



THE BULLETIN

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)



Fresco of Jesus as Good Shepherd Photograph by Jozef Sedmak

They were as sheep without a shepherd.
This Sunday's Gospel - Mark 6:30-34

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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.

This week, we share the story of how we obtained the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Pastoral Works Broken Bay appeal—we raised \$9,000 over our quota, greatly benefiting our diocesan pastoral services.

Don't forget, registrations for our next Parish in Council are closing soon. Register now to be part of a wonderful day of formation and sharing.

Registrations are also closing soon for our formation programs: Exploring the Faith and the RCIA program for our Chinese Community. These are great ways to enrich your faith and learn about the beauty of the Catholic faith.

Additionally, next week is the final week to enroll your child in the Sacrament of Confirmation program.

A special thank you to the family of Bertie Hung Sing for this week's donation of flowers for the church.

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





Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

It has been very poignant to experience the joy and excitement in response to the news that our parish is to receive the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, to be canonised in the Year of Jubilee in 2025. This has also attracted national attention; <https://cathnews.com/2024/07/17> And already we have been receiving inquiries from people across Sydney about how they can participate in the visitation of the relic.

This week we publish the story of how we came to receive Carlo's relic.

Further, it has been overwhelming to experience the generosity of people to assist in the refurbishment of the alcove in our church to become a chapel of Eucharistic Devotion and the place for Carlo's relic. In this last week alone, since the announcement, we have received \$25,000 from the most generous parishioners. Thank you! We welcome any donation that may assist us in making our chapel as beautiful as it can be.

Our gratitude extends for the most generous way everyone has responded to our annual Pastoral Works Broken Bay appeal. Our total for 2023/2024 was \$74,158.28 – some \$9,000 over our obligated \$64,000. This is simply astounding. On behalf of our devoted Catechists in particular, thank you! This provides so much encouragement to them all as they share our Catholic Faith with nearly 700 Catholic children in our six public schools.

Our Young Vinnies wish to thank everyone, too! At the bake sale last weekend, they raised \$1,001- that's 10 children who can now go to school. Everyone was so kind and generous. We really appreciate the support!

We have only just discovered that one of our great parishioners, Dr Eileen Gallery was the recipient of the King's Birthday Honors for 2024! Eileen received the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the General Division for services to nephrology, obstetric services, and tertiary education. The full list of Eileen's wonderful achievements can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/tmyanht7>. Eileen, our warmest congratulations on this mighty recognition of a remarkable life of contribution! We are very proud to have you as a member of our family!

My fifth meditation out of eight in this Year of Prayer, "Prayer and the Word of God" is now available on our diocesan YouTube channel: <https://tinyurl.com/5n83rzht>. I have also recently produced four podcasts on the challenges and opportunities of Catholic Education today. These can be heard from my personal blogsite: <https://davidranson.com.au/>

We continue to develop in new ways in our parish – spiritually, pastorally, materially. We have commenced now the next step in the renovation of our parish office with the replacement of a bathroom upstairs. This facility has long been in need of attention and brings to a conclusion the major works in the building – a new kitchen, and a new downstairs bathroom having been completed over the last two years. With the upstairs bathroom completed, we will then return to the renovation of the flooring in the parish office so that our office can be as smart as it can be.

Michael O'Connell writes to us this weekend, too, inviting us to consider the formation of a new pastoral association in our community – a way of bringing people together simply to share fellowship and life's struggles. May this new initiative be a source of much grace for many.

Welcome back to Mona Saouma, our Pastoral Support Officer (Children's and Seniors Ministry)! Mona has been on extended leave visiting her aunty in Canada. It is great to have you safely back with us, Mona!

This week's church flowers are generously donated, by **Lyn Ng on behalf of the family and friends of**

Bertie Hung Sing

in loving remembrance of the anniversary of his passing.

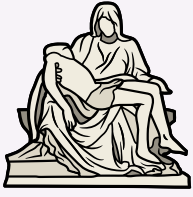


SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE **FEAST DAY 26 JULY**

- Saint Anne is the patron saint of mothers, women in labor, and miners, while Saint Joachim is the patron saint of fathers, grandparents, and married couples.
- The name "Joachim" means "God prepares" or "God will establish," and "Anne" (or "Hannah") means "grace" in Hebrew.

