



THE BULLETIN

25 AUGUST 2024

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)



Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

This Sunday's Gospel - John 6:60-69

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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 our Choral Workshop kicks off with over 50 participants! Wishing all attendees the very best day.

Please note that our priests will be away on retreat next week which means there are significant changes to the week day Mass schedule.

A big congratulations to our Indonesian Catholic community who celebrated Indonesian Independence day last week with Mass and a wonderful celebration after.

Note for Parish-in-Council IV participants: There is no pre-read pack for our coming Parish-in-Council IV meeting on Saturday 31 August 2024, however for first time attendees to a Parish-in-Council meeting, and for those who would like a refresher to recall your Charisms, please find the Charism questionnaire pack in the main Church entrance foyer (on the left-hand table). Completing the questionnaire will help identify some of your Charisms which will be needed for our Parish-in-Council meeting. We look forward to seeing all of you who have registered at next weekend's Parish-in-Council IV. Doors open at Harrington Hall from 11.30am, please be seated before 12.10pm.

Thank you very much to Judith Ryan for donating this week's flowers on the church sanctuary; and to Jan H and Joe F for donating this week's flowers in the Shrine of Our Lady.



On the lands of the Cammeraygal people.



Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

Last Wednesday 21 August was the **104th anniversary of the opening of our church!** We celebrate that our church continues to be a living building, noting the renovations and improvements that are currently underway. We have now returned to our ordinary Holy Water fonts, too!

This weekend, our Diocese of Broken Bay celebrates a very special occasion: the **Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Hien Vu**. Bishop Anthony ordains Hien at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, on Saturday 24 August at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome. Hien has been with us now for some 7 years, hailing originally from the Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam where his family still lives. Sadly, Hien's mother passed away just a few months ago, and his father is not well. So, it will be an occasion of many mixed emotions. We embrace him as his new family with hearts full of gratitude to God for gifting our Church with a new priest. Fr Hien will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Thomas' Willoughby on Sunday 25 August at 6.00pm. Again, all are welcome to be present. We will seek an opportunity to invite Fr Hien to celebrate Mass with us in the not too distant future.

On the last Sunday of August, the Church in Australia marks **Social Justice Sunday**. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2024-25 is "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World".

Read it here: <https://tinyurl.com/3byp3dnk>. In the 2024 – 2025 Social Justice Statement, Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace. In a world full of pessimism, they put their faith and hope in the possibility of peace. Using Scripture and the guidance of Pope St John XXIII's *Pacem in Terris* and Pope Francis' *Fratelli Tutti*, we learn that peace is possible if we put our trust in Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and the Prince of Peace. It is from him that we learn about the architecture

of peace. From him, we learn a commitment to the culture of encounter, the value of dialogue at all levels and the importance of seeing everyone as our sister, our brother. The Gospel calls us to embrace the fundamental truth that every person on earth has a God-given dignity which cannot be taken away or ignored. From this truth flows the realisation that there is no 'us' or 'them'. Everyone on earth, whatever our race or creed or status, is a sister, a brother. We are all children of God. Keeping this truth before us is the key to overcoming violence and conflict. Armed not with guns and missiles, but with love for our sisters and brothers, we are invited to speak of peace and to take action to promote peace in a violent world. On this Social Justice Sunday, let us re-commit ourselves to cultivating a culture of peace by following Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life and the Prince of Peace.

As we shared recently, Bishop Anthony has initiated a **North Shore Pastoral Discernment Project**. A number from our Parish recently attended a Briefing Circle event. We have now been invited to nominate a Parish Consultation Facilitator, or small team, and our Parish Animation Ministry Circle, which has carriage of our Parish-in-Council, will take up this for us. A Project Brochure will be delivered to all parishes and schools in the North Shore Deanery in the coming weeks to introduce the journey more fully. On 12 September there will be an online formation opportunity for Consultation Facilitators. They will be provided with the resources to lead our local parish and school listening and dialogue forums. This will be followed on 20 September by a Community Forum (time and venue to be confirmed)

This week's shrine flowers are generously donated by **Jan and Joe** in celebration and thanksgiving of the baptism of their beautiful grandson

Finley



This week's church flowers are generously donated by **Judith Ryan** in loving memory of her mother

Irene Ward

on her anniversary.

which will be an in-person gathering, for all in the community, to hear what the data is saying, learn of the guiding themes and questions for consultation, and hear of the methodology that will be used to guide community listening and dialogue conversations.

