



THE BULLETIN

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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 weekend is your last chance to register for Parish in Council! Be sure to sign up for you and your family as we come together to discern how to ignite the hearts of our young people.

Mark your calendars for our parish Feast Day on September 15 and for the novena preceding it! Due to local works, access to the church will change, but it's still a wonderful opportunity to gather and give thanks for Our Lady's patronage over our community.

Discounted tickets for the Ignite Youth conference are still available—check inside for details from Bettina. Ignite is an exciting chance for young people to deepen their faith together.

Join us every week for our Wednesday evening Mass of Hope, dedicated to praying for loved ones dealing with anxiety, depression, loneliness, and other challenges of the spirit and mind.

Thank you very much to the Indonesian Catholic Community for donating this week's church flowers!



On the lands of the Cammeraygal people.

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

This Sunday's Gospel - John 6:51-58



Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

This week marks the beginning of our four child/parent group sessions, preparing for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 14 September.. Over the coming 4 weeks at the Vigil and 9am Masses we will have a Mass Ritual for these children. We welcome our children and their families into this special journey which brings to completion what was begun at their Baptism. This weekend the Mass Ritual entails the children being presented to the parish community and to ask the parishioners to take a "Pray for me" card to pray for a child during the program.

On this Sunday we are especially mindful of all the member Churches of our Willoughby Christian Ministers Association. They are praying for us, and we pray for them. The current member Churches and their senior Pastors are (in alphabetical order) :

Baptist Church - Phil Calman; Church of Christ - William Tjoa; Church for the City - James Ryburn; Hillsong - Allen Yam; LifeSource - John Iuliano; Our Lady of Dolours - David Ranson; Salvation Army - David & Lara Sutcliffe; Seventh Day Adventist - Mark Baines; St Pauls Anglican - Steve Jeffrey; St Stephens Anglican - Prash Colombage;

Uniting Church - Ingrid Robertson; Willoughby Park Anglican - Tony Wright. One of the very exciting things that we are currently working on together is a grand Christmas Carols on the Concourse at 7.30pm on Saturday 14 December! We are envisaging a choir from across our Churches that fills the steps of the Concourse. It will be a most amazing way to bring the celebration of Christmas to our city!

Bishop Anthony extends an invitation to the People of God in the North Shore Deanery to participate in a pastoral discernment process for our region. This is an opportunity for everyone to engage in the conversation to discern the particular needs of the community on the North Shore. The Pastoral Discernment project is an invitation to walk together, listen deeply to one another, and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our collective discernment. Every voice is an essential part of this shared journey. An online formation and information session is being planned for 2pm-5pm on Friday 23 August, with Mr Andrew Spiteri. Andrew, who will join us from Rome, has actually worked with our own parish team for our Parish-in-Council. The online gathering with him on Friday 23 August is open to all diocesan members, leaders, and Consultation Facilitators of the North Shore Deanery. Registrations for the 'A Synodal Church' formation gathering with Mr Andrew Spiteri can be made here: [A Synodal Church Formation gathering](#). Then, during September we will have opportunity to come together as a parish community to engage more directly in the process, ultimately sharing a report of our perspectives to the Bishop. In the weeks ahead there will be more information about the journey to which our parish, along with all the parishes of the North Shore, will contribute.

The work of maintenance never ceases. In the last week, we have had to attend to the discovery of a crumbling sewage line along the southern side of the Parish Office that extends to the main sewer line down Archer Street. This has been an expensive operation, costing us an unexpected \$40,000. We are grateful that we have the funds from which to draw to attend to this critical infrastructure repair.

The works on Chatswood Chase are entering a new phase of development. Please note that our Parish will be



This week's church flowers are generously donated by the

Indonesion Catholic Community

in thanksgiving to God,

and in celebration of their community Mass this weekend.



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>



directly affected on the weekend of 14/15 September. Archer Street, from Wattle Lane to Victoria St will be closed to traffic from the Friday evening to the Sunday evening as a crane is built and hoisted on top of the complex. This means that on that weekend, Kirk St and our carparks off Kirk Street will not be available. Parking will be available at Pius College – but only from the Ferguson Lane entrance, which itself will only be able to be accessed from Andersson St. The pedestrian footpath along Archer St outside our church will remain open. We will keep reminding everyone as the time approaches.

