questions email Brendan at [brendan@churchinthecity.com.au](mailto:brendan@churchinthecity.com.au)

**We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 8 June at 7pm!**







The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be available again to visit your home for a week from Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday. A special blessing will be given when the statue is picked up from O.L.D. church after 9 am Mass.

A booklet of prayers will be provided to help your family and friends to venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary.

If interested, please contact via text or audio call for reservation

*Cecilia @ 0466 961 240; or,  
Ditas @ 0405 999 510*

**PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY TO HONOUR  
OUR BLESSED MOTHER ON HER SPECIAL FEAST DAYS - VIA ZOOM**



*Our Lady Help of  
Christians,  
Patroness of  
Australia*

*Wednesday,  
24 May at 8 pm*



*Mary, Mother of the  
Church*

(In 1980 Pope St John Paul II added this title to the Litany of Loreto and Pope Francis decreed in 2018 that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and be now celebrated every year.)

*Monday  
29 May at 8 pm*

**Meeting ID for both Rosaries : 392 679 1205 (No passcode required)**

**Or click on: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3926791205>**



 **Planned Giving Envelopes**

Planned Giving envelopes will be available at the back of the church from Sunday June 4th for parishioners who have ordered them. They will be left here for you to pick up until June 25th - then they can be picked up from Carol in the front office.

Thank you for your support!

Chloe A

**Seniors Morning Tea**

We would love you to join us this Thursday 1st June at 10am in the Magnificat room for some morning tea and trivia. We look forward to you joining us - whether you're a senior or not, all are welcome!

Jan H







**Angela Hague**  
*Children's Ministry  
Coordinator*



This week, the children have been focusing on the Liturgy of the Word, the part of Mass where we listen and respond to God's Word, which helps us to know more about God and his relationship with us – his people.

As such, the children will be invited forward to gather near the lectern, to make the 3 crosses before the Gospel with the priest and to listen to the Gospel as it is proclaimed.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the Feast of Corpus Christi 10 & 11 June at the Vigil, 9am and 10:30am parish Masses and at a special First Communion Mass at 12.30pm.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers during this time of preparation.

If you have any queries about the children's sacraments program, please contact Angela or Mona at: [chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au)



The Children's Atrium is a beautiful ministry we have been running in our parish since July 2007. This is a specially prepared space where children come to nurture their relationship with God in small groups.

Based on Montessori principles of education, the atrium program is run in 3 levels, and a separate room is prepared for each age group. The age groups are; Level 1 – for 3-6 year olds, Level 2 for 6-9 year olds and Level 3 for 9-12 year olds.

If you would like to find out more about the atrium, please contact our Children's Ministry Co-Ordinator Angela at [angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)



# CHURCH CARE DAY

10 JUNE 2023  
11:00AM - 1:00PM

Bring your cleaning supplies and join us cleaning the church inside and outside. Lunch and drinks at 1:00pm

No help is too small!

Can you spare some time on Saturday June 10th to help care for our church? Come along and join us as we dust off the pews, polish the candle stands and Tabernacle, polish the floor, vacuum the church, clean the toilets, clean the forecourt etc no help is too small - then join us for a drink after!

## DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH?

JOIN OUR

## LIFESTYLE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PROGRAMME(LECP)

2023 PROGRAMME CONTINUES EACH WEDNESDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM



**What is involved?**  
Each week mentors will select 'topics' of interest as the basis for our conversation in English

You will have the opportunity to develop your speaking skills and increase your confidence in a friendly space!

**WHEN DO WE MEET?**  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
FROM 9:30-11:00AM  
DURING SCHOOL TERM

**WHERE:**  
MAGNIFICAT PARISH  
MEETING ROOM,  
O.L.D. CHATSWOOD

### What is Lifestyle English Conversation Programme?

As a person with a language background other than English, this programme may be of particular interest to you.

LECP gives people (over 18) of all cultural backgrounds who are not comfortable with the use of everyday English, the opportunity to improve their language skills and build confidence through conversations in English with the support of our mentors.

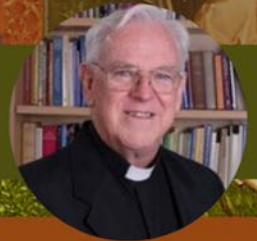
### Still interested?

