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THE BULLETIN

1 SEPTEMBER 2024

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

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, we joyfully celebrate Fathers Day and the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation! We extend our heartfelt wishes to all fathers and father figures for a day filled with the love you so generously share. We also remember our fathers in Heaven, giving thanks to God for their enduring example of love.

We keep in our prayers all parishioners attending the Parish in Council this Saturday. May their conversations be filled with the Spirit, leading to faithful discernment about the future of our parish.

If you're attending the 7:30am Mass on Sunday, please join Jan in the pew after Mass for a warm cup of tea and a friendly chat!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Feast Day celebrations! Join us for the novena, and morning tea on the forecourt. Please note that Archer Street in front of our precinct will be closed—more details can be found in Fr David's column.

Also, please be aware that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd.

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



On the lands of the Cammeraygal people.

**You forget the commandments of God
and hold on to human tradition.**

This Sunday's Gospel - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Dear friends,

A very **happy Father's Day** to all our fathers! May this weekend be a special one of family and gratitude.

We **welcome back Fr Anselam** from his period of leave with his family in India.

And a very special thank you to all those who assisted in our parish whilst all our priests were on their annual retreat through last week at Douglas Park.

A special **congratulations to Deacon Roberto Corpuz**. Out of the six Honourees for Outstanding Fathers in the Filipino-Australian community, Roberto was selected as Role Model Father!

It is a busy weekend for us, with our fourth session of **Parish-in-Council** this Saturday 31 August. Abundant thanks to all those who have worked as hard in its preparation.



Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

Pope Francis has established 1 September as the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The theme for 2024 is "Hope and Act with Creation" which draws its inspiration from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:19-25). There are many ways by which we can become more familiar with our shared responsibility for the earth:

- Read the Message of Pope Francis for the 2016 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 'Show Mercy to Our Common Home', at <https://tinyurl.com/mw3vxyjd>
- Watch the Press Conference on the Pope's Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2016, at <https://tinyurl.com/52kmz655>
- Read the letter establishing World Day of Prayer from Pope Francis at <https://tinyurl.com/mrxcu4sm>
- Read the latest papal encyclical, Laudato Si' (Praised Be), at <https://tinyurl.com/bdzybsns>
- Learn how we can care for creation, at <https://tinyurl.com/k5me8k2c>



Our own parish has registered as an **Earthcare parish** with Caritas Australia, and we will enter this Season of Creation in a number of practical ways:

- Fr Chima Ofor, Parish Priest of Manly, who has recently completed his PhD in ecological theology, will present a seminar to our parish on the evening of Monday 23 September at 7.30pm-
- Through the month of September, we will green our church with plants along the window ledges
- In our bulletin we will publish an Ethical Clothing brands list.
- We will arrange for a discarded mobile phones collection
- On Saturday 28 September we will invite everyone on a walk in a nearby nature reserve from 10:30am.
- And towards the end of the month, we will formally launch our parish Laudato Si action plan.

This Sunday we **commission our parish members journeying on pilgrimage** to some of the great Marian shrines in Europe, with Fr Marek Woldan as their chaplain. We have nearly 20 of our parishioners on this pilgrimage. We wish them every blessing and pray for their safe return.

Our **Parish Feast Day is only two weeks away on Sunday 15 September**. This year we are holding an online Novena in preparation for this event which will be a day of celebration for us! The Novena commences this Friday 6 September at 8.15pm and will continue each night until Saturday 14 September. Please see the bulletin for further details about how to join us.

Please remember, however, that **on the weekend of Saturday 14 – Sunday 15 September, Archer Street will be closed to traffic from Wattle Lane**. It will not be possible to access Kirk St from Archer St that weekend.

Office Closure: Please note that on Monday 2nd September the Parish Office will be closed and reception will be unattended.

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

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

Rock of constancy, pray for us.

