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PARISH OF CHATSWOOD

19 Feb - 25 Feb 2023

7th Week Ordinary Time (Year A)



Welcome!

A very warm welcome to anyone 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 visit our parish website at www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood

Would you like to receive our Parish Bulletin by email? Please contact chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

In this week's bulletin we look forward to the start of our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday next week.

Keep an eye out for some fantastic events the youth team have organised to support the World Youth Day pilgrims - don't miss a chance to potentially see our youth chaplain tearing up the dance floor at the Salsa and Dance night!

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

Love your enemies.

This week's Gospel - Matthew 5:38-48





Dear friends

This week we begin our annual Season of Lent. This is such an important time of the year through which we are invited to reflect on the central mystery of our Christian life – the dying and rising of Christ Jesus. This mystery becomes alive in us as we die to our own self-serving and rise with new openness to one another. Through the journey of Lent, we are led into the greatest proclamation

of our Christian life: Christ is Risen! He lives! There are so many ways by which we can undertake our annual journey of renewal. The Church gives us three traditional means: prayer, fasting, almsgiving. In each of these actions we come up against our self-sufficiency, our self-satisfaction, our self-protection. This weekend, we have available many different resources:

- Bishop Anthony's letter introducing the Season of Lent
- Our parish publication covering how we can enter Lent
- Our diocesan resource of reflection on the Gospels of each Sunday of Lent
- Our Project Compassion Appeal boxes and envelopes by which we become mindful of the needs of others

We begin our Lenten Season this Wednesday 22 February – Ash Wednesday. We will have Masses in our church on this day at 7.00am, 9.00am, 12.30pm and 7.00pm. May this Lent be a new opportunity for us all.

Over these last few weeks, we have celebrated a several of our parish ministries. On Word of God Sunday, we acknowledged the very important ministry of our Readers at Mass, proclaiming God's Word. We have invited all of us to consider the invitation to our Alpha series through the weeks leading to Easter. Last Sunday, we highlighted our great youth ministry. This weekend, we turn our attention to our tremendous catechists who take our Faith to the Catholic children in our public schools. We will commission our catechists as they commence for a new school year. We have some 750 Catholic children in our public schools. The need to assist them to grow in their faith is urgent. Might you consider helping our great band of volunteers?

In our pews we have again this weekend our Interest Cards. Amongst the many options available for participation in our parish community, might one of them appeal to you? Do complete a card and leave it one of the white boxes underneath one of our Being Church in the City banners. And be sure to remember one of the several activities over the next few weeks, supporting our World Youth Day parish cohort!

Fr David

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ian Meredith; Luigi Calebrese; Valerie O'Connor; Anne Wunderlich.

ANNIVERSARY:

Margaret Cover.

SICK:

Anthony Mustaca; Victoria Tano; Fe Mendoza.

Requests for Mass Intentions:

It is a privilege to our priests to be able to offer Mass for a special intention, especially at the time someone has died or on the occasion of their anniversary. We welcome such requests. It is important to note, however, that a priest can only receive one intention per Mass. Therefore, it may not be possible to have a Mass offered on a specific day and at a particular time, given that the priest may already have allocated an intention for the Mass. Do be assured that if a Mass cannot be offered on a specific occasion it will be offered by a priest at the first available opportunity. Notwithstanding, if you would like a Mass for a specific purpose at a particular time, please contact a priest directly to seek to arrange this. All emails are on the back page of this bulletin.

This week's flowers in the church are donated by Elizabeth Clare Wright .



We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



The Pope's Prayer Intention
for February



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we gather, the Cammeraygal people, and pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as we continue the journey of Reconciliation

Above: Madonna and Child by Richard Campbell

On the cover of this week's bulletin are photos of the family Blessed Rani Maria - a nun of the Franciscan Clarist Congregation who was martyred for her faith in India. The top photo shows Blessed Rani's family blessing and forgiving her murderer, Samandar Singh. The below photo pictures him with her family after Mass. Not only did Blessed Rani Maria's family forgive her killer, but they helped him with his legal proceedings to allow him to be released early from his sentence. Samandar has since turned his life around and even walked 6kms from his home to Indore to attend the celebrations for Sr Rani's beatification.

