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THE BULLETIN

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23RD 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!

Today (Friday) we kick off our Novena honouring our patron Our Lady of Sorrows! Join us tonight and over the next 8 nights at 8:15 pm as Fr David guides us through the sorrows of Our Lady's heart. Can't make it each night? That's fine! Just join us when you can.

This Saturday we will be out at the Chatswood Street Fair bringing all the joy of our church to the greater community of Chatswood, and celebrating all the great diversity in Chatswood! Come see us, we will be on the corner of Anderson St and Victoria Avenue.

This Saturday is also the First Saturday of the month so our Public Rosary is back again on the Forecourt at 4pm - come and join us! Also on Sunday we will honour the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a Rosary on Zoom together - details inside.

Don't forget to plan how to travel next week to attend our Feast Day celebrations as Archer St will be closed.

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.



He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

This Sunday's Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

On the lands of the Cammeraygal people.

Dear friends,



Fr David Ranson
PP VG
 Parish Priest

This last week, **National Child Protection Week** has been marked throughout Australia. The Catholic Church in Australia marks this Sunday 8th September, at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week, as Safeguarding Sunday. **Safeguarding Sunday** seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. This year Safeguarding Sunday has adopted the theme of National Child Protection Week – “Every conversation matters”. Embracing this theme, we are reminded that every conversation about safeguarding matters. Children and adults at risk are more likely to raise concerns and issues in an organisation that empowers and listens to them, and creating space for children and adults to have a say in decisions that affect them is an integral part of every safe organisation.

Next weekend will be a busy one for our Parish as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and our **Parish Feast Day!** Please note that given the celebration of Confirmation for our children next Saturday morning there will be no Saturday morning devotions following our 9am Mass. We will have two celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation: one at 10.00am and one at 12.30pm.

To celebrate our Parish Feast Day, Our Lady of Sorrows, on Sunday 15 September:

- **From Friday evening, 6 September we have an online Novena at 8.15pm.** This prayer will occur at the same time each night until Saturday 14 September. All are welcome to join. It will have the form of prayer, a Scripture Reading and Reflection and explore the traditional Seven Sorrows of Our Lady.
- On the morning of Sunday 15 September, we will have a **festival on our forecourt through the morning.**
- At our 10.30am Mass on Sunday 15 September we will celebrate the **Confirmation** of 6 adults, including the Reception into the Church of several of them.
- Then on the afternoon of Sunday 15 September, we will be treated to a magnificent **concert with our Parish Choir from 4.00pm.** All are welcome to join!

Remember that **Archer St in front of the church will be closed to cars through next weekend**, given the Archer Street tower crane over Chatswood Chase is scheduled for the weekend of Friday 13 September to Sunday 15 September. For the duration, the Archer Street centre entrance to Chatswood Chase will be closed to pedestrians, while the other two entrances will remain open. Signage and additional centre courtesy crew will be in place to redirect customers into the centre. The Victoria Avenue car park will remain open. Archer St will remain open to pedestrians. **There will be no car access into Kirk St and therefore into the Kirk St Carpark. The Pius Playground will be open.** However, we need to access the playground from Anderson St and off Ferguson Lane. It would be possible to drive through the Pius playground over to the Kirk St Carpark, but it will be very important to access the laneway between the playground and Kirk St with great care.

From 1 September to 4 October, we celebrate the **Season of Creation!**

- We are greening our church with many pot plants over this month;
- Fr Chima Ofor, who has just completed his PhD in ecological theology, and who is Parish Priest of Manly-Freshwater Parish, will present a seminar to our parish on Monday 23 September at 7.30pm;
- On Saturday 28 September we invite everyone to enjoy us for a bushwalk;
- On Sunday 20 October, we will have our Annual Blessing of Animals after our 10.30am Mass;

This is a wonderful annual reminder of our responsibility to care for creation which is given to us as a gift for us to steward properly.

Finally, do join us this Sunday evening at 7.30pm for our **online Rosary to celebrate the Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, traditionally 8 September.

