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THE BULLETIN

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

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.

Fr David's on his way home! Check out some great photos of his time at the Parish Priests for the Synod gathering.

This weekend our Giftshop team will be selling items for Mothers Day - so come along and grab a beautiful gift for your mum - don't forget to honour the spiritual mothers and mentors in your life as well.

Our Mothers' Day morning tea is also this Sunday! It's not too late to let Chloe know you're coming along.

The Community Action Group are looking for donations for the upcoming Feast for Freedom. Can you help by donating or buying a ticket to come along and help raise money for a family in need?

Thank you to Matt and Chloe Aylward for this week's flower donation for the church.

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.



No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

This Sunday's Gospel - John 15:9-17

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla





**If you receive our emails you would have received Fr David's 'Synod Summary' capturing each day at the Parish Priests gathering for the Synod, in Rome. Below is an amended version of Fr David's final update. If you would like to receive these updates please e-mail chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au and we will send them to you, and put you on our distribution list.*

The day followed a similar pattern to yesterday. Following 8am Morning Prayer in Italian, for the first hour, facilitated by Mgr Hyacinthe Dione from the Dicastery for Evangelisation, Fr Gilles Routhier and Fr Tomas Halik shared theological reflections and Lia Zervino presented offerings from Fr Vincent Glynn of Archdiocese of Perth on formation to its Diocesan Assembly (by video), Fr Don Planty Jnr from the Arlington, USA on his diocese's consultative structures (not especially innovative and mirroring ours in Broken Bay), and a French parish. It has been quite amazing how highly Australia has featured during the gathering. It certainly appears that the Church in Australia is highly regarded on the topic of synodality!

The question before our small group's Conversation in the Spirit today was:

In my ministry as a parish priest, how have I experienced the dynamics of ecclesial discernment? Which ones have been happy and which ones difficult? What lessons do I draw from them? In my local context, how do participatory bodies function at the local level? And diocesan or eparchy level? What signs of hope do I recognise?

From the processes of Conversation in the Spirit over the course of the day, our group's response was:

"If you want to go quickly, go alone; if you want to go far, go together." We have recognised this wisdom though our many experiences of fostering collaboration through the various organs of discernment we have already in place in our parishes and in our dioceses - Parish Pastoral Councils, Parish Finance Committees, parish committees and commissions of many different colours, similar entities on a diocesan level. These have been especially significant in our pastoral planning and in a range of pastoral initiatives. Through them we have learnt the importance of opening spaces to listen to others...

Notwithstanding our active engagement of the various consultative practices given by law and by practice, we do also recognise that new circles of listening and discernment are required. If Synodality is the Church, and the Church is Synodality, we will need to recognise that Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees, though important, are not sufficient for the task ahead of us. New methods, processes, and structures will also be required."

A group photograph before lunch, and in the afternoon, feedback on the day's question from the final groups that had not yet spoken was provided. One feedback was concluded with a Spanish song! The afternoon was facilitated by Fr Guiseeppe Bonfrate, consultant to the Secretariat for the Synod, who gave the invitation for interventions of response both from the floor and the expert panel.

We finish the time together in our small group reflecting on the fruits we take with us: brotherhood, insights, conviction the Spirit is working in the Church, excitement, a profound pastoral question, conversion from universal to local, reformation of self, hope, the recognition that synodality is a way of relating before it is a new structure, mission, compassion.

Mass celebrated in English concludes the meeting, followed by a gracious dinner that ends with the boisterousness of South American singing! And for the first time the Oceania contingent actually gets to meet as a group - Australia, New Zealand, PNG and Samoa - just five of us in this large group.

Tomorrow, we leave Sacrofano early and return to the Vatican to meet the Holy Father and celebrate Mass in St Peter's Basilica.

