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THE BULLETIN

15 SEPTEMBER 2024

24 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!

Happy Feast Day to our wonderful parish! This Sunday we celebrate and give thanks to God for the patronage of his mother, Our Lady of Sorrows. Join us for morning tea and activities after the 10:30am Mass and again at 4pm to hear the beautiful choral concert our choir has put together!

Please remember Archer St is closed this weekend so parking will need to be accessed from Ferguson Lane via Anderson Street.

There are two great new talks being offered - Fr Chima will speak on the theology of ecology, and Fr Biju will have three sessions unpacking the life and teachings of St Paul. All are welcome!

Join us for our walk and picnic next week as part of celebrating our care for creation.

Thank you very much to Diosa Farr for her generosity in donating this week's flowers for the church.

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.



The Confession of St Peter – Raphael



You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

This Sunday's Gospel – Mark 8:27-35

Dear friends.



Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

Happy feastday of Our Lady of Sorrows, taking place on Sunday 15 September. As with our birthdays, our feast days are important to celebrate. They remind us of our identity as a community entrusted to Mary at the foot of the Cross and therefore of our mission to be a place of welcome and peace for those who are suffering. It is also a significant weekend with **96 children celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation** on the morning of Saturday 14 September and then on Sunday morning, 3 people being received into our Church, and **6 adults being confirmed**. Throughout Sunday morning there will also be much festivity on the forecourt and then our Parish Choir will treat us to a beautiful concert in the church at 4.00pm

A very special thank you to all those who were able to assist with our booths at the **Chatswood Street Fair** last Saturday 7 September. We were blessed by fine weather and a number of people very generously gave of their Saturday to be present, assisting with sales from our PEW retail, but also sharing information about our Parish and running children's activities. It is always the 'luck of the draw' as to the location we receive for the

booths, but our presence at such events is very important. It demonstrates our commitment to the life of the city and is a very tangible way of engaging our mission, bringing the Light of Christ to the City. Just a heads up: next year we are thinking we might participate as a Parish in the Parade itself!

Thank you, too, to all those who have been able to join us online each night since Friday 6 September to pray our **Novena to our Lady of Sorrows**. We will turn the reflections I shared on the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady into a booklet that can be available to many. We will undertake a similar Novena in October ahead of our celebration of the Feast Day of Blessed Carlo Acutis on 12 October. The renovations for our **Acutis Eucharistic Chapel** on the side of our church remain on track, and this week should see some significant developments in the project. Thank you to everyone for their patience as we relocate the Rosary at the end of Masses to the northern transept to enable the workmen more time to progress their work. We are still awaiting the arrival of our new chairs for the northern transept. The latest indication we have is early October.

This last week we have had **new doors installed for the main entrance to Harrington Hall**. This development has been at the service of having electronic security into the hall with an intercom system and remote entry mechanisms. Such are required for the provision of the Out of School Hours Care service we license CatholicCare Broken Bay to conduct. Now that the new system is operational, access to Harrington Hall for those using the OOSHC will be restricted to the Ferguson Lane entry. This will enable better security more generally for the rear of the parish office as well as to Our Lady of Dolours Primary School.

We keep our **parish pilgrims to Europe** in our prayer. They have commenced their time away with beautiful celebrations at Czestochowa in Poland under the spiritual guidance of Fr Marek Woldan. We pray that they may continue safely in their journeys. **Fr Jim McKeon, previously Parish Priest of Chatswood, is also on pilgrimage, celebrating his 25th anniversary as a priest**. He is 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 he will be remembering and giving God thanks for his time in Chatswood Parish from 2018-2020. He remains grateful for the community of faith at Our Lady of Sorrows and the privilege of being pastor in this time. He is putting his reflections on this blog <https://frjimsreflections.blogspot.com/> and will be praying for us all.

On Saturday 21 September, two of our wonderful members, **Gabriel Yi and Justine Kim will be married in our church!** We congratulate them on this beautiful occasion, and we wish them every blessing as they commence this new chapter in their lives together, with gratitude to God for the gift they are to our community.

