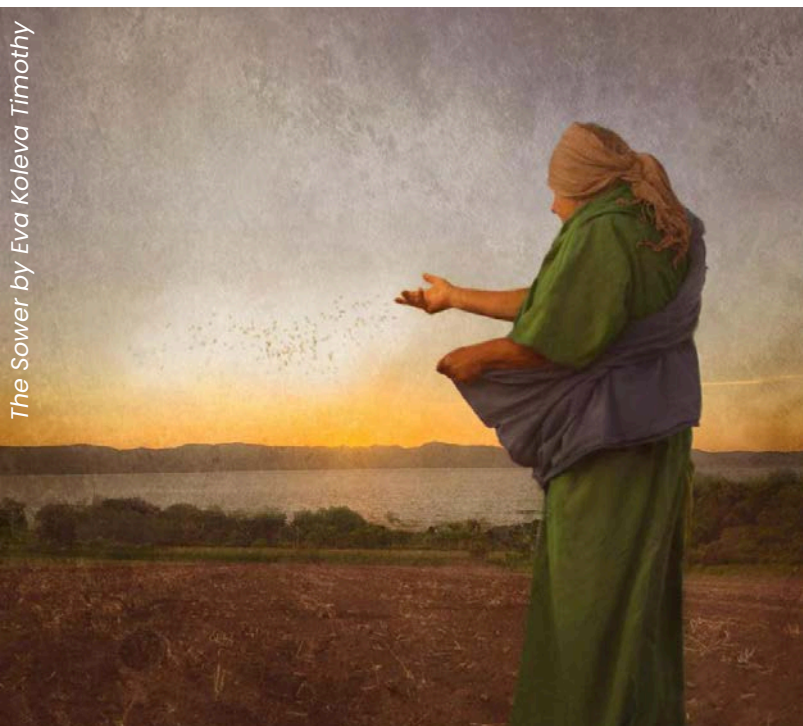




THE BULLETIN

16 JUNE 2024

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)



The Sower by Eva Koleva Timothy



**The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds,
grows into the biggest shrub of all.**

Mark 4:26-34

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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.

Join us at this Sunday's 10:30am Mass for a special celebration of the life of St Anthony of Padua that celebrates his Italian heritage and the gift of our Italian parishioners to our community. Thank you to Katya for all this organisation!

Exploring the Faith returns in August! Get your registrations in to Anthony - this is a great way to grow and nourish your faith.

We are now just some \$6000 short of our Pastoral Works Broken Bay quota! Thank you so much for all your support - there is still 2 more weeks until our appeal for this year finishes, so plenty of time to make a tax deductible donation if you want to.

Please consider giving time towards our reading ministry and our Vinnies Team - both spaces are in need of helpers so that we can continue serve the parish and the vulnerable in our community.

Thank you to Rose Wu for the donation of the church flowers this week.

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.



Dear friends



Fr Joey, Fr Anselam and I have now returned from our annual diocesan Clergy Conference at Wyong on the Central Coast. It was an enriching week on the theme of "Towards a Synodal Church." We were joined by Fr Eamon Conway, an Irish theologian, who has been one for the consultants for the Synod of Bishops. Fr Eamon led us into an understanding of the scriptural and theological bases for a synodal way of being, and helping us to understand the opportunity and challenges of putting this into practice. We were also joined by Brendan Malone from New Zealand who led us into a spirited analysis of contemporary society. It was a privilege for me, too, to present to all the clergy what we were undertaking here in our own parish of Chatswood. However, one of the most important aspects of the week is the fraternity shared with each other and with Bishop Anthony. I am pleased to share that the spirit amongst the clergy is very good and full of hope.

A very special thank you to Fr Joe and Fr Matthew who celebrated the 12.30pm Mass for us each day whilst we were away, and to the parish team for all their work in the

background over the days we were away.

As we may recall, during the month of May, along with every other parish in Australia, we take a record of our Mass Attendance each weekend. Our own number holds very steady from last year! In 2022 we had an average of 1,010 people attending, in 2023 we had 1,193 and in 2024, 1,163. This renders us the largest parish for Mass Attendance in our diocese. Overall, the figures across the Diocese have hope, as 2024 represented a 7% increase across all parishes. Some 15,600 people gather for Mass each weekend across all of our Diocese. However, this but represents 7% of those identifying as Catholic on the census. So, we have much to do to continue to reach out with invitation.

