



THE BULLETIN

25 FEBRUARY 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)



*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.
This Sunday's Gospel – Mark 9:2-10*

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GLAD YOU'RE HERE
Welcome

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

This weekend Mothers' Group is back at 4pm in St Peter's – Mum's of all ages, and all journeys through motherhood are welcome!

24 Hours for the Lord is almost upon us and we still need parishioners to be guardians! Whats does that mean? It means offering an hour of your time in front of the Blessed Sacrament for prayer, but also being a point of contact for anyone new to the church looking for things like the bathroom. Can you do this? Please email Olivia at Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au

Are you able to donate Palms for Palm Sunday? Please contact the front office to let them know!

Next Saturday the 2nd of March we invite you join us in Adoration for the Nourishment of the Catholic Family as well as our second Public Rosary – please come along!

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





Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

As our Lenten journey unfolds, do keep in mind the various resources that we have available to make these weeks as reflective as possible. Mission Broken Bay has published a lovely reflection for each of the Sundays in Lent in a resource, "Participating in the Mission of Christ." Copies are available at the entrances to our church. On Fridays, the Stations of the Cross are prayed at 11.30am and 7.00pm in our church. We have Project Compassion boxes/envelopes available for almsgiving. And we have a range of programs – Alpha, Metanoia – that can help us deepen our faith, too. May this time be one of renewal for each of us.

We have two further opportunities presenting next Saturday 2 March, the first Saturday of the month. At 4pm a Public Rosary will be prayed on the Forecourt of our church, as it is on each first Saturday. And also, following our 5.30pm Vigil Mass on 2 March we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8pm as an invitation to pray especially for our Catholic values of family in the face of so much that offers alternative perspectives on life and sexuality.

I am very pleased to share with you the news that Our Lady of Dolours Primary School has this last week created a new role of Parent Engagement Coordinator and appointed Mrs Rebecca Molinaro to the position. The role seeks to connect school and parish and the wider community and to engage parents in the teaching and learning of the students. Rebecca is already well known to the school community as School Support Officer and we look forward to her getting to know our parish family too. This is a one and half day position, and Rebecca will work in the role on a Thursday and Friday.

This weekend I am in Melbourne attending a meeting of Vicars General from various parts of Australia. I look forward to being back home by Tuesday.

With gratitude always for your prayer.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

WALKING IN A



From Friday, March 8th to Saturday, March 9th we are invited to join with the universal Church around the world in observing "24 Hours for the Lord" – a way to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration.

Starting with 9 am Mass on Friday and ending with 9 am Mass the next morning, with Eucharistic adoration and hourly Confession, draw near to the Father who is truly "rich in mercy", who extends it abundantly upon those who appeal to Him with a sincere heart. Come experience God's love and God's grace.



MARCH

8-9
9AM - 9AM



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



This week's church flowers are generously donated by Lina Ng in remembrance of her brother

Ronnie Long-Yun Ng

on the anniversary of his passing.

Can you spare an hour from the 8th – 9th of March to be a guardian during 24 Hours for the Lord? It would mean you keep prayer, watching the Blessed Sacrament, and are available if anyone needs directions or help – all of which will be outlined to you.

Gentlemen in particular, would you consider being a guardian during the late night/early morning to help with safety?

Register here
or at

<http://tinyurl.com/3jc49ehu>



STATIONS OF THE

Cross

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
11:30AM & 7:00PM

THIS
SUNDAY 4PM
ST PETERS
ROOM

MOTHERS
GROUP

Mums of all ages and
stages welcome!

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Phillip Manu; Dan Moran – relative of Ray and Jenny Moran; Zora Tolj; Tony Marthenas; Pauline Tan – sister of Irene Cheung (11 February); Carmelina Jiménez Vda. de Tuesta (mother of Aida Moore); Elsa Harting; Souad Kecskemeti; Donald Alexander Stephens (Uncle of Theresa, Josef, Maria, Johana, and Martina Widjaja).

Our loved ones who are sick:

John Luxton; Yvonne Corpuz; Judith Ryan; Maria Taylor; Bruce Meppem; Moh Har Yip; Bill Piper; Frank Hallissy; John O'Brien; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; Mary Kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Lueng; John Tiorg and family; Esther Grant and family.