This weekend, our Animation Ministry Circle joins us at all our Masses to share with us the outcomes of our May session of Parish-in-Council and where we will go with our August Session. It's not too late to register for our session of Parish-in-Council on Saturday 31 August from 12pm (noon) – 5.00pm. Details are in our bulletin. Do come along and be part of the conversation that is truly enlivening our parish community!

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



Staff of Apostles, pray for us.

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.

Anchor of confidence, pray for us.

Joy of all Saints, pray for us.

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Paul Yong (husband of Cecilia, brother of Rita Hung); Peter George Stuart; Lillian McDonough; Dr Larry Yip; Paul Lim.

Our loved ones who are sick:

Sally Luxton; Sr Marie Dayton; Giselle Clark; Judith Ryan; Sally Luxton; Jim & Ann Avery; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Leo Barry; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlastic; Ying Leong Fong (father in law of Hannah Fong); The mother of Fr Greg Skulski; 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:

Maryelaine Manlangit (daughter of Ping and Lydia); Hilary Isabel Coutinho; Petar Sardelic - 16th August; Maria Sardelic - 14 August; Marin Sardelic - 8 August; Atanasius Teno Tjung - 8 August; Bartolo Paino - 12 August (Father of Maria Paino); Frances Hung; Victor Maher (father of Cheryl Thomas); Gary Maher (brother of Cheryl Thomas).

- To little Bertie (grandchild of Cynthia & Dave) on her baptism this weekend - may you grow each day in the love and grace of God, and may your parents be blessed with the wisdom and strength to guide you on your journey of faith.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



**Deacon
Kevin Hale**

Imagine entering a restaurant where the owner promises, "Our food will give you so much vitality that you'll never go hungry again.

Not only that, you'll never weaken, or get sick, or even die!"

Wouldn't you think that the owner was either a con artist or deranged?

Yet, in a spiritual sense, this is the claim that Jesus made when he said that he was "the bread that came down from heaven... . The one who eats this bread will live forever".

"This bread" that Jesus is talking about is his very life, the life that he makes available to us every time we celebrate the Eucharist. He is the food that makes us immortal, the drink that quenches our thirst forever. Sound impossible? Not for anyone who believes Scripture's statement that "for God all things are possible"!

When we hear these words, we tend to focus our attention on the teaching that the Eucharist is the true presence of Christ. But Jesus placed just as much emphasis on the promise that those who ate of him in faith will live forever: "I will raise them up on the last day".