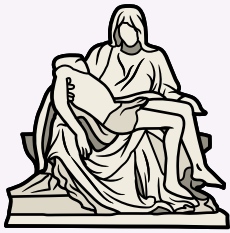
FEAST DAY CHORAL CONCERT

Join us next Sunday for a special conclusion to our feast day celebrations with a beautiful choral concert presented by our very own parish choir! Enjoy a cuppa and afternoon tea from 3:30 PM on the forecourt before settling in for a this performance. See you there!



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
Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au



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**:

Robin Evertsson (nephew of Christer Jonsson & Chrystal De Croos); Miranda Teresita Celedonio (mother of Lionel Celedonio); Chor Kuen LAM TSE (Mother of Oscar TSE).

Our loved ones who are **sick**:

Francis Placko (baby son of Andrew and Kristin); Bernardus Sunjaya (father of David Sunjaya); 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 Vlastic; 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**:

Robert Playdon (husband of Maureen); Marjorie Farr; Duck Sik (Maria) Choi (mother of Hyang (Monica) Kim).

GOSPEL REFLECTION



**Deacon
Richard Houwing**
Parish Deacon

In today's gospel, Jesus' healing of the deaf man is not merely about restoring physical senses. It is a powerful symbol of the transformation that God's love can bring to every person's life. This miracle shows us that God's love is active, transforming sorrow into joy, sickness into health, and our earthly life into an eternal life with Him. The deaf man's inability to communicate mirrors our own struggles to communicate with God. We may hear with our ears, but do we truly listen with our hearts? We may speak eloquently, but do we speak words of faith, truth, and compassion to each other?

Jesus, fully divine, chooses to humble Himself by entering into the limitations of this one deaf man. He takes the man aside, away from the crowd, giving him His undivided attention and care. He does not heal from a distance or with a mere word, as He easily could have. Instead, Jesus touches the man's ears and tongue, sharing in his physical limitations. In this act, Jesus not only restores the man's hearing and speech but also restores his dignity. Jesus heals not only the body but the soul, freeing the man to communicate and engage with others in a new, profound way.

God desires to open the ears of our hearts, to teach us to listen deeply to His Word and to the needs of others. Just as Jesus opened the man's ears, He wants us to be open to the ways He lovingly speaks to us, inviting us to be His presence in the world. The invitation is clear: God wants our hearts, our mouths, and our lives to be opened. He wants us to hear His voice, to speak His truth, and to go wherever He sends us.

Prayer plays a crucial role in this transformation. It is in prayer that we open our lives to God's touch. It is through prayer that we learn to listen to His Word, to understand His will for us, and to intercede for others. Our prayers are not just for ourselves; they are for the poor, the suffering, and the forgotten. When we pray for others, especially those who are marginalized, we become part of God's work of healing and transformation in the world.

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL



- The word Jesus says, "Ephphatha," means "Be opened." Where in my life do I need to "be opened" to God's will, guidance, or healing?
- Are there areas in my life where I have been spiritually "deaf" to God's message or to the needs of others? How can I work on being more attentive to God's voice?
- Jesus shows great compassion by taking the man aside privately before healing him. How do I reflect this compassion in my interactions with others, especially those who are vulnerable or in need?
- The crowd brings the man to Jesus and asks for healing. What does this tell me about the power of interceding for others in faith?

CELEBRATING OUR PARISH

Feast Day



NOVENA ON ZOOM

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

<https://tinyurl.com/ywnnr3u5>

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FEAST DAY ROSARY ON ZOOM

SEPTEMBER 15TH AT 8:00PM

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

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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!)

Pin the Halo on the Saint

CHORAL CONCERT BY OUR
PARISH CHOIR
SEPTEMBER 15TH 4:00PM



They're off! Our Poland Pilgrims have now left, ready for a time of rest, and rediscovery of their faith. Wishing them all the very best!



