



THE BULLETIN

14 APRIL 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Supper at Emmaus (1632) by Matthias Stom



It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.
This Sunday's Gospel - Luke 24:35-48

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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 week we invite you to join the parishioners of the Marian Catholic Action Group and First Saturday Rosary at the procession honouring the day of the Unborn Child in Sydney city.

Next week we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday with the Vocations Team and the Seminarians! All are invited to come along and celebrate the gift of vocations.

Our Lady's Ladies returns next Friday - all ladies of the parish are welcome to come and have a drink and join our prayer and reflection.

A reminder that Parish-In-Council registrations are now open, so please do register yourself and your family to participate in shaping the future of our parish.

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

It was a great honour for Brendan Tertini, one of our great parish leaders, and me to present to the Sydney Archdiocese Clergy Conference through last week. The Conference was held at Wollongong. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe (Perth) was the keynote speaker, and workshops were conducted by Archbishop Fisher, Bishop Homeming (Lismore), Ms Janiene Wilson, and Brendan and me. The overall theme of the Conference was Becoming a Synodal Church, and Brendan and I were asked to present our experience of developing our Parish of Chatswood as a parish-in-council. We had three ninety-minute presentations to deliver over the course of the Conference. We were greatly encouraged by the level of engagement and interest from the participants. And it made us very proud to be able to 'showcase' our

wonderful parish which is clearly highly regarded throughout Sydney.

Through a recent briefing of our pastoral priorities to our school principals last week, the notion of a 'students-in-council' arose! This would be a way to bring the emerging leaders of our two high schools together to reflect on how they might participate in our Mission to Bring the Light of Christ to the City, and in time 'feed into' our Parish-in Council. We are now actively working to make this idea a reality. It is a further demonstration of how things continue to develop and grow very organically and yet with apparent purpose.

Our next Parish-in-Council (the first of the three to be enjoyed this year) is on Saturday 18 May, between 12noon and 5pm. Registrations are now open! Remember, anyone and everyone who associates with our church and parish (no matter where they live) is welcome to register. Do check our bulletin for further details.

We have come to end of Term 1 of the school year. May the next few weeks be fun and safe for all our students and families as we now enter the second quarter of our year!



A glimpse into a workshop that Fr David and Brendan facilitated.

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Greg Tysoe - 4 April; Amparo Pua; Anoma Martina Senanayake - 28 March; Lawrence Tighe (father of Christine); Pauline Kwok (God mother of Andrew Lee).

Our loved ones who are sick:

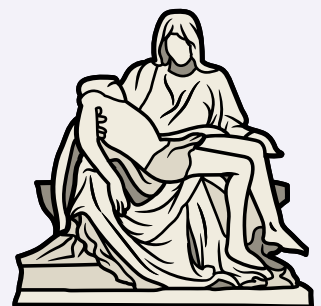
Teddy Malapira; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; John Gordon (father of Anthony and Chris); Margaret; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Yvonne Corpuz; Maria Taylor; Bill Piper; Frank Hallissy; John O'Brien; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; Mary Kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Lueng; John Tiorg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

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

Carrie Luke; Noela Morris; Rosalia Marito; Charles Kwok Hing Yuen (father of Sharon Yuen); Tinka Peev; Ivan Byak (loved one of Sandra Byak); Karmelo Milostic; Noemi Yanglay.

- To Jonathan who celebrates his birthday next week - may you have a wonderful day Jonathan! We love you!
- For the family of Greg Tysoe as they mourn his passing, may they be comforted in their sorrow by our loving Mother.
- For Margaret as she heals from a recent operation.
- For Liv Smith as she leaves OLOD Primary to take up a new role. We thank God for all she has done and hope for a wonderful new stage of life for her.

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

Mirror of patience, pray for us.

Rock of constancy, pray for us.

Joy of the afflicted, pray for us.

Mother of consolation, pray for us.



It is not often that there is such a clear, consistent theme throughout all four texts. A common thread in this week's readings is the concept of sin and the human inclination toward it. At times, this focus can become all-consuming, leading us to question how we might cleanse ourselves of these imperfections or to cast a critical eye on the actions of others. Yet, such a narrow interpretation misses the broader, more transformative message that is at the heart of these readings.