*Refuge of the abandoned,
pray for us.*

Our loved ones who have **recently passed away**:

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

Our loved ones who are **sick**:

Rose Wu; May Ho; 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; 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).

GOSPEL REFLECTION



**Deacon
Kevin Hale**

More and more people were following Jesus. Because he revered God, taught with authority, and healed everyone who came to him. And the more the people wanted to make Jesus their king, the more his enemies wanted to trap and destroy him.

Then came the moment when some of the Pharisees caught Jesus' disciples eating food with unwashed hands. And as many mothers will tell you this is the sin above all sins. The washing of hands mattered to many Jews because this good human tradition had taken on significant meaning as a symbol of purity and detachment from the world. In fact, many Jews believed that this human law had a binding force equal to that of the Torah, the Law of Moses.

Answering the accusations of the Pharisees, Jesus told his disciples that it is not any food that we consume that makes us unclean in God's eyes. What really matters is what is in our hearts – and the behavior that flows from our hearts.

Through their traditions the Pharisees had become accustomed to focus on outward signs of ritual purity. But Jesus went straight to the heart of the matter. Sin and holiness lie inside the human heart, not in the digestive tract. So what about us? Do we pay close attention to our religious observances to the exclusion of the inner life of our hearts? It can be tough to do at times, but God does want us to examine how the attitudes of our hearts are expressed in the ways we treat other people.

Rules and observances are helpful to a life of holiness, but they should never be the sum total of our Christian life. That's part of the reason why Jesus poured out his Spirit: so that we could be renewed in our inner selves and begin to manifest the love, power, and compassion of Christ to the world. It's not always easy to confront the sin that is within our hearts, but we need not fear. Jesus came to save us, not to condemn us. He is for us, not against us. He knows the condition of our hearts – far better than we do – and no matter how bad it may be, he will never turn away from us. Rather, he waits with outstretched arms of mercy for us to come to him just as we are, with our sins, to receive grace and mercy. Jesus is the Great Physician who offers us healing and forgiveness, comfort and aid.

During this Mass, ask him to search and examine your heart. Open yourself to his gentle probing so that he can identify the sickness of sin and apply the healing power of his cross. Let him create a clean heart in you so that you can bring forth good fruit in holiness and righteousness. Remember, we can be like those Pharisees, often without even realizing it. It is easy to go through the motions at Mass: saying the prayers, standing and kneeling at the appropriate times, singing out loud, receiving communion, and staying until the end. But these outward displays may or may not reveal what is on the inside. For instance, we may be distracted, tired, preoccupied, holding on to some sin, or just attending this tradition because it is the right thing to do. What does Jesus want us to have on the inside? **Love.**

He wants his love to be the fire in our hearts that moves us to kneel in humble adoration, to sing with joy, to listen attentively to his word, and to greet everyone with a true desire for their peace and well-being. So during the rest of Mass, look up at Jesus and see how he loves you. See how his body was broken so that you might be made whole. See how he was put to death so that you might have new life. See how he was enslaved so that you might be set free. Meditation on Jesus will lead you to love him in return for all he did for you. What other response could there possibly be?

CELEBRATING OUR PARISH

Feast Day



NOVENA ON ZOOM

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

<https://tinyurl.com/ywnnr3u5>

Meeting ID: 868 7612 4185
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FEAST DAY ROSARY ON ZOOM

SEPTEMBER 15TH AT 8:00PM

<https://tinyurl.com/6yxcwpnd>

Meeting ID: 891 2824 2753
No Password.



FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

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

After 10:30am Mass,
join us on the forecourt for:



Morning Tea

Face painting



Balloon Animals with JayJay

Kids crafts (for kids at heart too!)
cross designing, prayer chains

Pin the Halo on the Saint

- How do you understand Jesus' teaching that true defilement comes from within rather than from external sources? What aspects of your own life reflect this teaching?
- Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for focusing on traditions while neglecting the heart's condition. Are there any traditions or practices in your life that you might be holding onto more out of habit than genuine spiritual intent? How can you realign these practices to focus more on the condition of your heart?
- How do the internal attitudes mentioned in the Gospel affect your relationships with others? What steps can you take to cultivate a heart that fosters love, forgiveness, and understanding?

