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THE BULLETIN

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26TH 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!

Bush Walk & Liturgy This Saturday!

Join us for a refreshing bush walk followed by a liturgy this Saturday. We'll depart from the church at 10:30am and arrive at the Chatswood Scout Hall, Kooba Ave, for the liturgy at 11:00am. The walk is 30 minutes, moderately difficult, with easy access via Kooba Ave for those needing assistance.

Exciting News!

Bishop Anthony has nominated our church as a Shrine of Hope for the Jubilee year, dedicated to young people.

Upcoming Events:

- Novena to Blessed Carlo begins Thursday—join us online and spread the word!
- Morning Tea for seniors and grandparents is also on Thursday—details inside.

Thank you to Elizabeth Wright for generously 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.

Anyone who is not against us is for us.

If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

This Sunday's Gospel - Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Dear friends,

We welcome home our pilgrims from their time in Europe visiting some of the great Marian Shrines. Thanks be to God all are safe and speak of how rich was the experience.

We also congratulate Gabriel Yi and Justine Kim who were married in our church last Saturday. Gabriel and Justine have been part of our community for a long time, and it was a great joy to celebrate this special moment with them.

Last Wednesday, we celebrated the **Graduation of our students from Pius X College and Mercy College**. We wish them all the very best now as they prepare for their HSC and for the new chapter in their lives that awaits them.

As many of us would be aware Pope Francis has called the Church into **Jubilee in 2025** – an event that occurs every 25 years. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be Hope. Yesterday, Bishop Anthony wrote to our Diocese, *As Pilgrims of Hope, Pope Francis invites us to embark on a journey with a multitude of*



Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

routes and discoveries throughout the Jubilee of Hope 2025. In his letter of 11 February 2022 to Archbishop Rino Fisichella, the Holy Father encourages us all with the words “we must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.”

Within our own Diocese of Broken Bay, we are called to celebrate this Jubilee Year with “deep faith, lively hope and active charity”.

As part of our plannings, I am delighted to share with you the three diocesan “Jubilee Shrines of Hope” which will form significant places of pilgrimage, worship, prayer, and hope for God’s people in Broken Bay during the Jubilee Year.

- *The Parish of Gosford with Relic of Saint John Paul II will be a Shrine of Hope for our families.*
- **The Parish of Chatswood with the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be a Shrine of Hope for our young people.**
- *The Parish of Manly-Freshwater with the Relic of Saint John Vianney will be a Shrine of Hope for our Priests and Vocations.*

This places a special responsibility on us for the coming year. We look forward to exploring the many different ways that we, as a parish community, can enter the year of Jubilee and become a beacon of hope.

Our planning for the celebration of the **feast day of Blessed Carlo Acutis** continues. This coming Thursday 3 October our online novena in preparation commences. Our new chapel continues to take form under the superb management of John O’Brien, and our celebration for Friday 11 October with Mass at 7.00pm. Following Mass we will have all night Adoration available until our Saturday 9am Mass. We are now looking for people who might pledge some time during that night to be present in the church before the Blessed Sacrament. We have put a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the church. Please do consider this wonderful opportunity for prayer.

Over these months, Bishop Anthony has invited the parishes of the North Shore to reflect on the challenges and opportunities of the region. This is the North Shore Pastoral Discernment Project and a booklet on the enterprise is available in the church foyer. More information can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/mknhp4bk>.

Those who have been part of our **Parish-in-Councils** as scribes and facilitators are coming together on Monday 30 September to think through aspects of the regional discernment, and on the evening of Monday 14 October everyone is invited to Harrington Hall to consider the questions of the discernment. These are:

- **QUESTION 1:** The data highlights a clear and significant decline in participation in the pastoral and sacramental life of our communities. How does this shift impact our sense of identity and mission within our local communities? What resourcing initiatives or areas of mission should be considered to address this decline in Catholic identification in the North Shore Deanery?



QUESTION 2: What pastoral synergies exist across our North Shore Deanery? How might clusters of parish communities collaborate more effectively? What may be possible across our cluster of parishes in our Deanery?

QUESTION 3: What do you consider to be the most pressing issues for people living in the North Shore Deanery and how best might parish communities respond to these?

QUESTION 4: The data highlights an increasing demand and stress on community members due to high living costs and housing distress. How can the Church's pastoral mission be adapted to address these challenges? What specific pastoral initiatives can the Church implement to support individuals and families facing financial hardship? What areas for outreach may need to be thought through and considered?