- Saint Anne conceived Mary through an immaculate conception, meaning Mary was conceived without original sin. Joachim and Anne were childless for many years before an angel appeared to them, announcing that they would have a child. This miraculous event is celebrated in the Protoevangelium of James and other apocryphal texts. It also mirrors how their daughter, Our Lady, would come to know she was pregnant with Jesus.

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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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.

Medicine of the sick, pray for us.

Strength of the weak, pray for us.

Staff of Apostles, pray for us.

Crown of Martyrs, pray for us..

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Bishop Kevin Manning; Susan Simmons (wife of Deacon Paul Simmons); Sr Patricia Horton RSM; Romeo Peñalosa (husband of Normita, and father of Gretchen and Nicole).

Our loved ones who are sick:

Donna Fernandez; 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 Leung; John Tiorg and family; Esther Grant and family.

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

Bertie Hung Sing - 20 July; Francis Ta; Louis Raphael Tran; John Schaeffer; Magdalena Ruiz; Johnson Pereira; Manuel Coelho.

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

Jean Marie Ta.

- For Bertie Hung Sing whose anniversary happens to be on 20 July, may he rest in peace and with God. - *Bertie's Family*
- For all those in financial hardship, may our hearts be open to helping where we can for all in need.

FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP

If you are like me, you experience some difficult times in life and are grateful for the friends who support and encourage you. We all need friends and enjoy the fellowship and help they provide us. For this reason, I am inviting people to join me in forming the "Friends and Fellowship" group. This group has the support and endorsement of our parish priest Fr David Ranson. The principles under which this group would operate are:

- Acceptance without judgment of other members of the group. Members should be free to come as they are and be able to share with the group any personal concerns that they have in an atmosphere of solicitude and compassion.
- Be a friend to make a friend, offering your friendship to other members of the group is expected to give rise to reciprocity in which you receive friendship from others.
- Although the group is intended to assist members who are experiencing difficulties in life, it is also hoped that it will provide a basis for fellowship and social activities but will help members enjoy themselves and take on a positive attitude to life. Whatever is said at the meeting is to be treated as confidential so that members can feel free to raise any personal issues that they have, knowing that this will be respected and not become the subject of gossip or comment outside the meeting.

Although we all share certain things in common, each person has his/her own personality, characteristic and interests. Members are free to express their own individuality within the group without criticism from others which will enable the group to develop its own character such that it will better meet the needs of its members.

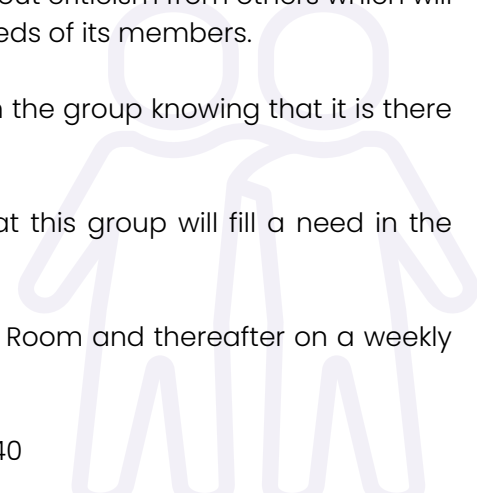
I hope this provides a basis upon which you will feel free to join and participate in the group knowing that it is there to provide mutual benefits for all its members.

There are quite a number of groups operating in our parish and it is hoped that this group will fill a need in the parish that is not currently being met.

Our first meeting will be held on Thursday 1 August at 1 pm in the St Paul Meeting Room and thereafter on a weekly basis if there is sufficient interest.