Consider the insight that when we find ourselves in the presence of God, everything shifts. There is a beautiful illustration of this transformation in the writings of 1 John, where we are reminded of our identity as children of God, and the promise that as we draw closer to Him, we naturally aspire to a purity that mirrors His own. Gerry O'Mahoney, SJ, used to illustrate the idea of repentance in this way. He invites us to imagine walking towards the warmth of the sun, which represents our journey towards God. It's inevitable that distractions will veer us off course, causing us to lose sight of our path. Yet, the moment we realise we're moving away, all that's required is a simple

turn back towards the light. There's no need for complex navigation back to the right path; a mere shift in direction realigns us with the sun's rays, symbolising God's constant presence and the ease with which we can return to Him. This theme of effortless return to God's grace is echoed across the scriptures we explore today. Of course, it is helpful to understand our own temptations and recognise where we are likely to stumble. However, the Gospel reveals a deeper level of understanding, showing us through Jesus' interactions with His disciples the kind of patience, gentleness, and acceptance we are offered. In moments of doubt, fear, or misunderstanding, Jesus responds not with condemnation but with open arms, inviting us into a space of normalcy and comprehension at our own pace.

Moreover, the scriptures challenge us to embrace honesty and truthfulness in acknowledging our own roles in the narratives of sin and separation from God. Peter, in his bold proclamation, does not shy away from stating the uncomfortable truth but also highlights the path to reconciliation and understanding. This level of honesty with ourselves and with God about our actions and their consequences is depicted as a critical step towards experiencing God's forgiveness and warmth.

Ultimately, the true essence of our readings today isn't focused on our mistakes or the concept of sin itself but rather on the closeness with the Divine that we're invited to experience. As we draw nearer to God, allowing our hearts to beat in rhythm with His, we find peace and a space where we can be truly honest. In this sacred space, as we confess our stories and uncover our deepest truths, healing and transformation begin.

The message of hope and invitation to closeness with God is captured in the reminder of our identity as beloved children of God. It's in this divine relationship that we find the courage to confront our complexities, acknowledge our potential to hurt and embrace the liberating truth of God's unconditional love and acceptance. In the light of this love, we are empowered to begin the journey of healing, guided by the deep realisation that our identity and worth are rooted in our cherished status as children of God.

This week's church flowers are
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*M. Tiong &
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in thanksgiving to God.



This week's flowers in the
Shrine of Our Lady are
generously donated by
Chris Yee Joy
in memory of his mother

*Emily Mary
Yee Joy*



2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER

Fall in Love

Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way.

What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.

It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.

Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.

Joseph Whelan SJ

Be on the look out!

There have been some reports of groups of people looking into parked cars in a suspicious manner. If you see anything that concerns you please let one of the clergy know or email the office at chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



PARISH IN COUNCIL

Coming together to shape our journey of bringing the light of Christ to the city



**SATURDAY
18 MAY**



12:00PM – 5:00PM



HARRINGTON HALL

Our journey together continues with our next Parish-In-Council! Registration is essential and all people who are linked, involved, and affiliated with our parish in any way are welcome to join.

Remember our **Kids-in-Council** will also be gathering, bring the whole family! We will kick off with lunch together at 12:00pm

Register now by scanning the QR code or going to the link:
<https://tinyurl.com/44v3nw3j>



ST MARIAM OF BETHLEHEM

In the midst of turmoil and suffering in the Holy Land, one saint's story offers hope and inspiration. Meet St. Mariam of Bethlehem, also known as "the little Arab," a Carmelite nun whose life was marked by miracles and profound devotion.

Born in 1846, Mariam's life was surrounded by divine intervention from the start. Despite being the 13th child of her parents, she was the first to survive infancy, a testament to their prayers to the Blessed Mother for a living child. Tragically orphaned at a young age, she faced hardship with unwavering faith.