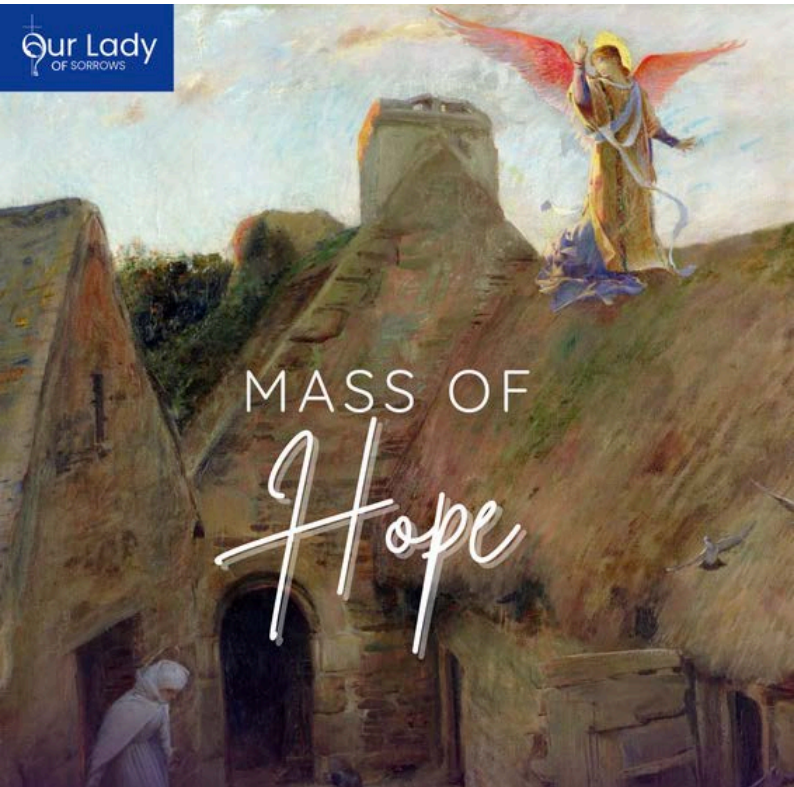

Eternal life through the Eucharist comes as we connect what we eat with how we live.

The first and second readings allude to this. As beloved children of God, we should be "making the most of the time". We should be taking care that our days are filled with praise and worship of the Lord and that we are constantly seeking more of the Holy Spirit. We should be seeking wisdom from God for our future and healing from God for our past. Everyone wants to be eternally youthful, but Jesus' promise, of raising us up on the last day, far surpasses our wildest dreams.

Imagine, we will have a glorified body that will radiate the very holiness and power of our God! This promise of the Second Coming is so closely linked to the Eucharist that it pervades the celebration of the Mass as well.


The Nicene Creed, for instance, states that Jesus will "come again in glory." In the Sanctus, we proclaim, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." The First Memorial Acclamation that we used in the old translation was emphatic: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." This short prayer, in fact, sums up the entire gospel message – and one-third of that message is the Second Coming.

At every Mass, we are reminded that Jesus will return, whether it be today or a million years from now. The exact hour is hidden in God's design, yet we can be certain that he will come again as the King of Love. For this, we should always give praise! At Mass and in prayer today, dwell on these truths. Let them sink into your heart. And even more importantly, let the Holy Spirit fill you with a deeper desire to be in complete communion with Jesus.



MASS OF
Hope

All are welcome to join us in prayer for our family and friends in the community who are struggling with anxiety, depression, loneliness, or other troubles of the mind and spirit.

 Wednesdays at 6:00pm at
Our Lady of Sorrows (Dolours) Catholic Church,
94 Archer St, Chatswood.

Mass of Hope: For a while now, we've been gathering for Mass at 6pm on Wednesdays, and through our time together, we've come to understand more deeply the struggles that many in our community face. In response, we've decided to dedicate this Wednesday Mass to praying specifically for our family and friends who are dealing with anxiety, depression, loneliness, and other challenges of the mind and spirit.

To help us unite in this prayer, we've added a 'Tree of Hope' near the ambo. We encourage you to share your intentions and give it life by placing a leaf on the tree, so we can join together in lifting up these prayers to God.



Congratulations to our SEEK vocation formation group who served at Mass together for the first time and did a fantastic job!



SAINT BERNARD
MEMORIAL 20 AUGUST

- Saint Bernard is known as the "Doctor Mellifluus" because of his eloquent and sweet-sounding preaching and writing. "Mellifluus" means "flowing with honey," reflecting his ability to communicate in a beautiful and accessible way.

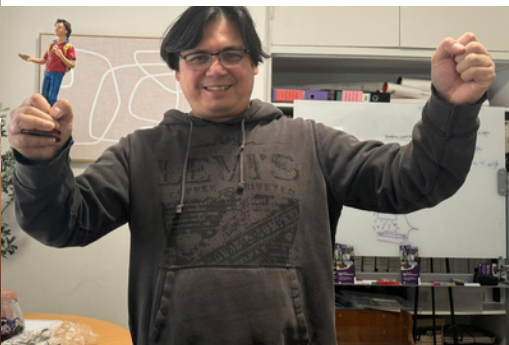
- Bernard was the founder and first abbot of Clairvaux Abbey in France. Under his leadership, the abbey grew rapidly. At its height, it had over 700 monks.
- Legend has it that on Bernard's feast day, the bees of Clairvaux Abbey would produce honey that was especially sweet and abundant. This miracle was seen as a sign of God's favor and Bernard's nickname, "Doctor Mellifluus."

