Chatswood Catholic Parish

Bulletin.

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

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Welcome to Chatswood Catholic Parish

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

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

Our Lady of Dolours Church

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Bible Quote for the week:

耶穌對他說：「『你應全心，全靈，全意，愛上主你的天主。』
瑪竇福音 22:37

Jesus said to him: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind.
Matthew 22:37

New to our parish?

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

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

PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

A message from Fr David.

Dear Friends,

We welcome Fr Sam French to our parish! Fr Sam is well known to many of us, given that he spent a year in the parish whilst a student for Holy Orders. Since his Ordination in 2021 he has been in the parishes of Wahroonga and Manly-Freshwater. Please make him very welcome over these weeks as he settles into his new appointment and residence.

Bishop David Walker has not been as well these last weeks and has requested to withdraw from his regular service to us of the celebration of our Monday 12.30pm Mass. We keep him very much in our prayer and we are sure that there will be opportunity in the future to re-connect with him. In the meantime, we offer our great gratitude to Bishop David for his faithful service to our parish over the last 13 years since his retirement, May Mary our Mother continue to enwrap him with her maternal protection. We are very grateful to Fr Andrew Feng who will celebrate our Monday 12.30pm Mass going forward.

As we appreciate, this year we have lost many great friends in our community. Amongst these was Beryl Johnson who passed away on 19 September, aged 96 years, of which over 50 were spent devoted to Our Lady of Dolours. Beryl was a Minister of the Eucharist and she used to take Holy Communion to residents in a nursing home until she couldn't manage it further. In her last years when she couldn't get to Mass, her great friend Joan Peev was able to take her Holy Communion every week. Now, a month following her passing, we call Beryl to mind again, grateful to God for her wonderful contribution to our parish community. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her, and may her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

This weekend we welcome Catholic Mission to our Parish. This is an annual visit that enables us to support the developing Church, and to deepen our sense of responsibility not only for our own community but all those communities especially where the Church continues to grow. Adrienne Williams will speak at the Saturday Vigil and James Abela will speak at all our Sunday Masses.

We hope all enjoy our parish community lunch this Sunday. Next Sunday we are into November with the Solemnity of All Saints. Monday 2 November is a day to commemorate all our deceased and we celebrate Mass at 9am, 12.30pm and at 7.00pm on that particular day.

My warm wishes to all!

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

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

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

What's happening this week at the parish.

Monday, 26 October 2026 – Sunday, 1 November 2026



Men Alive

Fellowship, prayer and reflection for men in our parish. Meet fortnightly in Magnificat Room. The ministry members are very active in our community in service at many events.

Contact Peter at pwoo2010@gmail.com

Wednesday, 28 October 2026
7-9pm in Magnificat Room



Playgroup

Parent and Infant Mass at 12:30pm in the church where the children are given a blessing by our Priest followed by play time in Magnificat Room. Newcomers welcome!

Contact mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au

Thursday, 29 October 2026
12:30pm in the church



Confirmation Ceremonies

Our students and their families celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at our church.

Contact rebecca.molinaro@bbcatholic.org.au

Saturday, 31 October 2026
10:30am and 12pm in the church



Filipino Mass

Every first Sunday of the month at 12pm in the church followed by fellowship. If you would like to join the Filipino choir contact himigsandiwa@gmail.com or for general enquiries contact fccpadmin@gmail.com

Sunday, 1 November 2026
12pm in the church

Tuesday, 27 October

Bible Discussion Group

St Paul's Room 10am-12pm

Tuesday, 27 October

Praise Fest Rehearsal

Magnificat Room 5:30-9:30pm

Tuesday, 27 October

Filipino Choir Practice

Harrington Hall 7-9pm

Tuesday, 27 October

Indonesian Legion of Mary

St Paul Room 6:30-8:30pm

Wednesday, 28 October

Practice Language And Conversation in English Classes

Magnificat Room 9:30- 11am

Wednesday, 28 October

CIC Instrument Practice

Harrington Hall 6:30 – 8pm

Wednesday, 28 October

Exploring the Faith

St Peter's Room 7-9pm

Thursday, 29 October

RCIA 2026-2027 Meeting

St Peter Room 7-9pm

Friday, 30 October

Meditation Group

St Paul Room 10-11:15am

Friday, 30 October

Choir Practice

St Paul 's Room 5-8pm

Saturday, 31 October

Legion of Mary

St Peter Room 10:30–12:30pm

Saturday, 31 October

Confirmation Morning Tea

Magnificat Room 10-12pm

Saturday, 31 October

Infant Baptism Prep Class

St Paul 11:30 -1pm

Saturday, 31 October

CIC Christmas Choir Practice

St Paul's Room 6:30-8:30pm

Sunday, 1 November

Christian Meditation

St Peter Room 1:30-3pm

Sunday, 1 November

Capstone Young Adults

Harrington Hall 6:30-8:30pm

Children's Atrium

Based on Montesorri style learning, a quiet space for children to spend time with God.

For details contact Angela or Rose at old.childrens.atrium@gmail.com

Youth Group



Contact Sienna at sienna.klarica@bbcatholic.org.au

Mass & Devotions

Mass Schedule This Week

Monday, 26 October 2026
12:30pm

Monday of week 30 in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, 27 October 2026
9am, 12:30pm

Tuesday of week 30 in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, 28 October 2026
9am, 12:30pm, 6:30pm

Sts Simon and Jude

Thursday, 29 October 2026
9am, 12:30pm

Thursday of week 30 in Ordinary Time

Friday, 30 October 2026
9am, 12:30pm

Friday of week 30 in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 31 October 2026,
9:00am, 5.30pm

Saturday of week 30 in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 1 November 2026,
7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 5:30pm

All Saints

Note:

- Upcoming Infant Baptism on Sunday 25 October 2026 at 12pm: Sophie Wise, Hudson Fiadino & Kaden Jace Miller
- Saturday 31 October 2026: there will be NO Adoration & Sacrament of reconciliation after 9am mass due to Children's Sacrament of Confirmation that morning.