On everyone's behalf, I extend to Stephanie and Ignatius Gan our deepest gratitude for their many years of ministry with music at our Saturday Vigil Mass. Circumstances have changed for them, and they can no longer continue in this ministry. We thank you Stephanie and Ignatius and wish you every blessing as the future takes a new turn for you.

Thank you to everyone for the way in which so many are contributing to our Pastoral Works Fund appeal and assisting us to meet our obligation of \$64,000 for this year. We are almost there! This is the fund that supports and resources our wonderful catechists who bring our Catholic Faith to our children in our five public schools in our parish. Your generosity for this appeal, ensures that our Catholic children in our public schools learn of the great invitation present in their baptism.



Behind the scenes at the Clergy Conference

This week's church flowers are generously donated by
Rose Wu
in remembrance of her beloved husband



This courageous stand cost him his life, yet his famous last words, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first," echo through history as a testament to his fidelity to God.

John Fisher, a revered scholar and the Bishop of Rochester, also faced the ultimate sacrifice for his beliefs. Known for his defense of Catherine of Aragon and his resistance to Henry VIII's ecclesiastical changes, Fisher's steadfastness was honored by his elevation to cardinal even as he was in prison.

Both these saints were imprisoned in the Tower of London and executed for their refusal to compromise their faith. Their shared feast day on June 22 commemorates their martyrdom and the shared stand they took against the King's policies. Canonised together in 1935, their legacy continues to inspire those who value integrity and courage.



Thomas More, a brilliant lawyer and statesman, is perhaps best known for his literary masterpiece, "Utopia," and his role as Lord Chancellor of England. Despite his deep loyalty to King Henry VIII, More's commitment to his faith led him to oppose the King's separation from the Catholic Church.

In reflecting on the lives of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, we are reminded of the importance of standing firm in our convictions, even in the face of great personal risk. May we always prioritize our faith and principles.

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

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

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Veronica Cornelly; William Tze; Valarie (grandmother of Elle V); Kathryn Ramsay - 22 May; Yan Hua Li.

Our loved ones who are sick:

Allison Roberts; Zac Vlasic; Ying Leong Fong (father in law of Hannah Fong); The mother of Fr Greg Skulski; Ann Avery; Fr Bob Bossini; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapira; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Margaret; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; 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:

Trevor Chard - 17 June (Husband of Patricia Chard); Marina Paino (mother of Maria Paino); Marinovic Barilo Family; Nevenka Cetinic Pensa; Paul Cornelly; Keith Press - 4 June (father of Greg Press); Lourdes Eulalia Martinez - 10 June (Mother of Mercedes Martinez); Anthony Mustaca OAM - June 11; Michael Lee.

All those who celebrated their birthdays recently: we thank God for your life and pray for more health and happiness for you:

Bettina Ignacio - 8 June

- For my friend Al as she fights an illness that will soon take her life, I ask for prayers for her healing and comfort and for he family in this hard time.
- Please pray for my son who is starting a new school, that he can find friends and enjoy this new chapter of our life.



Help to Proclaim The Word of God

Can you give your time to minister at Mass by being a reader who proclaims the Word of God? We are looking for readers for:

- 1st Sundays at 7:30am Mass
- 4th Sundays 9:00am and 5:30pm
- 2 readers for 2 Fridays every month at 9:00am
- 2 readers for 2 Fridays every month at 12:30pm

Training provided if you are new to this space. All welcome!

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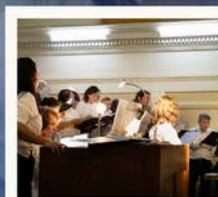
CELEBRATING SAINT

Anthony of Padua

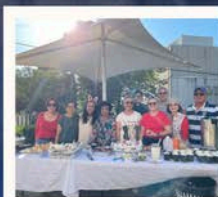
10:30 SUNDAY 16 JUNE



SOLEMN ENGLISH AND ITALIAN MASS TO CELEBRATE ST ANTHONY OF PADOVA



ITALIAN & ENGLISH PRAYERS, READINGS, HYMNS



FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH ON THE FORECOURT

Exploring the faith

Why is the Old Testament so important to our Faith?
How can we be so confident in the Resurrection?
What takes place on receiving Sacraments?
How do we fit in the universal Church?
What really is the Good News?
Why do we need prayer?