QUESTION 5: How does the current configuration of Catholic Communities on the North Shore facilitate or limit mission, ministry, worship, liturgy, and catechesis? What may need to be considered or reviewed to enhance and strengthen Catholic Communities on the North Shore?

We will formulate a parish response to the questions through the process. If you are not able to come along on Monday 14 October but would like to make a personal response as part of the parish response do send me your notes so that we can include them.

From Monday there will be **works occurring on our "Rotunda Site" on the corner of Archer and Kirk Streets**. These involve the erection of fencing that might more clearly differentiate the school use from the parish space. I have personally asked for these to occur given the enormous Safeguarding risk that pertains to having the public being able to intermingle with the students all through the day, and so that, in fact, the College may be compliant with government regulations on school enclosures. The fencing will ensure that the students enter the site only from Archer Street and do not use the stairways and corridors that are used by parishioners. However, there will be gates so that, outside of school hours, the parish will continue to have access to the entire site. Conversely, the gates will allow the students to use the lift if required. The fencing may present as somewhat imposing to begin with, but, on such a vexed site, the safety of the students is paramount. In the meantime, we are continuing in active discussions with Catholic Schools Broken Bay about the longer term use of the site and the commercial considerations of this use. We are hopeful to have this resolved shortly to the great benefit of the parish.

Lastly, a lovely letter of gratitude from CatholicCare Broken Bay:

Fr David and the parishioners of Chatswood Parish, I would like to express my sincere thanks for supporting CatholicCare's Homelessness Week fundraiser in August. **Your parish raised a total of \$4947.60**, which will allow us to continue supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. We have now processed your donations and have issued receipts where requested. We provide a women's refuge, transitional accommodation options, young parent's homelessness services and street sleeping outreach supports. We also operate Dom's Place in Hornsby and Mary Mac's in Woy Woy where people who are homeless or transient can connect with others over a meal and access pathways to homelessness support services and health assistance. We are incredibly thankful for the support of your Parish. Without your generosity CatholicCare would need to turn many people away.

Thank you to everyone!

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Theresia Tjung (mother of Rosa); Greg Homan; Margaret Valda Maher (mother of Cheryl Thomas).

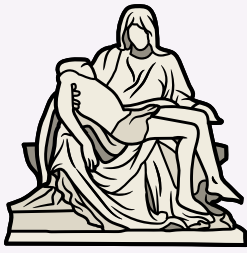
Our loved ones who are sick:

Minnie Walshe; 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:

Camillo Santone (father of Mark); Janet Coombs; Jack Ladd (brother of Patricia Biddell); Maria Cristina (Tina) Robinson.

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 by Wednesday.



*Sorrowful Mother,
pray for us.*

*Mournful Mother,
pray for us.*

*Sighing Mother,
pray for us.*

*Afflicted Mother,
pray for us.*

*Forsaken Mother,
pray for us.*

*Desolate Mother,
pray for us.*

*Mother most sad,
pray for us.*

*Mother set around with anguish,
pray for us.*

*Mother overwhelmed by grief,
pray for us.*

*Mother transfixed by a sword,
pray for us.*

Our loved ones recently celebrating their birthdays:

Belle Jaballas; Elena Brivio, Jo Karaolis.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

I just got a manicure this week, so when I hear this week's Gospel calling us to 'cut off our hand if it causes us to sin,' a little part of me dies for the artistry and \$40 that has gone into my nails. Yet, I find myself reflecting on everything I can do to avoid sacrificing this part of myself—not just for the nails but because I'd rather strive to resist sin than lose a part of myself.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we encounter a powerful message about inclusivity and the nature of our faith community. When the disciples come to Jesus, concerned about someone casting out demons in His name, He responds with this truth: "Anyone who is not against us, is for us."

As Christians, this seems easy to agree with, but do we truly live it? When we see Christians from different churches or fellow Catholics promoting aspects of our faith that may not resonate with us—or even frustrate us—do we first remember that they are with us, not against us? When we encounter stories of Christians with different worship styles or music at their services, do we acknowledge that they, too, seek to glorify Jesus Christ?

Jesus' statement is not just reassurance; it's an invitation. He calls us to broaden our perspective, reminding us that God's work can be accomplished through many hands, often in unexpected ways. We are encouraged to embrace collaboration rather than competition, unity rather than division.