For more information please contact Anthony on 0414364522 or [anthony@churchinthecity.com.au](mailto:anthony@churchinthecity.com.au) (Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Catholic Church)

If you know friends or family members who could benefit from LECP, please let them know!

# THE BOOK OF Revelation

A SERIES OF TALKS WITH BISHOP DAVID WALKER DIVING INTO THE BOOK OF REVELATION



01 JULY

08 JULY

15 JULY

3:30pm - 5:00pm at the Magnificat Room  
96 Archer St, Chatswood - entry from Kirk St

For more info please contact [chatswoodoffice@bbccatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbccatholic.org.au)

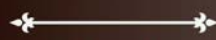
All are welcome!

COMMENCING:  
29 MAY

PROGRAM  
IS MADE UP OF  
7 SESSIONS  
HELD

ON MONDAYS  
FROM 7.30PM  
TO 9PM

AT MAGNIFICAT  
ROOM



BOOKING



What if it's real?

## ALTARATION+ THE MYSTERY OF THE MASS REVEALED

DO I HAVE TO COME TO MASS?

WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING DURING MASS?

IS MASS MORE THAN JUST AN OLD STORY?



# CHOIR CORNER



**Titus Grenyer**  
*Director of Music*

As we look to enhance the worship in our parish, the time has come to formally establish the Parish Choir. This choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm, and generally sings on a Sunday at the 10:30am service. If you love to sing, you are invited to be a part of the next chapter in our church's musical life. Regular attendance is not essential.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

On the third Sunday of each month, we invite the children of the parish to sing in the Children's Choir for the 9:00am mass. Music is a wonderful and natural gift of children, and this is the perfect opportunity for them to be a part of the music in the church. Rehearsals take place after the 9:00am mass, on the second Sunday of the month.

If you have any questions, please contact [titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au)

## MUSIC READING LESSONS

Have you ever wondered how to decipher written music but not known who to ask?

Eileen Gallery is running basic music reading lessons. Feel free to come along if:

- you're a choir member who can't read music, or would like to improve your music reading skills; or
- you're thinking of joining the choir, but concerned that reading music might be a prerequisite. It isn't, but the ability to read music makes learning new songs much easier and faster.

So if you're not sure, why not come along. Join us at 5pm on Thursdays in the St Paul meeting room to explore this new language - the language of music.

Call Eileen on 0418 163 062 with any questions.

Pentecost, it is important to note, happened to a group at a meeting, not to an individual alone in the desert. That can be helpful to keep in mind when we tire of meetings, despair of their effectiveness, or resent that they pull us away from important private endeavours. The fact that pentecost happened at a meeting can also be helpful in keeping us focused on why we are going to all these meetings in the first place.

Peter Maurin, Dorothy Day's initial mentor, used to say: "When you don't know what else to do, keep going to meetings!" Sound advice! Meetings are the "Upper room", the place where we wait for pentecost. And what are we waiting for? Why are we in the upper room, at a meeting? Because we are waiting there, with others, for God to do something in us and through us that we can't do all by ourselves, namely, create community with each other and bring justice, love, peace, and joy to our world.

And so we need to go to continue to go to meetings. We need to spend time together waiting for God, waiting for a new outflow of heavenly fire that will give us the courage, language, and power we need to make happen in the world what our faith and love envision.

See you at the meeting!



# HELPING AT ST PETER'S GREEN

Volunteers are needed to help at St Peter's Green Catholic Residential Aged Care Facility - 5 Felton Ave, Lane Cove North 2066

- Tuesdays at 10:30am  
Giving communion to residents in their rooms and/or Leading Communion Service.
- Fridays at 2:00pm  
Leading the rosary and/or giving Communion to residents in their rooms.
- Sundays from 10:45am - 11:45am to assist with setting up and cleaning up after the 11am Sunday Mass.



For any questions or to volunteer please e-mail Fr Joey at [Joey.Frez@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Joey.Frez@bbcatholic.org.au)



## Spiritual Direction

Now available with Fr Joey.