STARTING WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST 2024
(7.15PM-9.00PM)

Our Lady of Dolours Parish, St Peter's meeting room
www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/faith-formation

- NO PREREQUISITES OR OBLIGATIONS TO JOINING.
- 30 WEEK COURSE
- CONTACT ANTHONY ON 0414 364 522 OR EMAIL [EXPLORINGTHEFAITH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:exploringthefaith@gmail.com)



In today's Gospel passage (cf. Mk 4:26-34), Jesus speaks to the crowd about the Kingdom of God and the dynamics of its growth, and he does so by recounting two brief parables. In the first parable (cf. vv. 26-29), the Kingdom of God is compared to the mysterious growth of the seed, which is cast upon the ground and then sprouts, grows and produces ears [of grain], independent of the care of the farmer who, when it is fully grown, sees to its harvest. This is the message that this parable conveys to us: through Jesus' teaching and action, the Kingdom of God is proclaimed, has burst into the field of the world and, like the seed, grows and develops by itself, through its own strength and according to humanly incomprehensible criteria. In its growth and development in history, it does not depend much on man's doing, but is above all an expression of the power and goodness of God, of the strength of the Holy Spirit who brings forth Christian life in the People of God.

At times history, with its events and its protagonists, seems to go in the opposite direction of the design of the heavenly Father, who wants justice, fraternity and peace for all his children. But we are called to live out these periods as seasons of trial, of hope and of vigilant expectation of the harvest. Indeed, yesterday like today, the Kingdom of God grows in the world in a mysterious way, in a surprising way, revealing the hidden power of the little seed, its victorious vitality. Within the folds of personal and social events which at times seem to signal the failure of hope, it is important to remain confident in God's subdued but powerful way of acting. For this reason, in moments of darkness and of difficulty we must not lose heart, but remain anchored in faithfulness to God, to his ever-saving presence. Remember this: God always saves. He is the Saviour.

In the second parable (cf. vv. 30-32), Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed. It is a very small seed, yet it grows to become the greatest of all the plants in the garden: an unforeseeable, surprising growth. It is not easy for us to enter this logic of the unforeseeable nature of God and to accept it in our life. But today the Lord exhorts us to an attitude of faith which exceeds all our plans, our calculations, our predictions. God is always the God of surprises. The Lord always surprises us. It is an invitation to open ourselves more generously to God's plans, both on the personal level and on that of the community. In our communities it is important to pay attention to the little and big occasions of goodness that the Lord offers us, allowing ourselves to engage in his dynamics of love, of welcoming and of mercy toward others.

The authenticity of the Church's mission does not come through success nor through the gratification of the results, but by going forth with the courage of trust and the humility of abandonment to God. Going forth professing Jesus and with the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the awareness of being small and weak instruments which, in God's hands and with his grace, can accomplish great deeds, advancing his Kingdom which is "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rom 14:17). May the Virgin Mary help us to be simple, to be attentive, to cooperate with our faith and with our work to develop the Kingdom of God in hearts and in history.



Reflection Questions

What stood out to you from the Gospel or Reflection/Homily?



Head: In a results driven world, "trust and humility" is a radical notion. Why do you think this is?



Heart: Do you feel you are open to God's plan for how he might use you for the sake of his Kingdom? Why or why not?



Hands: Have you tried sharing your faith and your journey with others? What happened?

VINNIES CHATSWOOD MAY REPORT

May was a busy month with 12 requests for help received. Four of these involved people or families moving into new digs; three of these involved people with mental difficulties including children with autism.

Two well known clients with severe depression were helped with food and medical bills. We assisted a homeless lad, again with difficulties, with advice on available services including free dental, clothes and food. We provided transport to one medical appointment for a disabled chap and food in lieu so he could afford a taxi to another. A lady with complex problems was helped with food and advice on on available cheaper food sources locally. We helped a DSP to move and a single fellow with health problems to sort out his rent arrears and restabilise his day to day living with advice and food. We are continuing to work with another to achieve life goals.

Some \$4500 was expended as well as providing clothes and donated furniture.

Our small group had difficulties in servicing this number of cases. **We would appreciate any one interested in becoming involved in this work, particularly any males, to contact El.Herlianto@vinnies.org.au or John on 0439783956.**

Please note our Winter Appeal will be held on 28 July.



NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH

Monday 17 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11:00am Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Children's Mass.• 12:30pm Mass.
Tuesday 18 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:45am Morning Prayer.• 9:00am Mass.• 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.• 10:30am Memorial Mass for Teresa Infante.• 12:30pm Mass.• 2:00pm Organ Practice.• 4:00pm Organ Practice.• 7:00pm Choir Practice Filipino Community.
Wednesday 19 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:45am Morning Prayer.• 9:00am Mass.• 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.• 12:30pm Mass.• 1:30pm Organ Practice.• 3:30pm Organ Practice.• 6:00pm Mass.• 6:30pm Organ Practice (with headphones).
Thursday 20 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:45am Morning Prayer.• 9:00am Mass.• 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy.• 12:30pm Mass.• 2:00pm Organ Practice.• 4:30pm Organ Lesson.• 7:00pm Holy Hour Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation also available.
Friday 21 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:45am Morning Prayer.• 9:00am Mass.• 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.• 10:30am Organ Practice.• 12:30pm Mass.• 1:30pm Organ Lesson.• 3:00pm Organ Lesson.• 4:00pm Organ Practice and Lesson.
Saturday 22 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:45am Morning Prayer .• 9:00am Mass.• 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation, Rosary.• 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help.• 11:00am Choir Practice.• 12:30pm Organ Practice.• 4:30pm Vigil Singer Bookings.• 5:30pm Vigil Mass.

Memorial:

St Aloysius Gonzaga

Memorial:

Saints John Fisher & Thomas More



Change of Room for Cenacle

The meeting for the MMP Cenacle prayer on Monday 17 June (preceded by DM chaplet at 11.30 am) will not be held in the church but will be held in the St Paul room due to Our Lady of Dolours Primary School having their retreat day Mass at 11 am. - *Cecilia O*

Pray the Rosary Daily



This was the request of Our Lady when she appeared to the three children at Fatima in 1917 calling herself the Lady of the Rosary.

The rosary has long been a feature of the Catholic faith reflecting the honour we give to Our Blessed Lady and her intercession with her divine son on our behalf. Today, in a world that has become more and more irreligious, the need for Our Lady's intercession is even greater than previous times.

Parishioners are invited to respond to Our Lady's request by their own personal rosary but also by joining with others in saying this prayer. The rosary is recited after daily Mass and those who are able to are encouraged to join in this prayer.

The rosary is a prayer that lends itself to group participation in which members draw encouragement and fellowship by joining with others and benefit from the unity and collaboration in response to Our Lady's request. With advances in modern technology, individuals who may be living some distance from others can come together to join the rosary via Zoom which allows participants to come together while remaining in the comfort of their own homes. Our Zoom rosary is recited on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 7.30 pm and at 8 pm on other days of the week. Obviously people have other obligations on their time but all are invited to join the Zoom rosary on any day in which they are able to do so. The link to the Zoom rosary is <https://zoom.us/j/8034195601>. Enquiries: 0466 961 240.

Prayer is powerful when said with fervour and devotion, so we can be assured that our praying of the rosary will be effective in winning graces for us, for our loved ones, for the conversion of sinners and for the world. -*Michael O*

SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA FEAST DAY 21 JUNE



Aloysius was born into a noble family in Italy. He was expected to follow a military and political career, but instead joined the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) at the age of 17. His father initially opposed his decision but eventually gave his consent. During a plague in Rome in 1591, Aloysius served the sick and dying. He contracted the disease himself while caring for plague victims and died at the age of 23 on June 21.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

16 JUNE 2024

THE LAWS OF GROWTH. We would love to be able to plant a seed today and have a magnificent tree tomorrow. But that is not possible. It will take many years for the tree to grow to its full height. Likewise, the Church is constantly growing towards fuller maturity. The Church is nourished in its growth by the Eucharist and the Word of God. The Church is like a growing tree, already bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26: 7, 9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

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. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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. O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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 Ezek 17: 22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord / to make music to your name, O Most High, / to proclaim your love in the morning/and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree / and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

3. Planted in the house of the Lord / they will flourish in the courts of our God, / still bearing fruit when they are old, / still full of sap, still green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**