We continue where we left off last week. Jesus is offering us a new ethic, a new way of life that goes beyond the bare minimums listed in the Ten Commandments. 'You have learnt how it was said ... but I say to you.' We all know the saying 'An eye for an eye'. In fact, many people appeal to this maxim to justify their actions. We have translated it into modern English: 'Don't get mad. Get even'. Talk about getting the wrong end of the stick! Yes, it is to be found in the ancient Jewish law in Exodus, and even earlier in the law code of Hammurabi, the eighteenth-century BC Babylonian king, but when Jesus quotes these words, it is to reject them, not endorse them. An eye for an eye is not the way that leads to life. As Mahatma Gandhi is reported to have said, 'An eye for an eye ends up making the whole world blind'. In the case of the old 'eye for an eye', it was a matter of being proportionate: of moving from a life for an eye to an eye for an eye. Jesus takes us beyond proportionate response into the world of non-retaliation. God demands perfection from us. It is not the perfection of being even more legalistic than the scribes and Pharisees, but a perfection that comes from allowing God to enter our lives, to heal every one of our ills, to have our sins removed from east to west.

To me this has always been one of the key characteristics of Christianity. Turning the other cheek and going the extra mile are at the heart of what it is to live a Christian life. It is so easy to strike back. We see it in children from infancy. You push me and I will push you, you tease me and I will tease you, you punch me and I will punch you. It is little wonder then that in our grown-up world we find: if you attack me, I will attack you; and if you bomb me, I will bomb you. People who otherwise call themselves Christians engage in this behaviour. Have they heard Jesus' words, 'Love your enemies'? Do they not realise that every person deserves respect because each of us is God's temple, and each of us has God's Spirit dwelling within us?

Augustine of Hippo preached on this text of Matthew (Sermo 386). He said: 'When God admonishes us to love one another, is this all he teaches: that you should love the one who loves you? This mutual love does not satisfy God, for he wants us to attain to loving our enemies'.

God is the enemy of sin and yet God loves the sinful person, so much so that Jesus gave his life for sinners. For at the heart of God is a love that is forgiving and merciful. In the Lord's Prayer, the prayer that Jesus himself taught us to pray, we acknowledge that we need God's forgiveness, yet we ask that God forgive us only to the extent that we are prepared to forgive others. We cannot expect the mercy of God to be shown to us unless we are truly transformed by it and allow it to flow through us to others. Our world will not believe in a God who forgives unless they see God's forgiveness at work through the way we forgive.

We can be thankful today that our God does forgive. We can be thankful that God does not punish us as we deserve, that God does not take eye for eye or tooth for tooth. We can be thankful that God does not consider us an enemy because of our sins and failings. We can be thankful that God has forgiven us in Christ. We can be thankful that we belong to Christ.

Geoffrey D. Dunn

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

20 February: Funeral of Valerie Rita O'Connor 10:00am.
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 11:30am.
Rosary (Cenacle, MMP) 11:45am.
Funeral of Anne Wunderlich 2:00pm.

Tuesday **St Peter Damian**

21 February: Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Morning Prayer: 8:45am.
Rosary 9:30am.
Funeral of Frank Kutra: 10:30am

Wednesday **Ash Wednesday**

22 February: Mass 7:00am, 9:00am, 12:30pm, 7:00pm.
Morning Prayer 8:45am.
Mercy College Liturgy 10:00am
Sacrament of Anointing after Mass 3rd Wed. of the month.
Rosary 9:30am

Thursday **St Polycarp**

23 February: Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Morning Prayer 8:45am.
Rosary 9:30am
Adoration and Exposition: After 9:00am Mass
Holy Hour with Reconciliation available 7:00pm

Friday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

24 February: Morning Prayer 8:45am.
Rosary 9:30am

Saturday Mass 9:00am

25 February: Morning Prayer 8:45am.
Exposition, Reconciliation, Rosary 9:30am.
Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help 10:00am
Benediction 10:30am
St Pius X Catholic College Mass 5:30pm

Sunday Mass 5:30pm Vigil (Saturday Night).

**First Sunday
of Lent**

7:30am followed by morning tea on the 1st
Sunday of the month.

26 February:

9:00am Family Mass - Children's Liturgy of the Word on 1st,
2nd, and 4th Sundays except on long weekends.

10:30am

12:00 Spanish Mass

5:30pm Youth Mass.

7:00pm Indonesian Mass



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 20 February

6:00pm: Alpha (Magnificat, St Peter, St Paul).

Tuesday 21 February:

10:00am: Bible Discussion Group (St Paul).

2:00pm: Mercy College Rehearsal (Church).

1:00pm: Cleaning of Meeting Rooms (Magnificat, St Peter, St Paul).

7:00pm: Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Paul).

7:00pm: Parish Pastoral Council (St Peter).

Wednesday 22 February:

11:00am: Parish staff meeting (Magnificat).

1:00pm: Reconciliation Facilitator Training (Atrium).

