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GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Welcome

A very warm welcome to you, especially to anyone new and visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us! If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Our Lady of Dolours please contact us at 02 9410 9000 or email us at chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au - we would love to hear from you!

This Friday, we're excited to welcome young people from all over the diocese to Praisefest—a night of praise, worship, and faith formation designed to support the spiritual growth of our youth. It's not too late to join in!

Also on Friday, we'll be hosting the last Our Lady's Ladies Night of the year, where we'll come together for our Christmas gathering. All ladies of the parish are warmly invited to join us for this special evening.

This Sunday, we'll have our final Parish-in-Council gathering. We pray for a fruitful day of discernment for all who attend.

Lastly, a reminder that we'll be holding the Red Wednesday Mass for persecuted Christians on November 20th. Please spread the word and invite others to join us in prayer and solidarity with our brothers and sisters who suffer for their faith in Christ.

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

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.
This Sunday's Gospel - Mark 12:38-44

Dear friends



Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

On behalf of all our clergy a very humble thank you for our **Clergy Appreciation** event last Sunday afternoon. It was very touching. Thank you to those who organised the event, for the beautiful afternoon tea, and for all those who were able to join us. It was completely unexpected. We thank you for the kindnesses shown and commit ourselves to continuing to serve our community in every possible way.

We have completed setting up a **family area in our northern transept**, thanks to Chloe Aylward. We encourage parents with young children to feel welcome here. In this way, they can continue to be fully a part of our Mass knowing that their children can enjoy a more open and interesting space. If we see families with prams, please do highlight the opportunity for them.

We may have noticed scaffolding on the side of the church in the last week or so. We are seeking to address a wide range of **maintenance issues**, and with our church now over 100 years old, there are no shortage of these! The rain head at the top of the

downpipe on the southeast corner of the church required repair, and then we discovered that the down pipe itself had corroded on the inside. We have been able to address this through the introduction of an internal 'stent' which enables us to preserve the current appearance. Recently, we have also had to undertake major repairs on the sewerage lines both on the southern side of the church and the northern side. We have also discovered that the storm water pipe on the northern side of the church was not connected through its length, thus creating flooding often outside the northern entrance to the church. This, too, we have had fixed. We are confident that the work achieved now will endure into the future for a long time to come. These are capital expenses from which we have been able to draw from our St Peter and St Paul Fund and its investments.

This week's church flowers are generously sponsored
in loving memory of

*Denis and Noreen
Kelliher*

to commemorate their wedding anniversary on
November 7th.



This weekend we enjoy our final session of **Parish-in-Council** for this year. We will focus on the theme of stewardship and fostering a culture of joyful giving so that we can indeed build our future in the best possible way. At our gathering we will release our Parish Annual Report. It is also available online: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/our-parish/reports>. An enormous debt of gratitude to Brendan Tertini who has put this together for us from the many contributions of diverse groups and people. It presents a very comprehensive portrayal of our life together as a community of faith and the financial considerations which support our life. We will have hard copies available in due time, but I do encourage us to go online and to reflect on the Report. We can be proud of what we have celebrated over this last year but also recognise our need for developing the support required to maintain and advance such a thriving enterprise.

Through **the month of November, we traditionally remember our deceased**. We have several ways available to us to do this: the purchase of a memorial candle, the recording of names in our Book of Remembrance, requesting a Mass to be offered specially for someone. Envelopes for such Masses are available in the church foyer. Please be mindful though that it is not possible to designate an actual day or time of such a Mass. The requests will be distributed amongst our priests, and they will offer the Mass as occasion permits. This coming Wednesday, 13 November, at our 6.30pm Mass we will remember particularly those who have lost their lives by suicide and their families affected by such a tragedy.

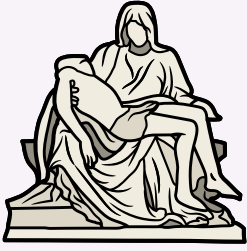
During this November, we conduct a **count of Mass Attendance** as we do in May each year. This gives us good statistics across a calendar year rather than just from one month in the year.. Last weekend we had just over 1500 people with us for the weekend across all our Masses. This is a 16% increase in the number for the first weekend of May of this year – a very encouraging development!

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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 by Wednesday.



Sorrowful Mother,
pray for us.

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

Jolly Montallana (brother of Dominador Montallana Jr); Maria Graham; Valerie Caton; Leonora Bardetta.