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL AS A FATHER:

- How do your actions and decisions reflect the teachings of Jesus about inner purity? How can you teach your children about the importance of what's inside the heart through your example and guidance?
- How can you support your family members in their spiritual and personal growth? What practical steps can you take to create an environment where everyone is encouraged to cultivate purity of heart and sincere faith?



A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

God our Father,
you made the family
a community of love.
Bless our fathers,
and father figures,
as they follow your Son, Jesus.

Let their faith, hope, and love
shine in our families,
and show us the way to you.

Strengthen our fathers as they serve
our families and communities.
May their example reflect your
protective care for all of us.

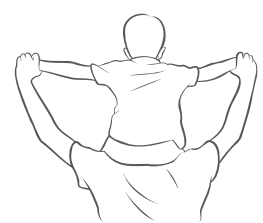
We also pray for our fathers
who have died,
that you may bring them into the
fullness of your love.

May we, the children of these men,
always honor them with gratitude
and hold them in prayer.

St Joseph, pray for us.

Saint John Paul II, pray for us.

Saints Zelig and Louis Martin,
pray for us.



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.



Hello from Playgroup! This week we got creative and made cards for Father's Day! Welcome to Litty and Alvin who joined us this week and all the best to Abigail and her family who are going back to Indonesia for 6 weeks - God bless your travels!



Last Saturday we held our Choral Workshop lead by Josie Ryan and Titus. It was wonderful to see so many people from our parish and beyond coming together. A big thank you to everyone who helped organise!

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



Congratulations to the newest priest in our diocese, Fr Hien Vu! We joined the celebration at the Cathedral - a joyous moment for our diocese!

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 Lady of Sorrows



SEASON OF CREATION

1ST SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER

Introduction

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth.

We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. This year, the theme for the season is "To hope and act with Creation".

Amid the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, many are beginning to despair and suffer from eco-anxiety. As people of faith we are called to lift the hope inspired by our faith, the hope of the resurrection. This is not a hope without action but one embodied in concrete actions.

ACTIONS



GREENING OF THE CHURCH
WITH PARISHIONERS'
POTPLANTS



RECYCLING OF MOBILE
PHONES



FR CHIMA ORFA SPEAKS ON
THE THEOLOGY OF ECOLOGY



RETHINKING FAST FASHION



NATURE PILGRIMAGE
IN BLUE GUM PARK

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

twenty - Second Sunday in Ordinary time / B

1 September 2024

CLINGING TO HUMAN TRADITIONS. We can sometimes do something good for an evil motive. For instance, we may help others, not to relieve their difficulties but to put them in our debt. Acts that flow from evil intentions are always evil even if they masquerade as good. If the seed of God is planted deep within us the intentions that arise from our hearts will be good and loving. Our motives for worshipping God and helping others will be pure.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Amen.

GLORIA

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

COLLECT

P. God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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 Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

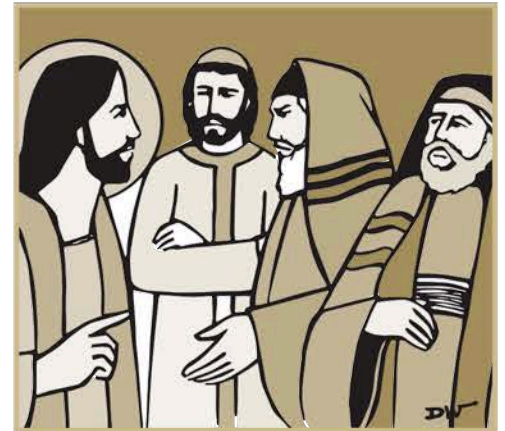
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault; / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
A reading from the letter of St James.