Seniors and Grandparents high tea this week was beautiful! About 35 of us got together for a cuppa. Our friends from Gregory and Carr, Gordon, generously supplied yummy morning tea, and Jan brought her beautiful goodies that included these paper teapots! We enjoyed our time together as Patrick (our own parishioner!) spoke to us about anxiety and depression and how to handle these challenges.



Thursday night we held a simple dinner together with our adults who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday! Congratulations to Justine, Mizuki, Adam, Potiphar, Sue, Atsushi on this wonderful milestone!



Cake it away! This month Bettina celebrated 1 year working as our youth minister, and was gifted this incredible cake! Thank you for all your work and heart, Bettina!

More cake in the pic to the right as Fr Joey celebrates his up coming birthday this Saturday! We're unsure of what inspired the very creative formation of the party hats on his head.





Fathers Day celebrations were in full swing last week! Here are some great pics from our Filipino Community's celebration, and St Pius X College's celebration.



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

FEAST 14 SEPTEMBER

- The feast commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, in 326 AD. According to tradition, she traveled to Jerusalem and miraculously found the cross upon which Jesus was crucified

- The feast actually commemorates two events: the discovery of the True Cross and the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, which was built on the site where Jesus was crucified and buried.
- The word "exaltation" means to "lift up." The feast focuses on the glory of the Cross as a symbol of victory over sin and death, rather than on its pain and suffering.
- According to legend, when St. Helena discovered the True Cross, it was identified through miraculous healings. A dying woman was brought to the site, and when touched by the True Cross, she was healed, confirming its authenticity.



Our Lady of Sorrows
**SEASON
OF CREATION**

1ST SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER

LET US REDUCE OUR WASTE



- BUY NO MORE THAN WE NEED
- COMPOST OUR WASTE
- RECYCLE BOTTLES AND CANS
- AVOID ANYTHING DISPOSABLE
- REFUSE SOFT PLASTIC BAGS
- REMEMBER OUR SHOPPING BAGS
- AVOID PLASTIC PACKAGING
- MEND AND ALTER OUR CLOTHES
- REPAIR EQUIPMENT
- DON'T RUSH TO NEWER MODELS
- RECYCLE PAPER, ELECTRONICS
- DONATE QUALITY ITEMS TO CHARITY

Bring in old mobile phones to the church for recycling during the Season of Creation We will deliver them to the Safe DV Drop Off for use by victims fleeing domestic violence

Please sign out of your device before leaving it in the church collection box

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

8 September 2024

HE MAKES THE DEAF HEAR! Imagine the great joy of someone who has been cured of a hearing disability. What a thrill it must be to hear clearly, perhaps for the first time, the sounds of birds, of the ocean breaking, of music, of a friend's voice. Many of us enjoy good hearing but we can still turn a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, to the pleas of someone for forgiveness, even to the teachings of Jesus. What joy we too will know if we allow Jesus to touch us and heal our spiritual deafness.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Christ, have mercy.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Amen.

GLORIA

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

COLLECT

P. O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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

Isa 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

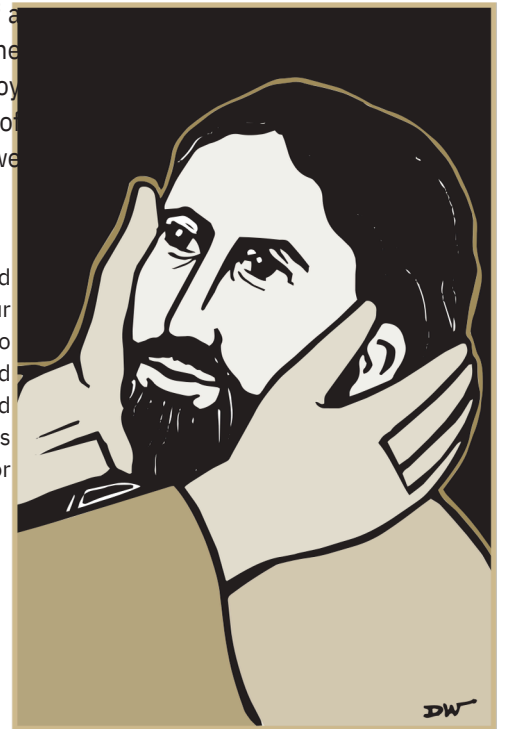
Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 1

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or Alleluia!)