It has been a memorable few days - a great deal of listening and absorbing. It will take time to absorb and to process the experience. However, I leave deeply affirmed by what we are pioneering in our parish, encouraged by the interest that has been demonstrated, and inspired to continue to work with it all. Rather than answers, I will return home with a profound pastoral question of how to mature what we have begun. The most important thing, perhaps, is not to depend on the term 'synodality' but rather to live out its many dimensions, the awareness of some which has been the gift to me of these days. **Becoming Church: this is the greatest invitation to us all.**



This week's church flowers are generously donated by Matt & Chloe Aylward in memory of

baby Rio Noah Pio Pereira

the son of their family friends Sean and Bridget.



IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Peter Philip; Greg Tysoe - 4 April; Amparo Pua.

Our loved ones who are sick:

Teddy Malapira; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; John Gordon (father of Anthony and Chris); Margaret; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Yvonne Corpuz; Maria Taylor; Bill Piper; Frank Hallissy; John O'Brien; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; Mary Kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Lueng; John Tiorg and family; Esther Grant and family.

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

Yvonne Brownley-Frewen - 5 May; Eugene Tran; Bernard Le; Frederick Abenales - 27 April.

- For Sean & Bridget Pereira, whose son Rio Noah Pio Pereira was stillborn last week. Praying that our Lord offers you and your family comfort at this time, and may Rio be at peace with God. Rio will always be in our hearts.
Chloe & Matt
- For Leo Barry, Erin Seeto, Kay, Ann, and John who celebrated their birthdays this week! We thank God for the gift of their lives and presence in our community.
- For Angela as she recovers from surgery, we pray her healing is fast and uncomplicated.

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



Rock of constancy, pray for us.

Refuge of the abandoned, pray for us.

Mirror of patience, pray for us

Mother of consolation, pray for us.

Companion of the sorrowful, pray for us.

Protectress of those who fight, pray for us.

Shield of the oppressed, pray for us.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Book of Acts can be a very exciting read as it tells us story after story about God's power in the early church. And today's reading is no exception.

Peter entered the home of Cornelius—a Gentile who was not part of the chosen Jewish people—and after some formalities, he began to tell them about Jesus—but he never finished his talk!

Like a second Pentecost, the Holy Spirit fell upon everyone in the house, and Cornelius and his family embraced Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Prior to Peter's arrival, Cornelius and his family were devout. They prayed regularly and gave money to the poor. Cornelius himself was a good and fair man. He didn't lord it over his servants or his soldiers.

Still, as righteous as he was, Cornelius was hungry for more of God. When he had his own vision, directing him to send for Peter, he obeyed—and he was greatly rewarded for it. Cut to the heart by what they had heard and what they had begun to experience, Cornelius and his family gave their lives to the Lord and were baptized into the church.

According to custom, Jews were forbidden even to enter the house of a Gentile—and here is Peter, baptizing them! The lesson Cornelius learned that day is still valid: When the gospel is preached, God works.

We are used to talking to others with kindness and compassion. We employ good communication and logic to solve problems. But how often do we trust in the power of God to change lives?

Of course, it's good to be kind and to use good reason. But it is also important to talk about the power of God—the power that raised Jesus from the dead, the power that is available to us today.

Peter learned a lesson that day as well: When we talk about Jesus, we might receive spiritual surprises ourselves. Many Jews in Peter's day didn't believe that the Gentiles were part of God's plan. So when Peter saw how the Holy Spirit moved among them at Cornelius' house, he was caught completely off guard. This surprise changed the entire outlook for the church. History has shown that the surprise at Cornelius' house was not the only one God had in store for his people. In fact, God seems to enjoy catching his people off guard. He takes pleasure in expanding our horizons and surprising us with special gifts and grace that help build up his church. Cornelius was blessed because of his virtuous disposition, even though he didn't know about Jesus. He was blessed because of his desire for God, his faithfulness to prayer, and his willingness to open his home to Peter and his companions. He was blessed because he and his wife led their family in the ways of God according to the best of their understanding. They practiced their faith, however limited it may have been.

Likewise, God will bless our families if we bring him into our homes and if we try to have a right disposition in life. Let



this story encourage you.