And from this, there will be the invitation to parish and school communities to gather and participate in local consultation forums at the service of shaping a Pastoral Discernment Submission for Bishop Anthony's consideration. Submissions will close on 12 November.

Next Sunday 1 September at our 10.30am Mass we will introduce and commission **a number of our parish family who are travelling in September to Europe with Fr Marek Woldan on pilgrimage.** We wish them every blessing as they prepare for their trip and pray that Mary, our Mother, keeps them safe.

Through this **Year of Prayer**, I have presented a number of videos on aspects of prayer in our Catholic Tradition. The eighth and final one which summaries Prayer and the Catechism is now available on our diocesan YouTube Chanel or by going to <https://tinyurl.com/3kd63s8f>. Also, our Parish Director of Music, Titus Grenyer, recently featured in a Veritasium science video about sound illusions, at Sydney Town Hall. It's a fascinating look into sound and the organ. The video has amassed more than 2 million views, and can be viewed at: <https://tinyurl.com/mruampvs>.

This coming week, all our priests will be on their annual retreat at Douglas Park. Regretfully, it has not been easy to arrange continuity for our weekday Mass schedule given that Bishop David will also be away through the week, and our priests from the Opus Dei centre are not in a position to assist this particular week. We are grateful, however, that Fr Andrew Murray SM will be able to assist on some days.

Our program through the coming week will be:

- Monday 12.30pm Mass
- Tuesday 9.00am No Mass - Liturgy of the Word with Communion; 12.30pm No Mass - Liturgy of the Word with Communion.
- Wednesday 9.00am No Mass - Liturgy of the Word with Communion; 12.30pm Mass
- Thursday 9.00am No Mass - Liturgy of the Word with Communion 12.30pm Mass
- Friday 9.00am No Mass - Liturgy of the Word with Communion; 12.30pm Mass

Please note that, this week, there will be no:

- Wednesday evening Mass
- Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction on Thursday morning
- Holy Hour with Adoration/Reconciliation on Thursday evening

Please keep us in your prayer through the course of next week! We will all be back on Friday afternoon, including Fr Anselm who returns now from annual leave, ready to participate in our **Parish-in-Council on Saturday 31 August** in which it will be a delight to have time with many of us who have been able to register for the occasion.

One final note: following consultation, effective Wednesday 4 September, there will be slight change of time for our Wednesday evening Mass. This has been at 6.00pm. However, we will now schedule this to 6.30pm to allow, perhaps, more to attend.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Roland Patrick Riel (nephew of Zarah Belle Celedonio); Rosario Bueno Umali (Grandmother of Nenita Axalan); 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:

Ban Le Llamas; 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 Vlasic; 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:

Marjorie Farr; Duck Sik (Maria) Choi (mother of Hyang (Monica) Kim); Irene Ward (mother of Judith Ryan); 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).

CELEBRATING OUR PARISH

Feast Day

SEPTEMBER 6TH-14TH AT 8:15PM - 8:45PM



**ZOOM NOVENA TO
OUR LADY OF SORROWS WITH
REFLECTIONS FROM FR DAVID**



ZOOM Details:

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/ywnnr3u5>
Meeting ID: 868 7612 4185
No Password.

SEPTEMBER 15TH 11:30AM - 2:00PM



**MORNING TEA & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
AFTER 10:30AM MASS**

8PM - 9PM ZOOM ROSARY



ZOOM Details:

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/ywnnr3u5>
Meeting ID: 891 2824 2753
No Password.



FR JIM'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

Dear Our Lady of Dolours Parish, this year I am celebrating my 25th anniversary as a priest. I am walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain, using each day of walking to remember and give thanks for each year of priesthood. From Sept 16-18 I will be remembering and giving God thanks for my time in Chatswood Parish from 2018-2020. I remain grateful for the community of faith at Our Lady of Dolours and the privilege of being your pastor in this time. I'll be putting my reflections on this blog: <https://frjimsreflections.blogspot.com/> and I will be praying for you and your parish. – Fr Jim McKeon

Yours in Christ.

