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THE BULLETIN

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27TH 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!

Our Novena to Blessed Carlo Acutis kicked off this Thursday! We prayed with 90+ participants across 72 screens. Let's keep the momentum going—please spread the word and invite others to join us in prayer and for our vigil feast day celebration next Friday.

This Saturday at 4pm, our Public Rosary returns to the church forecourt. All are welcome to come together in prayer for our community and beyond.

On Monday, October 7th, join Fr David at the Cathedral for a Vigil Prayer for Peace, or tune in online for our Zoom Rosary before the Novena, which we are offering in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary.

For our 7:30am Mass attendees, this Sunday, stop by the Pew Garden after Mass to enjoy a cuppa and a chat with Jan—it's a great chance to connect with fellow parishioners!

Thank you so much to Mega Tio for the generous donation of this week's flowers in 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.



What God has joined together, no one must divide.

This Sunday's Gospel - Mark 10:2-12

On the sacred lands of God, under the faithful custodianship of the Cammeraygal people.



As I have loved you by Adelaine Nohara

Dear friends

Our school children are now on **school holidays**, and we pray that this time for them and their families are safe.

Our special **prayers go to Terence Turton** who last weekend lost his dear mother, Tess after a very short and unexpected illness. Terence had lost his father just four months ago. At such a sad time, we pray the gentle peace of the Risen Christ for Terence and his family.

These last days have seen new outbreaks of **war in the Middle East**. We are mindful of all those who are caught up in the violence. Especially, are we mindful this weekend of our Jewish friends on the anniversary of the atrocities of 7 October 2023 which catapulted us into such protracted war which seems now to have no end. The suffering of the Palestinian people and now the Lebanese people is also in our hearts.

From Rome, Bishop Anthony has asked that we gather as a Diocese and pray for



Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

peace. He urges us to invoke the intercession of Mary, Mother of the God, by **praying the Rosary** individually, in families, groups, and communities.

To this end, on behalf of Bishop Anthony, I will lead a **Vigil of Prayer for Peace** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on the evening of Monday 7 October at 8.00pm. It is the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Vigil will include the Rosary.

However, we also have the opportunity to join our own scheduled online parish Rosary on Monday 7 October at 7.15pm. Whichever way is open to us, let us turn to Mary, the Queen of Peace, and pray that the violence might end and that we find a new way forward that no longer relies on war.

We owe John O'Brien, our architect for our **new Eucharistic Chapel**, an enormous debt of gratitude for the way in which he has prepared this space ahead of our celebrations on Friday 11 October when we will formally receive the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. John has managed each stage of this project so superbly. There will be things for us to complete after 11 October – the installation of statutes and stained glass, the receipt of a permanent reliquary – but the main features of the Chapel will shortly be completed. Thank you, John!

Following 11 October, we will turn our attention to the fitting out of the new library space in our church foyer – and then to a complete refit of our Piety Store. So, our enhancement of our church continues.

In the meantime, our preparation for Friday 11 October – **vigil Mass for the feast of Blessed Carlo Acutis** – gathers speed. In anticipation we have begun a nightly online novena at 8pm to which everyone is welcome to join.

Next Saturday 12 October we will be joined by Fr Biju Jose OSH to give a series of **three seminars on the literature of St Paul**. Fr Biju is Parish Priest of Ku-ring-gai Chase and holds a doctorate in the New Testament from the Gregorian University in Rome. Everyone is welcome to join the seminars on 12, 19, and 26 October, commencing at 3.00pm. Bishop David then offers us a series of seminars on the Confessions of St Augustine in November 16, 23 and 30. Wonderful opportunities to grow in our faith!

This week's church flowers are generously donated by **Mega Tio** in celebration and remembrance of the birthday of her late father

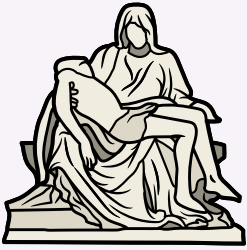


Prayer for Peace

Join Fr David at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on the evening of Monday 7 October at 8.00pm, for a Vigil of prayer for Peace in the world.