Best wishes and God bless. -Michael O'Connell

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THE STORY OF CARLO ACUTIS AND CHATSWOOD

On 23 April 2024 Fr David Ranson, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood, received an email from Olivia Lee in the Parish Office forwarding information from Elizabeth Chung, a wonderful parishioner, with the research that she had undertaken as to how to procure a relic of Blessed Carlo. Olivia proposed that perhaps Fr David commence a process to obtain a relic. Appreciative of the information, Fr David, however, was reluctant to act, unsure of the context by which such a devotion might be received and practiced at Our Lady of Dolours in Chatswood.

Then on Thursday 1 June 2024, Fr David, late at night, read an article on Carlo by Catherine Pepinster, "The price of sainthood" *The Tablet* (1 June 2024, p12). In the week prior, the Vatican had announced that a second miracle had been attributed to Carlo, this paving the way for his canonisation. In the article, Fr David read that Carlo had been baptised in the Servite Parish of Our Lady of Dolours Chelsea, in London. He immediately recognised this as a coincidence that could not be ignored. The very next day on 2 June 2024, he initiated the process to procure a relic.

Meanwhile, in the parish of Our Lady of Dolours in Chatswood, an ordinary journey turned out to be collaborative of an extraordinary event. Four devoted parishioners—Kaini Kaje, Virginia Purpura and Henry and Ditas Naguit—had embarked on a pilgrimage in May 2024, joined by Ditas' best friend from college, Corazon Sim. Their journey commenced with a visit to Rome, but it was in Assisi that their serendipitous experience of Blessed Carlo Acutis unfolded.

Kaini, harbouring a quiet hope, knew that Blessed Carlo's incorruptible body was in Assisi, though the exact location eluded her. Remarkably, Corazon, unaware of this detail, booked their accommodation directly across from the Sanctuary of the Spogliazione, where Blessed Carlo's body lay. This fortuitous booking allowed the five pilgrims to venerate Blessed Carlo.

Corazon returned to Rome and the four pilgrims journeyed on to other holy sites in Italy, France and Belgium. Corazon, initially planning to visit Pisa, felt an inexplicable pull to return to Assisi. That decision proved providential.

On 1 June 2024, as Corazon arrived in Assisi, the pilgrims landed in Sydney. The following day, Ditas shared their Assisi experience with Fr David Ranson. He disclosed his plan to request for a First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis but mentioned that it would need to be collected in person. The pilgrims felt they had missed the chance to bring it back. Fortunately, Corazon who was back in Assisi agreed to collect the relic on behalf of Fr David, despite her plans to return to Rome in a few days.

In the days that followed, events seemed divinely orchestrated. On 3 June 2024, Fr David quickly obtained the official letter of request from Bishop Anthony Randazzo, who was most encouraging and supportive of the endeavour, and by 4 June the formal request for a First Class Relic had been sent to the Postulator General, Centro Carlo Acutis, granting Corazon the authority to collect the relic.

Unfortunately, it turned out that this was not the office that handled such requests. Acting with urgency, Corazon sent the correct link where the request was to be sent through the office of the Bishop of Assisi.

On the 5 June 2024, Fr David sent a new formal request to the office of the Bishop of Assisi with authorisation from Bishop Randazzo. When Corazon earnestly followed up this request, she was informed that it would take at least six months to secure the relic, considering the many requests already received. Nevertheless, she was asked to return the following day.

Corazon proceeded to the relevant office on Thursday 6 June 2024, but not before appealing fervently to Blessed Carlo for his intercession. To the amazement of all, she was able to collect the First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis that very same morning – barely 24 hours from when the request was officially received by the office of the Bishop of Assisi! And within one week of Fr David having first initiated the process.

Normally, obtaining such a relic is a lengthy process, often taking months. Yet securing the relic for Our Lady of Dolours was expedited with astonishing swiftness, underscoring how miracles manifest through the faithful in the most extraordinary of ways.



In 2020 Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb was permanently re-opened for public viewing.

On 1 July 2024, Pope Francis presided at an Ordinary Consistory of Cardinals, approving the canonisation of 15 people, including Blessed Carlo Acutis.

On the 5 July, Corazon Sim personally handed over the First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis to Fr David in Sydney, marking the culmination of a journey that – though initially unplanned and filled with unexpected turns – was a profound testament to faith, providence and divine intervention.