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down, / the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James.

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 7:31-37

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.

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY PROFESSION OF FAITHS' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

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

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

R. Blessed be God for ever.

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

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the

sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. 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

cf. Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his

life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

GOD WILL COME AND SAVE YOU

A myriad of images unfold God's restoration in Isaiah: God will come and save you. These images speak of restoration to wholeness both to people with impairments of sight, hearing or speech, and to a natural world ravaged by drought.

This sounds like the Good News of God's salvation in the Gospels. As we hear from Mark, Jesus returns to Galilee, healing a man described as deaf and with an impediment to his speech. It is 'they' who brought the man to Jesus, beseeching him to lay his hand on him. Previously we have seen Jesus reach out his hand to touch and heal a leper and to ask the man with the withered hand to stretch it out to be healed. In this instance, Jesus is reported to take the man aside in private, that is, 'away from the crowd'. We see Jesus touch him, putting his fingers in his ears and on his tongue as well as looking up to heaven in a gesture of prayer to God saying 'Ephphatha' – be opened.

The healing is instantaneous giving an impetus to the whole narrative, moving it forward towards the Passion. The people who witness this are filled with unbounded amazement. Even though urged not to tell anyone, they do so more and more. They acclaim Jesus in words akin to those we heard from Isaiah of the salvation of God. This public acclamation points to recognition of who Jesus is, a question Jesus will pose to the disciples.

Dr r osemary C anavan

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NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH & PRAYER & LITURGY EVENTS

Monday
9 September

- 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.
- **8:15pm Day 4: Feast Day Novena on Zoom.**

Tuesday
10 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.
- 2:00pm Organ practice OC.
- 4:00pm Organ practice AH.
- 7:00pm Filipino choir practice.
- **8:15pm Day 5: Feast Day Novena on Zoom.**

Wednesday
11 September

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Mass.**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 1:00pm Rosary.
- 4:30pm Confirmation Practice
- **6:30pm 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.
- 7:00pm Confirmation Practice
- **8:15pm Day 6: Feast Day Novena on Zoom.**

Thursday
12 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.
- **8:15pm Day 7: Feast Day Novena on Zoom**

Friday
13 September

**Memorial :
Saint John
Chrysostom**

- 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.
- 7:00pm Indonesian Choir practice, set up at 6:00pm.
- **8:15pm Day 8: Feast Day Novena on Zoom.**

Saturday
14 September

**Feast:
Exaltation of the
Holy Cross**

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Mass.**
- **10:00am Sacrament of Confirmation.**
- 11:00am Choir practice.
- **12:30pm Sacrament of Confirmation.**
- 1:30pm Choir Rehearsal.
- 5:00pm Vigil Singer Bookings.
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass.**
- **8:15pm Day 9: Feast Day Novena on Zoom**

Sunday Mass
15 September

**Feast:
Our Lady of
Sorrows (Dolours)**

- **7:30am Mass.**
- **9:00am Mass.**
- **10:30am Mass with Feast Day celebrations on the Forecourt.**
- 1:30 Organ practice SC.
- 2:30pm Organ practice AH.
- **4:00pm Choir concert.**
- **5:30pm Mass.**
- **7:00pm Indonesian community Mass.**
- **8:00pm Feast Day Zoom Rosary.**



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.