Our loved ones who are **sick**:

Mr Gurung (father of Om Gurung); Colleen Baker (sister of Margaret Day); Delfin Mendoza; Karen Forbes; Irene Margaret; Ying Leong Fong; Laila Haddad; Dilia Ng; Linda Yip; Lonnie Chu; Minnie Walshe; Maria Taylor; May Ho; Ban Le Llamas; Sally Luxton; Sr Marie Dayton; Giselle Clark; Judith Ryan; Jim & Ann Avery; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; 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; 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**:

James Biddell (husband of Patricia); Paul Truc; Anthony Raffaele (father of Grace ann Raffaele); Sumita Chandra; Hilary & Isabel Coutinho.

Saint Mary MacKillop, Australia's first canonised saint, lived a life of humility, generosity, and trust in God's providence—qualities in the teachings of our readings today. In these passages, we find two remarkable stories of selfless giving. The widow in Mark's Gospel offers her last two coins in the temple, giving "Her whole livelihood." Similarly, in 1 Kings, another widow—despite her desperate poverty—shares her last bit of flour and oil with the prophet Elijah, trusting in God's promise of provision. These women symbolise the ultimate self-gift, offering everything to God with trust, not holding back out of fear or a desire to retain control.

Mary MacKillop lived in this same spirit of radical trust and generosity. From a young age, she dedicated her life to serving the poor and the marginalised, particularly through her work in founding the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Mary had very little in terms of worldly possessions; she often relied on the charity of others and refused any material comforts that might separate her from the people she served. Like the widow in Mark's Gospel, she gave everything, holding nothing back—not even her health or personal safety—out of love for God & the poor. Mary's life was marked by the same unwavering trust and abandonment to God's love seen in the widow of Zarephath, who, in her scarcity, placed her life & her child's well-being in God's hands

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Deacon
Richard Houwing
Parish Deacon

This sense of total trust in God aligns with a key principle in Franciscan theology, which emphasises that everything belongs to God. For St. Francis of Assisi and his followers, to live as God's children means to hold nothing possessively; all we have, and even our lives, are gifts entrusted to us for God's purposes. Mary MacKillop embodied this Franciscan vision to let God's love work freely through her. She taught her Sisters to see themselves as stewards of God's blessings, giving freely to those in need. For Mary, generosity was a practical reality and a spiritual discipline that deepened her reliance on God.

In living out this detachment, Mary reminds us—that generosity is found in surrendering all to God, trusting that He will sustain us. This is the heart of the Gospel message: to give selflessly, not counting the cost, knowing that God Himself is our security. The widows in Mark and 1 Kings teach us that faith is most powerfully expressed not by the size of our gifts, but by the openness with which we surrender all we have, believing in God's promise to provide. Like them, Mary MacKillop trusted that whatever she gave to God would be multiplied in grace, to serve and sustain those she loved just as God provides us with the soil, seeds and rain to feed us.

Through her example, Mary calls us to live generously, trusting that when we release our grip on worldly security, we open our hearts to God's boundless love and provision. In her words, "Never see a need without doing something about it"—a call to radical generosity that challenges us, too, to surrender and live as true instruments of God's love.

...but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.



Thank you so much to everyone who was able to contribute to our Clergy Appreciation Day in any way! With particular thanks to the committee who organised the wonderful event!

MINISTRY CIRCLE: WORSHIPPING TOGETHER



Red
Wednesday
for persecuted Christians

20 .11. 2024 | 07 PM

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS 94 ARCHER ST CHATSWOOD

Across the world, many Christians face persecution for their faith, enduring hardship and risking their lives to follow Christ. This Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo is a time for us to come together in prayer, showing solidarity and support for our brothers and sisters who courageously live their faith despite the challenges they encounter. Join us as we lift them up in prayer and strengthen our global Christian family.



Lunar New Year 2025 Raffle Prizes

Raffle drawn on 2 February 2025 around 12:00 noon at the forecourt of Our Lady of Dolours Church Chatswood

1st Prize: \$500 Coles Gift Card

2nd Prize: A night for 2 at Fairmont Resort Blue Mountain

3rd Prize: 1 Day Spiritual Retreat for 2 at JISA Pymble

4th Prize: \$300 Myers Gift Card

5th Prize: Whale Watch for 2 in Sydney

6th Prize: \$200 Uniqlo Gift Card

7th Prize: \$150 Voucher Mr Fat Duck Restaurant Chatswood

8th Prize: 1.5 hour Spiritual Retreat for 2 at JISA Pymble

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WEEKEND MASS FROM 16 NOV 2024

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恭贺新春

Lunar New Year
2025

The Chinese Catholic Association invites you to
celebrate Lunar New Year - Sunday 2 February
Fundraising event for Pastoral Works Broken Bay

Mass at 10:30am then celebration on the forecourt of
Our Lady of Dolours Church Chatswood

Lion Dancers

Raffle Drawn by Father David Ranson

Food Stalls start from 10:00am and more!