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@bbccatholic.org.au by Wednesday.



*Sorrowful Mother,
pray for us.*

*Mournful Mother,
pray for us.*

*Sighing Mother,
pray for us.*

*Afflicted Mother,
pray for us.*

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

Tess Turton (mother of Terence); 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**:

Maria Raffaele (mother of Grace ann); Meracris Cruz (sister of Riza); Maria Cristina (Tina) Robinson.

- For the repose of the soul of Francis Ta, may he be at peace in God's loving arms. *Felix T*
- For my brother Chris who celebrates his birthday on Sunday - I thank God for his life and gifts that make him a wonderful person that brings so much joy and courage to our family. *Olivia L*

GOSPEL REFLECTION



**Deacon
Kevin Hale**

We have just heard in the Gospel Jesus say "Let the children come to me." This is a theme that Jesus has used previously. Two weeks ago Mark gave us another example of Jesus welcoming, and using little children to teach his disciples. He told them that if they welcomed a little child then they would be welcoming him and his father. And our Popes have continued this message in some of their letters to the church.

In his apostolic letter introducing the Year of Faith in 2012 - 13, Pope Benedict XVI wrote that "faith commits every one of us to become a living sign of the presence of the Risen Lord in the world". We have to be those that bring people, either children or adults, to Jesus by our words and our actions. We must never say or do anything that may keep people away from him. When Jesus entered into the world he came to save all people, and while on earth he mixed with the poor and rich, the religious leaders and the general population, adults and children. So it's no wonder that the disciples actions caused Jesus to "became indignant" when they, with good intentions, tried to keep people from bringing little children to him. They had decided that Jesus was only here for the adults, not for children.

I quite often use this passage at Baptisms and I ask the people who had heard the comment "little children are meant to be seen but not heard". Most people have and it appears the disciples worked under the same principle. But in deciding who was worth Jesus' time, the disciples weren't being a "living sign" of God's presence. This wasn't the first time the disciples did the wrong thing with deep sincerity. Peter tried to convince Jesus that he didn't have to die. James and John asked Jesus to reward their devotion with a privileged place in heaven. And Martha asked Jesus to make her sister help with the cleaning. And in each case, Jesus rebuked them and tried to set them on the right path. The best part is that none of these people gave up. In fact, Peter probably received more rebukes than anyone else—but he ended up becoming the "rock" on which Jesus built his Church!

All these people kept learning from their mistakes, and that made them all into bright signs of God's presence. We too will make "sincere" mistakes—if we haven't already! We will say or do something that we think is helpful, but poses an obstacle in our lives or keeps someone else from drawing closer to the Lord.

How encouraging it is, then, to remember that we're in good company! Like these disciples, we too can learn from our mistakes if we remain open. The apostles loved Jesus—and so do we. Still, his ways are not always our ways.

But the good news is that Jesus wants to show us where we went wrong and encourage us to try again. So don't give up.

Jesus is with you, always helping you to become a living sign of God's presence. So at Mass today ask him to show you any areas in your life that may be keeping people from meeting him and then show you how you can change.



Scholarship recipient for 2024 with girls living in Fatuhada in the Sally Bracken Study Room (memorial plaque is just visible).

Sally Bracken was a much loved Parishioner, founding member of the Social Justice Ministry Group and a catechist.

She generously bequeathed donation to support education for the girls living at Maubara and Fatuhada.

The extraordinary history of the neighbour on our door step... and links with Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood... Your friends do not forget you.

Two weeks ago the Pope visited Timor Leste and what a reception he received from the country where 95% identify as Catholic, the highest proportion of Catholics outside of the Vatican.

The Pope's 3 day visit was described as the biggest event in the nation's short history. Indeed, many Australians remember the scenes on our televisions just 25 years ago.

Friday 30 August 2024 Timor Leste celebrated the 25th anniversary of the referendum that set the country on its path to independence and the restoration of democracy. Despite widespread intimidation and violence, the referendum took place successfully, with 98.3 % of the eligible population, many walking for days from faraway villages and coming out of hiding in the hills, to cast their vote.