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

Magdalina Bolingot; Joseph Syria Santio (24 February); Bartolo Paino, father of Maria Paino (22 February); Jakica Bacic, mother of Vinka Bacic-Williams; Manuel Antonio Gaspar, husband of Odete Gaspar (15 February).

For the Moran family as they mourn the loss of their beloved, Dan.

We give thanks for the life of Mia Mendoza.

2024 THE YEAR OF *Prayer*

If you experience dryness in prayer or a time when you come to Mass and feel like you didn't get anything out of it, then that's a good day... That's a day where you get to **choose** to love God for His sake and not for what He can do for you.

Father Mike Schmitz

Can you donate Palms for Palm Sunday?

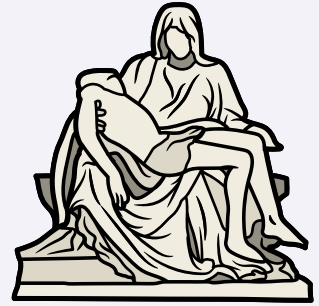
As it is our desire to ensure that all people who attend the Palm Sunday Masses can leave with a Palm, we ask if any parishioner who has Palm trees in their garden if they be willing to donate some palms to the parish. If anyone can supply us with Palms, it would be greatly appreciated. This may be the time to prune your trees so as to encourage growth for next year.

The palms would need to be delivered to the Parish office during the week before Palm Sunday i.e. **Monday 18 – Friday 22 March**.

Please let the parish office know if you are able to help with this by emailing Olivia at Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au



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



Our Lady of Dolours, Pray for Us

*Rock of constancy,
pray for us.*

*Refuge of the abandoned,
pray for us.*

*Mirror of patience,
pray for us*

*Mother of consolation,
pray for us.*

Our Lady OF DOLOURS

FIRST SATURDAY
Public Rosary

MARCH
02

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

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH
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But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. – *James 3:17*

惟獨從上頭來的智慧，先是清潔，後是和平，溫良柔順，滿有憐憫，多結善果，沒有偏見，沒有假冒。 雅各書 3:17



What is the meaning behind today's perplexing first Reading of God testing Abraham's faith by commanding him to sacrifice his innocent son, Isaac? Does it imply that moral principles hold no sway over us? This notion conflicts with the teachings throughout the Bible. Does it suggest that God is capricious, dictating actions solely to satisfy His whims? Such a portrayal contradicts the God depicted throughout scripture—a God of reason and justice. And is God testing Abraham because he doubts the strength of Abraham's faith and needs confirmation? This notion also contradicts the character of God portrayed elsewhere in the Bible. All these interpretations diverge from the overarching narrative of scripture. So, what, then, is the essence of this Reading?

The lesson isn't merely about God's unlimited power or authority. While God is indeed all-powerful, our reverence for Him stems from His inherent goodness. His power serves His goodness; it's not a case of "might makes right." This principle applies not only to God but also to us—our actions are measured against a higher moral standard, as emphasised by the prophets.

Nor is this a test for God to ascertain Abraham's faithfulness. God, with complete understanding and all-knowing, requires no such tests. Rather, it's Abraham who undergoes a journey of self-discovery, coming to understand both himself and the nature of God.

So, what then is the lesson? There are two facets to consider. The apparent lesson centres on unwavering trust and obedience. Abraham's faith is tested and proven, as he exhibits complete submission to God's will. However, this interpretation leaves unanswered questions about the nature of God and the broader implications for morality.

Contrary to first impressions, this Reading reveals God's abhorrence of human sacrifice, contrasting sharply with pagan practices of the time. It underscores the sanctity of human life—a revolutionary concept in an era when many cultures sanctioned human sacrifice. The idea that humanity is created in the image of God, with inherent dignity and worth, originates from this narrative.

In the Christian tradition, this story takes on an added layer of significance. The ram provided by God symbolizes the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who would atone for humanity's sins. Abraham's obedience anticipates Mary's "yes" to God's will, paving the way for our salvation.

Faith, then, transcends mere belief; it opens the door for divine intervention in our lives. Abraham's trust initiated the Jewish preparation for salvation, mirrored in the sacrificial lamb. Similarly, Mary's consent ushered in the fulfilment of salvation through the birth of Christ. Faith aligns us with God's will, leading to our redemption.