Date	Time	Activity
26 October 2026	11:30 – 12:00	Divine Mercy Chaplet MMP
Monday	12:30 – 13:00	Afternoon Mass
	13:00 – 13:30	Rosary
27 October 2026	8:45 – 9:00	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass
	9:30 – 10:00	Rosary
	12:30 – 13:00	Afternoon Mass
	13:00 – 13:30	Rosary
	15:00 – 17:00	Mercy Year 7 Info Evening
	18:30 – 19:30	Confirmation Practice
28 October 2026	8:45 – 9:00	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass
	9:30 – 10:00	Rosary
	12:30 – 13:00	Afternoon Mass
	13:00 – 13:30	Rosary
	15:30 – 17:00	Confirmation Practice
	18:30 – 19:30	Evening Mass of Hope/Serra Vocations
29 October 2026	8:45 – 9:00	Morning Prayer
Thursday	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass
	9:30 – 10:00	Adoration/Exposition/Rosary
	12:30 – 13:00	Afternoon Mass
	13:00 – 13:30	Rosary
	19:00 – 20:00	Holy Hour Adoration
30 October 2026	8:45 – 9:00	Morning Prayer
Friday	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass
	9:30 - 10:00	Rosary
	12:30 – 13:00	Afternoon Mass
	13:00 – 13:30	Rosary
31 October 2026	8:45 – 9:00	Morning Prayer
Saturday	9:00 – 9:30	Morning Mass
	9:30 -10:00	Devotion to Our Lady Perpetual Help
	10:30 – 11:30	Confirmation
	12:00 – 13:00	Confirmation
	17:30 – 18:30	Vigil
1 November 2026	7:30 – 8:30	Mass
Sunday	9:00 – 10.00	Family Mass
	10:30 – 11:30	Mass
	12:00 – 13:00	Filipino Mass
	17:30 – 18:30	Youth Mass

Last Week in Review

Vocations Thanksgiving Mass



Last Saturday 17 October, Fr David celebrated the special Vocations Thanksgiving Mass, joined by Fr Joey, Deacon Roberto, seminarians, instrumentalists from Waitara Cathedral as well as our Filipino Choir.





Farewell Fr Anselam!



Last Sunday 18 October, our parish farewelled our beloved Fr Anselam as he celebrated his last weekend of masses at our church. Many parishioners from across all the weekend masses attended the Morning Tea after 10:30am mass to say their goodbyes. Thank you for the memories!

Heartfelt thanks to everyone involved especially Men Alive with coordinating the signed surfboard and our hospitality team for putting on a terrific event!





Blessing of the Animals & Community Garden



During the Morning Tea, Fr David celebrated our annual Blessing of the Animals and Blessing of our Community Garden along Kirk St side of the church, to end the Season of Creation 2026.



Sunday Mass

It was a busy Sunday for our youths as the 9am Family Mass were joined by Year 5 families and the children currently attending Confirmation classes.

Our Young Adults held their first Capstone-In-Council after 5:30pm mass to discuss and reflect on the future of their ministry.

Parish Team Meeting



Our parish staff held a farewell afternoon tea for Fr Anselam and celebrated Amelia's recent birthday on Tuesday 20 October.

**Articles for our weekly Bulletin!

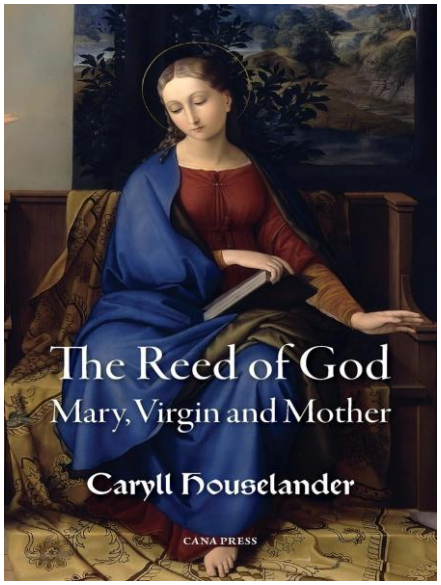
If you have any stories, faith or parish related, you would like to share with our parish community please contact Dee at chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au .

Growing Together in Faith

Our parish offers many opportunities to deepen faith, prayer, and understanding of

God's presence in our lives. Whether through pilgrimage, learning, shared reflection, or quiet prayer, these gatherings invite us to continue growing as disciples of Christ together.





Parish Book Club

Our Book Club is currently studying The Reed of God by Caryll Houselander, a spiritual classic that invites readers to encounter Mary as fully human and intimately relatable. Caryll Houselander portrays her not as a distant figure but as a reed--a musical instrument hollow and open, through which God's song could be played. With this powerful image, Houselander reveals how Mary gave her whole being to God's plan and shows how we, too, can become instruments of divine love.

Next meeting: Wednesday 4 November 2026 7:30pm in Magnificat Room.

Contact Bernadette at bjew@innovart.com.au

Meditation Group

For all Fridays, except 1st Friday of every month :
Meditation Group & Sharing
St Paul Room 10 - 11: 15am

Contact Jon at jnnurman@yahoo.com

Parish Life & Community Groups

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







** If you would like to donate to the parish in support of this event, please contact chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au




Chatswood Catholic Parish
Remembering Departed Loved Ones
CANDLES
LED candles will be lit during Mass. Each candle will have a label that can hold up to 5 names.
The first batch of candles will be prepared and ready by November 1.
Cash payments can be made at the Parish Office on weekdays during office hours.
Access this link or scan the QR code to order candles
https://www.trybooking.com/DQSXY
All candles will remain in the church until the 4th week of November.
PHOTOS
A slideshow of photos of deceased loved ones will be displayed on the TV in the church foyer. If you would like your loved ones to be included, please email their photos to chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au or bring a hard copy to the parish office, where we would be happy to assist with digitising it.