So much life and activity for which we are truly grateful to the Lord.

This week's church flowers are generously donated by **Mrs Diosa Farr** in loving memory of her husband

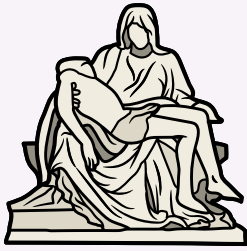
Warren Farr

on the first anniversary of his passing.



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.*

*Mother of the Crucified,
pray for us.*

*Mother pierced by the sword of
sorrow, pray for us.*

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

John Ryan; Eufravio Gervacio (uncle of Cherry & Jonathan Atip); Mark Ariola; 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**:

Maria Taylor; 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 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**:

Shirley Ranson; Mark Esteban (husband of Angela Esteban); Jane Liddell (grandmother of Louise Flaherty); Robert Playdon (husband of Maureen); Marjorie Farr; Duck Sik (Maria) Choi (mother of Hyang (Monica) Kim).

Our loved ones celebrating their **birthdays**!:

Lincoln Aylward; Ditas Naguit; Fr Joey Frez.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



**Deacon
Kevin Hale**

Have you ever had the experience where your emotions have you on a "high" one moment and then very "low" the next? First, everything is going just fine, and your reactions to every situation are dead right. But then, in the next moment, you make a terrible blunder and wind up in trouble. This seemed to be Peter's situation in today's reading. First, he was hot, telling Jesus, "You are the Christ". He sensed the Holy Spirit revealing something new about Jesus, and he was right. But then, just a few moments later, when Jesus told him that being "Christ" meant suffering and death, Peter turned cold. He gave the wrong answer, and Jesus rebuked him harshly: "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things". What a roller coaster!

First, Peter thinks he's great because of his keen spiritual insight. In fact in Matthew's account, Jesus calls Simon "blessed" for being open to divine revelation. But then he is being compared to the father of lies and the accuser of the brethren! What a dramatic illustration of how difficult it can be to distinguish the voice of the Holy Spirit from the whisperings of the devil or the well-intentioned but misled thoughts of our own mind.

Like Peter, we too can ride a kind of roller coaster of faith. Sometimes we are in touch with the Holy Spirit, and sometimes we are dominated by ill will, self-centeredness, or resentment, as if we had absolutely no access to the wisdom or power of God. As frustrating as this may sound, we can take comfort from the fact that we aren't all that different from the man who ultimately became the leader of the whole church.

But first Peter had to understand that leading didn't mean lording it over others, of being the big boss, but in fact being a servant and laying down his life for those he was leading.

He couldn't be a leader like this based on his own strength and wisdom. He would need to bring all things to Jesus and receive the gift God was offering him: a new heart, a new mind, a new way of life.

Over time, Peter did learn how to hear the Spirit, and so can we. We can be like him and try to do our best to stay close to the Lord every day. It can help if we examine ourselves to see if our thoughts and motivations are God-centered or self-centered. Do we take up our cross daily? And one way of taking up our cross is to put aside our ways of thinking and ask God to help us see things as he does. In doing this it helps us to remember that suffering and death aren't the ultimate evil; far worse is sinning and failing to do God's will.

What other ways of thinking might we need to adjust? Perhaps we put our career or security before the care of the needs of our family. Perhaps we think that our material needs are more important than our spiritual ones. Maybe we

put our own needs before the needs of the poor and marginalised in our society. Whatever way you think, try to be like St Peter and spend a few moments today asking God to show you one way in which you need to change your mind so that you can make room for his love and his way of thinking. It may take time, but be assured that God is with us, ready to teach us every step of the way.



Footprints Mass

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Mass

Tuesday 15 October 2024 6:30pm

Whether the death of a child happened recently or many years ago, parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to participate in a special Mass of Remembrance, to honour the brief life of the children who died too soon through miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death.