God loves your family, and he will reward your attempts to bring them closer to him. And never underestimate what God can do when the name of Jesus is preached—in your family, with your friends, and even with complete strangers.

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP - CAN YOU HELP?

When USA and its allies withdrew from Afghanistan in May, 2021 the Taliban quickly took over the country and established military rule. It then began targeting Afghani people known to oppose the Taliban or to have co-operated with the USA or Australia. Those who could escaped to neighbouring Iran or Pakistan and applied to the West for refugee status. Iran has begun sending many back to Afghanistan. The Afghan Embassy in Iran is now run by Taliban officials who have underground intelligence networks. It is very dangerous for well-known Afghani people and those on the Taliban watch-list to stay in Iran but it is hard for them to get out. The family we are committed to helping is a mother and her three children whose father was killed by the Taliban. Our Government has given them a visa as recognised refugees but they must find the money for their air fares and other costs to get here, about \$6000.

The **Freedom Feast that we will hold in Harrington Hall on Saturday June 22nd** will raise the necessary amount, provided we can hold a successful raffle and auction and for these we need donations.



Please bring your donation of items for the raffle and auction to the parish office. A bottle of wine, a weekend in a beach holiday house, a day on the Harbour, a dog-grooming voucher, a complementary visit to the beauty parlour, a free Will, a dinner-for-six in a restaurant. Let your imagination fly. Talk to your well-placed friends and your favourite service providers. Tell them how they can help to bring one small and frightened family to safety in this country where we are blessed to take safety and freedom for granted.

Contact Marty (mth30012@bigpond.net.au) or Jo (jokaraolis1@bigpond.com)

Our Lady OF DOLOURS

FEAST FOR Freedom

HELP BRING A FAMILY TO FREEDOM

HELP US TO RAISE \$6000 TO BRING A MOTHER AND HER 3 CHILDREN FROM IRAN TO FREEDOM IN AUSTRALIA AFTER THEIR FATHER WAS KILLED BY THE TALIBAN.

JUNE 22 6:30PM

THIS FAMILY HAS BEEN GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND NOW NEEDS HELP TO FINALISE THESE PLANS.

COME AND LEARN MORE BY JOINING US FOR A NIGHT OF WONDERFUL FOOD FROM ACROSS THE WORLD LOVINGLY PREPARED BY THE OUR LADY OF DOLOURS COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP.

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The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention for May 2024

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER

A Prayer for Persons Suffering from Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking

Gracious God,
whose Son wept over the City of Jerusalem,
fill our hearts with compassion for those women,
men, and children who suffer violence and
exploitation at the hands of the wicked.
Guide us in vigilance so that we may recognize
those who need our assistance.

Direct our hearts that we might untie the
burdens placed upon them and bring them to
freedom and safety.

We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady
of Dolours and in the name of your Son, Jesus
and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

MAY MASS COUNT

A reminder that during the month of May the annual Mass count is conducted. So you will see volunteers walking around to count the attendees at every Mass.

We are still in need of volunteers to help count, so if you are able to please email the parish office.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH

- Monday
6 May
- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)
 - **12:30pm Mass**
 - 1:30pm Organ Practice

- Tuesday
7 May
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
 - **9:00am Mass**
 - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 - 10:30am Organ Practice
 - **12:30pm Mass**
 - 2:00pm Organ Practice
 - 7:00pm Filipino Choir Practice

- Wednesday
8 May
- 7:00am Mercy College Mothers Day Liturgy
 - 8:45am Morning Prayer
 - **9:00 Mass**
 - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 - 10:30 Organ Practice
 - **12:30pm Mass**
 - 1:30pm Organ Practice
 - 2:30pm Organ Lesson
 - 3:30pm Organ Practice
 - 4:00pm Organ Lesson
 - **6:00pm Mass**
 - 7:00pm Sound System Training

- Thursday
9 May
- 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**
 - 2:00pm Organ Practice
 - 7:00pm Holy Hour Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation also available

- Friday
10 May
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
 - **9:00am Mass**
 - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 - 10:30am Organ Practice
 - **12:30pm Mass**
 - 4:00pm Organ Practice