6:30pm: Exploring the Faith Course (St Peter).

7:00pm: Men Alive Group (Magnificat).

Thursday 23 February:

6:00pm: Legion of Mary (Magnificat).

Friday 24 February:

6:30pm: Indonesian Community Gathering (Magnificat, St Peter).

Saturday 25 February:

6:30pm: Capstone Youth (Magnificat).

6:30pm: Korean Bible Reading and Discussion (St Paul).



Cultural Community Mass:

Filipino: 12:00pm, 1st Sunday of the month.

Spanish: 12:00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month.

Indonesian: 7:00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month.

Mass Times

7:00 am

9:00 am

12:30 pm

7:00 pm

Ash
WEDNESDAY



ABOUT US: THE AYLWARD FAMILY



This week we meet the Aylwards - Chloe, Matt, Lincoln (3.5years), Isla (2years) who are soon expecting baby number 4! This means Chloe hasn't had a pina colada in a while - her favourite drink, and it also means we'll be saying goodbye to her for a little while from the parish office. If you see them at Mass, feel free to go up and say hello!

• **Ministry/Involvement with OLOD**

Administration Assistant Chatswood Parish, Matt and I both participate in Exploring the Faith Wednesday evenings, and mass on Sundays.

• **What inspires you to do what you do for the church?**

There is a wonderful, vibrant community at OLOD, it's easy to be inspired! I count myself very lucky that I get to do something I love, surrounded by loving people.

• **What has been your biggest challenge?**

The stillbirth of our first-born, Faith Aylward.

• **What does Our Lady of Sorrows symbolise for you?**

A mother's love for her children is truly endless. The heartache that Our Lady suffered (particularly around losing her own child), is a pain I can connect with and relate to in my own life.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT



As we are rapidly approaching Lent it is time to create a roster of those who might be available to lead the Stations on the Fridays of Lent.

This year the Stations will be prayed on every Friday from 24 February until Friday 31 March at 11:45 am. Fr Marek will lead these.

They will also be held at 7:30pm on Fridays 24 February and then on March, 10, 17, 24 & 31.

As in previous years, either individual parishioners or parish associations are welcome to lead our Friday evening Stations.

There are copies of the various versions of the Stations of the Cross, available from Deacon Kevin, for use

If you, or your group, would like to be involved in any particular Friday evening session during lent please email Deacon Kevin on kevin.hale@bbcatholic.org.au so that we can create a roster.

Please note that on the evening of Friday evening 3 March Stations will be replaced with the Divine Retreat Centre Healing Mass and Prayer

CATECHIST COORDINATOR WANTED

The Chatswood & Lindfield/Killara Parishes are seeking to recruit a part-time Catechist Coordinator, working across both Parishes, working approximately 25 hours per week. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, coordinating the Ministry of Special Religious Education (SRE) at a local parish level.

The ideal candidate will have relevant experience in SRE, of working with volunteers in a Catholic environment, comfort working autonomously and an understanding of the need for accountability and ownership in a role, excellent administration and time management skills and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite. An understanding of the Department of Education requirements in relation to Special Religious Education would be an advantage. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings.

The role does allow for flexibility with the working schedule; however, you will need to have availability outside of normal working hours from to time.

If this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au
Applications close Friday, 24 February 2023.

CHOIR CORNER

ASH WEDNESDAY

This is an open call to join the Parish Choir for the 7pm Ash Wednesday Mass! We would love to bring together as many talented individuals as we can, so please come along and join us in the choir loft!

10:30AM CHOIR

Choir practice runs every Tuesday evening 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the choir loft in the church. You don't have to be a good singer, it's more about letting the beauty of the music enhance our prayer and worship. All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are looking at growing our Children's Choir so if your child loves to sing, please bring them along! The Children's Choir sings at the gam Sunday Mass on the third Sunday of each month. Rehearsals are held after the gam Mass the second Sunday of each month so there is time to prepare.



If you have any questions, please contact me at chatswoodmusic@bbcatholic.org.au

Patrick Harrison, Director of Music

*Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye,
but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye?*

Matthew 7:3

FEBRUARY CAPTION COMPETITION

Whilst everyone these days is stuck on their phone, our Seniors' Morning Tea group is keeping fit and earning their tea! Caption the photo on the top left with something that best captures the spirit of our parishioners pictured and send your captions to Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au.

The best caption will be selected by members of our Seniors' Morning Tea group and will be judged according to humour and originality.