SECOND READING 2 Cor 5: 6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower;**

**all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Mk 4: 26-34

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then

the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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. O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. 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-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: 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 Ps 26: 4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. 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

EXPLAINING THE UNEXPLAINABLE

How do we understand the kingdom or reign of God? The Gospel of today brings two examples and a word about understanding parables. This passage is preceded by Jesus telling the parable of the sower and explaining it to his disciples. We have the inside running on this as we hear and read what Jesus explains, for we too are disciples. Today's first example tells what the kingdom of God is like, continuing the theme of the sower. We see the imagery of the kingdom of God as something that is not static but growing. It takes time to flourish and bring a harvest. Those on the land know this is an ongoing process season to season, sowing and harvesting. The kingdom of God is like this, growing wherever it is planted and harvested.

Then Jesus asks, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God or what parable will we use for it?' What follows expands further on the kingdom of God. It is like the smallest of seeds that will grow to become the greatest of shrubs giving shelter for further life and growth in its branches and shade.

It seems a mystery that Jesus used many parables like this to speak the word to them, 'but he explained everything in private to his disciples'. Jesus entices the crowd with images of what the kingdom of God is like. Jesus explains the meaning to those who believe. This echoes Paul's words in the second reading 'for we walk by faith, not by sight'. How would you explain the kingdom of God today?

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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Sunday Mass
23 June

- 7:30am Mass
- 9:00am Mass
- 10:30am Mass
- 12:00pm Bach Akademie
- 5:30pm Mass

12th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

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| Monday
17 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:00am Private booking (St Peter).• 11:30am Cenacle & Divine Mercy (St Paul).• 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter). |
| Tuesday
18 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 Peter).• 7:00pm Journey into Truth (Magnificat, St Paul) set up 5:30pm.• 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter). |
| Wednesday
19 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat).• 10:00am Private booking (St Peter).• 3:00pm Fr David & CSBB (St Paul).• 4:00pm Private booking (St Paul).• 6:30pm Indonesian Music Practice (Harrington Hall). |
| Thursday
20 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up 12:00pm.• 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter).• 6:00pm Altos choir practice (St Paul). |
| Friday
21 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00am CCD Reflection and Spirituality Day (Magnificat, St Paul).• 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) set up 9:30am.• 2:00pm Youth in Council (St Peter).• 4:00pm Private booking (St Peter).• 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing. |
| Saturday
22 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:00am Music Lessons (St Paul).• 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter) set up 10:00am.• 7:00pm Feast for Freedom (Harrington Hall) set up 11:00am. |
| Sunday Mass
23 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:00am Filipino Choir practice (St Paul).• 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul).• 6:30pm Cornerstone & Keystone Youth Groups (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter) set up 4:30pm. |

Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

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



Women can come as they are, share their stories, and find strength and fellowship

Drinks and light nibbles provided, please feel welcome to bring a plate to share.

To register your interest or to find out more, please email chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au or call 9410 9000

Chatswood Catholic Parish
94 Archer St Chatswood



Spring is upon us! Don't miss the opportunity to pick up gorgeous, flowering or fruit bearing plants in the PEW garden. All you need to do is to bring your own potted plant in exchange for another. All are welcome to join this fun "greening" day.

There will also be plants available for purchase for those who do not have plants to barter!



他又說：「我們以什麼比擬天主的國呢？或用什麼比喻來形容它呢？它好像一粒芥子，種在地裏的時候，比地上一切的種子都小；當下種之後，生長起來，比一切蔬菜都大；並且長出大枝，以致天上的飛鳥能棲息在它的蔭下。馬爾谷福音4:30-32

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." Mark 4:30-32

13 June 2024



Holy Land Commissariat

Very Rev Dr David Ranson
Our Lady of Dolours Parish
PO Box 1446
Chatswood NSW 2067

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Dear Fr David,

On behalf of the Holy Land Custody of the Franciscan Friars and the Christians of the Holy Land, I would like to sincerely thank you and your parishioners, for your contribution of \$3,127 to the Good Friday Holy Land Collection for 2024.

The Holy Places rely heavily on the Good Friday donations and pilgrims to continue to maintain the historical sites that mean so much to our Christian/Catholic faith. The latest news from this part of the world is very disturbing, and it doesn't look as if there is going to be an easy or peaceful resolution for some time. Once again, the people of this land we call Holy, are struggling to survive. The devastation is there for us all to see every night on the news.