Even more extraordinary is that through its innovative development of being a Parish-in-Council, responding to the invitation of being a synodal Church by Pope Francis, our community had discerned ‘Igniting Young Hearts’ as one of its five pastoral priorities for 2024 at the service of its mission, Bringing the Light of Christ to the City. Indeed, it had already been envisaged that this would be the prime topic of the next Parish-in-Council on 31 August 2024. The receipt of the relic of Carlo brings to this pastoral discernment incredible impetus.

The Parish of Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood now looks forward to the installation of Carlo’s relic on his feastday, Saturday 12 October 2024.

With thanks to Yvonne Corpuz for capturing this story.

PARISH-IN-COUNCIL



On Saturday 31 August, we will come together as a parish community, to encounter one another, listen to each other, and help to discern and shape the future of our parish at our fourth Parish-in-Council meeting.

The afternoon, like our previous Parish-in-Councils, will feature lunch, thought-provoking presentations, conversations and the opportunity for each and every one of our voices to be heard.

We will meet new people, get to know one another better and continue our journey to becoming a vibrant and inclusive community of God, where everyone feels accepted, valued and known.

Q. Can I bring my children? Absolutely! We want Parish-in-Council to be accessible for all families with children of any age. That’s why we created Kids-in-Council, for toddlers through to teens, running in parallel to Parish-in-Council, with catered lunch, tailored fun activities through the afternoon and projects linked to the main topic of Parish-in-Council.

Q. Who is Parish-in-Council for? Parish-in-Council is open to anyone who participates in the life of our parish, even if you live outside of Chatswood.

Q. Is registration mandatory? Yes. So that we can properly plan lunch and how many tables to fill, we need everyone to pre-register.

Register Now

To register simply visit the webpage link below or scan the QR code.

<https://parish-in-council-iv.rsvpify.com>



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal is next weekend. The Chatswood Conference of the Society has received over 50 calls for help and expended over \$12 000 in providing necessary assistance since the Summer Appeal. We have been keeping you abreast of our activities in our monthly reports.

Requests for help have recently doubled and so far we have not had to turn anyone away. Of particular concern was the increasing number of Domestic Violence situations encountered.

Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated to ensure we can continue our works; serving Christ by helping those in need.

Envelopes, as usual, will be around the church for cash and credit card donations during the 27/28 July masses.

A QR code can also be found around the Church poor boxes. Donations can also be made on line via the QR code or web link below. **All donations above \$2 are tax deductible.**

We do need more active members and if you are interested in this Ministry please contact El.Herlianto@vinnies.org.au or John on 0439783956

Thank you for your support!



SCAN ME!

SCAN HERE TO DONATE



JOURNEY INTO TRUTH RETURNS

Fr. John Flader’s popular Course on the Catholic Catechism, ‘Journey Into Truth’ resumes this Tuesday 23rd July (7 pm to 9 pm) at the Magnificat & St Paul Rooms.

All are welcome to join us as we continue our fascinating journey into the Creed with Session 8, ‘The Holy Spirit & the Church.’ – *Catharine C*

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

21 July 2024

HE TOOK PITY ON THEM. In today's Gospel Jesus shows great care for his disciples. After a busy mission he takes them off to a quiet place to rest. He also takes pity on the crowds who follow him. Recognising their spiritual hunger, he teaches them at some length. Jesus takes pity on us as well. Like the crowds and his disciples, we need to periodically step aside from our many chores and activities to be nourished by his life-giving word and fed by the Eucharist.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 53: 6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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

Glorify 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. Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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

Jer 23: 1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord

who speaks –

when I will raise a virtuous Branch for

David,

who will reign as true king and be wise,

practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved

and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called:

The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

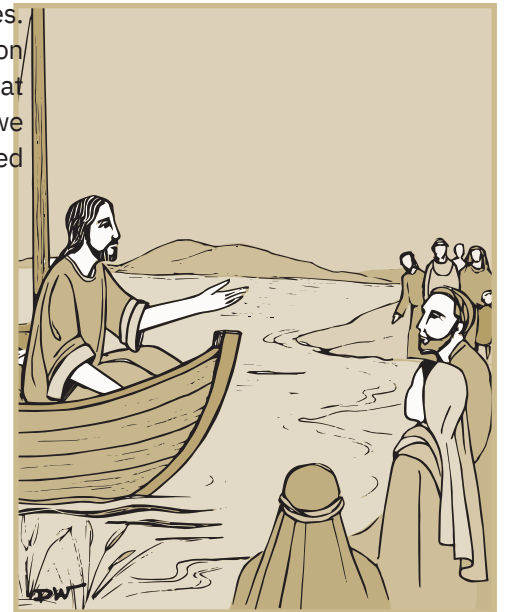
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 2

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**



2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 2: 13-18

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

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10: 27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 6: 30-34

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.

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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 one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your

faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. 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 110: 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from

former ways to newness of life. 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.

LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

Our readings for this Sunday call to mind our need for God across the ages.

The daily news often depicts a world out of control, wracked by war, aggression, violence, sadness and fear. Yet we know

God reaches out in every age with love.

In Jeremiah we hear that the Lord gathers up the remnant of the flock bringing them into the fold where they will be safe. God will not abandon them but will raise up David as king who will bring Judah and Israel to safety. Our psalm response is a mantra for all ages: 'the Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.'

The Letter to the Ephesians speaks of Christ as 'the peace between us' and offers us the comfort that he 'came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off

and peace to those who were near.'

As we focus on the Gospel of Mark, we find Jesus calling his disciples together and inviting them to 'come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' Recognising their need for rest after being on mission, Jesus still has his eye to the crowds who are like 'sheep without a shepherd.' Today we can see the constancy of God's care for us in the midst of all that might overwhelm us. There is invitation both to find time for rest and reflection on the gift of the Lord as shepherd and Christ who is peace, as well as for sharing this gift with all in need.

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Deacon
Kevin Hale

We have all seen pictures of Jesus as the good shepherd, rescuing a lost lamb and placing it on his shoulders. It is a moving image of a loving God that refutes every distorted idea of God as a distant, uncaring deity who pays attention to us only when we need correction.

The image of Jesus as a shepherd comes from Jesus himself. Both in his preaching and in the way he lived, Jesus showed himself to be someone whom people could follow without question. He showed that we could all have the same security as trusting sheep who know the voice of the one who cares for them.

Look at any passage from the gospels and watch how Jesus sought to lead his people with strength and wisdom, tending to their needs and lifting them on his shoulders. Notice how, even as he dealt with those who had “strayed,” he risked everything – even his own life – in order to bring them home with him.

In today’s gospel, Jesus dealt compassionately with a huge crowd, even though they had interfered with his plans to rest with the Twelve. Seeing how lost and aimless they were – like sheep without a shepherd – he set aside his plans and taught them about God’s reign.

In a sense, you could say that the “compassionate” Jesus overruled the “practical” Jesus. He saw beyond his needs and the needs of his disciples and focused instead on the needs of the people coming to them.

You could say that his eyes were opened to a much wider picture.

The apostles’ eyes were opened as well. They gave up their plans for rest so that they could minister to the people. Jesus wants to do the same for us. He sees us searching for fulfillment but finding things that only lead to more thirst and hunger. He wants to guide us toward his Father, who alone can give us the life that we long for.

He is ever available to us, ready to feed us with his truth in Scripture, with his body and blood in the Eucharist, and with his love through brothers and sisters.

In the Gospel we see that Jesus feeds the crowd first with his teaching and only later with the loaves and fish. He does the same in our celebration of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word comes before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We don’t approach the table of the Lord until our minds have been filled with his truth. How vital it is that we pay close attention to the word of God and thoughtfully reflect on the Scriptures! Experiencing God’s love is vital, but it’s only part of the equation. We humans are intellect, emotion, and will, and unless our minds are fed, we won’t know how to fight the fight against our fallen nature.

We won’t know how to discern the ways God is working in our hearts and in the world. It’s not enough just to get touched by God. We also need to learn his ways and learn how to conform our lives to his teachings. Jesus wants us to know his teachings so that we do not become just passive recipients of his love.