In conclusion, the story of Abraham and Isaac invites us to contemplate the depths of faith and obedience, while also revealing profound truths about the character of God and the sanctity of human life. It serves as a testament to the transformative power of faith and its pivotal role in our journey of salvation.

Praying Like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane



During this Lenten period, prayer takes on many forms: like the Stations of the Cross, fasting, church visitation, meditation, painting, nature walks etc....each as unique as the soul that breathes life into it.

The Garden of Gethsemane serves as a sacred reminder of Jesus' unwavering faith and humility in the face of adversity. His prayerful vigil beckons us to cultivate a deeper connection with God and to entrust our lives to His Providence. May we, like Jesus, find solace and strength in the quiet moments of prayer, knowing that in surrendering to God's will, we will discover the truest expression of our humanity and our faith.

As we reflect on Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, we invite you to embark on a journey of prayerful expression through painting. Let your paint brush be your guide and your canvas (or rock or paper) become your sanctuary, as you explore the depths of your faith and your connection with God.

PRAYER THROUGH Painting



Where: PEW Garden

When: Saturday, 9th March 2024

Time: 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Who: All welcome

Fee: \$25 (all painting materials and refreshments provided)

Booking: via TryBooking at

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPODT> or using the QR code below.

Book here!



MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 26 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary (Cenacle, MMP) 12:30pm Mass
Tuesday 27 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy 12:30pm Mass
Wednesday 28 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00 Mass 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy 12:30pm Mass 6:00pm Mass
Thursday 29 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 also available
Friday 1 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy 11:30am Stations of the Cross 12:30pm Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 2 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Mass 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation, Rosary 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help 10:30am Benediction 3:00pm Reconciliation as part of First Saturday Rosary 4:00pm First Saturday Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Forecourt) 5:30pm Vigil Mass 6:30pm Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in honour of the Nourishment of Catholic Family Life
Sunday Mass 3 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30am Mass 9:00am Family Mass 10:30am Mass 12:00pm Filipino Community Mass 12:00pm Baptisms 5:30pm Mass



ST PIUS X COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD

OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 16 MARCH

Chatswood Campus 9am - 2pm
35 Anderson Street Chatswood

Oxford Falls Campus 8am - 12noon
1 Dreadnought Road, Oxford Falls

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PARENT & INFANT MASS

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

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

**BACK in
2024 and on
each week**

PLAYGROUP

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

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

Cultural Community Mass:

Filipino: 12:00pm, 1st Sunday

Spanish: 12:00pm, 3rd Sunday

Indonesian: 7:00pm, 3rd Sunday

Join us for Seniors Morning Tea March 7th at 10:00am in the Magnificat Room



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 25 FEBRUARY 2024

LISTEN TO HIM. Jesus revealed his oneness with sinful humanity by his baptism in the river Jordan. On the mount of transfiguration he revealed his oneness with God who proclaims, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' It takes faith to listen to Jesus, who teaches that the path of life leads along the way of the cross. But, as Abraham learned, if we put our faith in God our reward will be great.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Amen.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son', God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt

offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Ps 115: 10, 15-19. R. 114: 9

RESP PSALM

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: / 'I am sorely afflicted.' / O precious in the eyes of the Lord / is the death of his faithful. **R.**

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; / you have loosened my bonds. / A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: / I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

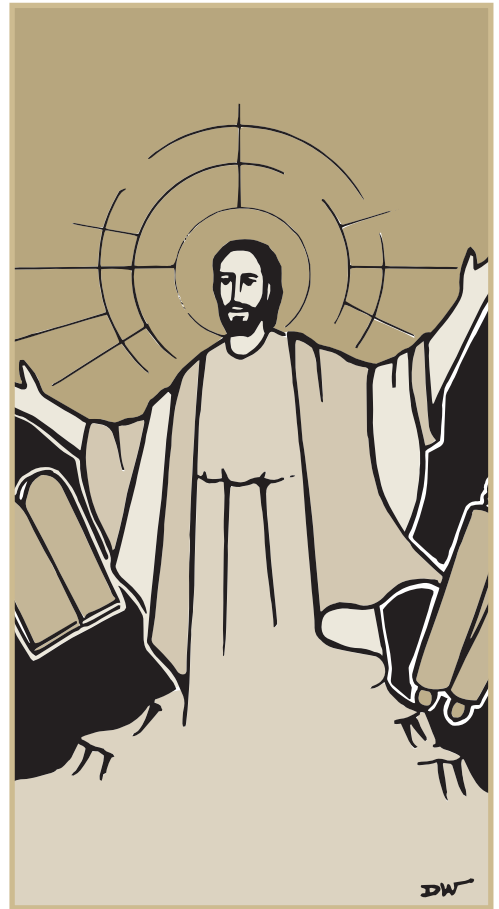
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil / before all his people, / in the courts of the house of the Lord, / in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**
Rom 8: 31-34