All are welcome to join us after Mass on the forecourt for light refreshments, and to meet others that share this missing piece of your heart.



SAINTS CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN

MEMORIAL 16 SEPTEMBER



- Even though Cornelius was in Rome and Cyprian was in Carthage (modern-day Tunisia), they were close friends and corresponded often. Their letters show mutual support and admiration, strengthening the Christian community during tough times.
- Both saints were martyred for their faith, though in different ways. Cornelius was exiled and died of mistreatment, while Cyprian was beheaded during the persecution of Emperor Valerian. They were remembered for their courage in holding fast to their faith despite persecution.
- Cyprian is associated with a mysterious plague that hit the Roman Empire, now known as the Plague of Cyprian, because he documented its effects. Both Saints Cornelius and Cyprian are invoked for protection against plagues and epidemics.
- Much of what we know about Cornelius and Cyprian comes from their letters. Cyprian supported Cornelius when a rival claimed the papacy and they both stood firm against the Novatian schism, which questioned whether Christians who had lapsed during persecution could be forgiven.

VINNIES CHATSWOOD AUGUST REPORT

Chatswood received 11 calls for help in August. Some were complex. Two involved DV victims, another was from a sufferer of severe mental illness whilst another concerned a chap recently out of gaol. In general, help was provided for unaffordable pharmaceuticals and health related bills, food and furniture. Help was provided for a family removal to safer accommodation and car registration. Further help may need to be provided for some complex cases. We expended \$2700 in essential help.

We thank those who contributed so generously to our Winter Appeal in July. You provided \$4700 which will further our work with needy locals.

We are looking for more volunteers to join our mission; to serve Christ in the poor with love. If interested, please email el.herlianto@vinnies.org.au or call John on 0439 783 956

CELEBRATING OUR PARISH

Feast Day



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

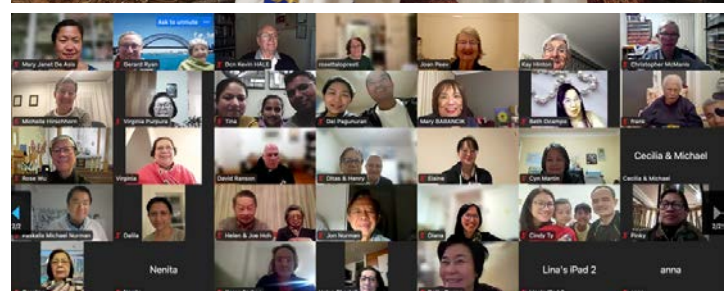
CHORAL CONCERT

BY OUR PARISH
CHOIR

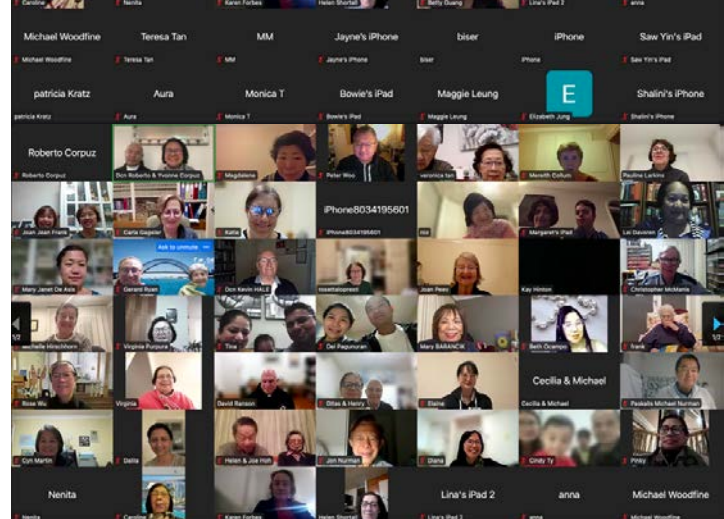
AT 4:00PM



Cześć from our pilgrims in Poland! They're having a great time on pilgrimage and shared these beautiful photos of Mass that they attended in the Jasna Góra Monastery in Częstochowa.