St Mariam's devotion to the Blessed Mother guided her through life's trials. At just five years old, she experienced a prophetic dream warning of poisoned fish, saving her family from harm. Her steadfast commitment to God's will led her to refuse an arranged marriage, enduring beatings and ultimately surviving a brutal attack by a fellow servant.

Miraculously healed after her assault, St Mariam embarked on a journey of service and faith, encountering divine guidance along the way. Despite numerous challenges, including blindness and a near-fatal fall, she remained steadfast in her devotion to God and the Blessed Mother. Entering the convent of the Sisters of St Joseph and later the Carmelites, Mariam continued to experience profound mystical experiences and miraculous healings. Her life was a testament to the power of faith and love, offering prayers and guidance to those in need.

St Mariam's legacy of love and compassion endures, reminding us of the transformative power of faith in the face of adversity - no matter how impossible the situation may seem.

As we face the challenges of our time, and in this time of war and unrest for our brothers and sisters in Palestine and Israel, let us turn to St Mariam's prayers to the Holy Spirit for guidance and intercession, trusting in God's infinite love and mercy.

-Olivia L

RESIDENTIAL RETREATS FOR 2024
STARTS ON FRIDAY, 3:30PM ENDS ON SUNDAY, 4:00PM

Volunteers Retreat 9th-11th February
Inner Healing Growth Retreat 16th-18th February
Lenten Growth Retreat 15th-17th March
Divine Mercy Growth Retreat 5th-7th April
Couples Growth Retreat 17th-19th May
Inner Healing Growth Retreat 14th-16th June
Family & Children Retreat 12th-14th July
Inner Healing Growth Retreat 16th-18th August
Youth Retreat 13th-15th September
Marian Growth Retreat 18th-20th October
Inner Healing Growth Retreat 15th-17th November
Advent Retreat 13th-15th December

(Live-in, Accommodation and food provided)
2 bedded room: Single person - \$275 (including meals), Sharing - \$185 each (including meals).
4 bedded rooms: Single person - \$250 (including meals), Sharing \$ 170 each (including meals).

For more info & bookings
please contact: 02 4372 1596 or email: drcrretreats@gmail.com

Special Dates to Remember

DIVINE MERCY FEAST April 7th, 9:00am to 4:00pm.	ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA FEAST 5th September
ST VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST September 29th, 9:00am to 4:00pm.	ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA FEAST 5th October

7:00am to 9:00am
*Confession *Holy Adoration *Holy Mass
A partial indulgence is granted for who venerates the relics on this day.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
31st Dec, 8:00pm- Confession 10:00pm- Praise and worship, Rosary, 11:00pm- Holy Mass

SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

This is a beautiful Catholic tradition that makes a great gift for hard times or important occasions.

Just as a regular bouquet of flowers would be lovingly put together by gathering different flowers, a spiritual bouquet gathers prayers or devotional acts for us to offer and gift for someone else.

For example attending Mass, praying the Rosary, completing a novena, spending time in Adoration, performing acts of kindness or charity, and making sacrifices on behalf of another are all meaningful contributions to a spiritual bouquet.

Expressing a spiritual bouquet can be as simple as writing a note to let someone know what prayers and acts have been offered up for them. Your message might start with phrases like, "With love and gratitude, I offer you a 'spiritual bouquet' including..." or "The following prayers and devotional acts have been offered up for your intentions..."

When presenting your spiritual bouquet, get creative! Traditionally, it's shared in the form of a card accompanying a gift for birthdays or Christmas, or as part of a prayer package for those in need of healing or comfort. You can also include your bouquet on a tag for a physical bouquet of flowers, or craft a paper bouquet with each devotional act written on a paper flower. There are plenty of craft ideas and templates available online to make your presentation unique and special.



NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH

- Monday 15 April**
 - 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)
 - 12:30pm Mass**
 - 1:30PM Organ Practice
- Tuesday 16 April**
 - 8:45am Morning Prayer
 - 9:00am Mass**
 - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 - 10:30am Funeral**
 - 12:30pm Mass**
 - 2:00pm Organ Practice
 - 7:00pm Filipino Choir Practice
- Wednesday 17 April**
 - 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**
- Thursday 18 April**
 - 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
 - 5:30pm Choir Practice
 - 7:00pm Holy Hour** Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation also available
- Friday 19 April**
 - 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 20 April**
 - 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
 - 12:30pm Organ Practice
 - 4:30pm Vigil Singer Bookings
 - 5:30pm Vigil Mass**
- Sunday Mass 21 April**
 - 7:30am Mass**
 - 9:00am Family Mass**
 - 10:30am Mass**

Good Shepherd Sunday



5:30pm Mass - Good Shepherd Sunday with the Vocations Office and Seminarians

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF Prayer

APRIL

21

6:30PM - 8:30PM

JOHN POON

ALL YOUNG ADULTS (18 - 35) ARE WELCOME TO JOIN CAPSTONE YOUNG ADULTS IN THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 'PRAYER SERIES' WITH DR JOHN POON

JOIN US FOR MASS AT 5:30PM FOLLOWED BY DINNER BEFORE OUR SESSION

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JOURNEY INTO Truth

BEGINS MAY

TUESDAY

14

7:00PM - 9:00PM

DO YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD? JOIN US FOR THE JOURNEY INTO TRUTH - A 24 SESSION WEEKLY COURSE THAT EXPLAINS THE PRINCIPLES & TEACHINGS OF THE CATECHISM IN A WAY ANYONE CAN UNDERSTAND, AND SHOWS HOW THESE TEACHINGS CAN BE LIVED OUT IN ORDINARY LIFE

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THESE WEEKLY SESSIONS

THE FIRST SESSION IS AN INTRODUCTORY SESSION WITH GUEST SPEAKER FR JOHN FLADER

THE COURSE OFFICIALLY BEGINS ON MAY 21

Magnificat Room of
Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood
96 Archer St, Chatswood
Entry from Kirk St

TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE &/OR FOR FURTHER QUERIES EMAIL CATHARINE AT JOURNEY_TRUTH@YAHOO.COM

FOR ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR LADY OF DOLOURS PARISH CONTACT 02 9410 9000

GOOD SHEPHERD Sunday

VOCATIONS BROKEN BAY INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY TOGETHER WITH THE SEMINARIANS AND THE MEN OF JOSEPH'S HOUSE

21 APRIL 2024

5:30PM MASS FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – 14 APRIL 2024

UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES. The disciples of Jesus had great respect for the Jewish Scriptures: the Law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms. They came to full belief in the resurrection of Jesus only after he had opened their minds to see that his shameful death and glorious resurrection were prefigured in the sacred texts. The ancient Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament provide valuable witness for us also, strengthening our faith.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 65: 1-2

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, 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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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. May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 3: 13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9. R. v. 7

R. Lord, let your face shine on us. (or Alleluia!)

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; / from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; / the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**



3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. / Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, / for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Jn 2: 1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Lk 24: 32

Alleluia, alleluia! / Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: / make our hearts burn with love when you speak. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 24: 35-48

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them. 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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. Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant

also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

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

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

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

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Lk 24: 46-47

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; / in his name repentance and remission of sins / must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

YOU ARE WITNESSES

What was it like in the aftermath of Jesus' death and the joy of the good news of the resurrection? As we hear more accounts and reflections on the resurrection in today's readings, we also understand something of the dilemma of the early witnesses as to how to pass on this experience.

Luke is writing the Gospel and Acts at least 40-50 years after Jesus' resurrection.

There are no photographs, no hard evidence, only the testimonies of those who were there.