Chatswood Catholic Parish
CCA – Mandarin Fellowship
FAITH Journey
Fourth Sunday Monthly – an Afternoon of Sharing, Praying, Reflection, and Spiritual Growth. Optional Coffee Follows
October's Theme | How to Recognise God's Voice
希10:25「决不离弃我们的集会。」
Do not stay away from the meetings of the community."
(Heb. 10:25)
OCTOBER 25, 2026
SUNDAY 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
+61 0449 839 188 02 9410 9000
CCA.OLODCHATSWOOD@GMAIL.COM
Our Lady of Dolours – Magnificat Parish Room
Cnr of Archer and Kirk Street, Chatswood 2067

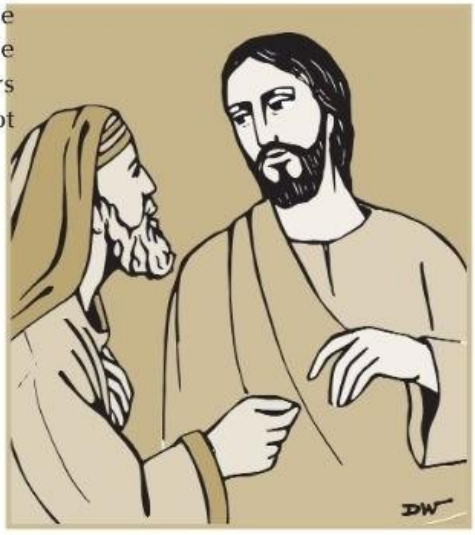

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Seniors & Grandparents
Melbourne cup
MORNING TEA
5 November
10am
Parish Magnificat room
Dress to impress play games and win a prize!


车士活天主教区
CCA 普通话信仰共融
信仰同行
每月第四个主日举行。一起分享、祈祷，
在信仰中成长。结束后可一同茶叙。
本月主题：「怎样认出天主的声音」
希10:25「决不离弃我们的集会。」
Do not stay away from the meetings of the community."
(Heb. 10:25)
2026年10月25日
主日 下午2:00 – 4:00
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七苦圣母堂 – Magnificat 堂区活动室
Cnr of Archer and Kirk Street, Chatswood 2067

Our Sunday Celebration

thirtieth Sunday in *Ordinary time / a* *25 October 2026*

OBSERVE THE SORT OF LIFE WE LIVE. In every society people observe the actions of others. When many people ignore a particular law others conclude that it is alright for them to do the same. Children often imitate the behaviours of their parents. When we practise the law of love in our lives we benefit not only those who need our help but also those who observe our actions.



INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

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.

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. Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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

Ex 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity." '

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, / my rock, my fortress, my saviour. / My God is the rock where I take refuge; / my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. / The Lord is worthy of all praise: / when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! / Praised be the God who saves me. / He has given great victories to his king / and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thess 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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 Mt 22:34-40

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Youshall love theLordyourGod and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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 Lordaccept 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. Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And withyour spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We liftthem up totheLord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is rightand just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

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: Weproclaim yourDeath, 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.

Allexchange asign 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 cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
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. ThanksbetoGod.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

As with last Sunday's Gospel, we find ourselves again on the Temple Mount—the sacred place where the Torah was taught and people were encouraged to live its demands and invitations. As Matthew's Gospel approaches its concluding chapters, however, the Temple also becomes the arena for another trial, continuing from last Sunday. Jesus' religious opponents set theological traps, seeking to expose him as an imposter and false teacher. This time the question concerns the greatest of the 613 commandments discerned in the Torah. It is a formidable test. Throughout his Gospel, Matthew presents Jesus to a Jewish community of followers living decades after the Galilean ministry of Jesus. The teaching Matthew records in the mid-80s CE reaches back to the original teaching of Jesus in the 30s.

Both then and now, Jesus draws upon the Torah to identify the two commandments that stand at the heart of faithful living. The first comes from Deuteronomy: to love God with one's whole being—heart, soul and mind. This command was so central to Jewish faith that it was symbolically carried on the body, clothing and doorposts of the home, and recited frequently each day in prayer. From this all-encompassing love of God flows the second commandment: to love one's neighbour as oneself. The two cannot be separated. Love of God finds its expression in how we love and treat others.

These commandments remain at the heart of our Christian heritage. They continue to shape our relationship with God and with one another, calling us beyond religious observance alone into a life grounded in love.

Fr Michael Trainor

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Reflection on Our Mission Trip to Our Lady of Núi Cúi

Xuân Lộc, Vietnam | 14 October 2026

Our four-day mission trip to Vietnam centred on the solemn dedication of the main church at the Marian Pilgrimage Centre of Our Lady of Núi Cúi, in the Diocese of Xuân Lộc, Việt Nam.