For more information please e-mail the parish office at [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au)

# YOUTH



*Cailin Geraghty*  
Youth Leader

## Youth Groups



FOR YEAR  
5-8



FOR YEAR  
9-12



## Youth Masses

**SUNDAY 5:30PM**

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES:

- READING
- MUSIC
- WELCOMING
- ALTAR SERVING
- COLLECTIONS
- OFFERTORY

### DATES/TIMES

BOTH GROUPS MEET ON THE 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH (DURING SCHOOL TERM)

6:30PM-8:30PM

### LOCATION

MEET IN THE FORECOURT OF OUR LADY OF DOLOURS

## Young Adults

### DATES/TIMES

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH

6:30PM-8:30PM

*Stay Updated*

EMAIL  
[FOUNDATIONYOUTHMINISTRY.OLD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FOUNDATIONYOUTHMINISTRY.OLD@GMAIL.COM)

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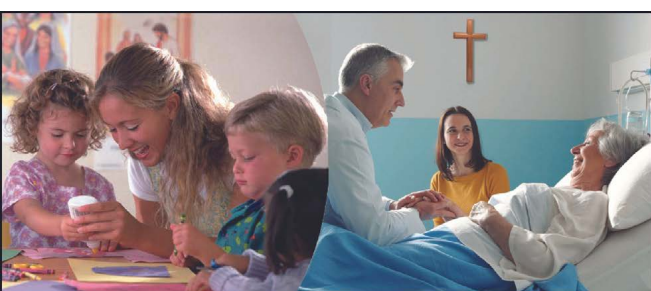


# WORLD YOUTH DAY



The count down is on for Sean Dixon, Cailin Geraghty, Clive Sam, Monty Calimbahin, Savio Coutinho, Ashleigh Wan, Thomas Hurrell to join thousands of other young people at World Youth Day in Lisbon! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to the fundraising for WYD - your generosity has made a huge impact on the support we are able to give the pilgrims.

*Our young people will join other young Aussies in Lisbon together with Pope Francis to celebrate the joy and unique gifts that young people bring to our Church. If you would like to support our pilgrims, there is a tap and go donation point at the back of the church where you can also read more about them. Please continue to keep all the pilgrims in your prayers.*



**PASTORAL  
WORKS** Broken Bay

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

## Thank you for your generosity

**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine**

St Lucy's School  
and St Edmund's College  
Students with disabilities

**Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Practitioners**

Ephpheta Centre  
Deaf community

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

To donate, complete the form in the envelope available in your parish and return to your parish.

Or go online by scanning the QR code or visiting: [bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks](http://bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks). Thank you.



Everyone's gift you give makes a difference. Thank you for your time and generosity!



The Catholic Enquiry Centre has launched a new website, "Becoming Catholic", to help answer the questions that people commonly ask when they consider becoming Catholic, and to invite people into the life of the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Enquiry Centre is a work of the National Centre for Evangelisation, and this website is designed as a gateway for people to connect with their local Catholic community.

It provides introductory information on God, including Jesus and the Trinity, explores the birth of the Church, and covers other key topics like Mary, the Bible, the saints, and sacraments. A companion booklet, "Discovering God and what it means to be Catholic" is also available.

[www.becoming.catholic.au/](http://www.becoming.catholic.au/)

Our Lady of Dolours Parish is committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and those in the community who are vulnerable.

Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ who teaches the fundamental sanctity of each human person.

Should you witness anything that undermines the safety of anyone in this parish please contact the parish office on (02) 9410 9000 or [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au) or contact the Office of Safeguarding on (02) 8379 1605



Scan this QR code to donate to the first or second collection for our Parish.

Thank you for the many ways in which you already support our parish!

SCAN TO GIVE



Connect with us!

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WEBSITE



FR DAVID'S BLOG



## FLORAL ARRANGEMENT DONATIONS

Altar flower arrangements can be donated to honour any special occasion. Donations can be made on a one-time basis or annually. The suggested donation for floral arrangements is \$100. Volunteers will then beautifully and simply arrange your flowers for Sunday.

Please submit your donation at least one month prior to the date you would like to dedicate the flowers.