Welcome to Playgroup Scarlett! This week we did more art and look forward to celebrating Lincoln's birthday next week.



Zoom takeover! Above: 65 screens for our Zoom Rosary for the celebration of Our Lady's Nativity last week. And below: the first day of our Zoom Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows with 46 screens!



Another beautiful First Saturday public Rosary on the Forecourt!

THEOLOGY OF ECOLOGY

with Fr. Chima Ofor



MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 7:30PM

All are warmly invited to join this special session, led by Fr. Chima Ofor, Parish Priest of Manly Freshwater. Fr. Chima holds a PhD in the Theology of Ecology, and will speak to us about the commitments we make as an EarthCare Parish. This session will offer valuable insights into the spiritual and ecological responsibilities we embrace in caring for our common home.



Magnificat Room

96 Archer St, Chatswood

Entry from Kirk St

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**SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
PARISH BUSHWALK &
LITURGY**

Celebrate Creation in a parish bushwalk for all the family that leaves from the church at 10.30 a.m. Led. by Fr David, and guided by Bushcare expert Stephen Shortis, the bushwalk includes a liturgy and picnic morning tea and returns to the church by 12.30 p.m. Children and dogs on a leash are very welcome.

**SAINTS
ANDREW KIM TAEGON,
PAUL CHONG HASANG
AND COMPANIONS**

**MEMORIAL
20 SEPTEMBER**



- Andrew Kim Taegon was the first native-born Korean Catholic priest, ordained at the young age of 25! His commitment to spreading Christianity in Korea was extraordinary, especially during a time when Christianity was outlawed in the country.

- Paul Chong Hasang was a lay Catholic leader who worked tirelessly to bring missionaries into Korea. He even wrote a letter to the Pope asking for help in establishing a more formal Church in Korea, showing his dedication to spreading the faith despite persecution.

- When Christianity was first introduced to Korea, it spread through secret house churches. Many Korean Christians, including Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang, risked their lives practicing their faith in secrecy due to severe government crackdowns.
- The 103 Korean martyrs, canonized in 1984, included people from every walk of life – men and women, young and old, rich and poor, priests and laypeople. Their diversity reflects the universal appeal of the Christian message.
- Between 1791 and 1888, more than 10,000 Korean Christians were martyred for their faith. The Church in Korea was planted in blood, with many choosing death rather than renouncing their faith.
- Saint Andrew Kim Taegon was arrested and beheaded in 1846, just one year after being ordained a priest. Paul Chong Hasang suffered a similar fate.
- Pope John Paul II canonized Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and their 101 companions on May 6, 1984, during his visit to South Korea. This was the first time a canonization took place outside of Rome, a significant moment in the Church's global history!

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

15 September 2024

WHO DO PEOPLE SAY I AM? In modern parlance, we could say that Jesus was seeking some feedback from his disciples about himself, especially how he was perceived, when he asked this question. If we were to ask Jesus, 'how would you describe today's Christians?', what feedback do you think he might give? How do you think a non-believer might describe the Christian community?

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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. You 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. Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone

start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

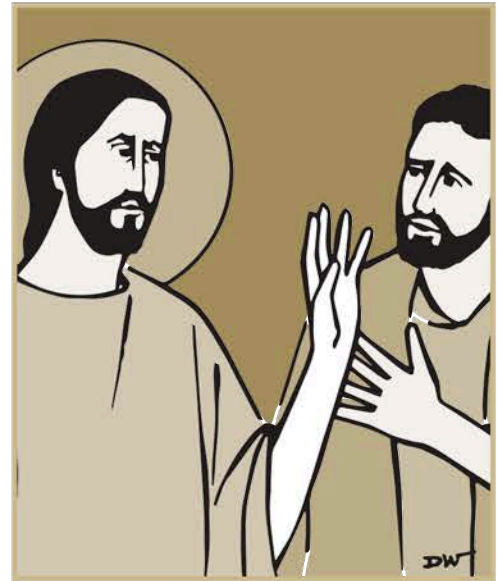
RESP PSALM Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R. v. 9

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. (or Alleluia!)