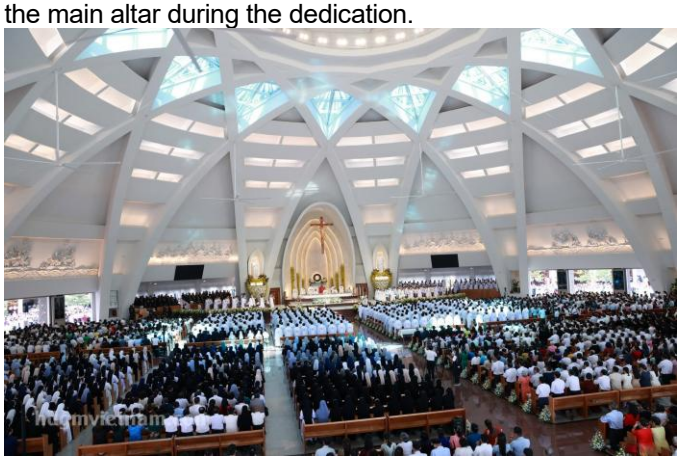
This pilgrimage centre was initiated by Bishop Dominic Nguyễn Chu Trinh, Bishop Emeritus of Xuân Lộc. It holds a special place in my heart, as it is located in my home parish of Dốc Mơ, just ten minutes from my family home.

Established in 2015, the centre spans more than 13.5 hectares and is situated approximately 90 kilometres from Ho Chi Minh City. Its most striking feature is the magnificent 50-metre-high statue of Our Blessed Mother, overlooking Trị An Lake amid beautiful hills and peaceful surroundings.

The name Núi Cúi carries a beautiful meaning: núi means mountain, while cúi means to bow. The statue depicts Mary with her head gently bowed and her hands folded in prayer, expressing her humility, trust in God, and maternal care for her children. The natural beauty of the surroundings makes it a wonderful place for prayer, contemplation and encounter with God.

On 14 October, nearly 50,000 faithful gathered for the dedication of the main church, dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. The celebration marked the culmination of more than a decade of prayer, sacrifice and generosity on the part of bishops, priests, architects, engineers, workers and countless benefactors and faithful.

The circular church, which accommodates approximately 4,000 people, has its pews arranged around the central altar, beautifully expressing the communion of the Church gathered around Christ in the Eucharist. The church also honours the 117 Vietnamese Martyrs, whose courageous witness continues to inspire generations of the faithful. A relic of Saint Andrew Nguyễn Kim Thông was placed within the main altar during the dedication.



Before Mass, thousands of pilgrims joined together in praying the Rosary, a moving expression of faith and devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

Fr David Ranson, Diocesan Administrator of Broken Bay and our parish priest, and I attended the celebration as representatives of our diocese, reflecting the longstanding covenantal relationship between Broken Bay and Xuân Lộc. I was also grateful for the opportunity to visit my family, who warmly welcomed Fr David and our companions.

For me, this visit was a beautiful reminder that the Church is not simply built of stones and magnificent structures, but of living faith, prayer, sacrifice and love. Although separated by geography, language and culture, we remain united in one faith, one Eucharist and one mission.

May Our Lady of Núi Cúi continue to intercede for us and may the friendship and communion between our two dioceses continue to flourish.

Our Lady of Núi Cúi, pray for us.



Praise And Worship



If you've never been to a Praise & Worship night, here's the honest version: it's not a concert, and it's not a classroom. It starts with food and people (the part where you find your friends, meet a few new ones, and stop feeling like the new kid).

Then the band plays, and something in the room shifts. You don't have to know the songs. You don't have to sing loudly, or at all. You can stand at the back with your arms crossed for the first three songs, and plenty of people do.

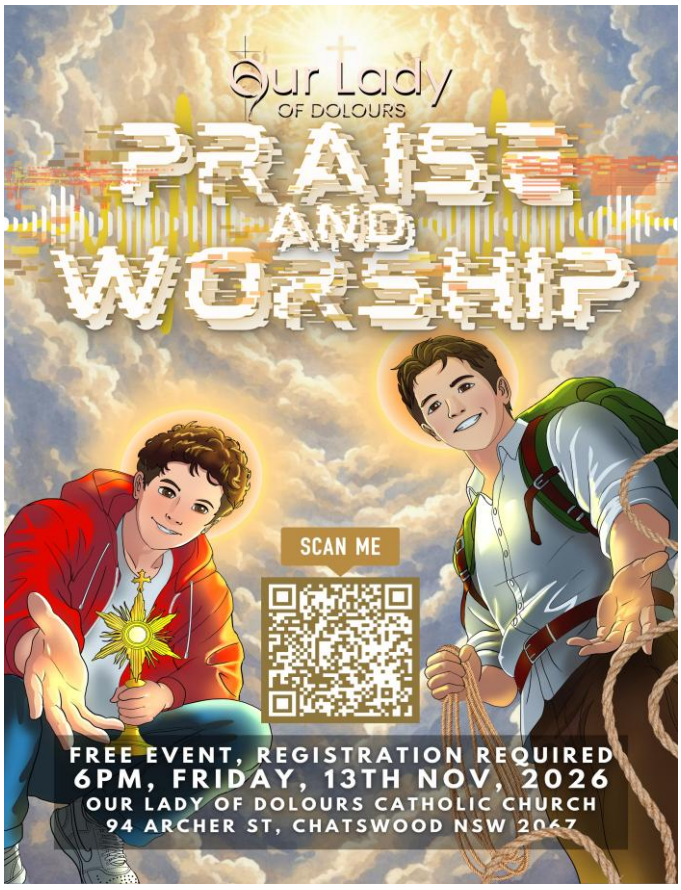
Somewhere in the middle there's a talk, and time for Reconciliation if you want it. Then comes Adoration, and the room goes quiet in a way that's hard to find anywhere else these days. Afterwards the band comes back with everything they've got, and by then the arms are uncrossed.



On Friday, 13 November at 6pm in Chatswood, that talk will come from **Tomasz Juszczak**, a Polish-Australian evangelist and founder ofhttps://www.donumministries.com/ Donum Ministries, and he'll be speaking on holiness and the saints. We're still close to All Saints' Day, and it felt like the right moment to look at the people the Church holds up as heroes and notice how ordinary most of them started out.