我親愛的弟兄們，請聽！天主不是選了世俗視為貧窮的人，使他們富於信德，並繼承他向愛他的人所預許的國嗎？

雅各伯書2:5

Listen, my beloved brothers. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? James 2:5

NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

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| <p>Monday
9 September</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium). • 9:30am CCD Workshop Day (Magnificat, St Paul) set up 8:30am. • 1:30pm Friends & Fellowship (St Paul). • 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6, 6-9 & 9-12 year olds (Atrium). |
| <p>Tuesday
10 September</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. |
| <p>Wednesday
11 September</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am CSBB Curriculum Meeting (St Paul). • 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat). • 6:30pm Indonesian instruments practice (Harrington Hall) set up 6:00pm. • 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter). • 7:00pm MenAlive Faith Discussion (Magnificat) set up 6:30pm. |
| <p>Thursday
12 September</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium). • 1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up 12:00pm. • 6:00pm Altos choir practice (St Paul). |
| <p>Friday
13 September</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) set up 9:30am. • 6:30pm Life 2 • 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing. |
| <p>Saturday
14 September</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). |
| <p>Sunday Mass
15 September</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul) • 6:30pm Cornerstone & Keystone Youth Groups (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter) set up 4:00pm. |



CHATSWOOD **men**
ALIVE

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

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

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

In addition to regular monthly meetings, other events include:

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

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

MAGNIFICAT ROOM

PARISH MEETING ROOMS
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ALL MEN WELCOME
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SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
MEMORIAL
13 SEPTEMBER

- St. John Chrysostom's nickname, "Chrysostom," literally means "golden mouth" in Greek. He earned this title because of his incredible skill in preaching and public speaking.
- Because of his eloquence, St. John Chrysostom is considered the patron saint of preachers, public speakers, and orators.
- St. John was known for giving very long sermons, some lasting up to two hours! People loved his sermons so much that they didn't mind the length—at least, most of the time.
- Despite his high position as Archbishop of Constantinople, St. John Chrysostom was known for his extremely simple lifestyle. He lived like a monk, often eating only bread, vegetables, and water.
- He was exiled twice for speaking out against corruption and the behavior of the royal family.

WHY IS POPE FRANCIS VISITING VANIMO IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA?

Some would say Vanimo, Papua New Guinea, is in the "middle of nowhere." But that's where the Pope is headed, to visit those who came to visit him.

On September 8, during his visit to Papua New Guinea, the Pope will take a three-hour flight to the far northwest of the country, 600 miles from Port Moresby. Vanimo, a port town on a peninsula of about 9,000 inhabitants, is known mostly for two things: Surfing, and for being far away.

So why is the Pope going there? Well, he's returning a visit. Here's the story, as told us by Father Martín Prado, a priest from the Pope's native Argentina, and a member of the Institute of the Incarnate Word. I.Media tracked him down in late July, and he shared with us both the story of his Rome trip, and his missionary work.

"Just look at this paradise," the 35-year-old priest says, as he moves his phone camera to give us a view of where he and two other members of his congregation live, just a few feet from the beach.

Since 2014, he's been working with the community of some 41,000 Catholics who are spread across the vast territory of which Vanimo is capital.

How did you meet Pope Francis in 2019?

I went to Italy with a group of 18 parishioners from Papua New Guinea. It was a crazy trip, but it was good because we trusted in God and Providence really looked after us.

The people that came with me said, "Father, we brought some presents for the Pope." And I told them, "That is nice, but how will we give them to him?" There was another Italian priest with us who said to try and write a letter in Spanish and go to Porta Sant'Anna [one of the entrances to the Vatican] and deliver it. I did it, without really trusting anything would happen. The Pope was on holiday; it was July or August. To my surprise, the next day in the morning we got a message from his secretary saying the Pope wanted to see us.

We were so happy, we went to Santa Marta and stayed with him for around 20 minutes. He was very happy to see these people who had come from so far. He asked them to explain all the gifts they brought, such as some traditional clothing made from the trees and a mitre made in the traditional style. As you can see, the Pope has a great heart for those on the periphery, those who are most needy.

So since 2019 you have been exchanging letters with the Pope? How often do you correspond and what do you talk about?

Yes, since then we kept communicating by email. I don't know how often, and it was always through his secretary. But it isn't because of me, it is because of the people from here. He had said he wanted to keep in touch with us, to know what was happening and how things were going in Papua New Guinea. He showed us he was interested.