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may



be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17: 5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Mk 9: 2-10

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes

became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah'. He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'. Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what

'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH **APOSTLES' CREED**
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

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

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

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

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 17: 5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

THE GIFT OF GOD'S OWN SON

In the second week of Lent, we are taken to an encounter of God with Abraham where he is asked to sacrifice his son. This seems incomprehensible to us. Is this the ultimate sign of commitment or faithfulness to God? If it is a test, Abraham shows his fidelity but the sacrificing of Isaac doesn't happen. God spares Abraham's son. This reading is in direct confrontation with the second reading from Romans where "God did not spare God's own son." These words are stark and a testament to the faithfulness and compassion of God.

This invites our attention to the enormity of God's gift echoed in the words of Jesus: "God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). It is in this context that we embrace the transfiguration. This is the second occasion in Mark's Gospel where Jesus is revealed to be God's son.

In light of the dazzling appearance of Jesus with Moses and Elijah and the voice from heaven, we see these disciples in fear. Occurring shortly after Jesus has revealed his fate, these leaders, Peter, James and John, witness this event and when it subsides and they go down the mountain, they are told not to say anything till the Son of Man has risen from the dead. This is baffling. They are distressed about what "rising from the dead" could mean. This insight into the community of Mark may also intersect with our own searchings. How do we understand God's gift in the death and resurrection of God's own son?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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GATHERINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday
26 February

- 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 1:30pm Organ Practice (Church)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 6-9 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
- 7:00pm Alpha (Magnificat, St Paul)

Tuesday
27 February

- 10:00am Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)
- 10:30am Organ Practice (Church)
- 2:00pm Organ Practice (Church)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 6-9 year olds (Atrium)
- 3:45pm Atrium for 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
- 5:00pm Mercy College Year 7 Info Evening (Church)
- 7:00pm Metanoia faith program (Magnificat, St Paul)
- 7:00pm Filipino Choir Practice (Harrington Hall)
- 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter)

Wednesday
28 February

- 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat)
- 10:30am Organ Practice (Church)
- 1:30pm Organ Practice (Church)
- 2:30pm Organ Lesson (Church)
- 6:30pm Indonesian Music Practice (St Paul)
- 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter)
- 7:00pm MenAlive Reflection & Discussion (Magnificat)

Thursday
29 February

- 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
- 12:30pm Playgroup room set up (Magnificat)
- 1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat)
- 2:00pm Organ Practice (Church)
- 3:45pm Organ Scholar Lesson (Church)
- 5:30pm Parish Choir Rehearsal (St Paul)

Friday
1 March

- 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul)
- 11:15am Meditation Morning Tea (St Paul)
- 4:00pm Organ Practice (Church)
- 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing

Saturday
2 March

- 8:30am Atrium Teen Group Meeting (St Paul)
- 10:00am Legion of Mary room set up (Magnificat)
- 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (Magnificat)
- 10:45am MCAG Meeting (St Peter)
- 11:00am Choir Practice (Church)
- 12:30pm Organ Practice (Church)
- 2:30pm Rehearsal First Saturday Rosary (St Paul)
- 4:00pm Reconciliation Sessions (Magnificat, St Peter)
- 4:30pm Vigil singers (Church)

Sunday Mass
3 March

- 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul)
- 10:00am Reconciliation Sessions (St Peter)
- 10:00am Filipino Room Set Up (Magnificat, St Paul)
- 10:30am Filipino Choir Practice (St Paul)
- 11:00am RCIA room set up (St Peter)
- 11:30am RCIA (St Peter)
- 1:00pm Filipino Fellowship (Magnificat, St Paul)
- 1:30pm Organ Practice (Church)
- 2:30pm Organ Practice (Church)
- 4:00pm Youth Choir (Church)
- 4:00pm Vinnies Info Session (Magnificat)
- 4:30pm Youth Group Preparation (St Paul)
- 6:30pm Capstone Young Adults (Magnificat, St Paul)

ALL ARE WELCOME!