Sainthood isn't reserved for statues and stained glass, it's the actual invitation on the table for every young person in this room, and it's nothing to be afraid of. So come. Come exactly as you are, with whatever kind of week you've had, and bring someone who'd never walk in on their own.

Register through the link below, we'd love to know you're coming. 👉 **Register via QR Code.**



VOLUNTEERS Call Out!

*Looking for volunteers for youth Praise and Worship Night on **Friday, 13th of November**. If you are over the age of 18, with a **working with children's check**, and open to helping make this a wonderful night for the young people in our community and beyond, reach out to Sienna at Sienna.Klarica@bbcatholic.org.au*

Serving Our Community.

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

St Vincent de Paul Society September Report

We need more active members and if you are interested in this Ministry please contact El.Herlianto@vinnies.org.au or John.Russell@vinnies.org.au

Community Transport Drivers

Calling drivers who have a great commitment to help other parishioners get to mass!

Contact Dee at chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

DIGNITY Pro-Life Alliance

The DIGNITY Pro-Life Alliance invites parishioners to reflect on and uphold the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death.

Through prayer, learning, and respectful advocacy, the Alliance encourages Catholics to engage thoughtfully with issues affecting the most vulnerable in our society.

Resources are available for those who wish to learn more and become involved.

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

10:30am Mass Morning Tea Teams



Our morning tea teams provide the opportunity for parishioners to mingle and get to know each other after mass.

If you would like to serve in this ministry, contact Dee at chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

ATLAS – Australian Timor Lest Advancement Society

Our mission is to create opportunities for young people in Timor-Leste to pursue tertiary education, build a better future and contribute to the well being of their families and communities.

Additional Parish Notices & News

On Saturday, 10 October, a group of parishioners from Our Lady of Dolours (Sorrows), Chatswood, gathered in the Magnificat room to pray the rosary and make reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

There were around 15 of us, some leaving before the photo was taken below. We prayed before the statue of Our Lady of Fatima and chanted the Litany of Loretto, the Memorare, and the Prayer to St. Michael after the Joyful Mystery.

Though our group was relatively small, our faith was bright and our love for Our Lady brighter still. We aim to fight through prayer for Her intentions and to help heal Her wounded heart from the damage caused by sacrileges and sins against Her images, Her Holy Immaculate Conception, Her Perpetual Virginity, and Her Spiritual Motherhood and Queenship of all people, and we begged God to grant many blessings for Australia and its people.

We look forward to next year's public rosary and pray for a bigger turnout hopefully in the forecourt of the Church next time around.

According to *Australia Needs Fatima* on 10 October, Catholics across Australia went out into parks and onto street corners and prayed the rosary aloud for their country, in full view of anyone passing by.

There were 145 public rosaries across Australia. Saturday 10 October was the nearest Saturday to the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun on 13 October 1917 where Our Lady told the three shepherd children who she was and what she asked of them: “I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the rosary every day for peace.”

Elaine P.







Confirmation Gifts That Inspire - Available at the PEW Gift Shop!

In support of Our Lady of Dolours (OLD) Parish's Sacramental Program, the PEW Gift Shop has stocked a special selection of Scripture-based and faith-inspired items to encourage our young people to continue growing in their knowledge and love of God.



We invite parents, grandparents, sponsors and friends to visit the PEW Gift Shop and explore our range of meaningful gifts and keepsakes to commemorate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** - a significant milestone in a young person's faith journey and a moment to cherish for years to come.



More Than a Gift Shop

Every purchase from the PEW Gift Shop is more than a purchase - it is a contribution to the life of our Parish. Your support helps sustain the ministry of the Gift Shop while contributing to the ongoing mission and works of Our Lady of Dolours Parish. Thank you for supporting your Parish through the PEW.

Confirmation Ceremony

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a Christian rite that completes baptism, seals the recipient with the Holy Spirit, and strengthens their bond with the Church. It is conferred by a bishop, and it features the laying on of hands and anointing the forehead with sacred chrism oil.

This year, 69 primary school aged students from Our Lady of Dolours Primary school and our local state schools, will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation at our church.

Over four weeks, with a break during school holidays, the students were in small groups led by our Children's Sacramental Minister, Rebecca Molinaro, our Pastoral Support Officer Mona Saouma and parent facilitators covering topics such as the seven spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We invite primary school aged students in our parish to sing in the choir along with the Filipino choir at the upcoming Confirmation ceremonies at 10:30am and/or 12pm on Saturday 31 October.



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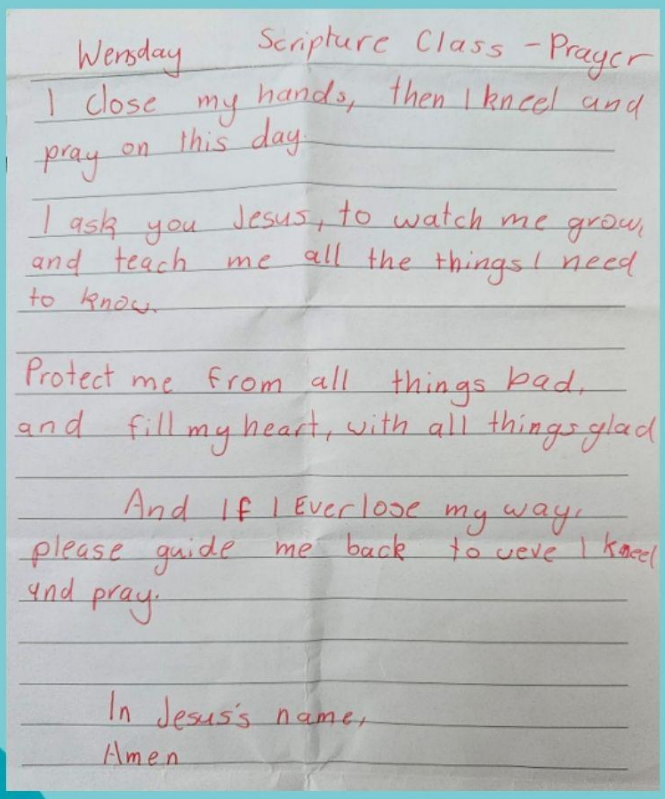
Chatswood Catholic Parish

Build a relationship with Jesus

Explore morals, values and life-giving choices

Connect faith, family and local parish life

A welcoming space where children and young people can grow in faith and confidence.