Today's Gospel opens with the returnees from Emmaus telling their story and then Jesus appearing among them. The Gospel ends reminding the audience 'you are witnesses' (v. 48). It is not only to the first century audience that this is addressed. We too are witnesses. This is the term we find in Acts, the second volume of the Lukan narrative: the apostles, disciples, believers are witnesses. We are witnesses to the faith and belief of those gone before. We cannot touch and see Jesus for ourselves, but we can engage the scriptures. We can see in Luke's account Jesus' appearance among them, speaking to them, taking some food, inviting them to touch him. Luke's comment that Jesus 'opened their minds to understand the scriptures' (v. 45) repeats what was heard by those on the road to Emmaus. It is our reading and contemplation of the Word that deepens our faith and belief as witnesses and calls us forward in the transformation of our lives in the light of the resurrection.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

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| Monday
15 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Private booking (St Peter) • 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter) |
| Tuesday
16 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Bible Study and Discussion (St Paul) • 2:30pm Staff Team Meeting (Magnificat) • 4:00pm Private booking (St Paul) • 7:00pm Metanoia faith program set up 6:30pm (Magnificat, St Paul) • 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter) |
| Wednesday
17 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat) • 10:00am Private booking (St Peter) • 4:00pm Private booking (St Paul) • 6:30pm LIFE Book Club (Magnificat) • 6:30pm Indonesian Music Practice (Harrington Hall) • 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter) |
| Thursday
18 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up at 12:00pm • 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter) • 6:00pm Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal (Harrington Hall) |
| Friday
19 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) • 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter) • 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing • 7:00pm Our Lady's Ladies (Harrington Hall) set up at 6:00pm |
| Saturday
20 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter) set up 10:00am • 6:00pm Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal (Harrington Hall) • 7:00pm Korean Bible Reading and Discussion (St Paul) |
| Sunday Mass
21 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul) • 11:30am RCIA (St Peter) set up at 11:00am • 1:30am RCIA (St Peter) set up at 11:00am • 5:00pm Indonesian Choir practice (St Paul) set up at 4:00pm • 5:30pm Indonesian fellowship and set up (Magnificat, St Paul) • 6:30pm Capstone Young Adults - The Psychology of Prayer (Harrington Hall) set up 5:30pm |

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

他自己就是贖罪祭，贖我們的罪過，不但贖我們的，而且也贖全世界的罪過。如果我們遵守他的命令(遵守愛德的命令)，由此便知道我們認識他。

那說「我認識他」，而不遵守他命令的，是撒謊的人，在他內沒有真理。 若望一書 2:2-4

He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Whoever says, "I know him," but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1 John 2:2-4

In our busy world, more and more women are experiencing a desire for deep connection, engaging conversation, and personal and spiritual nourishment. This evening is an opportunity for women to connect, reflect, discuss, and create meaningful friendships while deepening their relationship with God.

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



Our Lady OF DOLORS
Chatswood Catholic Parish
94 Archer St Chatswood 2067

PLAYGROUP

All babies, toddlers, infants, parents & carers 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

PARENT & INFANT MASS

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 is an opportunity to gather with other parents, without judgement, with the support of the Priest and parishioners.

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OUR WEEK IN PICS



All smiles at playgroup this week!



A gorgeous sunny day to pray our First Saturday rosary on the forecourt!



Congratulations to Bryce for his confirmation into our faith!



Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations were wonderful!



Our office staff joined the students and staff at OLOD Primary for a day retreat!



DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

...I will not forget you: I have carved you on the palms of my hands (Isaiah 49)

Day of the Unborn Child

10:30am Mass
St Mary's Cathedral

12 noon Angelus
Followed by a prayerful **Street Procession**
Led by Archbishop Fisher and Bishop Umbers (and others), followed by an address at Parliament House by our **Guest Speaker** Archbishop Julian Porteous

1:30pm Benediction
St Mary's Cathedral

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the **Day of the Unborn Child**. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb. It is a day of remembrance of the dignity of the unborn and of the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher

Family Life International Patron
Archbishop Julian Porteous

An initiative of Life and Family Institute
Ph 02 9002 0354 info@lifeandfamily.com.au

Sydney, Sunday 14 April 2024

"Out of sight, out of Mind" seems to characterise the attitude of most people to abortion. We recognise that abortion is a tragedy for both the child and the parents. From a Catholic perspective this is a most grievous act which defies the law of God and ignores the dignity of the unborn baby and indeed that of the mother. It calls for the strongest possible response from Catholics imbued with the Christian appreciation of the value of human life and of motherhood.