Join us for Vespers: Our Lady of Dolours is hosting a Choral Workshop on Saturday 24th August. To conclude the event, the workshop choir will be singing for a public service of Vespers at 4:45pm, following shortly after by the 5:30pm Vigil Mass.

Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Divine Office in which the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray continually". It is a short, contemplative service of sung hymns, psalms and canticles led by the choir. All are welcome to attend this special service of Vespers in our parish.



We had a packed room at Playgroup with 4 new families joining us after Mass of the Assumption! Welcome to Anthony, Maria, Gaie, and Sally!



Carlo statues have arrived, ready for our Feast Day celebration for Blessed Carlo Acutis on October 11!



Around 50 of us jumped on line on Thursday evening to pray the Rosary over Zoom together for the Solemnity of Our Lady's Assumption! Join us on the 22nd for our next one.



Left: Sean, Daven, Peter, Hamish – some of our SEEK vocation candidates recently visited the seminary as part of their formation together! Please continue to pray for them all.

Right: The incredibly talented Marlisha Punzalan visited our church last week! Marlisha won X Factor in 2014 when she was just 15 and she grew up in Chatswood, and visited our church with her family. Keep an eye out for her new music being released soon!



Below: Check out this throwback from 1982 – The view straight across the road to our church, before Chatswood Chase was built!



Smores, bonfire, and good company after the 7pm Assumption Mass!

FEASTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IN AUGUST

Please join us to pray the rosary together via Zoom to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary on her special feast days.



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY BODY AND SOUL INTO HEAVEN

THURSDAY 15 AUGUST at 8 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88486181147>

Meeting ID: 884 8618 1147 (No Passcode required)



CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AS QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

THURSDAY 22 AUGUST at 8 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87674750323>

Meeting ID: 876 7475 0323 (No Passcode required)

(Please note different Zoom Links for different days)

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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EAT MY FLESH, DRINK MY BLOOD. In the Incarnation, 'the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.' The Word continues to take flesh in the Eucharistic species and in all of us who partake of the flesh and blood of Christ in Communion: 'those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them.' Through the Eucharistic community, Christ continues to be enfleshed and to dwell in our world.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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

Prov 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table.

She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 33:2-3, 10-15. R. v. 9

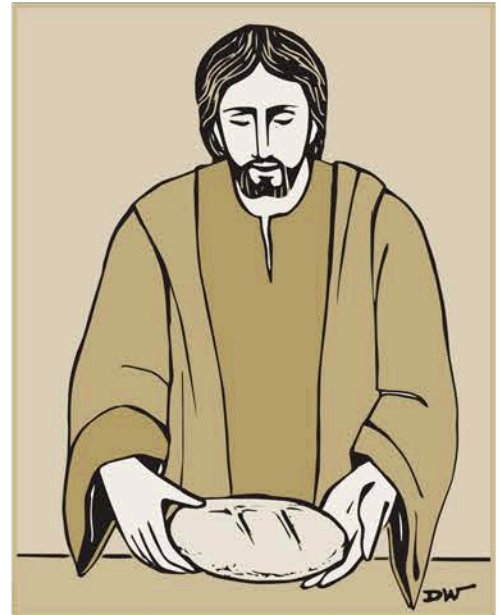
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

2. Revere the Lord, you his saints. / They lack nothing, those who revere him. / Strong lions suffer want and go hungry / but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. **R.**

3. Come, children, and hear me / that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. / Who is he who longs for life / and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? **R.**

4. Then keep your tongue from evil / and your lips from speaking deceit. / Turn aside from evil and do good; / seek and strive after peace. **R.**



SECOND READING

Eph 5:15-20

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

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 6:51-58

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink
my blood

has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live
for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. 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 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,

we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

LIVE FOREVER

What does it mean for us to live forever, to abide in Christ and have Christ abide in us? This is the question that lingers for me. I invite you to ponder too.