- Saturday
11 May
- 8:45am Morning Prayer
 - **9:00am Mass**
 - 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation, Rosary
 - 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 - 11:00am Choir Practice
 - 12:30am Organ Practice
 - 4:30pm Vigil Singer Bookings
 - **5:30pm Vigil Mass**

- Sunday Mass
12 May
- **7:30am Mass**
 - **9:00am Family Mass**
 - **10:30am Mass**
 - 12:00pm Baptisms
 - 1:30pm Organ Practice
 - 2:30pm Organ Practice
 - 4:00pm Youth Choir Practice
 - **5:30pm Mass**

The Ascension of the Lord



Cultural Community Mass:

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

Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

Mother's Day

AFTERNOON TEA

Our Mums' Ministry invites all our Mothers, Grandmothers, and Spiritual Mothers to join us as we celebrate you and all the gifts you give. Join us for tea, coffee, cake and nourishing conversation.

SUNDAY 5TH MAY, 3:30PM-5PM

MAGNIFICAT MEETING ROOM

For catering purposes, please email chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au or call 9410 9000 with your interest and any dietary requirements

Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

ZOOM ROSARY DURING MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

MONDAY
MAY 13

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

MONDAY
MAY 20

MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

FRIDAY
MAY 24

May is the month of Mary. Please join us in honouring Our Blessed Mother by praying the rosary together via Zoom on the following occasions all at 8:00 pm

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86587391823>
MEETING ID: 865 8739 1823

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 5 MAY 2024

I CALL YOU FRIENDS. We often refer to Jesus by honorific titles, such as Lord, but do we also think of him, as he thinks of us, as a friend? The Talmud suggests that we should do two things: acquire a teacher and choose a friend. In Jesus we have both the best teacher and the best friend we could ever hope to have.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 48: 20

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

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

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

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

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

COLLECT

P. Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 97: 1-4. R. cf. v. 2

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (or Alleluia!)

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Jn 4: 7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Jn 15: 9-17

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments

and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you.
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

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

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

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

R. Blessed be God for ever.

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

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings, so that,

purified by your graciousness, we may be
conformed to the mysteries of your mighty
love. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-V OF EASTER

After the Preface, we sing or say:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

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

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

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

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 14: 15-16

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

the strength of this saving food. Through
Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

THE INCLUSIVENESS OF GOD

Our first reading from Acts today is an
edited story of the encounter of Peter
and Cornelius. It is worth reading the
full episode of Chapter 10. What we
have is enough to relate the
momentous occasion when Peter, a
Jew, enters the house of Cornelius, a
Gentile. This is significant of itself,
laying aside any impropriety. More than
this, Peter declares that God shows no
partiality. It doesn't matter whether
Jew or Gentile, anyone who fears God
and does what is right is acceptable to
God. Simultaneously with Peter
speaking, the Holy Spirit came upon all
the audience, Jews and Gentiles alike.
In John's Gospel, Jesus begins: 'As the
Father has loved me, so I have loved
you, remain in my love.' This invitation
to abide or remain in God's love opens
the command to love one another which
is ever more poignant in light of the
inclusivity of God. In this passage Jesus
calls his disciples 'friends' and no longer
servants, indicating the closeness of
their relationship, their walking together
and their collaboration in the work of
Jesus. Yet we know even today there are
barriers or hurdles that Pope Francis also
acknowledges but urges us to find a way
forward as a Church. 'Abide in my love'
could be our mantra so the love of God
is enacted to everyone we meet. How can
we seek to be inclusive of all who seek
God? How do we develop our ecumenical
relationships and outreach to all those
whom God desires to be welcomed?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

- Monday
6 May
- 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
 - 10:00am Private booking (St Peter)
 - 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
 - 3:45pm Atrium for 6-9 year olds (Atrium)
 - 3:45pm Atrium for 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
 - 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter)
 - 7:00pm Alpha (Magnificat, St Paul)