Jim

*Fr Jim McKeon PP
Epping Carlingford Parish*

ZOOM ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

PLEASE JOIN US IN HONOURING OUR BLESSED MOTHER BY
PRAYING THE ROSARY TOGETHER VIA ZOOM



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER AT 7:30PM

ZOOM Details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89916202172>

Meeting ID: 899 1620 2172
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FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER AT 8:00PM

ZOOM Details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89128242753>

Meeting ID: 891 2824 2753
No Password.



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.

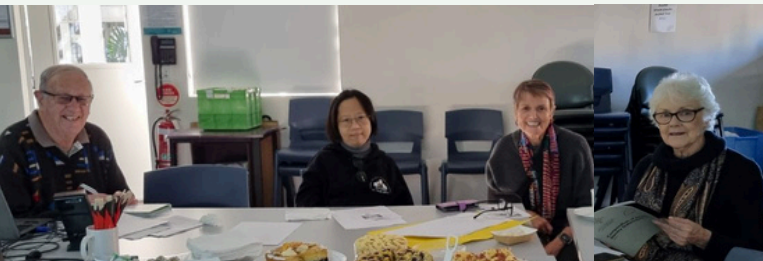


Thank you to everyone who joined us on Zoom to pray the Holy Rosary in honour of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

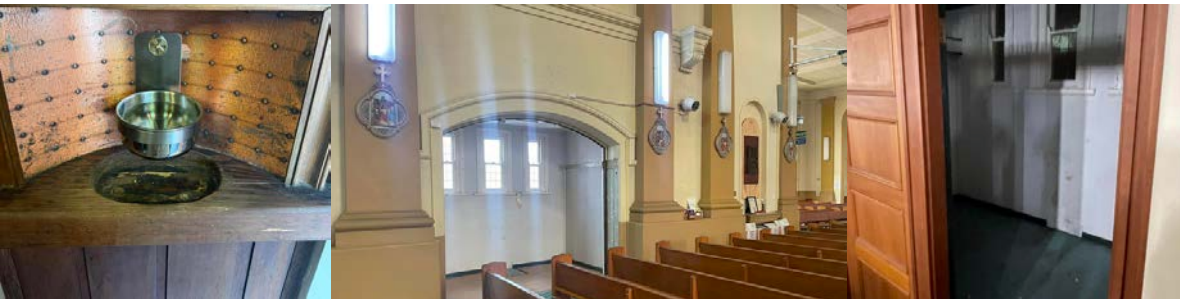
Below: Congratulations to little baby Bertie who was baptised this past weekend!



Social Justice meeting last week - lots of great brainstorming and planning as we look forward to the Season of Creation.



Last Sunday our Indonesian Catholic Community celebrated Mass and the anniversary of Indonesia's independence! Congratulations on this milestone and wonderful celebration!



Left: Our new Holy Water fonts have replaced the automated ones, and you'll see how beautifully our Eucharistic Chapel is coming along!

CAN YOU HELP DRIVE A FELLOW PARISHIONER TO MASS?

Friends, there is a fellow parishioner who is unable to attend Mass on Sunday mornings because their support worker (physical support) is unavailable on Sundays.

We would like to support her by creating a roster of people who could take turns in picking her up and driving her to any morning Mass on a Sunday that they are attending, then dropping her back after Mass.

This parishioner lives nearby in Atarmon.

If you are available please contact Olivia (Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au) with which Sundays you would be able to provide transport for (e.g. every 1st Sunday).

Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness.



JOIN OUR STREET FAIR TENT!

The Chatswood Street Fair is back again! On September 7th from 9am - 5pm we will have 2 tents for our parish where we will be sharing our community info with the greater Chatswood community in one tent, and the other will be our PEW Gift Shop selling beautiful gifts.

If you are available for an hour or more to help people connect with our parish, please be in touch with Olivia at Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au



Our Young Adults had a ramen and smores night after the Assumption 7:00pm Mass - an excellent combination!

Dear Grandparents and Senior's please come and join us for a
HIGH PAR -TEA MORNING

5 SEPTEMBER 2024
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM



At the Magnificat room, come enjoy a cuppa, a tasty bite, and a friendly chat. Relax and unwind with us!

THANK YOU TO TIM & COURTNEY FROM GREGORY & CARR GORDON FOR SUPPLYING HIGH TEA

All are welcome to our seniors and grandparents group—whether you fit the category or not, come share a cuppa with us!