The reading from Proverbs brings an invitation from Wisdom to a banquet where a question is raised: Will you leave the way of ignorance and join the way of insight? This is the only way forward to life. This snippet links to the Gospel where the Bread of Heaven discourse continues by reiterating the final sentence from last week's Gospel. We observe that 'Whoever eats of this bread [the living bread from heaven] will live forever' is replicated in the last line, 'But the one who eats this bread will live forever.'

These sentences frame the 'Amen, Amen' ('I tell you solemnly') saying given in response to the Judeans dispute about eating Jesus' flesh. Life, eternal life, is only possible for those who partake of Jesus' flesh and blood.

These readings remind us how difficult it must have been for first century followers to understand fully who Jesus is and what he offered. For the Johannine community the reinterpretation of the Mosaic Law to a new understanding of the Christ causes distress. It isn't that easy for us to understand today. What we might understand is our deep need to be in communion in the body and blood of Christ in the community. How much we missed that during the pandemic. Blessed, broken, shared and given: the body of Christ, Amen.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH

Monday
19 August

- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary (Cenacle, MMP).
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 1:00pm Rosary.
- 1:30pm Organ practice SC.
- 3:00pm Organ lesson SC.

Tuesday
20 August

Memorial:
St Bernard

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Mass.**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- 10:30am Organ practice SC.
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 1:00pm Rosary.
- 2:00pm Organ practice OC.
- 4:00pm Organ practice AH.
- 7:15pm Filipino choir practice.

Wednesday
21 August

Memorial:
St Pius X

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Mass.**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- **12:30pm Mass followed by the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.**
- 1:00pm Rosary.
- 3:30pm Organ practice BJ.
- **6:00pm Mass of Hope** for our family and friends in the community who are struggling with anxiety, depression, loneliness, or other troubles of the mind and spirit.

Thursday
22 August

Memorial:
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Mass.**
- 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 1:00pm Rosary.
- 2:00pm Organ practice OC.
- 3:30pm Organ lesson TL.
- 4:30pm Organ lesson SL.
- 7:00pm Holy Hour Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation also available.

Friday
23 August

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

Saturday
24 August

Feast:
St Bartholomew

- 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.
- 1:00pm Vocal workshop.
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass.**

Sunday Mass
25 August

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **7:30am Mass.**
- **9:00am Mass.**
- **10:30am Mass.**
- 12:00pm Baptisms.
- 1:30 Organ practice SC.
- 2:30pm Organ practice AH.
- **5:30pm Mass.**

耶穌向他們說「我實實在在告訴你們：你們若不吃人子的肉，不喝他的血，在你們內，便沒有生命。誰吃我的肉，並喝我的血，必得永生，在末日，我且要叫他復活。 若望福音 6:53-54

And do not grieve the holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. (And) be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. Ephesians 4:30-32

NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

Monday
19 August

- 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium).
- 1:30pm Friends & Fellowship (St Paul).
- 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6, 6-9 & 9-12 year olds (Atrium).
- 4:00pm Private booking EHS (St Peter).
- 6:30pm YIC Feedback (Magnificat)

Tuesday
20 August

- 10:00am Bible Study (St Paul).
- 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6, 6-9 & 9-12 year olds (Atrium).
- 4:00am Private booking EHS (St Peter).
- 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter).
- 7:00pm Journey into Truth (Magnificat, St Paul) set up 5:30pm.

Wednesday
21 August

- 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat).
- 4:00pm Private Booking EHS (St Peter).
- 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter).

Thursday
22 August

- 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).
- 8:00pm Zoom Rosary.

Friday
23 August

- 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) set up 9:30am.
- 4:00pm Private Booking EHS (St Peter).
- 6:30pm Life 1 (Magnificat)
- 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing.

Saturday
24 August

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

Sunday Mass
25 August

- 7:45am Filipino Choir Practice (St Paul).
- 6:30pm Keystone & Cornerstone youth groups (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter) set up 4:30pm.