- Tuesday
7 May
- 10:00am Bible Study and Discussion (St Paul)
 - 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
 - 3:45pm Atrium for 6-9 year olds (Atrium)
 - 3:45pm Atrium for 9-12 year olds (Atrium)
 - 4:00pm Private booking (St Paul)
 - **6:30pm Scribes and Facilitators for Parish in Council (Harrington Hall)**
 - 7:00pm Metanoia (Magnificat) set up 6:30pm
 - 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter)

- Wednesday
8 May
- 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat)
 - 10:00am Private booking (St Peter)
 - 4:00pm Private booking (St Paul)
 - 6:30pm Indonesian Music Practice (Harrington Hall)
 - 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter)

- Thursday
9 May
- 1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up at 12:00pm
 - 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter)

- Friday
10 May
- 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul)
 - 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter)
 - 6:30pm Life 1 (Magnificat)
 - 7:00pm Indonesian Choir Practice (St Paul) set up 6:00pm
 - 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing

- Saturday
11 May
- 8:30am High ceiling cleaning (Harrington Hall)
 - 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter) set up 10:00am
 - 12:00pm Choir Social Gathering (Magnificat)
 - 11:00am Marian Catholic Action Group (St Peter)

- Sunday Mass
12 May
- 8:15am Children's Choir (St Paul)
 - 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul)
 - 10:30am Filipino Choir Practice (St Paul)
 - 10:00am Filipino Fellowship (Magnificat, St Paul)
 - 11:30am RCIA (St Peter) set up at 11:00am
 - 6:30pm Cornerstone & Keystone Youth Groups (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter) set up 4:30pm

The Ascension of the Lord



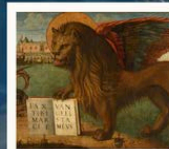
MOTHERS DAY STALL

This Sunday the giftshop will be selling gifts for Mothers Day after the Sunday morning Masses. Drop in and grab something lovely for your mum and mother figures in your life!

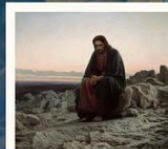
THE GOSPEL OF MARK



SATURDAY
MAY 25



SATURDAY
JUNE 1



SATURDAY
JUNE 8



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



CHATSWOOD men ALIVE

Chatswood menAlive is part of a National Catholic Mens Movement these past 20 years and is represented in 26 dioceses throughout Australia and New Zealand encompassing some 25,000 men.

The purpose of menAlive is to help men discover God at work in their lives, a God who is walking beside them on their own personal journey.

Chatswood menALIVE meets twice monthly to discuss men's topics, leading to in-depth personal reflection & prayer with a scriptural basis.

In addition to regular monthly meetings, other events include:

- A National Conference (menAlive MAX)
- State of Origin Nights
- Sydney Camino Walk
- Men's Masses & Bar B Q's
- Men's Breakfast
- Men's Movie Nights

MEETINGS EVERY 2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

MAGNIFICAT ROOM

PARISH MEETING ROOMS

CNR OF ARCHER & KIRK ST, CHATSWOOD

OPPOSITE OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH

MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7 PM

ALL MEN WELCOME
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A parishioner lost her yellow notebook filled with valuable notes, especially on faith. It has sentimental value. If found, please email the office.

這是我的命令：你們該彼此相愛，如同我愛了你們一樣。人若為自己的朋友捨掉性命，再沒有比這更大的愛情了。 若望福音15:12-13

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:12-13



Our Youth Group outing last week for the holidays at the local park! Thanks to the youth leaders for organising!



The Giftshop team is ready for the Mothers Day stall this Sunday!



Last Saturday men all across Sydney took part in the 22km Camino of St Joseph - here are some of the men from our parish that did this. Congrats on a wonderful effort!



At Seniors Morning Tea we celebrated Mother's Day and May birthdays of Kay, Ann, and John. Father Anslem and Elle from Gregory & Carr joined us and supplied a beautiful spread & beautiful roses!.