Contact Mona.Saouma@bbcatholic.org.au for more info.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

25 August 2024

THE HOLY ONE OF GOD. It was very difficult for the Jewish people to accept Jesus' teaching that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood if they are to have life. The Twelve accepted his teaching, not because they understood it but because they believed in him. Having seen his signs they believed that he was the Holy One of God. May Christ heal our unbelief that we too may accept his saving words even when we do not understand them fully.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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 cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 Josh 24:1-2, 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

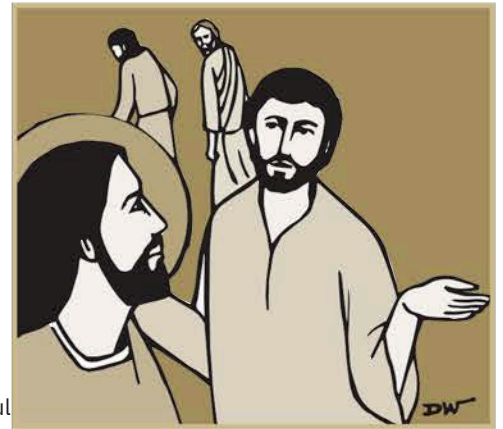
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. 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. The Lord turns his face against the wicked / to destroy their remembrance from the earth. / The Lord turns his eyes to the just / and his ears to their appeal. **R.**



3. They call and the Lord hears / and rescues them in all their distress. / The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; / those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

4. Many are the trials of the just man / but from them all the Lord will rescue him. / He will keep guard over all his bones, / not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

5. Evil brings death to the wicked; / those who hate the good are doomed. / The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. / Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING Eph 5:21-32

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

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 6:60-69

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.

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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 Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. 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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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 cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. 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 ✠ and the Holy Spirit. Son,

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

'LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?'

We come to the end of the five weeks with the Gospel of John', chapter 6. As it concludes we could imagine ourselves standing with the disciples complaining that the teaching was too difficult. The Judeans had twice confronted Jesus on this teaching. Now we hear, 'The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.' If it is hard to understand these words, then for some it would be hard to believe, and that is acknowledged by Jesus.

We are affirmed in that, as the narrator advises, Jesus knew from the beginning that some would not believe, and who would betray him. This is a crisis moment. We can remember that in the first part of this chapter, aligned to Passover and with the miracle of the loaves, the crowd was looking for signs. At this point, we can see that the reinterpretation of the Mosaic law caused upset and division. With many disciples leaving, Jesus challenges the Twelve: 'do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter speaks up as leader and representative of the Twelve. Those, called by Jesus, recognise that his words are 'spirit and life.'

What about us? Do we find believing too hard? Or do we line up with Simon Peter affirming our faith and saying 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.' We are in this for the long haul.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH

Monday
26 August

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

Tuesday
27 August

**Memorial :
St Monica**

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

Wednesday
28 August

**Memorial :
St Augustine**

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion.**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 1:00pm Rosary.
- 3:30pm Organ practice BJ.

Please note there is no evening Mass.

Thursday
29 August

**Memorial:
The Passion of St
John the Baptist**

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion.**
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 1:00pm Rosary.
- 2:00pm Organ practice OC.
- 4:30pm Organ lesson SL.

Please note there is no Adoration in the morning or evening.

Friday
30 August

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion.**
- 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
31 August

**Parish in Council
IV**

- 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
1 September

**22nd 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.**



**SAINT MONICA
MEMORIAL
27 AUGUST**

- Saint Monica was born in Thagaste (modern-day Algeria) in North Africa around 331 AD.
- Saint Monica is famous for her unwavering prayer life. She prayed for nearly 17 years for the conversion of her son, Saint Augustine, who later became one of the greatest theologians in Church history.
- Saint Monica is often invoked as the patron saint of mothers, particularly those who are concerned about their children's spiritual welfare, due to her own experience of praying for her son's conversion.
- Saint Monica is also considered a symbol of patience, having endured many hardships with her husband and son, both of whom initially rejected her faith.
- Saint Monica's feast day is celebrated on August 27th, the day before the feast of her son, Saint Augustine, highlighting the close relationship between mother and son.
- Saint Monica's persistence and influence led not only to her son's conversion but also to that of her husband, Patricius, who was baptised shortly before his death.