We welcome your support | Trybooking QR code to donate



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FAMOUS CHINESE BIBLE QUOTE

這寡婦卻由自己的不足中，把所有的
一切，全部的生活費，都投上了。

馬爾谷福音 12:44

She, from her poverty, has
contributed all she had, her whole
livelihood.

Mark 12:44

Chatswood Chinese Catholic
Association



CHATSWOOD men
ALIVE

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

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

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

In addition to regular monthly meetings, other events include:

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

MEETINGS EVERY 2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
MAGNIFICAT ROOM

PARISH MEETING ROOMS
CNR OF ARCHER & KIRK ST, CHATSWOOD
OPPOSITE OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH
MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7 PM

ALL MEN WELCOME
FOR MORE INFO

PETER WOO: 0433 030 016

SCOTT SULLIVAN: 0406 512 425



WEDNESDAY

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DECEMBER

Mass: 6:30 PM

HARRINGTON HALL

94 Archer Street, Chatswood

(Parking available in St Pius X College)

Entrance via Ferguson Lane access ONLY
from Anderson Street NOT Archer Street
Please take your car out after mass

Dinner: 7:30 PM till late

Level I, THAI NAAN RESTAURANT

230 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood
(opposite Baldry Street)

As the restaurant is BYO. You will need to bring your
own alcohol. We will provide some wine and beers
to get started. Nearest bottle shop is located at
Vintage Cellars in Chatswood Chase entrance of
Victoria Avenue open until 8pm

COST: \$45PP (CASH ONLY) RSVP by 30/11/24

END OF YEAR
MASS & DINNER

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS

Peter: 0433 030 016 | Scott: 0406 512 425

OUR WEEK IN PICS



Snapshots from the Seniors & Grandparents Melbourne Cup Morning Tea! 🏆
 We had a blast with Bingo, Pin the Tail on the Horse, Best Hat Voting, Winning Sweep Prizes!

A huge thank you to Veronica for her generosity in providing gifts for the winners, and to the friendly staff from Gregory & Carr for their support. Everyone truly enjoyed the games and the wonderful company.

Next Gathering: Thursday, December 5th Join us for a festive celebration with Christmas songs and Santa! 🎄



A great night at dinner with the young men in our SEEK discernment program, who celebrated their journeys and their year, together with our parish Vocations Team!



Himig Sandiwa, the talented Filipino community Choir that sings at our 9am Mass and the Filipino community Masses, looked great as they headed to a former choir member's wedding after singing at Mass!

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

ThirTy -SecOnd sUnday in OrDinary Time/ B

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SHE HAS PUT IN EVERYTHING SHE HAD. Jesus had little time for the unholy trinity of conspicuous wealth, self-righteousness and ostentatious piety. He suggests that, when we give alms, we 'do not sound a trumpet before [us]' (Mt 6:2). According to St Ambrose, 'God does not consider what one gives but what one keeps.' Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 87:3

**Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help,
O Lord.**

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. Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings
The widow made a little scone from her flour and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends

rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 2

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

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

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



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

SECOND READING

Heb 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 12:38-44

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.

This poor widow has put in more than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. 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 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. 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

GIVING ALL

The high cost of living is a constant lament today, but being poor seems a timeless condition. Despite efforts over thousands of years, poverty has never been eradicated. Yet our readings today speak of great generosity that emerges out of poverty. Our first reading tells of Elijah asking a widow for a little water and a scrap of bread. He asks this of one with so little: a handful of meal and a little oil. Her willingness to share brings about a miracle.

This widow is paired with another unnamed widow in today's Gospel. The term 'widow' could describe a woman without a husband, father, or male relative. As such, she had no means of financial support. These widows are among the poorest of the poor. At the treasury, this widow is observed as most generous. We are invited to see what Jesus sees as he sits opposite – rich people putting in large contributions and one widow putting in two small coins, translated in Greek as two *lepta*, but understood as two bronze mites of Judea that are the smallest denomination. In Australia there is no longer a one cent coin but that might be a fair comparison.