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit. P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without

washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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. May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. 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 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts

and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

'LISTEN TO ME'

Returning to the Gospel of Mark this week, we have an edited version of a dispute raised by the Pharisees and some of the scribes from Jerusalem about some of Jesus' disciples eating loaves with unwashed hands. Particularly in light of our recent pandemic experiences, we may have some sympathy with them. Yet as the narrative unfolds, we are given further background, that this is but one of the observations of their tradition. The prescriptions about washing do not stem for the Torah, the Law, but are local interpretations by specific groups.

Importantly we can join the extended crowd to hear Jesus say, 'Listen to me.' The same words are used by the prophets to call the people of Israel to listen to the word of God. Here it is a call to pay attention to Jesus' words that 'nothing that goes into a person from outside can defile.' It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions can grow.

Today let us pick up on Jesus' call to 'listen to me' as we read and pray with the scriptures. Let us also hear Pope Francis reminding us, 'The believer does not turn to the Holy Scriptures to support his or her own philosophical and moral view, but because he or she hopes for an encounter; the believer knows that those words were written in the Holy Spirit, and that therefore in that same Spirit they must be welcomed and understood, so that the encounter can occur.' (Pope Francis audience, 27 Jan. 2021)

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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TWO EXCITING EVENTS



TALK BY FR CHIMA OFRA,
Parish Priest, Manly

THEOLOGY OF ECOLOGY

Fr Chima is parish priest at Manly and completed his PhD on the Theology of Ecology, testing the validity of what we as Catholics commit to when we become an Earthcare parish and adopt a Laudato 'Si action plan.

Come along to this challenging talk on Monday 23rd September at 7.30 p.m. in the Magnificat Room.

This is a Season of Creation event.

Monday 23 Sept
7.30 pm



PARISH NATURE PILGRIMAGE
With a liturgy in Blue gum Park.

A FAMILY BUSH WALK

A parish event for the whole family, the nature pilgrimage starts with an easy walk to the Blue Gum park in Chatswood where Fr David will hold a liturgy in celebration of the Season of Creation.

From here, we set out on our family bush walk (dogs must be kept on leash) through the Blue Gum Reserve which is rated as a moderate level of difficulty, returning to our cars by 12.00 noon..