Please continue to remember the Holy Land in your thoughts and prayers, and please know that whatever signs of solidarity you can make with the Holy Land Church and its peoples will be used well.

If the donated amount stated above differs to what you have on file, please kindly email our office at admin@franciscans.org.au to inform us of any discrepancy.

With my deep thanks,
Yours faithfully in Christ,

Sincerely,

Fr. Bernie Thomas OFM

Commissary of the Holy Land, Australia

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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2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER

Prayer to Blessed Carlo Acutis

O God our Father,
we thank you for giving us Carlo,
a model of life for young people,
and a message of love for all.
You made him fall in love with
your son Jesus,
making the Eucharist his
"highway to heaven."
You gave him Mary as a beloved mother,
and you made him, through the Rosary,
a cantor of her tenderness.
Receive his prayer for us.
Look above all upon the poor, whom he
loved and assisted.
Grant me too, through his intercession,
the grace that I need (mention your
intention).
And make our joy full, raising Carlo among
the saints of your Church,
so that his smile shines again for us
to the glory of your name.
Amen.



This is the official prayer approved by the Bishop of Assisi asking for Blessed Carlo Acutis's intercession. Read more about Carlo here www.miracolieucaaristici.org

STATE OF ORIGIN NIGHT AMPOL GAME 02
COST: \$10 NO EFTPOS
DATE: WED 26 JUNE
TIME: 7:00 PM TILL LATE
VENUE: MAGNIFICAT ROOM
LIVE & LOUD ON THE BIG SCREEN
VIP GUEST: MR. TIM JAMES MP MEMBER OF WILLOUGHBY
FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED
ALL MEN ARE WELCOME
Contact: Peter 0433 030 016 | Scott 0406 512 425 | Michael 0410 226 787

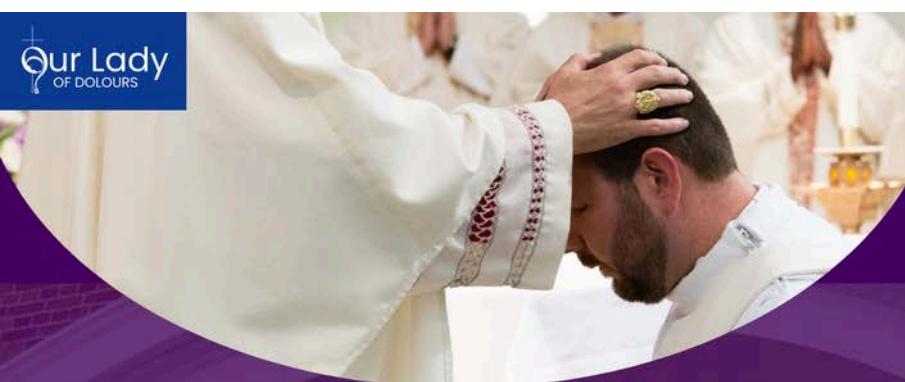
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Special Guest Speaker
Broken Bay Seminarian
Shayne D'Cunha
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FRIDAY JUNE 21 | WOY WOY PARISH | 6PM
VENUE: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
125 BLACKWALL ROAD, WOY WOY NSW 2256
RSVP TO: P: 0418 522 449 | 02 83791626
E: vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au



Another special ZOOM Rosary night, this time in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Happy birthday to our incredible Youth Minister, Bettina! We love you!



Our Lady OF DOLOURS

SEEK YOUR VOCATION

A VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT PROGRAM TO HELP MEN UNDERSTAND THE CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD



SPIRITUALITY

Grow closer to God and deepen your faith



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Participate and lead in parish life



ENGAGEMENT

Interact with different people



KNOWLEDGE

Develop key insights into the life of a priest

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Is there a man you believe would be a wonderful priest? Contact us or fill out a recommendation form in the church foyer!

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We celebrated the Global Rosary relay at the Cathedral together with others from our diocese - a beautiful occasion!



The priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you.
 St. John Vianney



Applications Are Now Open!