As Catholics we need to stand up for the life of unborn children and on **Sunday 14 April** parishioners will have the opportunity to do so. You are invited to participate in a procession to mark the Day of the Unborn Child in a peaceful and prayerful manner. The procession will commence at approximately 12 mid-day from the forecourt of St Marys Cathedral to Parliament House at Macquarie Street and then through the nearby streets of Sydney. It will return to the Cathedral for Benediction at 1.30 pm.

The procession is aligned to the Feast of the Annunciation which commemorates the day in history where Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ became Incarnate. On this day "the Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us." What better day than this to remember the plight of the unborn child in the modern world.

Pro-life resources are available in the foyer of the church (on the rack near the Piety Stall). For people who have been affected by an abortion experience, Rachel's Vineyard offers retreats and other resources/assistance which bring spiritual and emotional healing - Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Sydney: Retreat Information (rachelsaus.blogspot.com) - 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au.

Marian Catholic Action Group

JOIN US THIS SEPTEMBER FOR
A PILGRIMAGE TO:

POLAND & MEDJUGORJE

● WARSAW ● NIEPOKALANÓW ● GŁOGOWIEC ● ŚWINICE
 ● WARCZKIE ● CZĘSTOCHOWA (JASNA GÓRA) ● OŚWIECIM
 ● CRACOW ● WIELICZKA (SALT MINE) ● ŁAGIEWNIKI
 ● WADOWICE

● MEDJUGORJE ● MOSTAR ● KRAVICA WATERFALLS
 ● DUBROVNIK ● NEUM ● SARAJEVO

● Dates: 7-23 September ● Cost - land only \$4.5K

FOR BOOKING SCAN THIS QR CODE OR VISIT OUR PARISH OFFICE
 6 RAGLAN ST, MANLY 2095
 MON-THUR 10AM TO 4PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN THIS QR CODE OR USE THE LINK:
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/manly-freshwater/news-events/calendar-of-events>

To express interest or ask questions you may contact: marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au

Survey for the Equality Bill from Alex Greenwich

There is currently a bill being put forward by MP Alex Greenwich which threatens religious protections and teachings on sexual morality. The Archdiocese of Sydney has written on this and you can read it here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6pe88ta>

For example from within the article it notes:

...the bill would remove the need for parental consent for children's medical treatment, allowing kids and their doctors to override the wishes of parents when it comes to medical care. This is obviously aimed at facilitating the prescription of puberty blockers to kids without parental oversight. It isn't so much about equality but proposing a dramatic shift in the relationship between parents and children. Currently in NSW, we have so much respect for the parent-child relationship that a doctor needs a court order to override a parent's decision on medical treatment for their child. The Greenwich Bill would turn that on its head.

While written submissions for this inquiry are limited to a small number of invited participants, the public is invited to have its say using an online, parliamentary survey. The survey asks your view on each of the amendments. While there are some proposals we could support (eg. referring to HIV as "HIV" rather than "HIV infection"), these are few and far between. The bill is otherwise so bad that it will send the clearest message if it is opposed in its entirety.

Please take the five-minute survey, indicating you **OPPOSE** every aspect of the bill by scanning the QR code or going to <https://tinyurl.com/bdfe5k4h>

The World Community for Christian Meditation (NSW) presents:

'MEDITATE IN MAY'

Free 4-week Course via Zoom

An introduction to silent meditation in the Christian Tradition. This course is delivered in 4-sessions; each session has a different topic and there is time for practice and questions. Each session is around 1hr and 20 minutes.

Sessions are **Mondays 7:30pm** Sydney time on the following dates: 6-May; 13-May; 20-May and 27-May.

Enquiries/Booking: email to maximoc@gmail.com or SMS 0431 996 108

Catholic Vocations Broken Bay Young Adult Event

Encounter

FRIDAY APRIL 19, 6PM

Save the Date!