「使生活的是神，肉一無所用；我給你們所講論的話，就是神，就是生命。但你們中間有些人，卻不相信」。原來，耶穌從起頭就知道那些人不信，和誰要出賣他。所以他又說：「為此，我對你們說過：除非蒙父恩賜的，誰也不能到我這裏來。」 若望福音 6:63-65

It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father. - John 6: 63-65

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NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

- Monday
26 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).
 - 5:30pm 9am Mass Choir Practice (St Paul)

- Tuesday
27 August
- 10:00am Bible Study (St Paul).
 - 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) set up 5:30pm.

- Wednesday
28 August
- 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat).
 - 6:30pm PIC 4 Prep (Harrington Hall) set up 6:00pm.
 - 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter).

- Thursday
29 August
- 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium).
 - 1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up 12:00pm.
 - 6:00pm Altos choir practice (St Paul).

- Friday
30 August
- 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) set up 9:30am.
 - 1:00pm PIC Preparation - **no rooms available until Saturday evening.**
 - 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing.

- Saturday
31 August
- **Parish in Council use of all meeting rooms all day.**

- Sunday Mass
1 September
- 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul)
 - 1:00pm Filipino Community Fellowship after Mass (Magnificat, St Paul) set up 10:00am.
 - 3:45pm Mothers Group (St Peter) set up 3:00pm.
 - 6:30pm Capstone Young Adults (Magnificat, St Paul) set up 6pm.



SAINT AUGUSTINE

**MEMORIAL
28 AUGUST**

- Before his conversion, Saint Augustine lived a rather wild and indulgent life. He was known for his love of partying and even had a child out of wedlock. His early years were marked by a search for truth in all the wrong places.
- Augustine's conversion is one of the most dramatic in Christian history. After years of searching, he heard a child's voice telling him to "take and read." He opened the Bible to Romans 13:13-14, which led to his decision to fully embrace Christianity.
- Augustine is one of the most important Christian theologians and philosophers. His works, especially "Confessions" and "The City of God," have had a lasting impact on Christian thought and Western philosophy.
- Augustine's "Confessions" is often considered the first Western autobiography. In it, he reflects on his life, his sins, and his journey to faith, providing a deeply personal account of his spiritual journey.
- After his conversion, Augustine became a priest and later the Bishop of Hippo (in modern-day Algeria). He served as bishop for 34 years, where he became a key figure in the Church.
- Saint Augustine is one of the 36 Doctors of the Church, a title given to saints who have made significant contributions to theology or doctrine. His influence on Christian theology, especially regarding concepts like grace and original sin, is profound.
- Augustine is the son of Saint Monica, whose persistent prayers were instrumental in his conversion. His relationship with his mother is a beautiful testament to the power of prayer and maternal love.
- Augustine is the patron saint of brewers! This unusual patronage is due to his life of parties and worldly excess before his conversion. His transformation is seen as a model for those struggling with addiction or vice.
- Augustine did not initially want to become a priest. According to tradition, he was essentially drafted into the priesthood by the people of Hippo, who recognized his abilities and insisted he take up the role.
- Augustine famously wrote, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord." This quote encapsulates his belief that true peace and fulfillment can only be found in God.



Catechists outing! After teaching scripture at Chatswood and going to Mass together, our catechists had some quality time together!



ABOUT OUR LADY'S SORROW

According to tradition, as Mary stood at the foot of the cross and witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus, her tears fell to the ground and Lily of the Valley flowers sprang up. This flower represents not only the purity and humility of the Virgin Mary but also the divine grace that emerges from deep suffering.

This should help us to remember that no matter the depth of sadness or pain we experience in our earthly lives, our loving God has the power to transform and heal our suffering.

Just as the Lily of the Valley rises from Mary's tears, so too can our own struggles be transformed into sources of beauty and grace. This is the enduring promise of God's love.



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PLAYGROUP



All babies, toddlers, infants, parents & carers are welcome to join our Playgroup in the Magnificat Meeting Room every Thursday from 1pm - 2:30pm.

An opportunity for the children to socialise and play, while the parents can come together in fellowship. To register, please email mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au or call Mona on 9410 9000

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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.