1. I love the Lord for he has heard / the cry of my appeal; / for he turned his ear to me / in the day when I called him. **R.**

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, / with the anguish of the tomb; / they caught me, sorrow and distress. / I called on the Lord's name. / O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; / our God has compassion. / The Lord protects the simple hearts; / I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**



4. He has kept my soul from death, / my eyes from tears / and my feet from stumbling. / I will walk in the presence of the Lord / in the land of the living. **R.**

SECOND READING James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James.

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord

Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 8:27-35

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 are the Christ . . . The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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. Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. 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 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not

our own desires, may always prevail in us. 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. BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

'WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?'

This quintessential question arises today in two ways: 'who do *people* say I am?' and, 'who do *you* say I am?' The setting for this event that forms the turning point in Mark's Gospel is 'on the way' to Caesarea Philippi. Being on the way is being on the journey with Jesus. It is not clear whether they enter the villages. This conversation is often envisioned as occurring beside the rock wall of the waterfall with its niche and caves and the spring that emerges at the base of Mount Hermon. This cultic setting of the Temple of Pan, other deities and a marble temple to Augustus might distract from Mark's purpose. Meandering along the stream under a Roman bridge, past a water mill, a synagogue and a palace might be enough context to consider the questions on Jesus' lips.

To the first question 'they' – the disciples – answer variously, 'John the Baptist ... Elijah ... one of the prophets.' question Peter answers the second definitively 'You are the Messiah.' This is a crystallisation of the identity of Jesus that we have known from the first line of this Gospel. Yet, it is still not to be told and has been misunderstood so far. What is important for the disciples, and for us, is the first of the passion predictions that follow, and the reality of Jesus' mission. After the rebuke by Peter, Jesus declares to the crowd as well as the disciples 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' In light of this, how will you answer, 'who do you say I am?'

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH & PRAYER & LITURGY EVENTS

Monday
16 September

**Memorial:
Saints Cornelius &
Cyprian**

- 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
17 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.

Wednesday
18 September

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

Thursday
19 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
20 September

**Memorial
Saints Andrew
Kim Taegon, Paul
Chong Hasang
and companions**

- 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
21 September

**Feast:
Saint Matthew**

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Mass.**
- 11:00am Choir practice.
- **1:00pm Wedding.**
- 5:00pm Vigil Singer Bookings.
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass.**

Sunday Mass
22 September

**25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

- **7:30am Mass.**
- **9:00am Mass.**
- **10:30am Mass.**
- **5:30pm Mass.**
- 6:30pm Youth Group Prayer Night.



Ian Chow and family were amongst the 600 000 people who came to see Pope Francis during his trip to Papua New Guinea - and they snapped these great photos of an incredible moment!

NOTE FROM MARIAN CATHOLIC ACTION GROUP

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. Thank you and God bless. – MCAG

因為誰若願意救自己的性命，必要喪失性命；
但誰若為我和福音的原故，喪失自己的性命，必要救得性命。
馬爾谷福音8:35

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.
Mark 8:35

NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

Monday
16 September

- 10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium).
- 1:30pm Friends & Fellowship (St Paul).
- 2:00pm Development meeting (Magnificat).
- 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6, 6-9 & 9-12 year olds (Atrium).

Tuesday
17 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
18 September

- 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat).
- 6:30pm Seek (St Paul)
- 6:30pm Indonesian instruments practice (Harrington Hall) set up 6:00pm.
- 7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter).

Thursday
19 September

- 9:00am Meeting Room upkeep (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter).
- 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
20 September

- 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) set up 9:30am.
- 7:00pm Indonesian Bible Study (Magnificat) set up 6:00pm.
- **7:00pm Our Lady's Ladies Games Night (St Paul) set up 6:00pm.**
- 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing.