Wensday Scripture Class - Prayer

I close my hands, then I kneel and pray on this day.

I ask you Jesus, to watch me grow, and teach me all the things I need to know.

Protect me from all things bad, and fill my heart, with all things glad

And if I Ever lose my way, please guide me back to ueve I kneel and pray.

In Jesus's name, Amen

Prayer written by Nieve, Year 3, Castle Cove Public School

WHAT IS CATHOLIC SRE?

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What is taught

- Age-appropriate lessons from Kindergarten to Year 12
- Grounded in Sacred Scripture and authentic Catholic
- teaching Walking with Jesus: Pathways of Discipleship

Who are the catechists?

- Local parish volunteers
- Screened, authorised and trained
- Supported by the Diocese of Broken Bay

How can your child attend?

- Parents/carers nominate the religious faith or denomination at enrolment
- You can change or withdraw your child at any time by notifying the school principal in writing

Find out more

Contact Karen Forbes

Catechist Coordinator

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karen.forbes@bbcatholic.org.au

Our trained catechists teach at:

- Chatswood Public School,
- Mowbray Public School,
- Artarmon Public School,
- Castle Cove Public School,
- Roseville Public School
- Chatswood High School

Please Remember in Our Prayers.

For Those Recently Deceased

William Hilzinger, Micheline Guida, Francesco Di'lorio, Joseph Pham, Dolour Meagher, Fr Robert Brogan, Beryl Johnson, Fr Harry Kennedy, Gertrude Wu, Anthony Tyler, Siriporn Upatham, Veljko Bacic, Olga Keller, Maree Kennedy.

Wedding Anniversary

Chloe & Matthew Aylward
Deacon Kevin & Lois Hale

Ordination Anniversary

Fr Sam French
(18 Oct: 5th Anniversary)

For Those Who Are Sick

Cindy Walker, Ruth Connelly, Melissa Movafaghi, Michael OÇonnell, Rosetta Lo Presti, Warwick Hanna, Jim Avery, Victor Yiapp, John Paino, Joe Fernandes, Melissa-Jane Valenzisi, Tai Chuan Chan, Clifford Gentle, Margaret and Desolie Lawler, Benji Price, Vincent Wee (Ah Hia), Martina Theng, Annie Thomas, Sarvojith Prabhu, Mladen Milostic, Windeluna Thrane, Norma Maisog, Grace Eleanor Lumanug, Mark Nicholo Jamiana, Lorena Stephanie Jamiana, Mirjana Keller; Mr Gurung; Ian Charlton; Julie McCourt; Tamara Manoukian; Marylin Legeay; Frieda Madaida; Rosa Solomon; Alexander Papandrea; Leo Papa: Evelyn Azar; Bruce Meppem; Ely Herft; Augustine D'silva; Mirjana Marinovic; Mellita Jones; Daniel West; Ying Leong Fong; Celine Robinson; Gina Marotta; Deysi Villanueva; Ervita Wiroatmodjo; Almira Christina Chen; Mary Oakley; Eugenia San Gabriel; Jeremy Moon; Lody Herlianto; Chet Catapang; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng; Carmel Villanueva; Delfin Mendoza; Irene Margaret; Laila Haddad; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Sr Marie Dayton; Judith Ryan; Maria Taylor; Ban le Llamas; Sally Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlasic; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapira; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; Gerard de Leon; Carlos de Leon; Bonnie Leung; John Triog and family; Esther Grant and family.

For Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time

Nikola Bacic, Silvio Ventura, Pietro & Nunzia Culietta, Luigi & Nunzia Di Mauro, Pietro & Carmela Patane, Antonietta & Felice Aloisio, Slava Julia Suplina, Poi Suen Hui, Maria Raffaele, Angustia Rodrigueza, Zulmira Melo, Minnie Walshe, Theresia Tjung, Marica Cetinic, Francis Ta, Terry Meagher, Kevin Bruce.

Birthday

Therik Widagdo, Sue Woodall, Jan Hunter, Marty Thomas, Ally Cheng, Carissa Liu, Lei Davoren, Deacon Richard Houwig, Santiago Saludo

Monthly Birthday Blessings:

At Chatswood Catholic Parish, we offer Birthday Blessings at last Sunday 10:30am mass followed by Community Lunch on the church forecourt. Our next Community Lunch falls on Sunday 29 November. If you are interested to be part of this celebration, please contact

Dee at
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Sacraments Celebrated

Infant & Children Baptisms

Location: Our Lady of Dolours Church

NOTE: If you would like a Mass Intention and notice to be mentioned in the bulletin for a wedding anniversary, birthday, special intention, or death anniversary, please contact our chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Bulletin via Email

We will soon be moving to a new system by which our parish bulletin is emailed each week.
For most current subscribers your current email address will be transferred to the new system
However, if you subscribed since 2022 we will need you to re-subscribe via link or QR code.

https://catholicparish.app/chatswood/subscribe?req=subscribe

Our Altar Flowers This Week

Our Altar Flowers this week are gifted to us by Tita Saludo in Thanksgiving for Santiago Saludo's birthday.