The key is learning how to sense the Spirit’s promptings so that what is practical and planned doesn’t overshadow what is compassionate and spontaneous. You may sense a prompting to speak to someone after Mass or in the grocery store. You may sense that God wants you to put your arms around your husband or child or that you should put aside what you are doing and read Scripture for a few minutes. Whenever something like this happens, try to act on it. He wants to make us into men and women who bring his love to others.

So let us allow the Good Shepherd to care for us and through us to bring God’s love to others in the world. You never know what miracles may result!

公開的責斥，勝於暗中的溺愛。 箴言 27:5
Better is an open rebuke than a love that remains hidden.

DISCERNED FROM PARISH-IN-COUNCIL II
OUR PARISH IS TO PRIORITISE
CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Please join us for a **parish BBQ** to welcome new parishioners
Sunday 28 July 11.30am - church forecourt
followed by (for anyone interested):

**MASTERCLASS: BRINGING CHRISTIAN
HOSPITALITY TO OUR PARISH**
1-3pm (Magnificat Parish Meeting Room)



- *Why is Christian hospitality integral in our Church?*
- *What does it mean to belong, and support others in belonging?*
- *How can I put Christian hospitality into practice?*

Rediscover the love of early Christian hospitality
- and bring this love here.

To register, please use the QR code or <https://christianhospitalitycity.rsvpify.com>

For further information, contact

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NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH

Monday
22 July

Feast:
St Mary Magdalene

- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary (Cenacle, MMP).
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 1:30pm Organ practice.

Tuesday
23 July

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Mass.**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- 10:30am Organ practice.
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 2:00pm Organ practice.
- 4:00pm Organ practice.
- 7:00pm Filipino choir practice.

Wednesday
24 July

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Mass.**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- **10:30am Funeral of Peter Ning.**
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 1:30pm Organ practice.
- 3:30pm Organ practice.
- **6:00pm Mass.**
- 6:30pm Organ practice (with headphones).

Thursday
25 July

Feast:
St James

- 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.
- 3:30pm Organ lesson.
- 4:30pm Organ lesson.
- **7:00pm Holy Hour Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation also available.**

Friday
26 July

Memorial:
Sts Joachim & Anne

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Mass.**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- 10:30am Organ practice.
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 1:30pm SC Organ lesson.
- 3:00pm Organ lesson BJ.
- 4:00pm Organ practice and lesson AH.

Saturday
27 July

- 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 SC.
- 4:45pm Vigil singer bookings.
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass.**

Sunday Mass
28 July

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **7:30am Mass.**
- **9:00am Mass.**
- **10:30am Mass.**
- **11:30am BBQ to welcome new parishioners - on the forecourt.**
- 12:00pm Baptisms.
- 1:30 Organ practice SC.
- 2:30pm Organ practice AH.
- **5:30pm Mass.**



Spring is upon us! Join us to pick up gorgeous, flowering or fruit bearing plants in the Parish 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!



**SAINT MARY
MAGDALENE**

FEAST DAY 22 JULY

- St Mary Magdalene is the patron saint of women, converts, repentant sinners, and hairstylists.
- She is considered the first witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is why she is also called the "Apostle to the Apostles", because she was sent by Jesus to tell the apostles about his resurrection.
- Common symbols associated with her in art include a jar of ointment, a skull, and a red egg, symbolising the Resurrection.
- According to a popular medieval legend, Mary Magdalene traveled to France after Jesus' ascension and lived there as a hermit.

NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

- Monday
22 July
- 9:00am Private booking EHS (St Peter).
 - 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium)
 - 10:00am Private booking CM (St Paul).
 - 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6, 6-9 & 9-12 year olds (Atrium).
 - 6:00pm Set up for Youth in Council (Harrington Hall).

- Tuesday
23 July
- 9:00am Private booking EHS (St Peter).
 - 9:00am Youth in Council (Harrington Hall).
 - 10:00am Bible Study and Discussion (St Paul).
 - 2:00pm Safeguarding Seminar (Magnificat).
 - 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6, 6-9 & 9-12 year olds (Atrium).
 - 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter).
 - 7:00pm Journey into Truth (Magnificat, St Paul).