After we came back to Vanimo [in 2019] I had sent him an email thanking him for receiving us and for helping us, as when we were in Rome he also gave us financial help. That was Providence; we hung on Providence alone on that trip. I then said that we didn't want to disturb him anymore and he said to continue this providential friendship. I could see the love that he has for these people in remote areas.

I have told him about our pastoral work, the situation here. He is always encouraging and tells us to keep going and is happy to hear about it.

Why do you think Pope Francis has decided to visit Vanimo specifically?

I think he got to know some people from Papua New Guinea with our visit [to the Vatican in 2019], and he knew we were from Vanimo. So then when deciding to visit PNG I think he thought "why not Vanimo?"

The other dioceses were wondering, "Why Vanimo? It is in the last province, in the most remote area." The only way you can access it is by sea or plane, there is no road access because of the mountains. The Bishop [of Vanimo, Francis Meli] said it was because the people from Vanimo went to see the Pope, so now he is giving back to them. It is really because of the people here.

His attention to the peripheries is not just words, he really does what he says. He is always quietly caring for and helping people. Also, here in Vanimo, and in some places in Papua New Guinea, the Gospel is just arriving. Where we go, we are funding the Churches, we are baptizing the people, we are teaching them how to make the Sign of the Cross, how to pray to God. We tell them the Good News, that God became man and he is close to us.

How has Vanimo and the Catholic community been preparing for the Pope's visit?

We are preparing for that day as best as we can but also in a very humble way. Our province is one of the last ones so things are not that easy and fast. We are trying our best but it is not Singapore or Jakarta.

At the end of July for example, we met with some priests and organized a week of catechesis and awareness every night in town. We gathered all our parishioners in this central space, which is where the Pope will come. It is just a field, though, with grass. We built a temporary stage, we played some music and preached. We told the people about the Pope, the Church, and they sat on the grass and listened; it was so simple. People wanted to keep coming, those who live far away organized trucks to bring them. So that is how we are preparing, more spiritually, than logistically or materially maybe (laughs), by praying and trying our best. But the people are happy.

What are the plans for when Pope Francis meets the local Catholic community in Vanimo?

When the Pope comes we will say a prayer with him. We want to consecrate the diocese and each of us, our families, and even the province itself, to Jesus through our Mother Mary. We are trying to prepare this consecration, which will be the most beautiful thing. We are also preparing for him to give a golden flower to Our Lady ... we will see!

We will also have some catechists that will give speeches. The work of catechesis here is so important. For example in one of our parishes in the jungle there are around 11 communities and they are far from one another. There is one village that I can go to only once a month to say Mass. So it is the catechists -- some are missionaries, some are local people from the villages -- that preside over the Liturgy of the Word and prepare people on the catechism. They really are the right hand of our missionary work, so that is why we want them to have some time with the Pope and to receive a special blessing.

After participating in an event in town, the Pope will come by car to our mission here on the west coast. It is maybe a 40 minute drive. Here he will have a more private meeting; of course our parishioners will be present. I think people from the jungle villages will come, and we will show him the school, and the children's orchestra will play. He helped us build the school with some financial donations, so we would like to show him.

What is the atmosphere there like right now, a little over a month before Pope Francis is supposed to arrive?

People are so impressed. I think we passed through different phases. At the beginning we couldn't believe that the Pope was coming here. Then I would say that many of us priests and Church members were afraid (laughs). We were asking ourselves why the Pope is coming this far, to this little province. But now we are all enthusiastic and happy and trying to prepare as best as we can.

What impact do you think Pope Francis' trip will have on the country and its Catholic population?

I think there will be a revival and confirmation of the faith. People here are lovely and simple. They are not very influenced by any ideologies in particular. Even those who are not Catholic refer to the Catholic Church as the Mother Church, they call it "mamasios." They acknowledge that the other churches came after, that they are not the original Church that Jesus started with. Many non-Catholics here recognize the Pope as the head of Christians and they are also happy he is coming.