Flower Donations

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

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

Email daniella.montallana@bbcatholic.org.au, at least 1 month prior with your preferred date/colours.

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

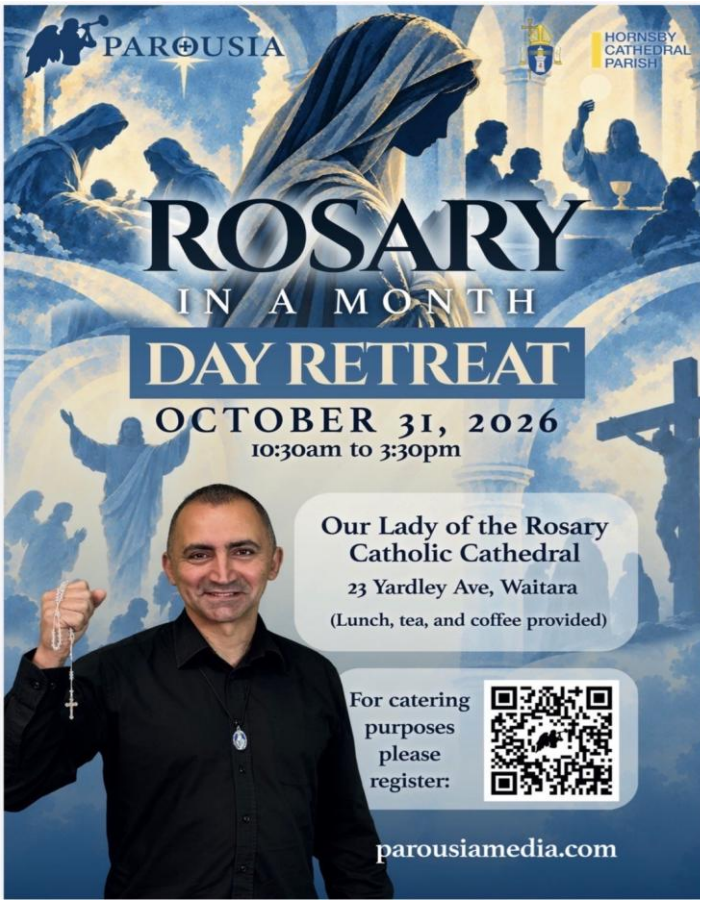
Our Serra Association invite us to remember one of the bishops, priests, deacons and sisters in our Diocese in our prayer each day during the month of October 2026.

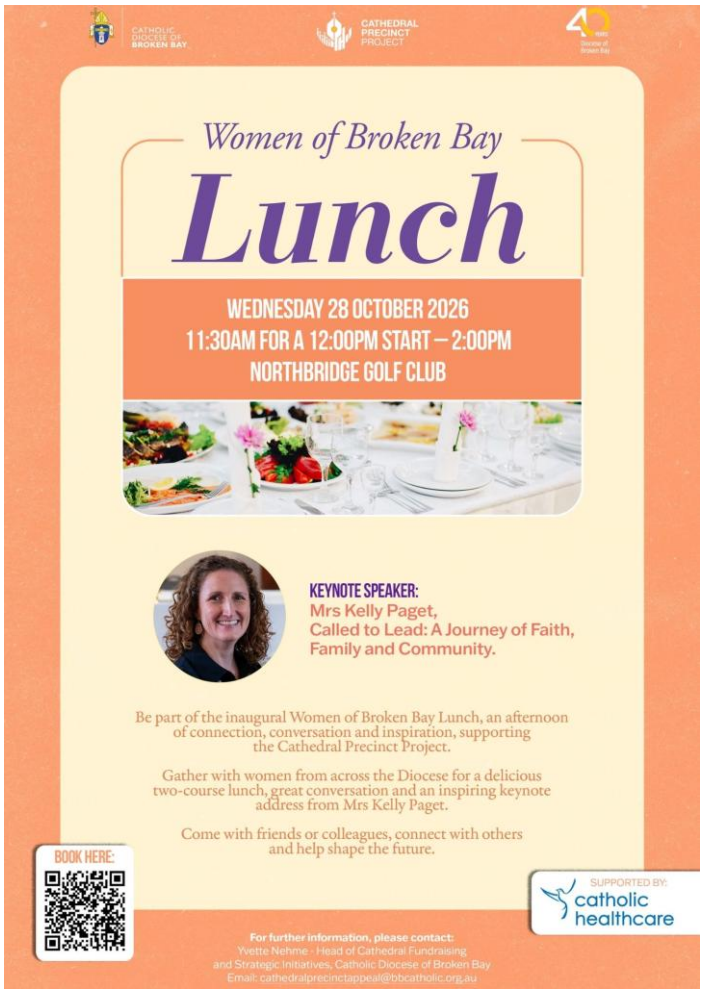
26	Deacon Paul Simmons
27	Deacon Kevin Hale & Deacon Kevin McGregor
28	Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS
29	Fr Brendan Lee & Fr Anoop Devasia
30	Deacon Peter McCulloch
31	Fr Roger Delmonte
1	Fr Vitalis Oguh