As followers of Christ, we must reflect on who we might overlook. Who is reaching out to God in their own way? Instead of drawing lines in the sand, how can we build bridges to connect with those who may not belong to our specific community but seek to do good in God's name?

The imagery Jesus uses later in the passage about cutting off a hand or foot underscores the seriousness of our mission. It challenges us to eliminate anything—attitudes, prejudices, or behaviors—that hinders our ability to serve God and others. What's a manicure or even a hand lost when I get to keep my closeness with God?

As we prepare for this week, let's embody this spirit of inclusivity. May we remain open to the diverse expressions of faith around us and support one another in our shared journey of love and service to fulfill Christ's mission in our world.

- Olivia L

SAINT JEROME MEMORIAL 30 SEPTEMBER



- St Jerome was a master of multiple languages, including Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, which helped him translate the Bible with great accuracy.
- Jerome's Latin translation of the Bible (known as the Vulgate) became the official version of the Bible for the Catholic Church for over a millennium.
- According to legend, St. Jerome once removed a thorn from a lion's paw, and the grateful lion stayed by his side for the rest of his life, becoming his companion. This is why he is often depicted with a lion in art.
- Jerome was famous for his argumentative nature. He got into many heated debates, even with fellow saints like Augustine of Hippo, over theological and biblical issues.
- Jerome's writings on the spiritual life deeply influenced monastic communities, especially with his emphasis on solitude, penance, and the study of Scripture.

Please note that the office will be closed next week on Tuesday 1 October as staff will be offsite at training.



ZOOM NOVENA DAY 1 - 8
8PM OCTOBER 3 - 10

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84776329194>

Meeting ID: 847 7632 9194
No Password.



**VIGIL MASS FOR THE
FEAST DAY**
FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 7PM

**VENERATION OF RELIC &
ADORATION OF
EUCCHARIST**

THROUGH THE NIGHT
FOLLOWING THE VIGIL
MASS, UNTIL SATURDAY
9.00AM FEAST DAY MASS.

CELEBRATING BLESSED

*Carlo
Acutis*



OUR LADY OF SORROWS (DOLOURS) CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our nightly zoom rosary group usually meets at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays and at 8 pm the rest of the week. However, from 3 – 10 October we will meet at 7.15 pm and on Friday 11 Oct we will meet at 3 pm so that those who wish to attend the Carlo Acutis Novena may do so at 8.00 pm. Our nightly Zoom Rosary meeting is for anyone who is interested to join us in praying the rosary together without having to leave the comfort of your home. Zoom link - <https://zoom.us/j/8034195601> or just enter ID 8034195601.

ZOOM ROSARY

Our Lady of the Rosary

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR ONLINE ZOOM ROSARY
CELEBRATING THE FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

7 OCT + 7:15 PM



[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89916391661](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89916391661)

MEETING ID: 899 1639 1661 - NO PASSWORD



Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion on 12 October Cancelled

On Saturday morning 12 October there will be no eucharistic adoration, rosary and devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help following the 9 am Mass of Carlo Acutis as we may expect more visitors to our church to venerate the relic of Carlo Acutis following the Mass.

- Cecilia O



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.





This week at playgroup we celebrated Lincoln's birthday!



A great night at the Our Lady's Ladies games night!

Birthday celebrations last week for Jo, Belle, Gigi, Ditas, Dom, Fr Joey!



Dinner and drinks with the young men of our SEEK discernment program!



Congratulations to the newly ordained, Deacon Rosan Matthew!



Right: A great turn out to Fr Chima's talk on the Theology of Ecology.



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Twenty -SixTh Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

29 SepTemBer 2024

OPEN TO THE SPIRIT'S WORKINGS! The Spirit of God is present and active in the world. Wherever we see good we know that God's Spirit is at work. The Spirit works in surprising ways. It is sometimes through the least important member of a community that the Spirit speaks. May bigotry and prejudice never blind us to the workings of God in our Church and in our world.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Dan 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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.

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

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

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glorify God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, /

you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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

Num 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers.

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14. R. v. 9

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, / it revives the soul. / The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, / it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**



2. The fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. **R.**
3. So in them your servant finds instruction; / great reward is in their keeping. / But who can detect all his errors? / From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**
4. From presumption restrain your servant / and let it not rule me. / Then shall I be blameless, / clean from grave sin. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James.