To reserve a date on the calendar, contact the parish on 02 9410 9000 or [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au)



Every week the parish is generously supplied with beautiful, fresh, flowers from Dale and Winnie over at Roseville Fresh Foods - 55 Hill St, Roseville NSW 2069. We thank Dale and Winnie deeply for the generosity and care with which they have supported our parish!

*Thank you!*

### Requests for Mass Intentions:

*It is a privilege to our priests to be able to offer Mass for a special intention, we welcome such requests. It is important to note, however, that a priest can only receive one intention per Mass. Therefore, it may not be possible to have a Mass offered on a specific day and time, given that the priest may already have allocated an intention for the Mass. Do be assured that if a Mass cannot be offered on a specific occasion it will be offered by a priest at the first available opportunity. Notwithstanding, if you would like a Mass for a specific purpose at a particular time, please contact a priest directly to seek to arrange this.*





11  
JUN

## Walk with Christ - Corpus Christi Procession

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we invite all Catholics to unite and honour the real presence by attending the Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession through the Sydney CBD.

This joyful public proclamation seeks to manifest the spiritual joy at the presence of the Saviour in the Eucharist (and His role as benevolent spiritual ruler).

When: June 11 with a festival beginning at 1:00pm in Martin Place.

The procession begins at 2:30pm sharp from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street.



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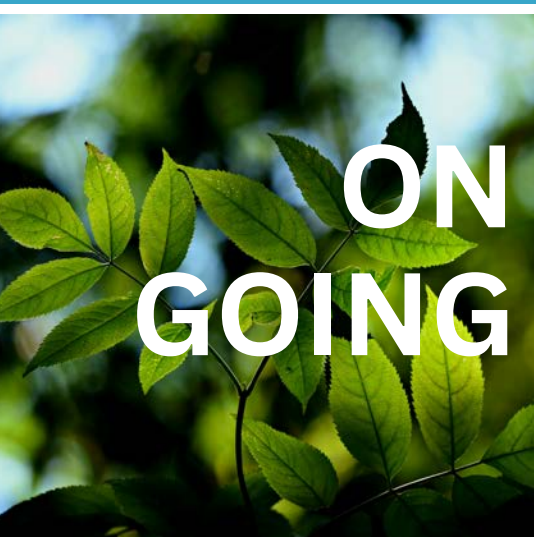
## Bach Akademie Australia - A Universe of One

How can anyone describe the Sonatas and Partitas Senza Basso of Bach's and do them justice? These 6 works represent the undisputed pinnacle of composition for solo violin, inspiring absolute wonderment, delight, joy and deep contemplation in all who have them in their lives. To perform them is a feat only the very best of violinists attempt; to delve into their mysteries and complexities requires flawless technique and a deep appreciation and knowledge of Bach's music.

**Sunday June 18, 2.30pm @ Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood**

**BOOK NOW - <https://www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au/events>**

**Ph: 1300 785 377**



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## Meditation Days at St Benedict's Monastery, Arcadia

Invitation to St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia for 2023 :

Sundays - 19th February, 21st May, 20th August and 19th November.

For our Introduction and Renewal Days for Christian Meditation.

Timetable : Arrival from 10am to register for a 10:30am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, periods of meditation, Mass, information exchange, conclusion around 3pm.

Book display and morning tea provided, BYO picnic lunch.

Enquires : Ann Bergman, [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com) or Ann Lomas , [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) / 9653 2637

## Palms Australia

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training.

Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

Explore 35 positions by going to [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567 for more info. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.