Saturday
21 September

- 10:00am Music Lessons (St Paul).
- 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter) set up 10:00am.
- 7:00pm Korean Bible Reading & Discussion (St Paul).

Sunday Mass
22 September

- 7:45am Filipino Choir practice (St Paul).
- 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul).
- 11:00am RCIA (St Peter).
- 6:30pm Cornerstone & Keystone Youth Groups (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter) set up 4:00pm.



Thank you to everyone who helped out at Street Fair last week!



The below letter was sent in this week from a grandmother who attends playgroup and is a beautiful tribute to our community!

Cannot express my joy when I first come to this church, a year ago.

Taking the opportunity of the Parish Feast Day, I would like to express my appreciation to all the people in this church, under the great leadership of the priests and deacons.

People first join will immediately feel welcome and everything is so much caring, the weekly bulletin with detail guidance of mass procedures and prayers giving consideration that some people may come from different countries.

We can feel the caring concern from everyone and feel like a family.

From the information in the bulletin I had joined the ALPHA class for the first time and helped me through difficult time.

Right now I bring my grandson to the weekly playgroup, where he started learning to crawl and now learning to walk, every time unwilling to leave and almost everytime exceeded the listed scheduled time.

Though I do not live in this area and I am more than willing to take train to bring my grandson to this church and also the Sunday Mass.

The priests and deacons in this church are indeed good shepherds to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ.

Dear Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for our holy priests and deacons.

Dear Lord, Let Thy holy love surround them.

God Bless everyone.

**SAINT MATTHEW
FEAST
21 SEPTEMBER**



- Before following Jesus, Matthew was a tax collector, one of the most disliked professions in ancient Israel. Tax collectors were often seen as corrupt and traitorous, working for the Roman government. But Matthew's transformation after meeting Jesus shows the power of conversion and forgiveness.
- Because of his background in financial work, Saint Matthew is considered the patron saint of tax collectors, accountants, bankers, and bookkeepers.
- Saint Matthew wrote one of the four Gospels. His Gospel is the first book in the New Testament and is particularly known for emphasizing Jesus' role as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, showing that He is the long-awaited Messiah.

- Tradition holds that after Pentecost, Matthew preached the Gospel in places as far as Ethiopia and Persia (modern-day Iran). He was deeply involved in spreading Christianity beyond the Jewish world.
- According to some traditions, Saint Matthew was martyred in Ethiopia while celebrating Mass. He is believed to have been killed with a sword or a spear, depending on different accounts of his death.

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL 

- Peter recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, yet struggles to understand Jesus' mission of suffering. Are there areas of your life where you acknowledge Jesus as Lord but still resist His plans or ways that are difficult to understand?
- Jesus speaks about His upcoming suffering and death. How do you understand the role of suffering in your own faith journey? How might embracing suffering with faith deepen your relationship with Jesus?
- How does this Gospel invite you to be more courageous in witnessing your faith to others, as Peter did? How can you live more boldly as a disciple of Jesus this week?

PRAYER IN SORROW



Dear God,
I humbly come before You
with a heavy heart,
I come to You begging for
a moment of stillness
from my tears.

I pray that as I go through this
season of sorrow, You show
me Your love and grace.

Help me to find peace in Your
presence.

Wipe my tears, Lord,
and carry me through this
season of mourning
and deep sadness.
Help me to trust in Your
unfailing love
and to fix my eyes on You,
Jesus.

As I lift my worries to You, I
humbly ask that You lift up my
heart from this grief that
overwhelms me.

May Your presence bring me
joy and comfort as I embark
on this journey of healing with
You.

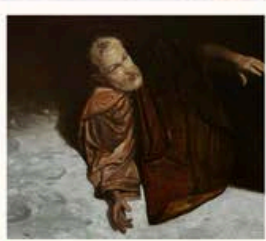
In Your most holy name, I pray.

Amen.