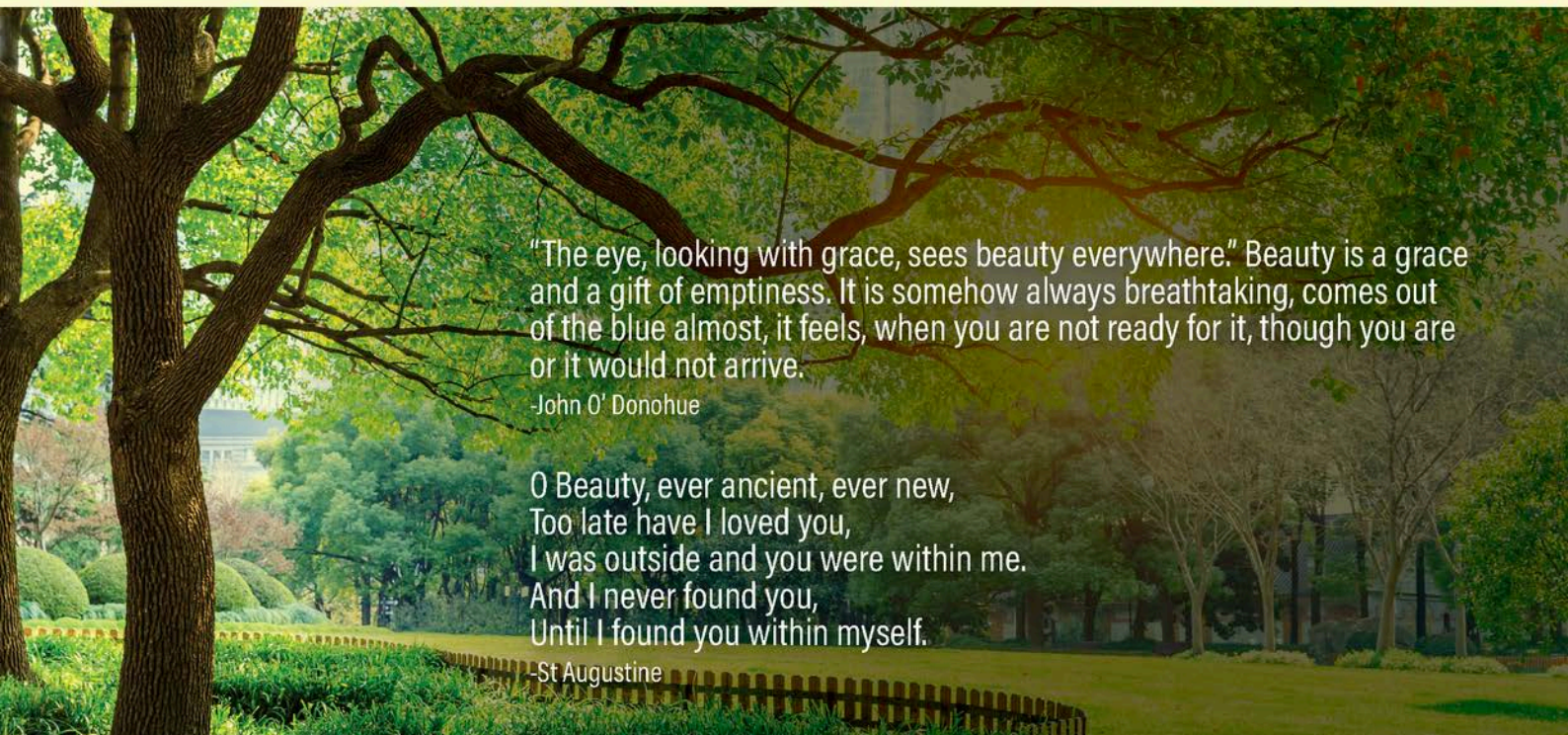
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Saturday 28/9
10.30 am

MEDITATION GROUP OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHATSWOOD

The World Community for Christian Meditation

International Website: www.wccm.org | Australian Website: www.wccmaustralia.org.au



"The eye, looking with grace, sees beauty everywhere." Beauty is a grace and a gift of emptiness. It is somehow always breathtaking, comes out of the blue almost, it feels, when you are not ready for it, though you are or it would not arrive.

-John O' Donohue

O Beauty, ever ancient, ever new,
Too late have I loved you,
I was outside and you were within me.
And I never found you,
Until I found you within myself.

-St Augustine

ALL WELCOME Begin your Christian Meditation Journey with us!

Meditation & Sharing on Fridays : ***Face to Face** at 10am (St Paul) | ***Online Zoom** at 7pm

Meditation Group OLOD Chatswood | **Enquiry:** Jon N. - email jnnurman@yahoo.com or sms 0439 449 554



Belated happy birthday to the amazing chaplain of our Indonesian Catholic Community, Fr Handoko! Thank you for your leadership and care, Fr Handoko.

Our youth minister, Bettina, celebrated 1 year of working in our parish and the youth group leaders and members created this special gift of memories and affirmations to celebrate this!



Congratulations to baby Finley who received the Sacrament of Baptism! May God's grace and love surround him always. And congrats to the proud parents, Maria and Chris on this wonderful milestone!

ZOOM INTO OUR NIGHTLY PRAYER GROUP

Join our prayer group without leaving home each evening 8 pm except Tuesdays and Saturdays at 7.30 pm. Our prayer group responds to Our Lady's request to pray the rosary daily and to pray for other important intentions by way of Zoom – <https://zoom.us/j/8034195601>. Enjoy the fellowship and support of other like minded people invoking Our Lady's intercession and God's mercy for our troubled world of today. (C & M O'C)

7.30AM MORNING TEA

Please join us in the PEW garden for morning tea following 7.30am Mass this Sunday.



FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This group is for you if you would like to develop connections with other parishioners and enjoy the friendship of people like you. Relax, enjoy a cuppa and become a friend while enjoying the friendship of others. We meet on Mondays at 1.15 pm in the St Paul meeting Room and everyone is most welcome. (Michael)

CELEBRATING THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION AT HOME

Create a Prayer Space:

- Setup: Designate a space in your home for prayer and reflection. Decorate it with natural elements like plants, stones, or images of the environment.
- Prayers: Use prayers specifically focused on creation and environmental stewardship. You can include a litany of prayers for the earth, its resources, and those who work to protect it.

Read and Reflect:

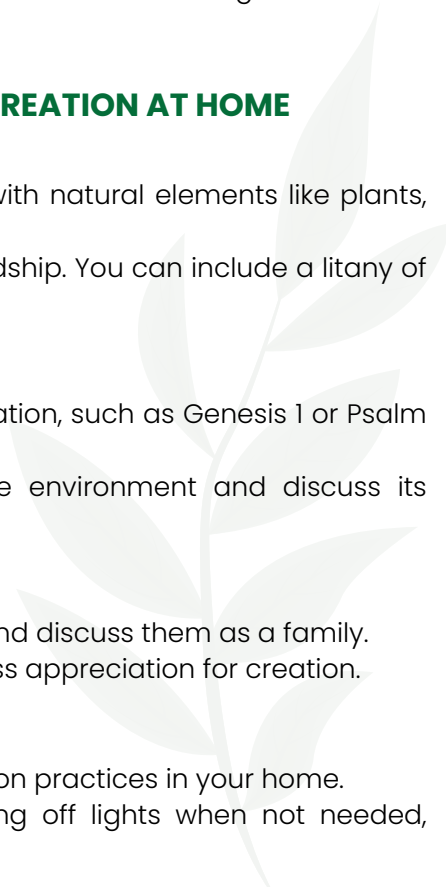
- Scripture and Teachings: Read passages from the Bible that highlight God's creation, such as Genesis 1 or Psalm 104. Reflect on how these passages call us to care for the earth.
- Encyclicals: Share excerpts from Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' on the environment and discuss its message with your family.

Educational Activities:

- Workshops: Watch documentaries or read articles about environmental issues and discuss them as a family.
- Crafts: Create art projects using recycled materials or natural elements to express appreciation for creation.

Engage in Eco-Friendly Practices:

- Reduce Waste: Implement or reinforce recycling, composting, and waste reduction practices in your home.
- Conserve Energy: Review and adjust your home's energy use, such as turning off lights when not needed, reducing water consumption, or using energy-efficient appliances.



NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH

Monday
2 September

- 9:00am Mercy Day Mass – set up 7:45am.
- 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
3 September

**Memorial :
St Gregory
the Great**

- 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.
- 7:00pm Filipino choir practice.

Wednesday
4 September

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Mass.**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 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
5 September

- 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
6 September

- 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
7 September

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Mass.**
- **9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration** with Reconciliation, Rosary.
- 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
- 11:00am Choir practice.
- 12:30pm Organ practice SC.
- **4:00pm First Saturday Public Rosary.**
- 5:00pm Vigil Singer Bookings.
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass.**

Sunday Mass
8 September

23rd 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.
- 4:00pm Youth Choir AW.
- **5:30pm Mass.**



SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT MEMORIAL 3 SEPTEMBER

- Gregory is often credited with organizing the style of church music that bears his name, Gregorian Chant. Although he didn't compose it, he promoted its use in liturgy.
- Gregory initially resisted becoming Pope, preferring a life of quiet monasticism. However, he accepted the role and became one of the Church's most influential leaders.