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:

make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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.

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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. Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and

that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

'THE LITTLE ONES'

You may recall from last week's passage from the Gospel of Mark that Jesus placed a child among them. The child exemplifies others who believe in Jesus and are open and receptive to learning more. In today's passage, among a series of instructions, we hear of 'these little ones who believe in me.' The instruction is a continuation of the teaching to the failing disciples about how to receive Jesus.

John, who is one of the leadership group of the Twelve, addresses Jesus as 'teacher' and asks a question that reveals his own misunderstanding. Having seen someone casting out demons in Jesus' name, he says 'we tried to stop him, because *he was not following us.*' Jesus responds to refocus them to him. Their proclamation of the good news is not about gaining followers of the Twelve but inviting followers of Jesus. In this context the further instruction of not putting stumbling blocks in front of 'the little ones who believe' makes more sense.

The language that follows seems strange to us, yet the negatives are graphically pointing to the real goal of entering the fullness of life in the kingdom of God. This is the reward for all who might offer even a cup of water to one in need. As we reflect on the readings today, take time to think who 'the little ones who believe' are among us. How do we see our role in encouraging others to join us as disciples and servants of Jesus, and acting in his name?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH & PRAYER & LITURGY EVENTS

Monday
30 September

Memorial:
St Jerome

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

Tuesday
1 October

Memorial:
St Therese of the
Child Jesus

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

Wednesday
2 October

Memorial:
The Holy Guardian
Angels

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Mass.**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- **12:30pm Mass**
- 1:00pm Rosary.
- **6:30pm Mass of Hope.**

Thursday
3 October

- 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.
- **8:00pm Day 1 ZOOM Novena for Carlo Acutis.**

Friday
4 October

Memorial:
St Francis of Assisi

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Mass.**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 1:00pm Rosary.
- 4:00pm Organ practice and lesson AH.
- 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal.
- **8:00pm Day 2 ZOOM Novena for Carlo Acutis.**

Saturday
5 October

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9:00am Mass.**
- **9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration** with Reconciliation, Rosary.
- 11:00am Choir practice.
- **4:00pm First Saturday Public Rosary on the Forecourt.**
- 5:00pm Vigil Singer Bookings.
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass.**
- **8:00pm Day 3 ZOOM Novena for Carlo Acutis.**

Sunday Mass
6 October

**27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

- **7:30am Mass.**
- **9:00am Mass.**
- **10:30am Mass.**
- **12:00pm Filipino Community Mass.**
- 2:30pm Organ Practice AH.
- 4:00pm Youth Choir AW.
- **5:30pm Mass.**
- **8:00pm Day 4 ZOOM Novena for Carlo Acutis.**

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS MEMORIAL 2 OCTOBER



- We commonly believe that each personal has a guardian angel assigned by God to watch over them from birth until death.
- Guardian angels are referenced in Scripture, such as in Matthew 18:10, where Jesus mentions that children's angels always behold the face of God. St Thomas Aquinas believed angels could influence our imagination and senses to guide us toward good decisions.
- Guardian angels not only protect us but also help guide our thoughts, actions, and prayers toward God.
- Certain archangels are special guardians of God and are prominent in Catholic teachings, such as: Archangel Michael: Often seen as the protector of God's people, a powerful figure of defense in spiritual warfare. Archangel Gabriel: Known for delivering messages, including the Annunciation to Mary. Archangel Raphael: Famous for healing, as depicted in the Book of Tobit.
- Many saints, like St. Padre Pio and St. Francis de Sales, had deep devotion to their guardian angels, regularly communicating with them for guidance.

Happy Feast Day to our Vinnies community! This Friday (27 September) is the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul and we thank the Vinnies community for all their work: Sandra Byak; Mar-lou Cloonan; James Godfrey; El Herlianto; Elizabeth Jung; Jo Karoalis; Eva Lim; Sally Luxton; Irene Margaret; Maryanne McCarthy; Teresa Ng; Ian Quek; John Russell; Maria Taylor; Bob Shields; Angelina Chen; Maria Paino; Christian Salandanan; Chi-yu Wong; Reg Wong; Helena Cullis; Sean Dixon; Adeline Kassis; Frances De Asis; Aaron Espirtu; Maria Ferraris; Chloe D'Lima; Clara Ho.

NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

Monday 30 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium).1:30pm Friends & Fellowship (St Paul).3:45pm Atrium for 3-6, 6-9 & 9-12 year olds (Atrium).5:30pm 9am Mass Choir Practice (St Paul).6:30pm PIC Prep Session (Harrington Hall).
Tuesday 1 October	<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).
Wednesday 2 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">6:30pm Indonesian instruments practice (Harrington Hall) set up 6:00pm.6:30pm SEEK (St Paul).7:00pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter).
Thursday 3 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">10:00am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium).10:00am Seniors Morning Tea (Magnificat) set up 9:30am.1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up 12:00pm.6:00pm Altos choir practice (St Paul).
Friday 4 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) set up 9:30am.6:30pm LIFE Spiritual Growth Book Club (Magnificat) set up 6:00pm.7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing.
Saturday 5 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">10:00am Music Lessons (St Paul).10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter) set up 10:00am.11:30am Baptism Prep (Magnificat) set up 11:00am.2:00pm Rosary Rehearsal (St Paul).5:15pm First Saturday Rosary gathering (Magnificat).
Sunday Mass 6 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul).10:30am Filipino Choir (St Paul)1:00pm Filipino Fellowship (Magnificat, St Paul) bump in 10:00am to Magnificat.3:45pm Mothers Ministry (St Peter) set up 3:00pm.6:30pm Capstone Young Adults (Magnificat, St Paul) bump in 5:30pm.

Senior's and Grandparents of our parish



**Thursday 3 October
10am Magnificat Room**

Join us for a cuppa and chat - connect with old friends and meet wonderful new ones too!

With thanks for our friends at Gregory & Carr Gordon for providing Morning Tea



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Beholding Divine Beauty

Fr Bernard McGrath, from St Benedict's Monastery, Arcadia, will share his thoughts on our theme.

There will be time for listening, silent reflection and meditation.

When: Saturday 19th October 2024 from 12pm to 3.30pm

Where: St Francis Xavier Parish Hall,
17 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay

Books will be for sale and Community CDs will be available.

Donation of \$20

BYO lunch tea/coffee provided.

If you plan to attend please reply to Jan Wylie by 16th October 2024
wyliejan45@gmail.com or phone – 0418 655 291

A BEAUTIFUL ENCOUNTER

Thank you to Bernadette, who shared this lovely story with us this week about her travels!

Greetings from Eastern Europe! It has been so interesting travelling through Albania, so much history. I have seen archeological artefacts from as far back as 12th century BC, it has been so enlightening and enriching in terms of understanding history. Also, Albania has a real vibrancy as they strive to recover from communist rule. Evidently it has been referred to as "the North Korea of Europe" because it was totally cut off from the world during communist rule. From what I understand, the total isolation was from 1968 until 1990.

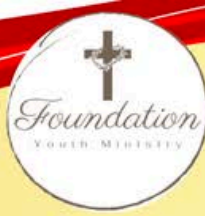
During this time, hundreds of churches and mosques were destroyed. Also, the communist leader had a paranoid fear of chemical warfare, and he built hundreds of bunkers throughout the country - 5 bunkers for every square km of Albania. You see them dotted throughout the landscape. Also, lots of sinister spying on each other - he preached that both superpowers were the enemy, but that the worst enemy was "within" - don't trust anyone.

There are museums full of old listening devices - and devices for implanting listening devices in the walls.

While I was in the cathedral in Tirana, I met a Belgian priest, 82 years old, who has been in Albania since 1993. He said that when he first arrived, the people were very, very impoverished. We talked for quite a while, and I showed him a photo of our choir - as it was the Sunday of Our Lady of Sorrows feast day. In response, he pulled a memory stick out of his pocket and gave it to me - he said that it is all of his music for the past 5 years. I really couldn't believe it!

I have it packed away in the corner of my bag. We can enjoy it together when I get home.

- Bernadette



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Our Lady
of DOLOURS

FIRST SATURDAY
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Rosary

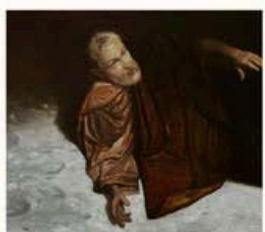


3:00PM RECONCILIATION
3:45PM CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
4:00PM ROSARY

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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
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SAINT THERÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS

MEMORIAL
1 OCTOBER

- Although Thérèse never left her Carmelite convent, she is the patroness of missionaries due to her deep prayers and desire to spread the Gospel.
- Thérèse entered the Carmelite monastery at the age of 15 and passed away at just 24.