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# OUR CIRCLES OF MINISTRY

## We seek God

Mark 12:30



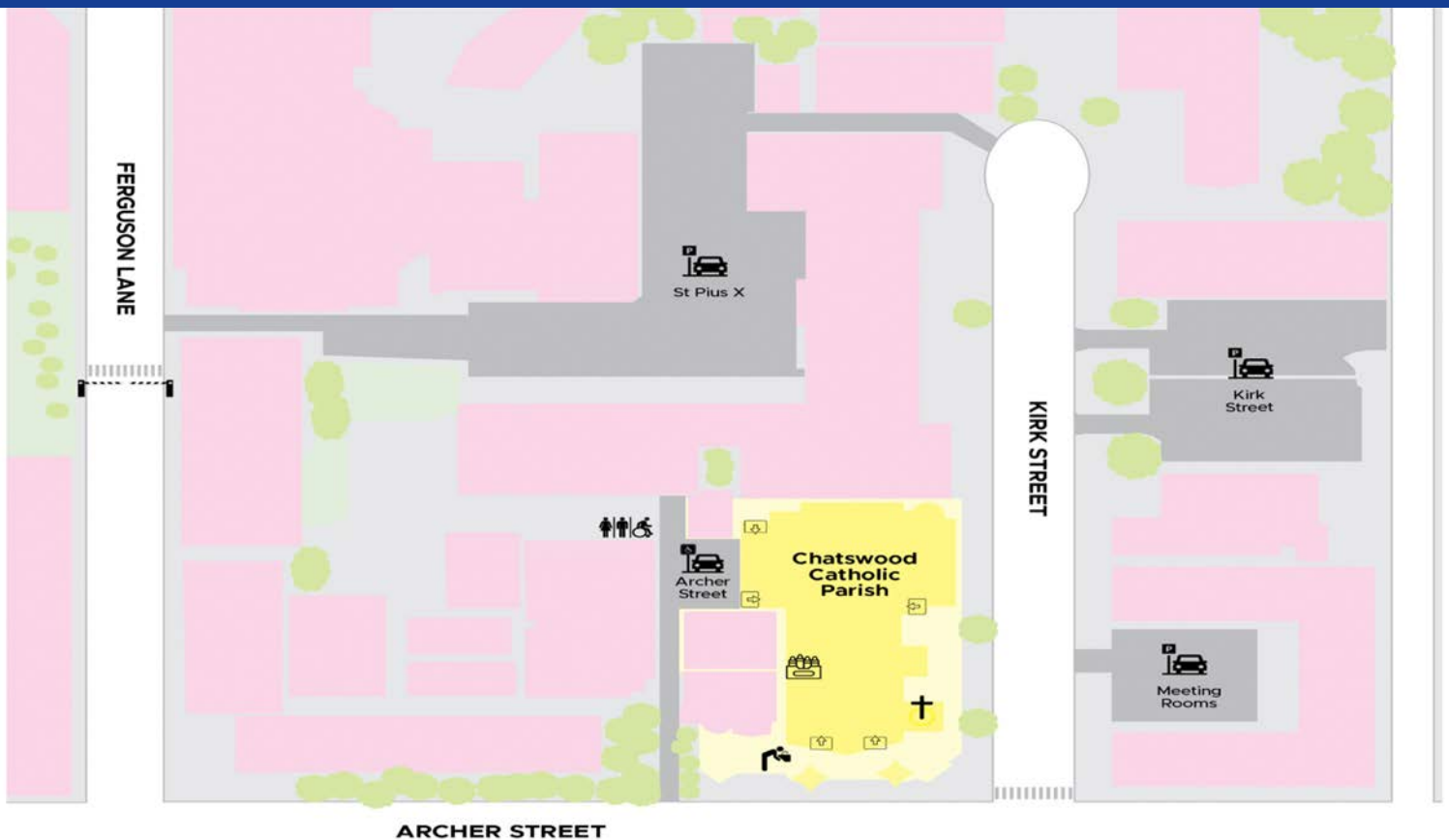
**We serve with love**

John 13:34

**We make disciples**

Matthew 28:18-20

## PARKING





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## Mass This Week:

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

Tuesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

Wednesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

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

- 7:30am

- 9:00am

- 10:30am

- 5:30pm - Youth Mass

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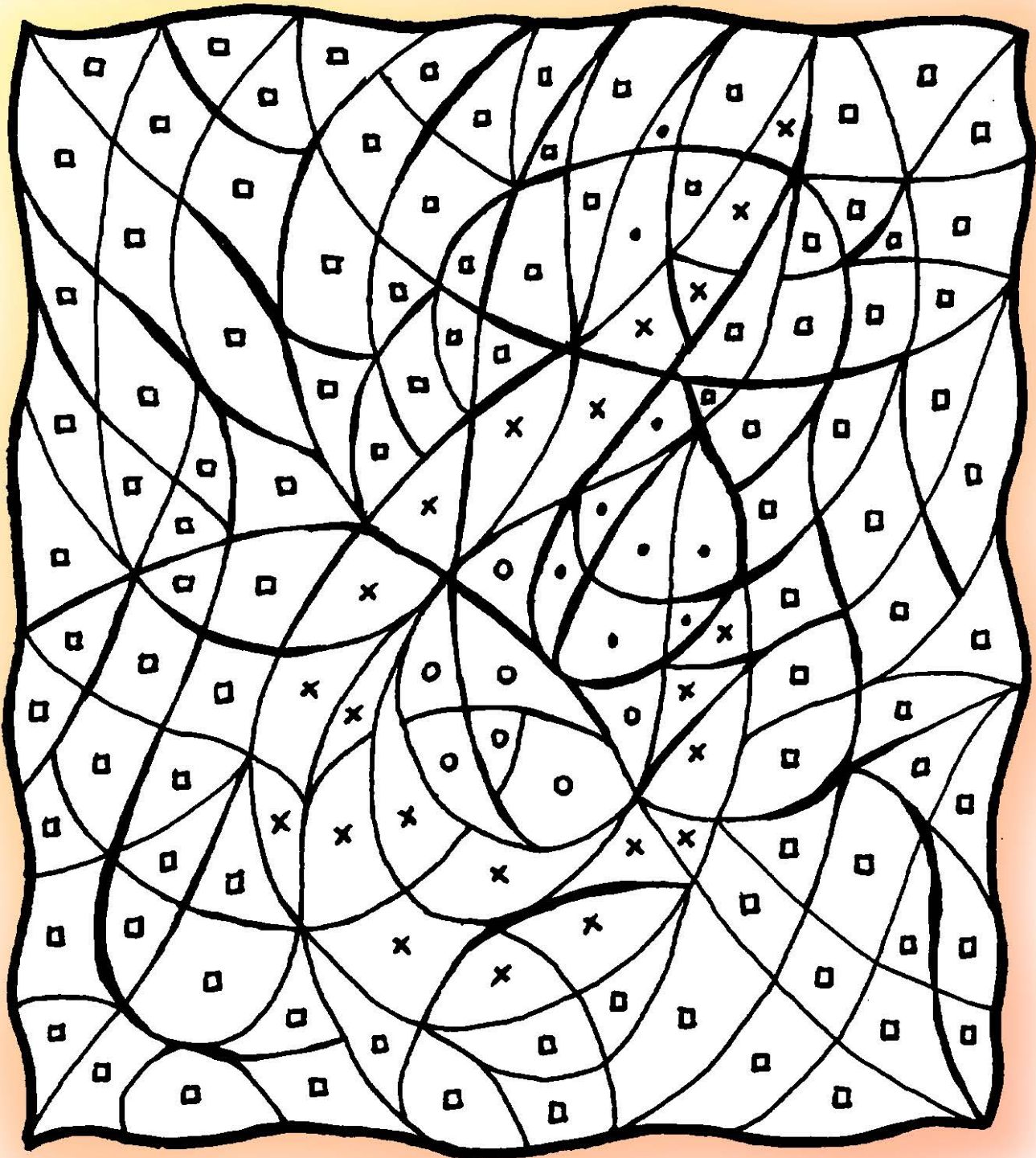
Want to receive the bulletin via e-mail?

Contact Olivia at

Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au



*Pentecost Sunday*  
*May 28th, 2023*



*In what form did the Holy Spirit come  
to the Apostles on Pentecost?*

*Use this colour code  
to colour in the picture and find out!*

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• orange

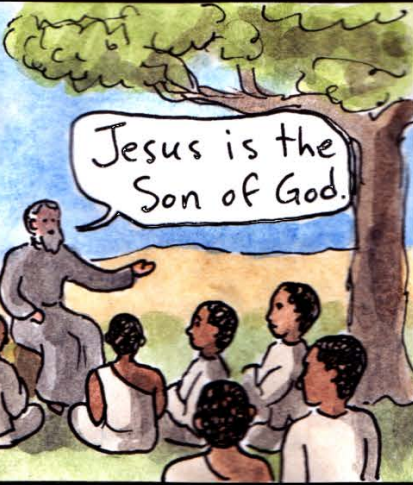
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× yellow




# Saint Charles Lwanga And Companions June 3

IN THE 1880'S SOME PRIESTS FROM EUROPE CAME TO BRING THE FAITH TO THE PEOPLE OF UGANDA. CHARLES LWANGA LEARNED THE FAITH AND WAS BAPTIZED.