Daily Prayer for Vocations

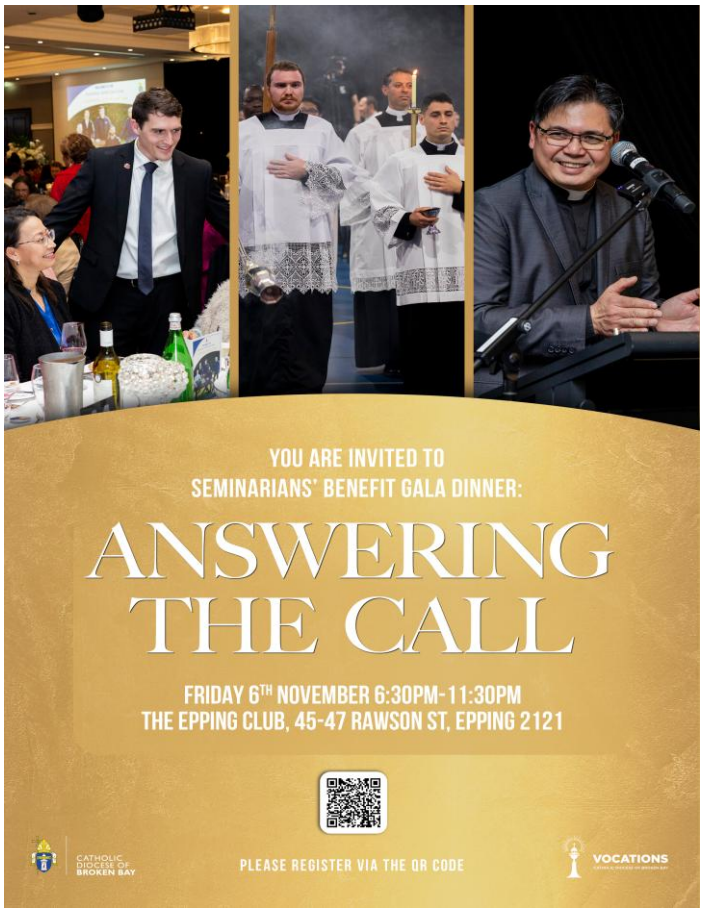
Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Around and About.

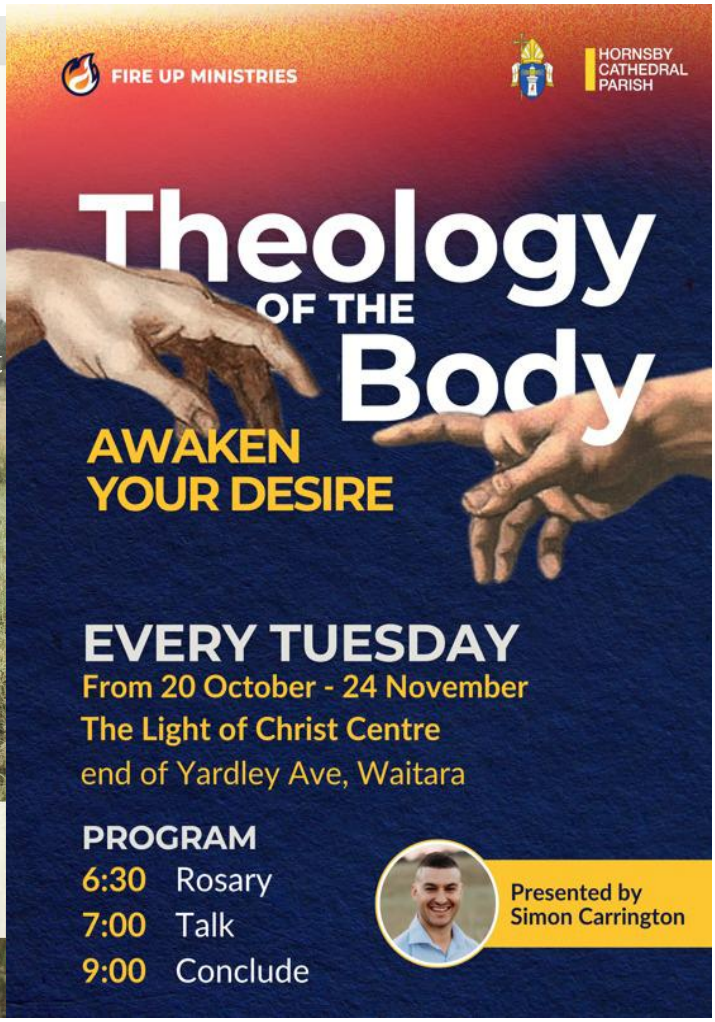









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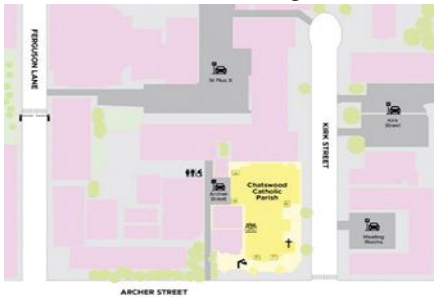
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Parking at Our Parish
Parking is available around the church precinct. Parishioners are asked to observe local parking regulations and be considerate of our neighbours.



PEW Gift Store Opening Hours
Weekdays after 12:30pm Mass
Weekends after each Mass
Enquiries:
giftshopinthecity@gmail.com

Supporting Our Parish
Clergy Giving (First Collection)
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Mass Times & Devotions
Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am - Mass
9.00am – Family Mass
10.30am - Mass
5.30pm –Mass

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

St Peter's Green Aged Care Facility
Sunday: 11.00am
(for residents only)

Cultural Masses
Filipino Mass: 12.00pm, first Sunday of the month
Indonesian Mass: 7.00pm, second Saturday of the month
Mandarin Mass: 2pm,second Sunday of the month

Devotions & Sacraments
Morning Prayer:
Tuesday–Saturday: 8.45am
Rosary:
Monday: 11.45am
Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30am;
Monday - Friday: 1.00pm

Adoration:
Thursday: after 9.00am Mass
(Benediction at midday)

Holy Hour & Reconciliation:
Thursday: 7.00pm

Reconciliation:
Saturday: from 9.30am

Anointing of the Sick:
Wednesday:
After evening Mass
3rd Wednesday:
12.30pm Mass