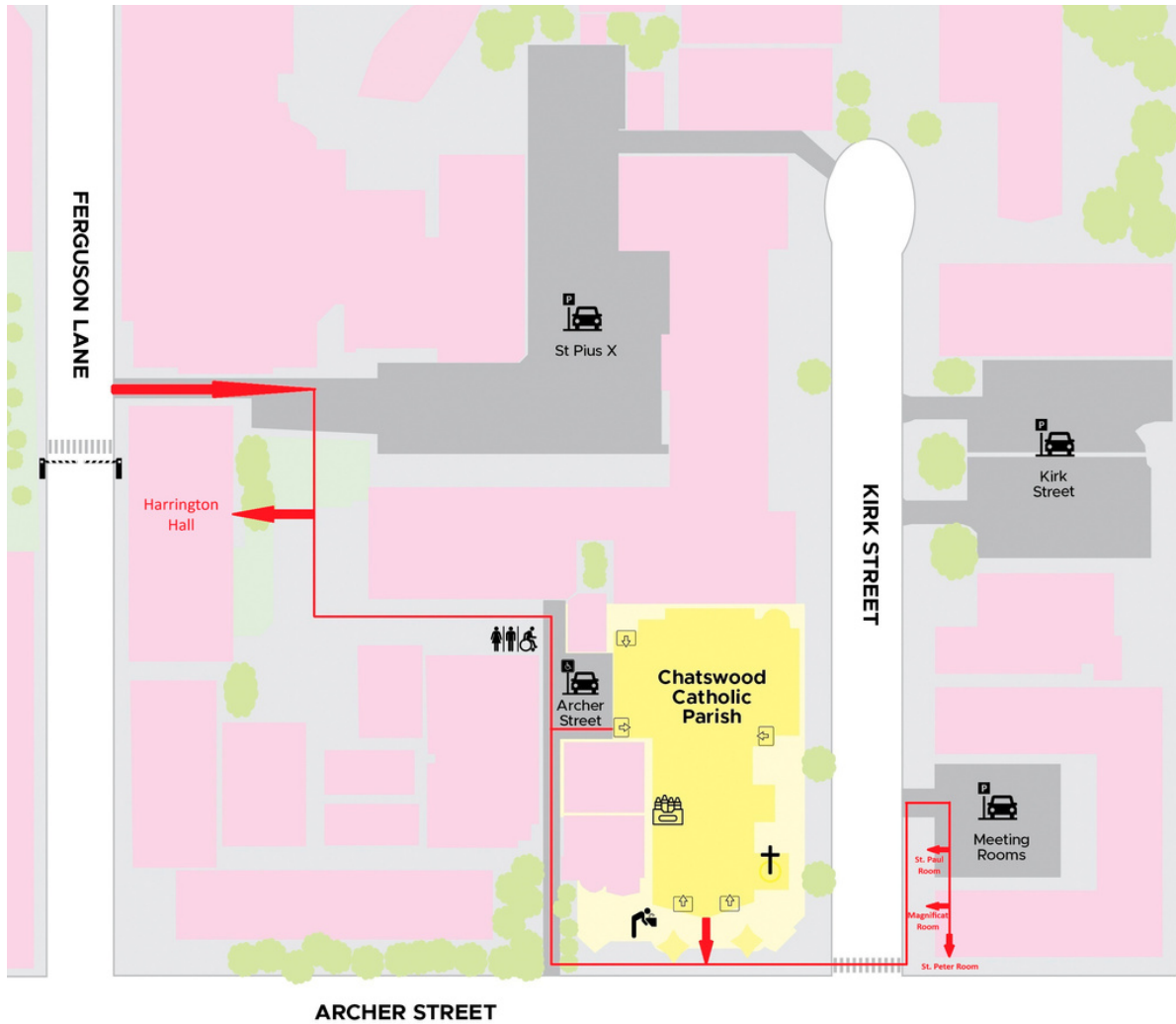
Special Guest Speaker
Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay

VENUE: ST ACATHA'S CHURCH
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PARKING MAP



OUR CIRCLES OF MINISTRY

Love God

Mark 12:30



Love One Another

John 13:34

Go Make Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20

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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