The winner will receive a Saints Like Us: Gratitude reflection card pack from Vunilagi Prayer and Reflection Cards. This set of 21 cards features a saints and holy women and men, together with their words of wisdom and a reflection question for you to think deeply on as you go about your normal life. The set also comes with a little card stand and is perfect for your desk or mantle - anywhere that will draw you to remember your faith.

Competition closes February 28th!



The next Seniors' Morning Tea will be on March 2nd at 10:00am.



YOUTH

Hey everyone! Have a look below at our upcoming youth ministry events. We're back for 2023 and our team is so excited to journey alongside the young people of our Parish!

Cailin Geraghty, Youth Leader



Youth Groups



FOR YEAR
5-8



FOR YEAR
9-12

DATES / TIMES

BOTH GROUPS MEET ON THE 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH (DURING SCHOOL TERM)

6:30PM-8:30PM

LOCATION

MEET IN THE FORECOURT OF OUR LADY OF DOLOURS



Youth Masses

SUNDAY 5:30PM

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES:

READING
MUSIC
WELCOMING
ALTAR SERVING
COLLECTIONS
OFFERTORY

Young Adults

Stay Updated

EMAIL

FOUNDATIONYOUTHMINISTRY.OLD@GMAIL.COM

INSTAGRAM

FOUNDATION_YOUTH_MINISTRY

FACEBOOK

SCAN THE QR CODE



DATES / TIMES

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH

6:30PM-8:30PM

SATURDAY 04 MARCH

Salsa & Dance
Night

DANCING . LIVE PERFORMANCES . FOOD

TICKETS \$35

INCL. FOOD

7:00PM

HARRINGTON HALL

94 ARCHER ST CHATSWOOD

E-MAIL:

FOUNDATIONYOUTHMINISTRY.OLD
@GMAIL.COM



Scan here to
buy tickets!

MAR
18-19

BAKE SALE

Foundation Youth
members will be
selling baked goods
to fundraise for
WYD.

More details coming
soon!

APR
15

PIZZA LUNCHEON
WYD FUNDRAISER

OVER 18s EVENT
FOOD AND DRINKS
INCLUDED

Tickets \$85



WORLD YOUTH DAY

Our young adults are preparing to join hundreds and thousands of other young people in celebrating their faith at World Youth Day in Lisbon this year! Sean Dixon, Cailin Geraghty, Clive Sam, Monty Calimbahin, Savio Coutinho, Ashleigh Wan, Thomas Hurrell will join other young Aussies in Lisbon together with Pope Francis to celebrate the joy and unique gifts that young people bring to our Church. If you would like to support our pilgrims, there is a tap and go donation point at the back of the church where you can also read more about them.

Please continue to keep all the pilgrims in your prayers.

Baptism

Our next Kids' Baptism Program will begin on Sunday 26 February 2023.

If you would like to know more about this program, or would like your child to join, download the information and enrolment forms from our parish website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

Click on Sacraments > Baptism > Kids' Baptism.

First Reconciliation

Enrolments for preparation and reception of First Reconciliation are now open,

Children are eligible to enrol for Reconciliation if they are 8 years of age or older and have been Baptised and Confirmed.

To enrol your child to the parish website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood> .From the home page click on Sacraments > Children's Sacraments > Reconciliation.

All the dates and information about the 2023 Reconciliation program are detailed here along with the link to enrol in the program.

Enrolments close on Friday 10 February 2023.

Family Mass

Our gam Family Mass is a family and child-friendly liturgy oriented to families with young children. This Mass is central to our mission of empowering parents in their role of bringing their children into relationship with God through their connection to the parish community.

There are many ways you and your child can get involved in this Mass such as:

- Join the Children's Liturgy of the Word .
- Sing in the Children's Choir on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- Children from Year 3 and up can join the Prayer Reading Roster.

But the best way to begin is to come along, see how everything unfolds and encourage your children to get involved. See you there!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

KINDY

Blessing



19 March 9:00am Family Mass
Our Lady of Dolours
94 Archer St Chatswood

Please bring a plate of food to share and join us after Mass in the school playground for morning tea.

For any queries contact: Angela at
angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

Our Lady
of Dolours

explore

life
faith
meaning



#TryAlpha



ALPHA

13 FEB 2023



Every Monday 7:00PM



KIRK STREET
MEETING ROOMS

Alpha is an introduction to Christian faith which assumes nothing.

If you've never read the Bible, never prayed, never been to church before, then Alpha is for you. But it's also for you if you've been coming to church for a long time – maybe your whole life – but you've still got big questions.

In each Alpha session we have a meal together, watch a video and have a conversation about what we've watched. We ask our questions and together work out the answers.