KINDY Blessing



17 March 9:00am Family Mass

Our Lady of Dolours

94 Archer St Chatswood

Please bring a plate of food to share and join us after Mass in the school playground for morning tea.

For any queries contact: Angela at
angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

Our Lady
of Dolours



THE PASSION NARRATIVES OF THE Gospel

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3:30PM - 4:30PM
**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THESE SERIES
OF TALKS BY BISHOP DAVID WALKER**

Magnificat Room
96 Archer St, Chatswood
Entry from Kirk St



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OLOD MEN, WE NEED YOU!

I joined our Vinnie's chapter at Chatswood this month and went to my first meeting. I was surprised that there were only 7 of us, 5 women and 2 men. I heard at the meeting how wonderfully generous our parish is in giving money to Vinnie's, especially at Christmas when a record amount was donated by parishioners. I listened to the stories of the people who are currently needing help from us and realised again how easily a person or a family's life can fall apart when they are living on the margins of society. I am keen to make my first visit soon with another member, Teresa, to a mother with a young boy who needs furniture and other help. But there was a snag. It seems there is a fellow who often stays with her and it is possible he will be there when we visit. As he has served time in prison, it was clear that a man would need to come along. Problem! One of the two male Vinnie's members is having to take leave for this year and the other is about to have knee surgery and will be unavailable for a few months. That will make it very difficult to help the people who depend on us. Sometimes it is not enough to give money, it seems. Sometimes Jesus asks more of us and this Lent is one of those times. One man, or two men, willing to join Vinnie's and support us women in the occasional necessary home visit is all that's needed for us to continue our support of Chatswood's desperate families. If you can help, or have any questions, please contact the parish office or John Russell (carolandjohnr@gmail.com) or me, Jo Karaolis (jokaraolis1@bigpond.com) or come to the Vinnies Information session on Sunday 3 March, at 4.30 p.m. in the parish's Magnificat meeting room, Kirk St, Chatswood.

- Jo Karaolis AM

Are you interested in getting involved?

The St Vincent de Paul Chatswood Conference welcomes you to join and be a member of our conference to serve the poor and needy in our local community.

Our aim is to live the gospel by serving Christ through helping the poor and people in need with love and respect, which is keeping with our parish mission.

An information session for prospective members will be held on Sunday 3rd March, 4:30pm at the Magnificat room.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.



CHATSWOOD VINNIES CONFERENCE

Facts about the Chatswood Conference

- St Vincent de Paul Conferences operate in hundreds of local communities throughout NSW.
- Most Conferences are local charity groups located at Catholic Church parishes.
- The St Vincent de Paul Chatswood Conference has a long history. It began in the early 1900's.
- Members are volunteers with a common mission of helping people who are disadvantaged, marginalised or living in poverty.
- Currently there are 5 members in the Chatswood Conference and 12 members in the Youth Conference.

What is the aim of the conference members?

To live the gospel message by serving Christ through helping the poor with love, respect, hope and joy and shaping a more just and compassionate society.

What do members share in common?

Although members vary in age, occupation, hobbies and experiences, and come from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, they are united in the love of Christ and serving the poor.

How do members serve the poor and needy?

- Home visitation
- Financial support such as food or food vouchers, clothing and furniture
- Assistance with utility and phone bills, medical/pharmaceutical and removal expenses
- Assistance with costs associated with helping people getting back into workforce and back to school costs.
- Helping people to budget more effectively
- Referrals to other support services and advocacy work
- Offering financial aid to students in developing countries

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

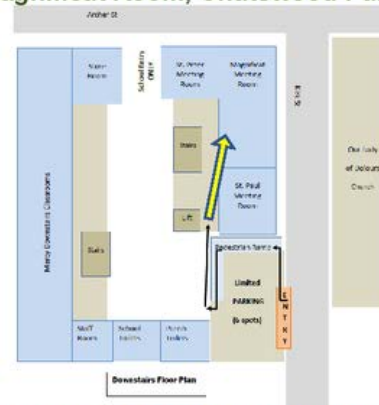
Conference meetings are held once every month.