- Thérèse is famous for her "Little Way" spirituality, focusing on doing small things with great love for God.
- After her death, many people have reported receiving miraculous roses as a sign of her intercession, which she promised before her death, saying, "I will let fall a shower of roses."
- Thérèse was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997 for her profound spiritual insights, despite her short life and limited formal education.
- Thérèse found God in nature, and this connection inspired her nickname, the "Little Flower."

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- Family friendly

Prize suggestions: Teddy bear, Chocolates, Candles, beach umbrella, picnic sets
Drop off: We will have a tub in the parish office

Got questions? Email bettina.ignacio@bbcatholic.org.au



Winners and Losers

It's footy finals time, so like many others, I tuned in to the AFL and NRL games last weekend. Thousands upon thousands watched the games from the grounds and many, many more watched on television or listened to the radio.

Last Saturday with a few parishioners I also attended a rally at Hyde Park organised by Love Sydney "Walk for Life" to raise awareness of and opposition to a horrific evil within our society, i.e. the destruction of the unborn babies in their thousands by way of abortion. As one of the speakers at the rally pointed out, we look back at the evils of slavery, ethnic cleansing, the holocaust etc and deplored them and tell ourselves that we would never have tolerated such crimes. Yet we stand back and watch on as the most innocent and defenceless within our society are mercilessly destroyed. Our legislators enshrine in law the freedom to perpetrate this horrendous practice. So how many people attended the rally to protest this situation?? A tiny fraction of those who tuned in to the football games, maybe 300.

Those whose teams had lost would have gone home disappointed and possibly upset but could console themselves with the thought that next year their team might do better. But for the baby who has been aborted, there will be no "next year", not even a tomorrow while ever we stand back and do nothing.

- Michael O'Connell

Our Lady OF SORROWS

THE CONFESSIONS OF SAINT AUGUSTINE



3:30PM SAT.
NOVEMBER 16



3:30PM SAT.
NOVEMBER 23



3:30PM SAT.
NOVEMBER 30



All are warmly invited to join this series of talks, where we delve into the life and writings of *The Confessions* of Saint Augustine. Led by Bishop David Walker, we will explore the journey of one of the Church's most influential saints and reflect on its relevance for us today.



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ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE

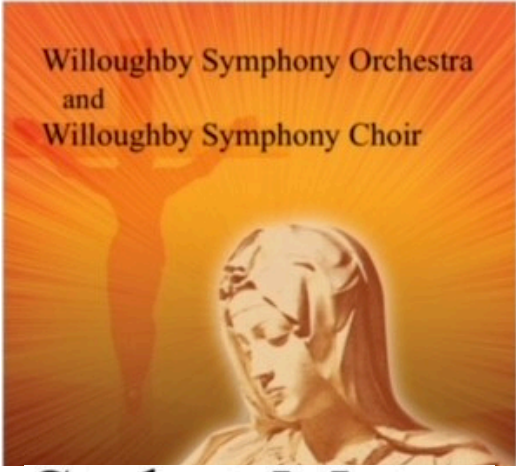
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Antonin Dvorak

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Our Lady of Fatima FEAST DAY

Here at St Benedict's, Sunday 13th October 2024 at 12:30pm

Commences with a children's play and recital of the Rosary in 5 languages followed by a Procession, Holy Mass, and then afternoon tea and raffle. Special petitions to Our Lady, can be placed in the "PETITION BOX" at the foot of the statue. The petitions will be taken to the Shrine of Fatima, Portugal. A nine-day "NOVENA" will be held at 6.25pm in St Benedict's Church, starting Friday 4th October 2023, followed by Mass at 7.00pm.

For further information: 0438 521 421

Quiet Day

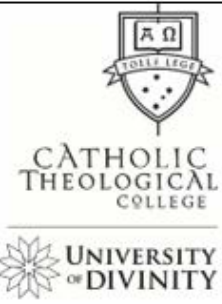
Willoughby Uniting Church
10-12 Clanwilliam Street, Willoughby

Saturday, 26th October 2024

9.00am - 2.00pm (you are welcome to come and go as you need)

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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
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