We'll be offering Alpha once a week on Mondays commencing on Monday, 13 February 2023 commencing at 7:00pm (for dinner).

We'd love you to come! Please bring a friend who would also like to know Jesus! Let's explore life, faith and meaning together in 2023!

For more details – and to register – go to:
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/alpha>

Or scan the QR code below.

Registration is essential.

**For queries contact: Gillian 0412 373 324;
Email: gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com**



A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

HELP SYRIA. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please visit www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake

Chatswood St Vincent de Paul received 4 requests for help in January. Three of these were from people already known to us. An old age pensioner sought help with dental needs and food, another Disability Support pensioner had paid up his bills but had nothing left to live on, whilst a third, also Disability support, had just been released from hospital following a stroke and needed help to get back to managing affairs. An itinerant sought a top up for her Optus. Assistance in excess of \$300 was provided.



Chatswood Vinnies January Report

THE MINISTRY OF THE WILD GOOSE

DISCOVERING A DEEPER
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY
SPIRIT

THE WILD GOOSE

Reflection and Discussion on the
Holy Spirit, beginning March 7.

Tuesdays 7:30pm- 9:00pm
Magnificat Room, Kirk Street

All welcome!

Any questions? Contact Gill at
gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com

The Wild Goose series is truly a work of the Holy Spirit. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit.

It is a 14 part series featuring Fr Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert,

The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.

Spiritual
Direction

Now available with Fr Joey.

For more information please e-mail the parish
office at chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au





Altar flower arrangements can be donated to honour any special occasion.

Donations can be made on a one-time basis or annually. The suggested donation for floral arrangements is \$100.

Volunteers will then beautifully and simply arrange your flowers for Sunday.

Please submit your donation at least one month prior to the date you would like to dedicate the flowers.

To reserve a date on the calendar, contact the parish on 02 9410 9000 or chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

*Scan this QR code to donate to the first or second collection for our Parish.
Thank you for the many ways in which you support our parish!*



Home Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be available again to visit your home for a week from Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday. A special blessing will be given when the statue is picked up from O.L.D. church after 9 am Mass.

A booklet of prayers will be provided to help your family and friends to venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary.

If interested, please contact via text or audio call for reservation

Cecilia @ 0466 961 240; or,

Ditas @ 0405 999 510

BECOME A MENTOR!

LIFESTYLE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PROGRAM (LECP)



Would you like to give back and make a lasting difference in people's lives?

We are seeking mentors to be part of our upcoming program.

What is the role of a mentor?

With kindness, empathy and plenty of listening, the role of mentors is simply to create a supportive environment for participants.



What is Lifestyle English Conversation Program?

It helps to break down the language barriers in our community through conversations in a friendly and kind environment.

The program gives people of all ages and backgrounds who are not comfortable with the use of everyday English, the opportunity to improve their language skills and build confidence.

Everyone is encouraged and supported to speak as much or as little as they feel comfortable.



Make a difference!

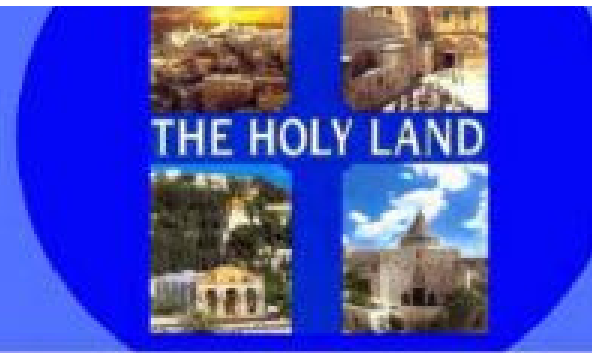
If you would like to make a real and lasting difference in the lives of others, contact Anthony on 04-14-364-522/ anthony@churchinthecity.com.au to learn more!



Do I need any qualifications or skills to become a mentor?

You don't need any qualifications or skills, the only pre-requisites are a passion to help and care for others.

Holy Land Pilgrimage



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land starts on 26th September for 8 nights 9 days for 30 pilgrims.