Jesus is the Son of God.

WHEN THE KING HAD SOME PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES KILLED THE CHIEF PAGE REPRIMANDED HIM, SO THE KING HAD HIM KILLED TOO.



It was unjust!

Kill him!

CHARLES WAS MADE THE NEW CHIEF PAGE. HE SECRETLY TAUGHT THE FAITH TO THE OTHERS.



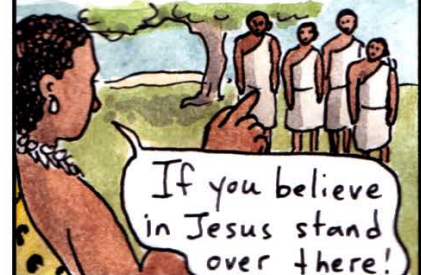
We will meet tonight - tell the others!

If he tells you to do a sin, find an excuse to leave.



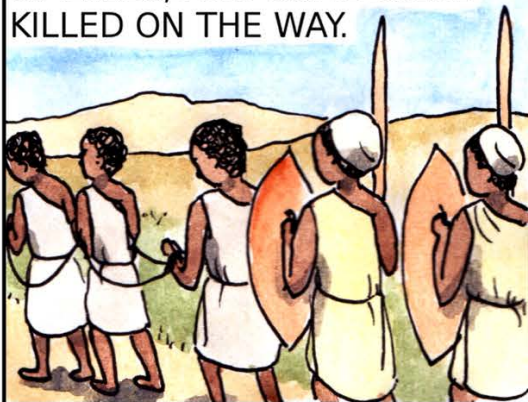
HE ALSO PROTECTED THEM FROM THE SINFUL DESIGNS OF THE KING.

WHEN THE KING REALIZED WHAT WAS HAPPENING HE CONDEMNED THE CHRISTIANS TO DEATH.



If you believe in Jesus stand over there!

THEY WERE FORCED TO WALK 37 MILES, AND SOME WERE KILLED ON THE WAY.



AFTER BEING IMPRISONED FOR SEVEN DAYS, ON JUNE 3RD, 1886 THE CHRISTIAN PAGES WERE BURNED TO DEATH FOR REFUSING TO GIVE UP THEIR FAITH.



SAINT CHARLES AND HIS FELLOW PAGES DID NOT LET THE FEAR OF DEATH STOP THEM FROM FOLLOWING GOD AND DOING WHAT WAS RIGHT. IF EVER YOU ARE TEMPTED TO SIN OR TO MAKE AN EASY CHOICE THAT IS WRONG, PRAY TO SAINT CHARLES AND HIS FRIENDS FOR STRENGTH TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION.



# Unscramble: The Pentecost Story

*Unscramble the words to finish the story and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.*

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> [LCPAE] together. And \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> [ENYLUSDD] there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> [DWNI] and it filled the entire \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> [USHOE] in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> [ERFI] which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> [ILFLDE] with the Holy Spirit and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> [GNEAB] to speak in different tongues, as the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> [IPSTRI] enabled them to proclaim.

**Pentecost is the \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Church!**





# PENTECOST



Today is the second biggest feast in the Church year! Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and the Church was formed. The Apostles went out and began to preach the Gospel and baptize thousands of people, receiving them into the new Church.

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, after the Father and the Son. Before Jesus came to earth, the Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote the Old Testament part of the Bible. It was the Holy Spirit who brought baby Jesus to the world through Mary. Jesus told His followers He would send the Holy Spirit to them after He went up into Heaven.



We all need the Holy Spirit. We can't do anything by ourselves. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength we need to do good. Did you know that we wouldn't even pray if the Holy Spirit didn't inspire us to?



***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever! Amen.***