The overwhelming wish of the people for Independence unleashed a new wave of violence and senseless destruction of the country's infrastructure. Australia led an international peace keeping force to help stabilise the situation and assist Timor Leste achieve independence 2 years later.

However, Australia's close ties with Timor Leste (then known as East Timor) began in the 1940s. Australians owe a great debt to our Timorese friends who sheltered, fed and cared for Australian forces whilst risking their own lives. (40,000 to 70,000 Timorese lost their lives in WW2) When the Australian unit withdrew from East Timor, the RAAF dropped leaflets from the Australian government saying, "Your friends do not forget you".

Twenty years ago Our Lady of Dolours Parish Social Justice Ministry put a vote to Parishioners to choose an International Outreach project for our Parish. Maubara Orphanage run by the Carmelite Sisters in Timor Leste was the project chosen. Since that time, the Parish has helped support in a very small way the children and those who survived the traumatic years of 1990s. Initially this support was in the form of financial aid to improve the living and educational amenities of Maubara Orphanage and Fatuhada Convent in Dili, and in later years in the form of scholarships for tertiary education as the orphans and impoverished children progressed through their education. To date, 3 young women have completed tertiary studies and are now pursuing career opportunities and the fourth has commenced her studies this year. This has been made possible through the generosity of our parishioners.

During these 20 years the Social Justice Committee has benefited from the knowledge, experience and advice from ATLAS (Australia Timor Leste Advancement Society) a charity formed by Catholics with close ties to communities in Timor Leste.

As the Social Justice Ministry Group in OLD has changed and evolved over the years, it was deemed necessary, for better governance of our funds, to enter into a partnership with ATLAS. In February 2024 the Parish signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ATLAS to formalise our partnership. This relationship has greatly facilitated communication with the Timor Leste community, administration of the scholarship and fundraising opportunities to grow our scholarship fund.

I encourage parishioners to look at the ATLAS website at <https://www.atlaseasttimor.com.au/>

If you would like more information about Our Lady of Dolours Social Justice International Outreach Project – Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Tertiary Education Scholarship Timor Leste, please contact Carla Gageler carlagageler@outlook.com ph: 0402 373728



Mark 10:9 Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.

10:9 所以，天主所結合的，人不可拆散。 - Chatswood Chinese Catholic Association

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: OUR STORIES

The Pilgrimage to Poland in Medjugorje was amazing and my first one. Had always wanted to meet Our Lady even in spirit since I entered Fatima kindergarten at 5 yrs old. My family was atheist but don't know why I was educated at a convent.

Briefly I grabbed the opportunity to be a pilgrim so as to strengthen my bond with Our Blessed Mother. She would lead me to her son our Lord Jesus Christ so as to deepen my faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I had to find myself in quiet conversation with Our Lady. It was at all the precious iconic sites where she speaks in spirit to me that I felt so close to her which I never felt inspire of a lot of rosary recitations over my Catholic years.

The open air mass was the best event for me. Fasting, confession, Rosary, Mass, and Adoration; and at the base of the Blue Cross where I prayed, I was not able physically to climb to the top, her words written: "If you knew how much I love you You would cry for joy". Yes I cried a lot at prayers and receiving the Eucharist each day. Thank you Fr Marek for making it happen.

Binnie Marianne



My highlights on the pilgrimage was serving at mass in front of the altar of the Shrine of our lady, the Black Madonna of Czestochowa, I feel honoured to be able to experience such an exclusive privilege. Medjugorje was an enlightening experience to my faith, it's a very tranquil place and I could really feel the protective embrace of our mother's veil over the town. I come back with a stronger grounded spirituality and much more exciting experiences to look forward to on my continued pilgrimage with God.