Note: 20 already expressed interest to join but not all confirmed yet

Proposed program: Mass will be celebrated daily

Day 1 - Arrival; transfer to Haifa, Mt Carmel Stella Maris;

Day 2 - Cana, Tiberias (Mount Beatitudes, Capernaum, Tabgha, Boat ride on Sea of Galilee), Nazareth

Day 3 - Mount Tabor, Jericho, Mt Temptation, Dead Sea, Wadi Welt to view St George in Kotziba

Day 4 - Bethlehem - Shepherd's Field, Church of the Nativity, St Catherine Church, Milk Grotto, Mt Zion, Dormition Abbey, Cenacle

Day 5 - Ein Karem, Basilica of Visitation, Church of St John the Baptist; Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum

Day 6 - Wailing Wall and temple area; via Dolorosa; Old city of Jerusalem: Jewish, Moslem and Christian Quarters

Day 7 - Bethany, Lazarus Tomb, Bethphage, Mount of Olives, Ascension place, Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemani, Basilica of the Agony, Tomb of BVM

Day 8 - Full visit of Holy Sepulchre; Abu Gosh

Day 9 - Transfer to Ben Gurion airport after Mass & breakfast

Pilgrimage Cost: per person

10 - 14 pilgrims AUD 3700

15 - 24 pilgrims AUD 3200

25 - 35 pilgrims AUD 2500

Single supplement - additional AUD 1200

INCLUSION:

Hotel accommodation with breakfast and dinner

1 night: Haifa - Stella Maris Mt Carmel

1 night: Nazareth - Legacy or similar 4-star

6 nights: Jerusalem - Olive Tree or similar 4-star

Deluxe air-conditioned bus with wifi

Chaplain (Fr Joey)

Local English-speaking guide

Entrance fee for visits mentioned in the program

Parking and portage where necessary

Pilgrimage Cost:

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches

Tips of all kinds

Drinks

Flights*

Insurance

- **Note:** You need to book your own flights so you can use your frequent flyer points or flight credits, if any. We will advise expected date/time to meet in Tel Aviv. We can provide assistance to book flights on case-to-case basis.

Petra, Jordan extension after pilgrimage can be offered depending on the number of people interested.

Please contact Fr Joey or Ditas for further details via

email - bhnaguit@gmail.com

with cc: joey.frez@bbcatholic.org.au

or text/call - 0405999510

by **14 February 2023** – to secure accommodation in Holy Land.

In case political unrest is imminent cancellation 45 days before the departure will be allowed without penalty. Highly recommended to purchase travel insurance as soon as final payment is made.

Deposit of \$250 will be requested to secure your place. Payment can be made by credit card via TryBooking (link to be sent).



Legacy Nazareth Hotel



Olive Tree Hotel



AROUND AND ABOUT

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



1ST FRIDAY HEALING SERVICE

with Fr. Roni George VC
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
CHATSWOOD

6:30PM-8:30PM
(Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Mass & Adoration)

3rd Feb, 3rd Mar, 7th Apr, 5th May,
2nd June, 7th July, 4th Aug, 1st Sept,
6th Oct, 3rd Nov

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DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE

160 Hensons Road, Somersby, SYDNEY-NSW 2250,
Tel: 02 4372 1598, 04 6848 6782, email drcsydney@gmail.com
• www.divineretreatcentre.org • www.facebook.com/divineretreatcentersomersby



ON
GOING

Meditation Days at St Benedict's Monastery, Arcadia

Invitation to St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia for 2023 :
Sundays - 19th February, 21st May, 20th August and 19th November.
For our Introduction and Renewal Days for Christian Meditation.

Timetable : Arrival from 10am to register for a 10:30am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, periods of meditation, Mass, information exchange, conclusion around 3pm.

Book display and morning tea provided, BYO picnic lunch.

Enquires : Ann Bergman, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas ,
atlomas@bigpond.com / 9653 2637

Possible accommodation in the Monastery Guest House: Fr Michael Kelly,
0455 329 607 mkelly@silvestrini.org



23
FEB

Serra Vocations Mass and Dinner Meeting

Father Aldrin Valdehueza will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 23rd February 2023.

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

Following the meeting Father Aldrin will speak to us about our Lenten journey.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email
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MAR

Day of the Unborn Child

10:30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

12:00pm Street Procession

1:30pm Benediction

Join the celebration and commemoration of the importance and beauty of all life.



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SEP

THE ART OF
LITURGICAL
CELEBRATION

The Art of Liturgical Celebration

Liturgy and Music Conference 28-30 September, Brisbane

6 Keynote presentations, 50+ Workshops, Conference Mass, Panel Discussion, Regional Interest Group, Yarning Circles, Conference Dinner, Trade and Resource Exhibits.

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A totally free video series from evangelist Matthew Leonard that will help you surrender all your difficulties to the Lord and find interior peace.

How do I watch it?

Scan the QR Code for the sign up page (or go to ScienceOfSainthood.com).

When does it begin?

Streaming begins Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and lasts through Lent.

“Can I just say - WOW!”