- Stories of miracles attributed to Gregory, such as the time he prayed for rain during a drought and it came, have contributed to his status as one of the Church's greatest saints.
- Gregory is the patron saint of teachers, reflecting his dedication to educating both clergy and laity through his writings and reforms.
- Gregory was the first Pope to use the title "Servant of the Servants of God," emphasizing the humility and service he believed were essential to his role..
- Gregory implemented significant reforms in the Church, including the administration of the Church's lands and the liturgy, which had a lasting impact on the Catholic Church.
- He was deeply committed to helping the poor and hungry. Gregory used the Church's resources to provide food and care for the needy, setting an example of Christian charity.

NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

- Monday
2 September
- 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).
- Tuesday
3 September
- 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
4 September
- 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat).
 - 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter).
- Thursday
5 September
- 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium).
 - **Seniors Morning Tea (Magnificat).**
 - 1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up 12:00pm.
 - 6:00pm Altos choir practice (St Paul).
- Friday
6 September
- 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) set up 9:30am.
 - 7:00pm LNY 2025 Meeting (St Paul).
 - 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing.
- Saturday
7 September
- 10:00am Music Lessons (St Paul).
 - 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter) set up 10:00am.
 - 11:00am ACMA NSW (Magnificat).
 - 11:30am Infant Baptism Prep (St Paul) set up 11:00am.
 - 2:00pm First Saturday Rosary rehearsal (St Paul).
 - 5:10pm First Saturday Rosary gathering (Magnificat).
- Sunday Mass
8 September
- 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul)
 - 6:30pm Cornerstone & Keystone Youth Groups (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter) set up 4:00pm.

不是從人外面進入他內的，能污穢人。
而是從人裏面出來的，纔污穢人。

馬爾谷福音7:15

Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. - Mark 7:15

Supplied by the Chinese Catholic Association

CAN YOU HELP DRIVE A FELLOW PARISHIONER TO MASS?

Friends, we have a fellow parishioner who is unable to attend Sunday morning Mass due to the unavailability of her support worker. To try and help her, we are organising a roster of volunteers who can take turns providing transportation.

If you're attending any Sunday morning Mass, she will gladly join you at the same Mass. So you would just need to assist in picking her up and dropping her back home in Atarmon after Mass.

If you can help, please contact Olivia at Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au and let her know which Sundays you're available (e.g., every 1st Sunday).

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.



THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



SAINT PETER CLAVER OPTIONAL MEMORIAL 9 SEPTEMBER

- He is the patron saint of slaves and the missions.
- Saint Peter Claver is often referred to as the "Slave of the Slaves" because of his dedicated work with African slaves. He devoted much of his life to caring for enslaved people brought to the Spanish colonies in South America.
- Saint Peter Claver was known for his innovative approaches to providing care. He organized the care of the sick and wounded, administered the sacraments, and established a systematic method of providing food, clothing, and medical care to the enslaved people.
- Claver learned several African languages to better communicate with and serve the enslaved people. His ability to speak multiple languages helped him provide spiritual and practical support more effectively.
- Despite his significant impact, Claver lived a humble and austere life. He dedicated all his resources and efforts to the service of others, embodying the Jesuit commitment to poverty and humility.

He is the youngest saint: Vida

Blessed Carlo Acutis inspired me to go to mass more often and help other people- Sophie

Carlo inspires me to be good and respect God. :Jayden

Blessed Carlo Acutis inspires me to help others more often and be more independent - Tobey

Carlo inspires me to grow closer to God Sienna W.