With thanks to parishioners Ian Chow and Bernadette Jew for sharing this wonderful story!



*Above: Fr Martin Prado from Vanimo, Papua New Guinea.
Below: The Catholic community in Vanimo preparing for the Pope's visit this week!*





CONFIRMATION 2024

The children in our Confirmation program are now in the last week of their preparation. Next Saturday 14 September the children will be confirmed during two special ceremonies held in the church at 10:00am and 12:30pm.

This week the children have been learning about what will happen when they come to be confirmed. They have been practising the steps involved in the Confirmation Rite. One of the things they have learnt about, is that during the rite, they will be asked to renew the promises made on their behalf, by their parents and godparents at their Baptism.

This weekend's Mass Ritual includes the renewal of baptismal promises for everyone. This will be said in place of the creed at our Vigil and 9am Masses.

We ask you to please continue to pray for these children and their families in the lead up to their Confirmation next Saturday.

ZOOM ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

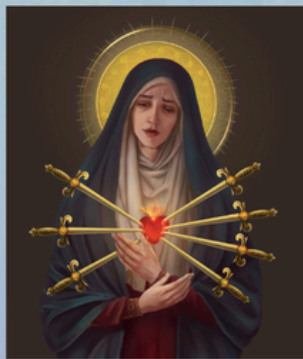


NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER AT 7:30PM

ZOOM Details:

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

Meeting ID: 899 1620 2172
No Password.



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.

NOTE FROM MARIAN CATHOLIC ACTION GROUP

- There will be no devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help next Saturday 14 September as a Confirmation service will be held at that time.
- To commemorate the celebrations of our parish patronal feast, a booklet "Our Most Sorrowful Mother – Seven Meditations to awaken Compassion for Our Blessed Mother (published by Australia Needs Fatima)" is available in the foyer for those who wish to have a copy. If anyone wishes to make a gold coin donation for the booklet, please leave it in one of the money boxes at Our Lady's shrine or in front of the crucifix in the foyer. This is optional.





The Camino... a pilgrimage

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16 days, 3 countries

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

Matthew 11:28



7th September 2024
One Day Malayalam Retreat
10:00am - 2:30pm

13th-15th September 2024
Youth Retreat

with Fr Prince Joseph VC & Fr Juby Varghese VC
Starts on Friday 5.30pm & ends on Sunday 4.00pm
(Food & Accommodation provided)

For more info & bookings please contact:
02 43721598 or email: drcretreatrego@gmail.com

29th September 2024
St Vincent De Paul Feast

9:00am - 4:00pm

- Praise and Worship • Preaching the word • Eucharistic Adoration
- Divine Mercy Chaplet • Holy Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED,
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THE ARMED MAN

KARL JENKINS

A MASS FOR PEACE

The Armed Man

- Sunday, 3 November 2024
- 2:00 pm 4:00 pm
- The Concourse 409 Victoria Ave Chatswood NSW 2067 Australia.
- Get tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/mr2zynvs>

The Armed Man - a Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins (1999), one of the composer's most popular works, reflects on the most war-torn century in human history and looks forward to a more peaceful future.

The work's music and lyrics draw from many religions and cultures - the Catholic mass, Islamic call to prayer, Hindu Mahabharata, along with words by Rudyard Kipling, John Dryden and Toge Sankichi.

In this unforgettable performance, Willoughby Symphony Choir will be joined by Willoughby Band to perform a special arrangement of The Armed Man for choir and brass band.

Program:

Jenkins - The Armed Man

Featuring:

Conductor: Dominic Longhurst

Artists:

Willoughby Symphony Choir

Willoughby Band

The Armed Man; A Mass for Peace, music by Karl Jenkins, transcribed for SATB chorus, organ and brass band by Duncan Gibbs & Andrew Wainwright. By arrangement with ORiGIN Theatrical. By permission of Boosey & Hawkes Music Publishers.

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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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
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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

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.