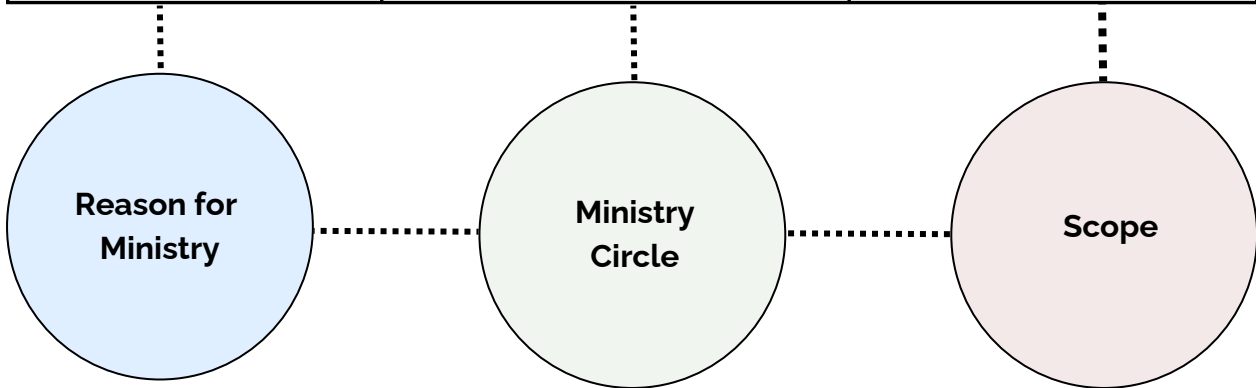
“There is NOTHING like this in “Catholic-land” online.”



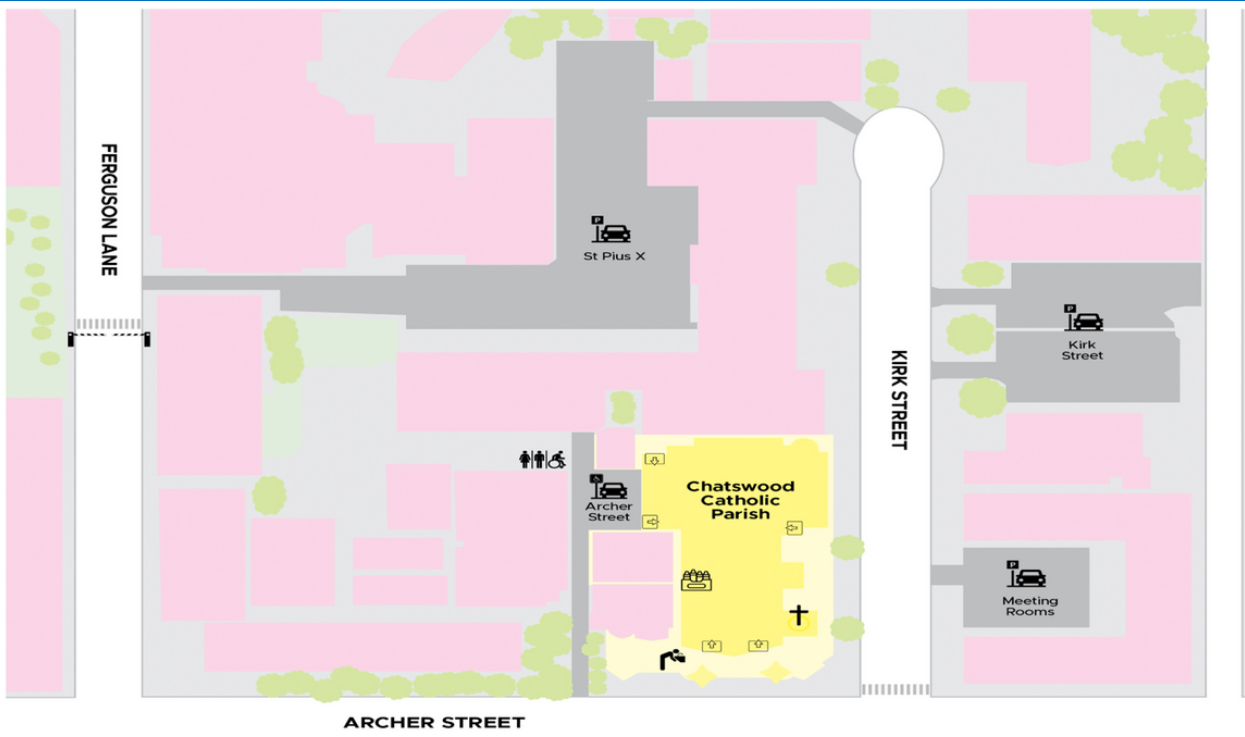
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OUR CIRCLES OF MINISTRY