<https://aretecentre.org/>

Exciting news! Applications for our highly anticipated 2025 program are now open. If you would like to experience this transformational opportunity to grow in faith and be equipped for missionary leadership, act quickly! Places are limited and expected to fill up fast. Our program starts on January 16, 2025. Don't miss out—visit our website now to learn more, download our latest prospectus, and secure your place today!



**SERRA VOCATIONS MASS
AND DINNER MEETING
27 JUNE**

Father Stephen Wayoyi, Assistant Priest at St Agatha's Parish Pennant Hills and Assistant Diocesan Vocations Director will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Our Lady of Dolours Church 94 Archer Street Chatswood on Thursday 27th June 2024.

The evening commences with Mass at 6.00 PM followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Stephen and Vocations Officer Michelle Chahine will be providing a Diocesan Vocations Update and Father Joey Frez will be speaking about the vocations activities of Chatswood Parish.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see" and learn about the activities of the Vocations Office and Chatswood Parish and receive an update on the progress being made by our now 9 young men on their journey to priesthood.

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on 0478 083 116 or email henrywk@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

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Enrolling now for 2025

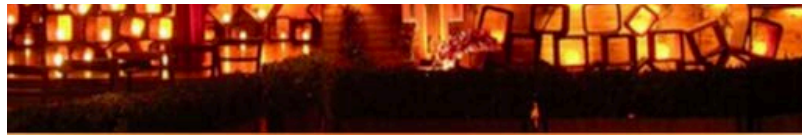
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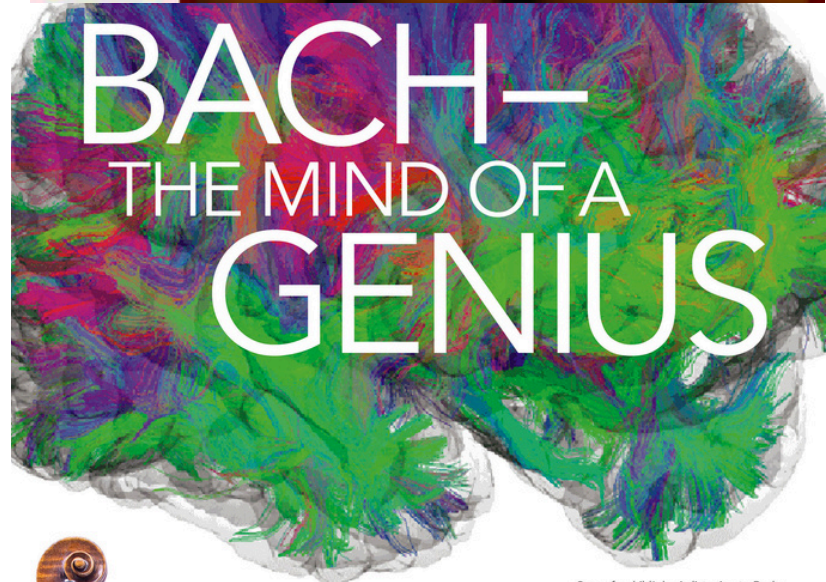


Join us for a very special evening
at Mercy College for

Taize Prayer
Friday 21 June @ 6pm - 6.45pm

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY, PARISHIONERS
AND FRIENDS IN A SERVICE OF SONG, SILENCE AND CONTEMPLATION.
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE.

In the Mercy Chapel



Scan of a child's brain listening to Bach.
- University of Southern California

PROGRAM

- J.S. Bach Das Wohltemperierte Klavier, Prelude and Fugue No. 1 in C major BWV 846
- J.S. Bach 'Sonata sopr'il soggetto Real' from Das Musikalische Opfer BWV 1079
- J.S. Bach Final 5 variations of 'The Goldberg Variations' BWV 988
- J.S. Bach Violin Concerto in A minor BWV 1041
- J.S. Bach Aria No. 3 'Wie zittern und wanken der Sünder Gedanken' from Cantata BWV 105
- J.S. Bach Die Kunst der Fuga, final 3 Contrapunctus
- J.S. Bach 6 part Ricercar from Das Musikalische Opfer BWV 1079

DATES

- Friday 21st June, 7.30pm
Paddington Uniting Church, Paddington
- Sunday 23rd June, 2.30pm
Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood



BOOKINGS www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au 1300 785 377



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

If you have any concerns about safety contact the parish office on 02 9410 9000 or contact the Office of Safeguarding on 02 8379 1605

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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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