It was a very and special celebration all had a good time and we played Mother's Day quiz and shared memories and stories. - Mona



At Play Group this week we welcomed a new mum Anjum and her son Jayden!



Some behind the scenes pics from Fr David's time at the Parish Priests for the Synod gathering!





Our Parish-in-Council III

Belonging in Community - Charisms, Connection & Contribution

COUNCIL READING MATERIAL

Thanks very much to the 120 people who have registered for Parish in Council on May 18th! Registrations close this weekend.

From next weekend (Saturday May 11th) you will be able to pick up pre-reading material from the foyer in the church and an e-mail will be sent to you to remind you of this.

We're excited to see you very soon!

- Animating Our Future Circle

THE MONTH OF MARY

Creating a Mary Garden

A Mary Garden is a sacred space adorned with plants, flowers, and trees bearing names associated with Our Lady and Jesus. Originating in the 7th century with Irish saint Fiacre, Mary Gardens gained prominence in the medieval era, notably documented in a 15th-century accounting record from Norwich Priory.

Some flowers with rich meaning that you can use to create your own Mary Garden are:

Geranium - Heart of Jesus; Gentle Virgin; Gladiolus - Twelve Apostles / Ladder to Heaven; Hawthorn - Mary's Mayflower; Lily-of-the-Valley - Our Lady's Tears. These flowers are said to have blossomed from Mary's tears for her Son as she stood at the foot of the Cross; Marigold - Mary's Gold, Rose - White: Mary's Purity, Red: Mary's Sorrow and the Blood of Christ. Also martyrdom. Gold: Mary's Glory, Red and White: Visitation. The Rose symbolizes Mary herself (she is the "The Mystical Rose," in the Litany of Loreto),

ABOUT ST GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA

PICTURED ON THE COVER



St. Gianna Beretta Molla, an Italian pediatrician born on October 4, 1922, in Magenta, Italy, exemplifies sacrificial love and devotion to family. Despite the demands of her medical career and family life, she remained steadfast in her Catholic faith, actively participating in charitable activities. St Gianna married Pietro Molla in 1955 and they had four children.

When faced with a life-threatening condition during her fourth pregnancy, she chose to prioritise the life of her unborn child over her own. In April 1962, she gave birth to her daughter, Gianna Emanuela, via cesarean section, sacrificing her own life to save her child's. Her selflessness and unwavering commitment to protecting life, even at the cost of her own, serve as a powerful reminder of Jesus' call in this week's Gospel, to lay down one's life for others. Her Feast Day is April 28.

Following her mother's footsteps, Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla pursued a medical career and continues her mother's legacy, advocating for the sanctity of human life. St. Gianna was canonized as a saint by Pope John Paul II on May 16, 2004, and remains a beacon of hope and inspiration for people worldwide, particularly those facing difficult medical decisions or pregnancies.

7.30am Morning Tea

Please join us in the PEW for a cuppa after the 7.30am Mass this Sunday.

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THE MONTH OF MARY

The Marion Carroll Story: A Miraculous healing at the Knock Shrine

by Peter J Meers

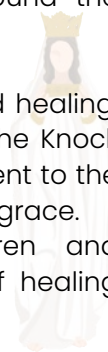
The Catholic Church in Ireland for the first time recognized a miracle attached to the Knock Shrine, where a woman was cured of multiple sclerosis thirty years ago.

Marion Carroll had been bedridden for years until she was healed in 1989 during a blessing with a monstrance at the Shrine. She had been taken to the shrine on a stretcher, as she was paralysed. Her eyesight was also impaired, and she was epileptic.

After the Mass, she was taken to a rest and care centre, where she asked that her stretcher be opened; when it was, she stood up and was well. Since her cure, Carroll has volunteered at the shrine, assisting pilgrims.

The Knock Shrine is built on the site of an 1879 apparition of the Virgin Mary, St Joseph, St John the Evangelist, angels, and the Lamb of God on the south gable of the town church. For a period of about two hours, a crowd gathered to adore the apparition and to pray the rosary. Despite a rainstorm, the ground around the gable did not get wet.