Daven Jordan Fajilan

We are privileged to be able to celebrate Mass so close to the Black Madonna and I am profoundly touched at the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy from the story of Jesus appearing to Sr. Faustina as a beggar during a wet cold night. Also I am deeply impressed by Sr. Faustina's trust in God and her courage. Just do whatever the Holy Spirit inspired her to do and have to leave her home not knowing what the next steps would be.

During our pilgrimage to Medjugore, I was hoping my rosary would turn gold (as I have heard someone's did) or my torn tendon would be healed or to witness other spectacular phenomena. Instead, I discovered my path to Our Lord was to be found in and through the confusion, the dryness, the humiliation, the struggle, the ordinary. Then I found peace.

By God's grace, I was moved to be reminded of God's inestimable love for each of us, and have now resolved to put into practice Our Lady's request to "pray, pray, pray!" and to "be converted".

Thank you Lord Jesus, thank you to Our Lady, thank you Fr Marek, thank you pilgrims!



We visited the holy town of Medjugorje and it is one of the world's most famous pilgrimage sites. There's lots of interesting and very beautiful places to spend time in prayer like the outdoor 14 stations, the Queen of Peace statue or the statue of the Risen Christ. People all over the world come here for confession.

Each evening we attended the Holy Mass with the Prayer Program at the outdoor altar. The radio broadcasts simultaneous translation of the services from Croatian into many languages.

Everything so normal and yet, so special: the exposition of the blessed sacrament on the enormous monstrance, the violinist and the musical group – all touches my heart deeply. The kneeling of the pilgrims, the burning of the incense, reading of the holy scripture during adoration, benediction and blessing of the people with the monstrance, the pilgrims leaving quietly after benediction, St James Church – I do not know what it is that pulls me back to want to be there again but I was happy to have visited leading me to encounter the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist, in Adoration, in Confession, in scripture passages, in silent prayer and the Rosary – a time of grace for me as I can never thank God enough for his grace. I have returned home stronger in my faith and determined to put our Blessed Mother's messages and directions as five stones to save souls. They are: daily prayer, fasting, reading the Bible daily, confession regularly and to receive Holy Communion, and when possible, going to daily Mass.

Irene



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

Link:

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

Meeting ID: 847 7632 9194
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**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

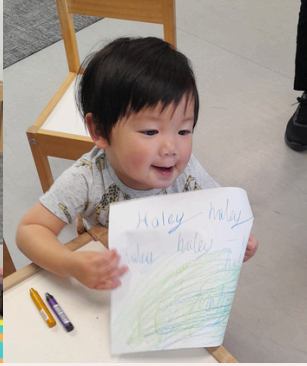
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This week at playgroup it was school holidays so our older siblings joined us!



Left: Our parish bush walk and liturgy to celebrate the care of creation was wonderful! Thank you to Jo Karaolis and team for organising.



Left: Congratulations to Gabriel and Justine on their wedding last week! Wishing you many wonderful years together!



Below: Our first day of praying our novena to Blessed Carlo Acutis!

This week at Grandparents and Seniors group we had a sing a long that turned into a dance party! A big thanks to Rosalyn, Aaryn, and Aarjun for sharing their musical talents and bringing joy to the event; and thank you so much to our friends at Gregory and Carr in Gordon for supplying our yummy morning tea!



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Twenty - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

6 October 2024

ONE BODY. As we hear Jesus proclaim the basic oneness of husband and wife in marriage, a oneness with which no human agency, not even the law of Moses, can interfere, we rejoice in the many couples who have grown closer together through the ups and downs of their married life. We also have compassion for those who have experienced the trauma and distress of a marriage break-up. May all find support and guidance within the Church community.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Esth 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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. Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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

Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis. They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127. R. v. 5

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord / and walk in his ways! / By the labour of your hands you shall eat. / You will be happy and prosper. **R.**



2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine / in the heart of your house; / your children like shoots of the olive, / around your table. **R.**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed / the man who fears the Lord. / May the Lord bless you from Zion / in a happy Jerusalem / all the days of your life! / May you see your children's children. / On Israel, peace! **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have the same origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 10:2-16

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.

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?'