1 SEPT.

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**1st Sunday of each Month
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St Peter Meeting Room**

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Motherhood is a Ministry

A group for Mothers to share their stories, share their feelings, share a cuppa, and connect with others from our Parish. The wisdom gained from a wise woman of God who has "been there" is invaluable.

If you would like more information, please email chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au

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LITURGICAL LIVING: WAYS TO CELEBRATE SAINT AUGUSTINE

- Attend a special Mass dedicated to Saint Augustine. Offer your prayers for his intercession, particularly asking for guidance in personal growth and wisdom.
- Saint Augustine's Confessions is known for its deep personal reflection and repentance. Use this day to examine your own spiritual journey and seek areas for growth.
- Consider making a donation to a cause that supports education or spiritual growth, reflecting Saint Augustine's commitment to learning and faith.
- Engage in creative activities that honor Saint Augustine, such as drawing or painting, and incorporate symbols associated with him, like the heart, flame, or the Book.
- Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration, reflecting on the transformative power of the Blessed Sacrament, like Augustine's own transformative encounter with God.
- Who in your life is struggling with faith and worldly temptations? Pray for them particularly and invite them to go to church with you for Mass or prayer.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

A REFLECTION ON JOHN 6:60-69 OF ST JOHN PAUL II 21 AUGUST 1991, EXCERPT, TRANSLATED FROM ITALIAN

Saint John, in today's Gospel passage, at the end of Jesus' speech on the "bread of life" (cf. John 6:35), continues: "many of his disciples, after listening, said: "This language is harsh ; who can understand it?". And he adds with a note of sadness: "from then on many of his disciples withdrew and no longer went with him" (Jn 6, 60.66). In reality the Gospel is demanding and demanding. Faced with rejection, however, Jesus does not compromise. He reminds everyone of their responsibilities by asking: "Does this shock you? What if you saw the Son of Man go up where he was before? It is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no use; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (Jn 6, 61-63). These words highlight the supernatural character of the Revelation of Christ: through faith and listening to his word, men are exhorted to personally encounter the incarnate Word , with the awaited Messiah, the only mediator between God and 'humanity.

The acceptance of faith brings with it immediate consequences in the moral behavior of the believer: there is no doubt that following Christ is not an easy task. Christian ethics in fact indicates an arduous path, it invites us to enter through the narrow door, the only one that leads to true life.

The text of the letter to the Ephesians, proposed by the liturgy of this twenty-first Sunday of ordinary time, illustrates, for example, what the way Christians should behave in the specific field of the family. The apostle Paul underlines the mutual love between husband and wife, united not by a simple promise of fidelity, but by an indissoluble bond elevated to a sacrament, a sign of the union of Christ with his Church. He then points to the search for mutual spiritual edification and sanctification as the ideal of family life, so that the family can shine as a "domestic church". This is certainly a high and difficult ideal that requires a continuous response of enlightened, profound and convinced faith. An effort to be renewed every day.

Reflection Questions

- This Sunday's Gospel talks about difficult teachings. What teachings of Jesus do you find difficult to accept or understand? How do you approach these challenges in your faith?
- In verse 67, Jesus asks the Twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" How do you respond when your faith is challenged? What keeps you anchored in your belief when faced with doubt?
- Peter responds in verse 68, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life." What does this statement mean to you personally? How do you experience Jesus as the source of "eternal life" in your own life?
- In verse 63, Jesus talks about the power of the Holy Spirit in giving life. How do you see the Holy Spirit at work in your life, especially in understanding and living out difficult teachings?

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PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST MEMORIAL 29 AUGUST