Marion Carroll's story is one of faith, hope, and healing, and it continues to inspire pilgrims who visit the Knock Shrine. Her remarkable cure remains a testament to the power of belief and the mysterious workings of grace. Marion Carroll now has five grandchildren and continues to share her extraordinary story of healing and faith.



THE BAY AND BEYOND

You are invited to a public forum **BECOMING SYNODAL PEOPLE: FORMING CLERGY AND LAITY**

AGBONKHIANMEGHE E. OROBATOR SJ,

Dean of Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University and member of the 2024 Synod on Synodality
MC GERALDINE DOOGUE AO, renowned broadcaster and host of Plenary Matters podcast.

SANDIE CORNISH, senior lecturer in theology at ACU and expert advisor at the 2024 Synod on Synodality.

PAUL MONKERUD, parish priest of Liverpool Parish and Episcopal Vicar of Western Region of Sydney.



SUNDAY, 26 MAY 2024, 7.15-8.45pm
RON DYER CENTRE

42 RIDGE ST, NORTH SYDNEY
and via live stream:

vimeo.com/event/4232342/085d036ff2

All Welcome - No Booking Required
Entry by Donation



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The price will be between \$13,000-15,000 and we welcome you to reach out to learn more about what this will include.

My Journey in the Synodal Church



Archbishop Mark Coleridge majored in English and French in his degree at Melbourne University before discerning a call to the priesthood. He was ordained in Melbourne in 1974 and worked as an assistant priest in various Melbourne parishes before studying Sacred Scripture in Rome and Jerusalem for four years. He returned to Melbourne and taught Scripture, then back to Rome for doctoral studies. After this he came home to teach at the Catholic Theological College. From 1997 to 2001 he worked in the Vatican Secretariat of State. In 2002 he was episcopally ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, in 2006 Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn and in 2012 Metropolitan Archbishop of Brisbane. After his experience at the Synod on the Family he was a natural choice to head the commission that organised our Plenary Council.

In reflecting upon his four decades as a priest and a Bishop, Archbishop Mark has noted that almost nothing had turned out as he expected but invariably events had turned out better than they would have had he planned them himself. As he has been moved to reflect "Jesus often surprises, but he never disappoints".

All Welcome - No Booking required - Entry by donation

DETAILS

Date: **May 5**
Time: **1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**
Event Category: **Forums**

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VENUE

The Crypt
20 Grosvenor St
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OPEN DAY

Thursday 16 May 2024 | 9am - 12pm

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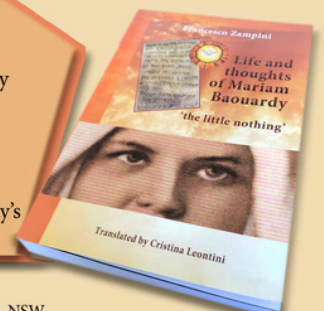
Be you. Be Brigidine.

St. Mariam of Jesus Crucified (1846-1878)

Fr. Paul Maunder, OCD & Cristina Leontini, translator of

Life and thoughts of Mariam Baouardy,
'the little nothing'

Illiterate, child-like, naive, poor, a 'little nothing'; this Teresian Carmelite nun founded the Carmel of the Holy Child Jesus in Bethlehem. She bore the wounds of the "Ecce Homo" in her body and offered her sufferings in loving union with her Lord for mercy upon sinners. Fr Paul and Cristina Leontini will present her life and comment on her way of the cross in the context of today's sufferings, especially in the Holy Land.



WHEN: May 10 - 12, 2024 • 6pm (Fri) - 12:30 pm (Sunday)
WHERE: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW
COST: \$330 (Price is inclusive of all meals and accommodation)
Please register at: www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

<https://thelittlenothing.au>

Community Forum

All are invited as we launch into the **Community Engagement phase of the Project**

11am - 12pm Saturday 4 May 2024
OLGC Catholic Primary School Hall, 11 Currie Rd, Forestville

Register Here



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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



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