- Wednesday
24 July
- 9:00am CGS Atrium Training (St Paul).
 - 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat).
 - 10:00am Private booking CM (St Paul).
 - 4:00pm Private Booking EHS (St Peter).
 - 7:00pm Men Alive faith discussion (Magnificat) set up 6:30pm.

- Thursday
25 July
- 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium).
 - 1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up 12:00pm.
 - 4:00pm Private Booking EHS (St Peter).
 - 6:00pm Altos choir practice (St Paul).

- Friday
26 July
- 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) set up 9:30am.
 - 4:00pm Private Booking EHS (St Peter).
 - 6:30pm LIFE 2 Meeting (Magnificat).
 - 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing.

- Saturday
27 July
- 10:00am Music Lessons (St Paul).
 - 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (Magnificat) set up 10:00am.
 - 12:30pm Choir practice for Poland (St Paul).

- Sunday Mass
28 July
- 7:45am Filipino choir practice (St Paul).
 - 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul).
 - **12:30pm Hospitality masterclass (Magnificat, St Paul).**
 - 6:30pm Cornerstone and Keystone youth group (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter) set up 4:30pm.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

DIOCESAN PASTORAL DISCERNMENT DAY

Bishop Anthony Randazzo invites all in the North Shore Deanery to a special day of formation and discernment with Br Ian Cribb SJ on 23 August. Save the date; more details to come.

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



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Parish Chatswood

中文成人慕道班将于8月3号 9:30 am开课。

有兴趣了解天主教或有意向领洗者可联系：

- Grace Tai (广东话) 0403 345 809

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CHATSWOOD men ALIVE

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

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

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

In addition to regular monthly meetings, other events include:

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

**MEETINGS EVERY 2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
MAGNIFICAT ROOM**

PARISH MEETING ROOMS
CNR OF ARCHER & KIRK ST, CHATSWOOD
OPPOSITE OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH
MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7 PM

ALL MEN WELCOME
FOR MORE INFO

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Thank you to the 55 parishioners who joined in our ZOOM Rosary for Our Lady of Mount Carmel – some of whom were celebrating one year of enrollment into the Carmelite Family through the scapular.



This week at Playgroup we are learning to spell our names, Justin decided to help clean the cupboard, and our parents learned how to do a Tim Tam slam! Next week we'll celebrate Gabriel and Felicity's birthday!



Movie night this week for youth group before the school holidays finish up – check out the fresh popcorn from Bettina and Daven!



A look back at our Journey into Truth faith exploration program – looking forward to returning again this Tuesday!



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS OPEN

Enrolment for preparation and reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation are now open via Our Lady of Dolours parish website.

In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for Confirmation once they have been baptised and have reached 8 years of age or older. Please see the 'Children's Sacraments' page on our parish website for further details.

To enrol your child

Scan the QRv code or go the parish website:
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>



From the home page: click on the **Confirmation Enrolments** Tile.

Information you will need to enrol including all the dates for the program are on this page.

When you are ready to enrol, click on **Book Now** button at the bottom of this page and complete all the details as instructed.

Enrolments Close on Wednesday 24 July

For queries, contact Angela or Mona in the parish office chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au



SAINT JAMES FEAST DAY 25 JULY

- Saint James the Greater is the patron saint of Spain, pilgrims, and laborers. He is called "the Greater" to distinguish him from the other apostle named James, who is known as James the Less.
- The famous pilgrimage route, the Camino de Santiago, leads to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Spain, where his remains are believed to be buried. His emblem is the scallop shell, which is also a symbol of the Camino de Santiago. Pilgrims often wear or carry scallop shells on their journey.
- Saint James was the first apostle to be martyred, executed by King Herod Agrippa I around AD 44. According to legend, after his martyrdom, his disciples placed his body in a stone boat that miraculously sailed to Spain, where it was discovered by a local queen.

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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



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