The point is that these two mites are all the widow has. She does not hold back; she gives all. She gives her whole life and is a model for the disciples. Jesus is moving toward his passion and death where he will give everything, and his disciples are being asked to do the same, trusting in God. What about us?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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Our Lady OF DOLOURS

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 15
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS, CHATSWOOD

4PM • AFTERNOON TEA AND TALKS
6PM • DINNER
7PM • PRAISE AND WORSHIP
9PM • COMPLINE AND SUPPER

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CATHOLIC VOCATIONS
BROKEN BAY

Our Lady OF DOLOURS

The Catholic community of Chatswood invites Year 6 children and their families to our

Year 6 End of Year Class Mass

24 November 2024 | at 5:30PM

During this Mass each Year 6 student will be presented with a small gift as part of our end of year celebration to mark the end of their primary years.

If you plan on coming please RSVP Angela at angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

This will help us with catering for food and gifts. We also want to include Year 6 children in the Mass so if your child would like to read a prayer, please let Angela know at the above email by Tuesday 19 November.

After Mass the Year 6 children are invited to join our Cornerstone youth group for food and fun activities in our Magnificat Parish Meeting Room until 8:30pm

All Welcome!



CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for anyone who can assist at the Praise and Worship night this Friday (see the poster above) as a first aid officer. You would need a current first aid certificate and WWCC.

If available please contact Hamish on 0408 702 418 or at hamish@hjlavery.com.au

Thank you for your consideration!

Another wonderful week of bonding at Playgroup!

We welcomed Lucia and Cecilia to our group and played, sang and danced together.

Just a reminder that each Thursday we attend the 12:30pm Mass together where we receive our special blessing from Fr Joey before we head over to Playgroup, and all children and parents are welcome!





A really great turnout of young adults attended last week's excellent, thought provoking session of an introduction to the Theology of the Body by Tomasz Juszczak from Donum Ministries! Thank you to Capstone Youth for organising!



ST ALBERT THE GREAT OPTIONAL MEMORIAL 15 NOVEMBER

Optional Memorials give priests and communities the choice to observe the celebration or to follow the standard weekday liturgy instead.



ST JOSAPHAT MEMORIAL 12 NOVEMBER

- Josaphat became the first saint of the Eastern Church to be officially canonized by the Catholic Church in Rome. Pope Pius IX canonized him in 1867 as a symbol of unity between Eastern and Western Christians.

- Known as the "Martyr for Unity," St. Josaphat dedicated his life to promoting unity between the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches, even risking his life for the cause. He faced intense opposition and ultimately gave his life for his efforts.
- Josaphat was raised in the Eastern Orthodox tradition but felt drawn to Catholicism as a young man. He ultimately embraced the faith and became a prominent figure in the Eastern Catholic Church.
- Josaphat was born around 1580 in what is now Ukraine. His life and ministry took place amidst a time of tension between the Orthodox and Catholic communities, and he played a significant role in the Ukrainian Catholic Church.
- Josaphat's birth name was John Kuncevyč. He took the name Josaphat when he entered the monastic life, joining the Basilian Order.
- Despite opposition, Josaphat was known for his patience, wisdom, and skill in reconciling differences among people.
- Josaphat was murdered in 1623, but his story didn't end there. His intercession was believed to have sparked miracles and conversions in the years following his death, further uniting people in faith.
- Josaphat is considered a patron saint of both unity within the Christian Church and the Ukrainian Catholic Church. His life is celebrated as a bridge between faith traditions.

- Albert the Great is the patron saint of scientists, philosophers, and natural sciences. His work blended faith and reason, making him a bridge between theology and science.
- Albert had a wide range of interests that spanned theology, philosophy, chemistry, physics, astronomy, mineralogy, botany, and even zoology! He was known as a "universal doctor" because of his vast knowledge.
- St. Albert mentored the young St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the most influential theologians in Christian history. Albert recognized Thomas's brilliance and defended him when others underestimated him.
- Albert made significant contributions to biology and botany, including writing extensively on plants and animals. His studies on plants were among the first systematic works on botany in the West.
- Long before it became widely accepted, St. Albert argued that the Earth was spherical. His knowledge of astronomy and natural science was groundbreaking for the medieval period. His approach to science involved observation and experimentation, paving the way for the scientific method before it became standard.
- Despite his brilliance, Albert was known for his humility. When he was appointed bishop of Regensburg, he reluctantly accepted but later requested to be relieved so he could focus on his studies.
- According to legend, when Albert was teaching, he used a wooden staff to help him walk. After his death, the staff reportedly began to sprout leaves and flowers.
- In 1931, Pope Pius XI declared St. Albert a Doctor of the Church, recognizing his contributions to theology, philosophy, and science.