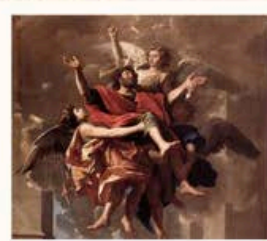


Saint Paul

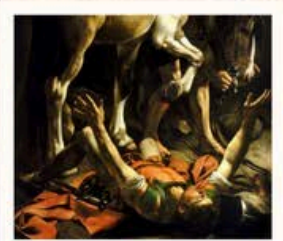
EXPLORING THE LIFE & TEACHINGS OF
THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES



3PM SATURDAY
OCTOBER 12



3PM SATURDAY
OCTOBER 19



3PM SATURDAY
OCTOBER 26



Join us as Fr Biju Jose OSH, Parish priest of Ku-ring-Gai Chase Catholic Parish, guides us through the life of St Paul, from his dramatic conversion to his influential mission as the Apostle to the Gentiles. Explore the significance of Pauline literature and gain profound theological insights that continue to inspire and shape Christian thought today.



Magnificat Room

96 Archer St, Chatswood - Entry from Kirk St
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



7pm Friday September 20th

7 pm IN ST PAUL'S ROOM
ALL LADIES WELCOME
BRING A SNACK AND YOUR BEST SKILLS!
To register your interest or to find out
more, please email
chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au

*Women can come as they are, share
their stories,
and find strength and fellowship*

**OUR LADY
OF SORROWS
FEAST
15 SEPTEMBER**



- Our Lady of Sorrows appeared to Marie-Claire Mukangango in the apparitions of Kibeho, Rwanda (1981), warning of the importance of prayer and repentance to prevent future tragedies. This devotion is also tied to the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows, a form of prayer that grew from this apparition.

- Mary's sorrow isn't just about her personal pain, but a participation in the suffering of Christ for the salvation of the world. Her suffering is viewed as deeply connected to her role as the Mother of the Church and a model of compassion and love.

- Our Lady of Sorrows is the patroness of Slovakia, and her image is featured prominently in churches and religious celebrations throughout the country.

- A special scapular called the Black Scapular of the Seven Sorrows is associated with this devotion. It is worn by those who wish to honor Our Lady of Sorrows and seek her protection and intercession in times of suffering.

- Mary remained at the foot of the Cross, fully present to her Son's suffering. How do you respond when faced with the suffering of those close to you? In what ways can you offer support and be fully present to others in their pain?

**ZOOM ROSARY FOR
OUR LADY OF SORROWS**



8 PM SUNDAY 15 SEPT

ZOOM Details:

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

Meeting ID: 891 2824 2753
No Password.

MEDITATION GROUP OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHATSWOOD

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"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



The Camino... a pilgrimage

and Rome, Santiago, Fatima and Madrid

16 days, 3 countries

VISIT 3 OF THE MAJOR SITES OF MODERN CHRISTENDOM IN THE JUBILEE YEAR

Rome: 4 Major Basilicas, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, Pantheon and Trevi Fountain. **Santiago:** Walk in the footsteps of St James along the Camino. Obtain the 'pilgrim passport' after walking 120km to receive a 'compostela' (certificate of completion). **Fatima:** Capelinha - Our Lady of Fatima, tombs of the 3 children, Way of the Cross, Aljustrel (children's house), site of the Angel's apparition. **Madrid:** Prado Museum, Palacio Real, St Miguel's markets and much more.

DEPART 24.4.25 - RETURN 12.5.25
(PTO FOR FULL ITINERARY)

To register click [HERE](#) or for more information, email or call Isabella Conde.
E: CaminoTour2025@gmail.com M: 0403 864 952



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT SACRED HEART CHURCH
2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM

OUR MASS CELEBRANT AND AFTER DINNER SPEAKER WILL BE FATHER GERARD MORAN OCD ASSISTANT PRIEST AT CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH ST IVES. HIS TOPIC: "THE NATURE OF A DISCALCED CARMELITE VOCATION AND THE CARMELITES IN AUSTRALIA SINCE 1948"

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on 0478 083 116 or email annaytleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

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
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.