'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form: 10:1-12

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. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands

and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem 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: 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

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

'LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME'

Today's Gospel has three scenes. The first brings a challenge to Jesus from the religious leaders who 'came to test him'. Their question is politically, socially and religiously loaded. We recognise this as like today's investigative journalism. We observe the skill of politicians, religious the leaders and spokespeople taking measure of the challenge and deciding how to deal with it. The question here is, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' Jesus recognises the challenge that is one sided, complex and about the law. Jesus' reply is a question 'What did Moses command?' He has engaged the challenge but put the ball back in their court. The answer is given still from a single perspective of the male. Jesus then delivers his parting shot, implying that this commandment was given because of 'hardness of heart' and then quotes from scripture of God's intention in creating male and female. To this there is no further response from the religious leaders: they are silenced.

The scene moves into the house with the disciples where they pursue the question. Jesus answers deliberately for both men and women. The scene changes quickly to people bringing children to Jesus and the disciples turning them away. Jesus' words 'Let the children come to me' gives space for another 'Amen' or 'Truly' saying that is not just about this most recent challenge but connected to our two previous weeks: allowing those who are open and receptive to the message of Jesus to come to him. Where is our receptivity – in listening and openness or in challenge and rebuke?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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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



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USED MOBILE PHONE COLLECTION

The Season of Creation ends on Friday 4th October, the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. Thank you to everyone in the parish who contributed to our celebration this year including those who worked on our Laudato Si Action Platform, those who lent their plants to greening the church, those who came to the seminar by Fr Chima and those who joined in our bush walk and liturgy. Now there is one last task for us to complete. That is a collection of no-longer-needed mobile phones. Mobile phones require cobalt which is largely provided by child slave labour in the Congo. Apple and other makers of mobile phones are well aware of how problematic this is. That is why it's important to recycle mobile phones. Apple now gets more than 50% of the cobalt it needs for its phones from recycling. But even better is what we are doing at Our Lady of Sorrows for the Season of Creation. We are giving used mobile phones to DV Safe Phones, a community organisation in Queensland that repairs them and gives them to police, hospitals and Women's refuges to distribute to women and children fleeing domestic violence. We will keep a mobile phone collection box in the Church foyer for the next two weeks. Please bring in any unwanted mobile phone and put it in the box and also, ask your family and friends to hunt for unused phones in drawers and cupboards. We will get them to DV Safe Phones for you if you act now.

- Community Action Group

7.30AM MORNING TEA

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



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.



NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH & PRAYER & LITURGY EVENTS

Monday
7 October

Labour Day Public Holiday

- 12:30pm Mass.
- 1:00pm Rosary.
- 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal.
- 7:15pm Zoom Rosary for OLOR.
- 8:00pm Day 5 ZOOM Novena for Carlo Acutis.

Memorial:
Our Lady of the
Rosary

Tuesday
8 October

- 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.
- 8:00pm Day 6 ZOOM Novena for Carlo Acutis.

Wednesday
9 October

- 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.
- 8:00pm Day 7 ZOOM Novena for Carlo Acutis.

Thursday
10 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 8 ZOOM Novena for Carlo Acutis.

Friday
11 October

- 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.
- 7:00pm Vigil Mass Feast Day of Carlo Acutis and Veneration of relic.
- All night adoration until 9am Saturday.

Saturday
12 October

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- 9:00am Mass - Feast Day of Carlo Acutis.
- 11:00am Choir practice.
- 2:00pm Wedding.
- 5:00pm Vigil Singer Bookings.
- 5:30pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday Mass
13 October

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30am Mass.
- 9:00am Mass.
- 10:30am Mass.
- 12:00pm Baptism.
- 2:30pm Organ Practice AH.
- 4:00pm Youth Choir AW.
- 5:30pm Mass.

Statue Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." So from that hour, this disciple took her into his home. John 19:26-27



Would you like to take home the statue of Mary in the month of October? This statue is available to be picked up from the church to stay in your home for one day or two days. A booklet of prayers will be provided to help you venerate our Blessed Mother during the visit of the statue to your home.