MINISTRY CIRCLE: NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS



3RD FRIDAY EVERY MONTH
7:00PM – 9:30PM
MAGNIFICAT MEETING ROOM



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

Drinks and light nibbles provided, please feel welcome to bring a plate to share.

To register your interest or to find out more, please email chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au



**SERRA VOCATIONS
MASS AND DINNER
MEETING
14 NOVEMBER**

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

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 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 HIEN VU ASSISTANT PRIEST AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL PARISH

**HIS TOPIC:
"MY VOCATION JOURNEY"**

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 annayyleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

MINISTRY CIRCLE: CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

VINNIES CHATSWOOD OCTOBER REPORT

Chatswood received 13 calls for help in October. Three were referrals from other agencies. Five concerned DV sufferers. Most were for help in setting up in new accommodation with furniture and whitegoods. Where time permitted we referred most to our "No Interest Loans Scheme". This scheme enables eligible applicants to purchase what they need and repay at terms that suit their budgets. We provided urgent necessities such as refrigerators (usually reconditioned) to 5 persons where needed. Other assistance given was for food, bills, medical services and donated furniture. Some \$3000 of assistance was provided.

We received four offers for assisting in the bread run from Bakers Delight to Matthew Talbot Hostel-this service is now set up to continue into the New Year. Thanks to those who volunteered.

Again we are receiving high numbers of requests and need further helpers to manage comfortably.

Persons interested in this Ministry could contact El (El.Herlianto@vinnies.org.au or John (0439 783 956).



**ST MARGARET OF
SCOTLAND
OPTIONAL
MEMORIAL 16
NOVEMBER**

- Margaret was affectionately called "The Pearl of Scotland" because of her beauty, intelligence, and faith.

- Margaret played a significant role in reforming the Scottish Church. She encouraged the observance of Roman Catholic practices, including changes to Sunday worship and Lenten fasting.
- Margaret and Malcolm had eight children, including three future kings of Scotland. Two of her children, David I of Scotland and Edith (later Queen Matilda of England), were also known for their holiness and charity.

MINISTRY CIRCLE: LEADING REFLECTIVE LIVES



Presentation of the
ZOOM ROSARY
Blessed Virgin Mary

21 NOV 8:00 PM



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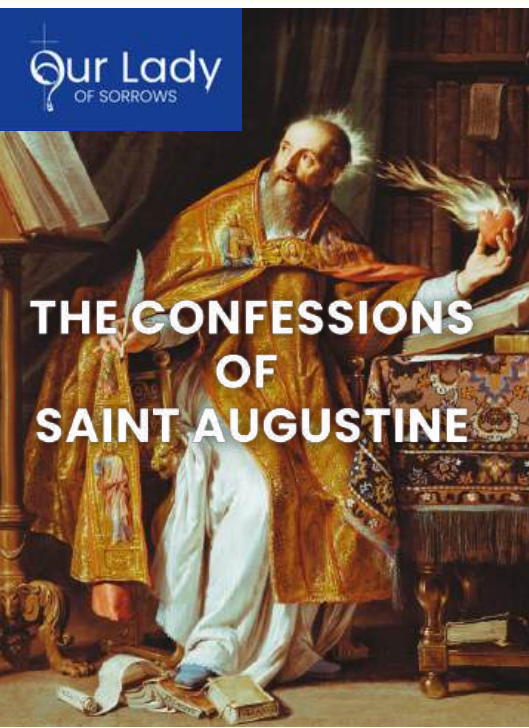
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ST GERTRUDE THE GREAT
OPTIONAL MEMORIAL 16
NOVEMBER



- Gertrude is one of the few women in the Catholic Church given the title “the Great.” This title highlights her exceptional influence on Christian mysticism and spirituality.
- Gertrude was one of the earliest Christian mystics, and her profound visions of Christ and the Sacred Heart inspired generations of believers to pursue a deeper, more personal relationship with God. Gertrude had visions of Jesus’ Sacred Heart centuries before the Sacred Heart devotion became popular, making her one of the earliest promoters of this beloved devotion.
- Gertrude wrote extensively, but her most famous work, *The Herald of Divine Love*, is the only one we have today. It’s filled with her spiritual insights and records many of her mystical experiences.
- Gertrude’s visions often focused on Jesus’ humanity, His tenderness, and His closeness to us, encouraging believers to see Jesus as a compassionate friend. The famous “St. Gertrude Prayer” is often prayed for the souls in Purgatory. Though not directly from her writings, it reflects her spirit and compassion for those in need of God’s mercy.
- Gertrude is the patron saint of the West Indies and travelers.