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Child friendly weekday Mass every Thursday 12:30pm

Attending Mass can often be stressful for a parent, particularly while juggling the needs of your child. This Mass is an opportunity to gather with other parents, without judgement, with the support of the Priest and parishioners.



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

The Season of Creation is celebrated in the Church from 1st September to 4th October. This year the theme is 'to hope and act with Creation'. In order to fill our church with nature's beauty, we are inviting the various ministries of the parish as well as individual families to decorate a ledge of the church with pot plants (on saucers) for the month. You are also invited to choose a Bible quotation that celebrates God's creation with the name of your family or ministry. If you would like to book a family ledge or simply contribute one or more pot plants, please email me at jokaraolis1@bigpond.com or ring Diana at the parish office.

Working in a Parish Office

Working in a parish office, it's easy to think that the work is all about photocopying, typing, and keeping things running smoothly. But over time, you realize that the real work is something much deeper—it's about perspective. It's about being present in those quiet moments when someone comes to you, burdened with pain, and simply needs a prayer, a listening ear, or a silent moment of solidarity.

This role places you in a unique position. You're often one of the first people someone turns to when they're in need, trusting you with their deepest struggles. And then, you see them in the pews, joining the community in worship. It's in those moments that you're struck with a powerful realisation: every person there is carrying something unseen, a burden or a pain, as they come to receive and worship God.

This perspective reshapes your understanding of what it means to work. It's not just about the tasks that keep the office running; it's about the sacred responsibility of holding space for others in their times of need. It reminds you that beneath the surface of everyday interactions, there is a deeper connection we all share—a shared need for God's grace, healing, and presence.

In this space, you witness firsthand the profound truth that we are all in this together, seeking solace and strength in God, each carrying our own hidden struggles.

Yes, emails need to be checked, and there's always work to be done, but when someone needs you, that's what matters most in that moment. It's these moments that breathe life into your work, transforming it from a series of tasks, into a vocation of love and service.

Olivia L



SAINT BARTHOLOMEW FEAST DAY 24 AUGUST

- Saint Bartholomew, also known as Nathanael, was one of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus. His name "Bartholomew" is believed to be derived from "Bar-Tolmai," meaning "son of Tolmai" in Aramaic.

- When Philip brought Bartholomew to Jesus, Christ remarked, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is no deceit" (John 1:47). This statement highlights Bartholomew's honesty and integrity.

- Saint Bartholomew is the patron saint of tanners, leather workers, and bookbinders. This association comes from the tradition that he was martyred by being flayed alive, making him a symbol of those who work with leather.

SAINT PIUS X

MEMORIAL
21 AUGUST



- Saint Pius X is often called the "Pope of the Eucharist" because he lowered the age for First Holy Communion to 7 years old, emphasizing that young children should receive Jesus in the Eucharist as soon as they reach the age of reason.

- Born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto in 1835 in a small village in Italy, Saint Pius X came from a humble background. His father was a postman, and his family lived in modest conditions. Despite this, he rose to the highest office in the Church, becoming pope in 1903.

- Despite his high office, Pius X was known for his simplicity and humility. He insisted on continuing to live modestly even after becoming pope, rejecting many of the luxuries that came with the papal position.

- When Pius X was canonized in 1954, he became the first pope to be declared a saint since Pope Pius V, who was canonized in 1712. This highlighted his significant impact on the Church during his papacy.

- Pius X had a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and encouraged the faithful to pray the Rosary.

- Pius X's papal motto was "Instaurare omnia in Christo" (To restore all things in Christ). This reflected his mission to renew the Church and society by bringing them closer to Christ.

- Saint Pius X was dedicated to teaching the faith. He wrote the encyclical *Acerbo Nimis*, which emphasized the importance of catechesis, and he personally oversaw the creation of a new catechism to help the faithful.

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING



THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST 2024 AT SACRED HEART CHURCH
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Fr Aldrin Valdehueza, our Chaplain and Assistant Priest at
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Following the Mass, dinner, and a short meeting Sister
Virginia will speak to us. If you would like to learn more
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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
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