If interested please sign up on the list at the statue's table, or call Cecilia 0466 961 240.

Rosary in the Forecourt for Peace

Although the rosary will not be prayed in the church on Saturday 12 October, it will be prayed in the forecourt at 10 am. *"Bishop Anthony Randazzo has asked that we gather as a Diocese and pray for peace. He urges us to invoke the intercession of Mary, Mother of the God, by praying the Rosary individually, in families, groups and communities".*

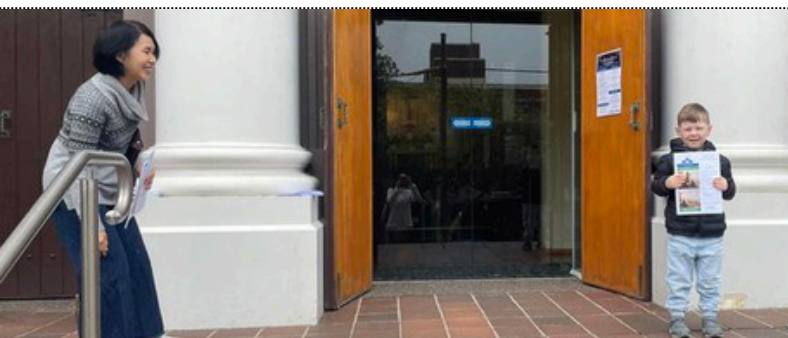


Here are our youth, having an awesome time at the Ignite conference!

NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

Monday 7 October	<p>Labour Day Public Holiday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30pm Friends & Fellowship (St Paul).
Tuesday 8 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am Bible Study (St Paul). 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter).
Wednesday 9 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). 7:00pm MenAlive Faith Discussion (Magnificat) set up 6:30pm.
Thursday 10 October	<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).
Friday 11 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) set up 9:30am. 10:00am Catechists (Magnificat). 5:30pm Choir practice - Carlo Acutis (St Paul). 6:30pm LIFE 2 (Magnificat). 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing.
Saturday 12 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. 10:45am MCAG (St Peter). 3:00pm First Session on St Paul by Fr Biju Jose (Magnificat) set up 2:00pm.
Sunday Mass 13 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15am Children's Choir (St Paul). 9:30am Choir Practice (St Paul). 6:30pm Cornerstone and Keystone Youth Groups (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter) bump in 4:30pm.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our newest and youngest Welcomer, Lincoln! You're never too young to offer your gifts to God. With him is another beautiful member of the Welcomer's ministry, Yuliana!



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FOUNDATION DAY

& CROWNING GOLDEN JUBILEE

- BBQ & Food Stalls
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- Popcorn
- Plant making

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER

- 10:15am Pre-Program and Confession available
- 11:00am Holy Mass followed by Procession
- 12:15pm Lunch and fun Family Activities
- 1:30pm Devotion with Benediction
- 2:00pm Crowning Renewal followed by Afternoon Tea



Mount Schoenstatt – 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745
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WCCM AUSTRALIA (NSW)
 MEDITATION & COMMUNITY

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

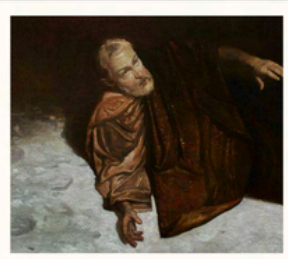
BYO lunch tea/coffee provided.

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



Saint Paul

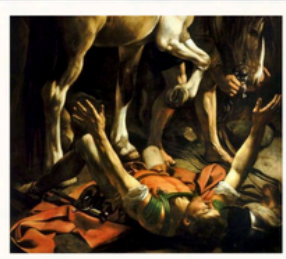
EXPLORING THE LIFE & TEACHINGS OF THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES



**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



SAINT JOHN XXIII
MEMORIAL
11 OCTOBER

• John XXIII was affectionately called "Good Pope John" because of his warmth, humility, and the personal connection he made with people during his papacy.