Love God Mark 12:30	Worshiping Together Leading Reflective Lives	Liturgy and Music Prayer and Spirituality
Love One Another John 13:34	Nurturing Relationships Caring for our World Caring for One Another	Community and Family Ecology and Social Justice Support and Visitations
Make Disciples Matthew 28:18-20	Growing in Faith Sharing the Good News Building our Future	Catechesis and Formation Mission and Evangelisation Administration and Stewardship
Supports all ministries	Building our Future	Administration and Stewardship



PARKING



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Mass This Week:

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

Tuesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

Wednesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

Thursday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Reconciliation: 7:00pm.

Friday Mass: 9:00am & 12:30pm.

Saturday Mass: 9:00am
Reconciliation: 9:30am.

Sunday Masses:

5:30pm Vigil
(Saturday Night).

7:30am

9:00am

10:30am

5:30pm
Youth Mass



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Contact Olivia at

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**The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday
from 9:00am - 5:00pm.**

You are always welcome to call in or visit us.



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19th, 2023

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*What did Jesus tell the people
in today's Gospel reading?
Use the code to find out!*

Saint Polycarp

February 23

SAINT POLYCARP LEARNED ABOUT JESUS FROM SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE. HE BECAME THE BISHOP OF SMYRNA, IN WHAT IS NOW TURKEY.



POLYCARP FOUGHT AGAINST HERESIES THAT CONFUSED PEOPLE ABOUT GOD, BUT WAS KIND TO EVERYONE.



POLYCARP CELEBRATED EASTER ON A DIFFERENT DAY THAN THE POPE, BUT THEY DID NOT ARGUE ABOUT IT.



The celebration is more important than the day.

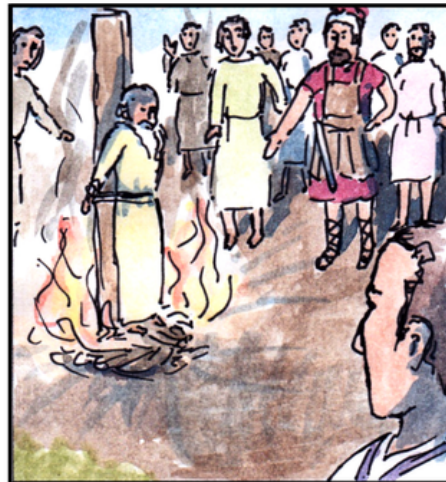


IN THOSE DAYS THE ROMANS HATED THE CHRISTIANS BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT WORSHIP THE GODS.

WHEN THEY CAME FOR POLYCARP HE HID ON A FARM, BUT WAS FOUND.



AT FIRST THEY FELT SORRY FOR HIM BECAUSE HE WAS SO OLD. THEY TRIED TO CONVINCE HIM TO GIVE UP THE FAITH.



HE WOULDN'T REJECT THE FAITH, SO THEY TRIED TO BURN HIM, BUT THE FIRE ONLY WENT AROUND HIM AND DIDN'T HURT HIM! FINALLY THEY STABBED HIM.

SAINT POLYCARP HELD ONTO HIS FAITH EVEN WHEN HE WAS VERY OLD. HE WOULDN'T EVEN GIVE UP ON JESUS WHEN HE WAS FACED WITH TORTURE. MOST OF US WON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN KEEPING OUR FAITH AND GETTING KILLED, BUT WE STILL HAVE TO BE BRAVE TO STAY TRUE TO JESUS IN THE WORLD.

True or False:
What did Jesus say?

*How does Jesus tell us we should act toward others?
Which of these are true and which are false?*



1. When someone hits you on one cheek, you should hit them back.
True or False?

2. If someone tries to take your coat, you should give them your tunic as well.
True or False?



3. If someone makes you walk a mile with them, you should walk two miles.
True or False?



4. If someone asks for something, you shouldn't lend it to them, since they might not give it back.
True or False?

5. You should love your friends and hate your enemies. True or False?



6. You should love your enemies and do good to the people who hate you.
True or False?



7. You should be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect.
True or False?

Ash Wednesday



This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time of repentance. We make sacrifices and try to improve our lives to become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned but He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices—out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus on the cross offered up His life to God the Father.

On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. But they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.



Answer to puzzle on front: Be perfect as
your Heavenly Father is perfect.
Answers to True or False: 1.false 2.true
3.true 4.false 5.false 6.true 7.true