- The Passion of Saint John the Baptist, is one of the few feasts in the Church that commemorates a saint's martyrdom rather than their birth or death in heaven.
- King Herod Antipas actually respected and feared John the Baptist, knowing he was a righteous and holy man. However, Herodias, Herod's wife, harbored a grudge against John because he condemned their unlawful marriage.
- John the Baptist's death was triggered by a dance. Herodias's daughter, traditionally named Salome, danced so well at Herod's birthday banquet that Herod rashly promised her anything she wanted. At her mother's urging, she asked for the head of John the Baptist on a platter.
- The relics of John the Baptist, have been claimed by various places throughout history, including Rome, Jerusalem, and even Damascus.
- John the Baptist has multiple feast days in the liturgical calendar. Besides the Passion, his Nativity is celebrated on June 24th, and the First and Second Findings of his head are commemorated on February 24th and May 25th.
- The story of John the Baptist's beheading has inspired countless works of art, including paintings, sculptures, and even operas. The image of John's head on a platter is a powerful reminder of the cost of discipleship.
- According to tradition, Herod was deeply troubled after ordering John's execution. Some sources suggest that Herod experienced nightmares and guilt over John's death, indicating that even he recognized John's righteousness too late.
- Because of his fearless stand against Herod's immoral marriage, John the Baptist is often invoked as a patron saint of those who need courage to speak the truth, especially in difficult situations.

LITURGICAL LIVING: WAYS TO CELEBRATE SAINT MONICA

- Pray a Novena to Saint Monica: This nine-day prayer, which can be started before her feast or on it, is particularly powerful for those praying for the conversion of loved ones. One you might like to use is available at <https://tinyurl.com/bdfbyzk2>
- Incorporate Patience and Perseverance in Your Day: Reflect on the virtues of patience and perseverance that Saint Monica exemplified and what this means for the way she loved, trusted, and worshipped God. Consider how you can embody these virtues in your own life, whether through acts of kindness, offering up daily annoyances, or renewing your commitment to long-term prayers for others.
- Mother-Child Bonding: Since Saint Monica is renowned for her role as a mother, consider spending quality time with children or family. Engage in activities that strengthen your relationships with mothers and children.
- Eat North African Food: Since Monica was from North Africa, you might try cooking a dish inspired by North African cuisine, like a tagine, couscous, or a dessert using dates and honey.



CHATSWOOD menALIVE

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

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The quantity of daily unsold items from Bakers Delight is so essential and useful to the Hostel which houses and feeds more than 100 homeless men every day of the year as well as food assistance to families in need. Without our volunteers this unsold produce would end up in the garbage bin. You will need a car to collect and deliver. The amount you collect in special food bags we provide will usually fill your boot and the back seat of your car.

Several of our volunteers by way of example like to collect with their children or grandchildren as helpers.

We normally only expect you to be rostered at most for one Monday approximately every 6 weeks. It's a flexible system of rostering where you nominate your availability that is organised through a WhatsApp group.

For more information and any questions contact Alan:

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

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



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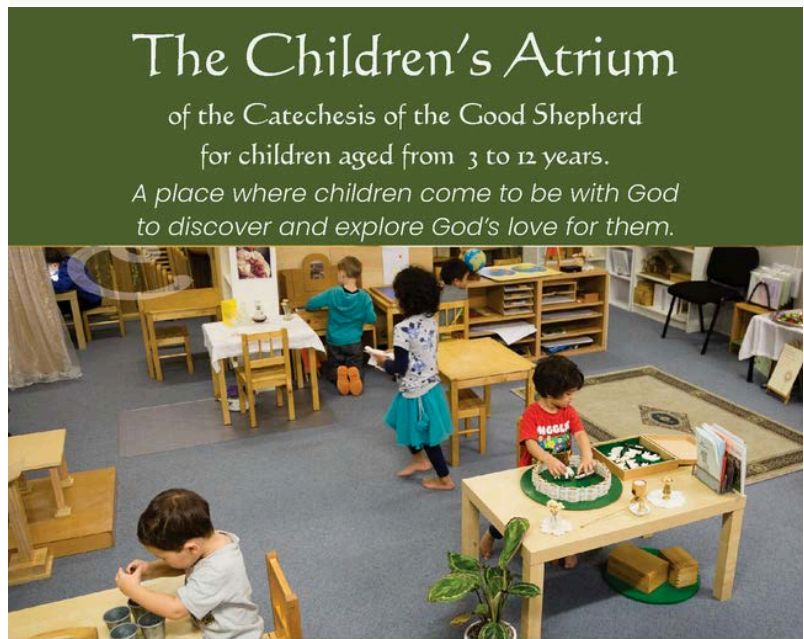
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Regular Mass Times:

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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The Children's Atrium

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3-6 year olds

Mondays 10am-11:30am
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 Tuesdays 3:45-5:30pm
 Thursdays 10am-11:30am



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