Blessed Carlo Acutis inspires me to always love others as if they are my brothers and sisters-Chloe

Carlo inspires us to be nice to others. :Starlette

Carlo believes God and always believes that there is hope. :Adela

Carlo Acutis inspires me because even though his parents weren't that Catholic, he wanted to change their thinking. He was brave and very loyal to his religion and it inspires me to be like that too. - Elisabeth

Blessed Carlo inspires me because he helps poor people and gives food to them.- Ayuna

Blessed Carlo Acutis inspires me to be kind to others like what he did. He inspires me to also go to church and pray to God and Jesus. I also want to learn to stand up just like what he did to his friends. I think of him as my parents since they are kind and supportive just like my parents. Micaela

Carlo inspires me by making me believe and show that I can have bravery in me: Talia

Blessed Carlo Acutis inspires me to go to church more often because you can get blessed and also Blessed Carlo inspired me to be more forgiving and friendly in tough situations - Louis

Carlo inspired me to be nice and a caring person to other people. : Arisa



How Does Blessed Carlo Acutis Inspire you?

This week, our parish office and school staff teamed up for a Primary School Retreat Day, creating a fun, reflective, and immersive experience of our faith. We focused on Carlo Acutis, showing how his ordinary life is a powerful example that anyone can become a saint. Here are some of the beautiful student responses from the day.

Our Lady OF DOLOURS

FIRST SATURDAY PUBLIC

Rosary

SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
07	05	02	07

3:00PM RECONCILIATION
3:45PM CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
4:00PM ROSARY

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH
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2-4pm, Sunday 22 September 2024
Mary Mackillop Hall at Holy Family School, cnr Highfield Rd & Pacific Hwy, Lindfield



To register for the event, scan the QR code, or visit:

<https://t.ly/ryWvx>

Presented by Parish Pastoral Council, and:



Australian Catholic Historical Society

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill at 2:00 PM on Sunday 15 September. The talk is entitled "Catholic-mindedness in the Catholic doctor: the Sydney Catholic Medical Guild of St Luke, 1933-1935" by Dr Anne Thoeming, independent scholar. Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome and there is no charge. Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history are on the [website](#). Enquiries may be directed to secretaryachs@gmail.com

Youth Minister for the Pennant Hills Parish

This vibrant Parish is looking for a casual Youth Minister to encourage, build, and support a strong youth network. It is a fun and friendly working environment with flexible working hours and we would love you to be part of it. If you would like to apply for the role, please email your application to kerri.donovan@bbcatholic.org.au Applications close Monday, 2 September 2024.

Mission Broken Bay Youth and Young Adult Leaders Formation Day

We are pleased to be running a Formation day for all Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leaders in the Diocese, on **Saturday 14 September**, hosted by **Gosford Parish**.

Please see [attached flyer](#) and feel free to share it with other YM leaders. It is free to join and includes lunch and snacks. – Please RSVP to mission@bbcatholic.org.au

The Story of Mary

Learn about the life of Saint Mary Mackillop with other young adults

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER | 10 AM
Mary Mackillop Place
7-11 Mount Street
North Sydney, 2060

Museum entry - \$10.00

Schedule

Mass: 10am
Museum Tour: 11am - 12.30pm
Liturgy/Reflection: 12.30pm - 1pm
Lunch to follow

This event is open to all young adults. If you can attend please RSVP via the QR code or by sending a message to Andrew: 0499181117 by no later than the 12th September.



RSVP via QR code



NEVER SEE A NEED WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT
MARY MACKILLOP

Our Lady of Dolours Parish is committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and vulnerable adults.

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. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all who enter our church.

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 Contact Olivia at Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au*

Regular Mass Times:

Monday	Mass 12:30pm.
Tuesday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Wednesday	Mass 9:00am, 12:30pm & 6:30pm.
Thursday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm. Reconciliation: 7:00pm.
Friday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Saturday	Mass: 9:00am Reconciliation: 9:30am. Vigil Mass: 5:30pm
Sunday	Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30am • 9:00am • 10:30am • 5:30pm





Chatswood Catholic Parish
94 Archer St Chatswood 2067

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

WELCOME

PARENT & INFANT MASS

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.