We would like to welcome you to join the Vincentian family at Chatswood by approaching a member or emailing: MetroMembers@vinnies.org.au



Thank you for your interest in St Vincent de Paul Society!
You are invited to an information session for prospective members on

Sunday 3rd March at 4.30pm
Magnificat Room, Chatswood Parish



Enquiries email: MetroMembers@vinnies.org.au

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OUR WEEK IN PICS



Choir quality time at yum cha!



We had a great time at the Hearts Alive Music Workshop!



This week at playgroup we welcome little Justin!



Congratulations to our Indonesian community on their 12th anniversary!

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JOB VACANCY

Sacramental Coordinator

The Parish is seeking to appoint a casual role sacramental coordinator located at the Parish office in Pymble

Application:

Please send your cover letter and CV to the Parish Office at office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Further information and the full job description is available at the link below

tinyurl.com/zn2naczc

Applications close on Friday, 1 March 2024

Pymble Catholic Parish | 02 9144 2702

Did you know SUPER BLOOM by the song company is being hosted in our Parish? Get your tickets online and come along for some beautiful music and a wonderful night!

A LENTEN FAST

As Fr David announced last week, Our Lady of Dolours is now a registered Earthcare Parish, committed to 'hearing the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor' and changing our practices to better care for our common home, in accordance with Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'* and the call of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference. While we are getting started on an audit of where our parish currently sits in relation to our shared ecological responsibility, this Lent is an opportunity for us to join other parishes in observing a special *Laudato Si'* fast. The elements of a *Laudato Si'* fast as described by Pope Francis are to reconnect with Creation, become more aware of our environmental footprint, fast from those things which are damaging our common home and examine our attitudes and the way we live our lives for opportunities to simplify and to tread more lightly on the earth we share with all God's creatures. Each week of Lent, the Bulletin will have a different suggestion. For the week ahead, the theme is 'the interconnectedness of creation'. In *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis writes that 'human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbour and with the earth itself'. The Bible's creation stories in the Book of Genesis describe the earth as a shared inheritance whose fruits are meant to benefit every person and every organism. In this first full week of Lent, we reconnect with nature by seeking opportunities to marvel at the unfurling of a fern frond or the skill of a spider making its web. Instead of using the car, we make time to walk with our children on their way to school or stop off at a park on our trip home from the supermarket. And we astonish ourselves by finding out how trees communicate with each other by watching a video such as: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uWzIxi6cIY> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PvbU6fV8pg>

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
Laudato si' (246)

- OLOD Earthcare Community



Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd, protect, we pray, the flock of God's people, comfort it and revive its spirit, lead it to fresh pastures and restful waters. Call from our midst young men to be our pastors, bold in spirit, generous in heart, and clear in vision. Bless them with the gifts to become forthright messengers of hope, strong community leaders, and wise spiritual guides for your people. Show them the gifts you have given them, inspire them with the needs of the Church, and make them brave enough to offer their service for leadership in the Church. Hear our prayer, Lord of the Harvest, and send labourers into the fields which you have sown, so that the rich harvest may be gathered and made ready for the banquet of heaven where you live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Vocations are born in prayer
and from prayer; and only in
prayer can they persevere
and bear fruit.*

Pope Francis

Are you a young man thinking about where God is calling you to be? Have a chat with our Parish Vocations Team by sending an email to Fr Joey at Joey.Frez@bbccatholic.org.au



Last week there was an incident of theft - thank you to those who stepped in to stop it. Please keep an eye on your belongings, and take your valuables with you, even when you go to receive Holy Communion.

Let's look out for each other and ensure everyone's belongings stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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Regular Mass Times:

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

The Children's Atrium

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

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



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

3-6 year olds



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

9-12 year olds



Mondays 3:45-5:45pm
Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm

6-9 year olds



Mondays 3:45-5:45pm
Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm

To find out more watch this
video or contact
Angela or Rose at:

old.childrens.atrrium@gmail.com