• Elected in 1958 at age 76, many expected him to be a "caretaker pope" with a short, uneventful reign. Instead, he surprised everyone by convening the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II), which brought major reforms to the Church.

- St John XXIII was famous for his sense of humor. Once asked how many people worked at the Vatican, he reportedly quipped, "About half of them!"
- Before becoming pope, John XXIII had a background in diplomacy and communication. He even kept a personal journal for many years, which was later published under the title "Journal of a Soul," offering deep insight into his spiritual journey.
- His papal motto was "Oboedientia et Pax," meaning "Obedience and Peace."

MEMORIAL 7 OCTOBER

- The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th. It was originally instituted to commemorate the naval victory at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, where Catholic forces defeated the Ottoman fleet, a victory attributed to the intercession of the Virgin Mary through the praying of the rosary.
- Pope St. Pius V established the feast as "Our Lady of Victory," later changed to "Our Lady of the Rosary," as he credited the victory at Lepanto to the power of the rosary prayers.
- The word "rosary" comes from the Latin word rosarium, meaning "crown of roses." The prayers of the rosary were often seen as offering a spiritual bouquet to Mary.
- In many Marian apparitions, like those in Fatima (Portugal) in 1917, Mary emphasized the importance of praying the rosary daily for peace and conversion.



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Saturday 26th October

Come dressed as any Saint, or in white or red clothing
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Bring your friends and family of all ages for a fun night
with the parish to fundraise for our youth ministry!

Time: 6:30pm - 9:15pm

Location: Harrington Hall

Price: \$20 per person

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Wyong Catholic Parish

Invites you to

St Cecilia's Relic Installation Mass

On

Saturday, 23rd November 2024

At 11:00am

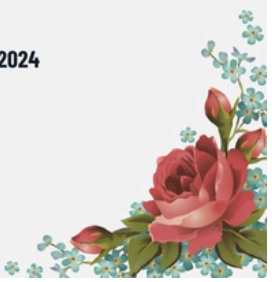
Celebrated by Very Rev Dr David Ranson VG

At St Cecilia's Church

23 Byron Street, Wyong NSW 2259

This special Mass will be followed by light refreshments for all to enjoy!

Please RSVP by 23rd October 2024 using the QR code.



PLEASE COME AND JOIN US, THE SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTTO EARLWOOD TO CELEBRATE THE MASS AND BLESSING OF THE SICK ON SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2024 ROSARY WILL BE RECITED AT 2.30PM FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 3.00PM CELEBRANT WILL BE BISHOP DANNY MEAGHER EVERYONE IS WELCOME REAR OF ST JAMES AVENUE EARLWOOD NSW 2206



Fatima Procession

Join us for a Candlelit Rosary Procession through the streets of Willoughby marking the vigil of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.

- Mass at 6pm
- Procession at 7pm
- Candles will be provided



12 October 7pm St Thomas'



Dr Sarah Penicka-Smith



Warwick Fyfe

Experience the sublime beauty of Dvořák's Stabat Mater - one of the most profoundly moving choral works ever written.

We are delighted to invite choir groups to enjoy our next sublime choral masterpiece. Alongside the Willoughby Symphony Choir and conducted by Sarah Penicka-Smith, the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra will perform Dvořák's Stabat Mater - a powerful and emotionally charged work that takes audiences on a soul-stirring journey. With its soaring melodies and rich orchestration, this deeply moving work is a must-hear for anyone seeking an unforgettable and uplifting musical experience.

We are pleased to provide special pricing for groups. Groups of 10 or more can save more than 25% on tickets, while groups of 20 or more save 30% on tickets.

A magnificent night for choir groups to enjoy.

VENUE: Concert Hall, The Concourse, 409 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood. DATE & TIME: Saturday 12 October at 7pm & Sunday 13 October at 2pm

COST: \$53.50 per person for groups of 10+, \$52.40 per person for groups of 20+ BOOKINGS contact The Concourse Box Office on concourse_boxoffice@century.com.au or 02 8075 8111.

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



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