MINISTRY CIRCLE: GROWING IN FAITH



**THE CONFESSIONS
OF
SAINT AUGUSTINE**



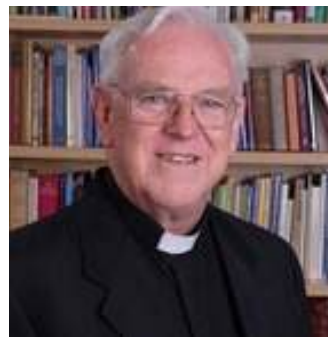
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NOVEMBER 16



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.

NEXT WEEK: CHURCH EVENTS, PRAYER, AND LITURGY

Monday
11 November

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

**Memorial:
Saint Martin of
Tours**

Tuesday
12 November

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9am Mass.**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- 10:30am Organ practice SC.
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 1pm Rosary.
- 2pm Organ practice OC.

**Memorial:
Saint Josaphat**

Wednesday
13 November

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9am Mass.**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 3:30pm Organ practice BJ.
- **6:30pm Mass of Hope.**

Thursday
14 November

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9am Mass.**
- **9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration**, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 1pm Rosary.
- 2pm Organ practice OC.
- 3pm Organ lesson SC.
- 4pm Organ lesson TL.
- **7:00pm Holy Hour Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration** with Reconciliation also available.
- 8:00pm Praise & Worship practice.

Friday
15 November

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9am Mass.**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- 10:30am Organ practice SC.
- **12:30pm Mass.**
- 2pm Praisefest set up.
- 3pm Praisefest.

Saturday
16 November

- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
- **9am Mass**
- **9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration**, Reconciliation, Rosary.
- 10:00am Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- 11am Choir practice.
- 12:30pm Organ practice SC.
- 3:30pm Kids baptism practice.
- 5:00pm Vigil Singers.
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass.**

Sunday Mass
17 November

- **7:30am Mass.**
- **9:00am Mass.**
- **10:30am Mass.**
- 1:30pm Organ practice SC.
- 2:30pm Organ practice AH.
- **5:30pm Mass.**
- **7:00pm Indonesian Mass.**

**33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To all those many parishioners who contributed so generously towards the Clergy Appreciation Day, a big thank you from the co-ordinating committee. Without your generosity, help and support, the occasion would not have been possible. So many people contributed in so many ways – A big thank you to each and everyone of you. Please remember to keep our clergy in your prayers and spare them a word of thanks as the occasion befits.

Thanks and God bless,
Cecilia/Michael



THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2024

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

*Lord, comfort the hearts of parents
who have lost a child.*

*Wrap them in Your gentle love, bring peace to their
pain, and strengthen them with the hope of
reunion in Your presence.*

*Hold their precious child in Your embrace until they
meet again. Amen.*



NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

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| Monday
11 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30pm Friends & Fellowship (St Paul). |
| Tuesday
12 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Bible Study (St Paul). 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6, 6-9 & 9-12 year olds (Atrium). 7pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter). 7pm Journey into Truth (Magnificat, St Paul) set up 5:30pm. 7pm Filipino Choir (Harrington Hall). |
| Wednesday
13 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat). 6:30pm Indonesian instruments (Harrington Hall). 7pm MenAlive faith discussion (Magnificat) set up 6:30pm. 7pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter). |
| Thursday
14 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium). 1pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up 12pm. 6pm Altos choir practice (St Paul). 7pm Praisefest practice (Harrington Hall). |
| Friday
15 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) set up 9:30am. 7pm Our Lady's Ladies (Magnificat). 7pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing. |
| Saturday
16 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Music Lessons (St Paul). 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter) set up 10am. 3:30pm Confessions of St Augustine with Bishop David Walk (Magnificat). 7pm Korean Bible reading & discussion (St Paul). |
| Sunday Mass
17 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Choir (St Paul). 9am Ministers of the Word (Magnificat). 11am RCIA (St Peter). 5pm Indonesian Choir (St Paul) set up 4pm. 6:30pm Indonesian fellowship (Magnificat, St Peter, St Paul) set up 5:30pm. Capstone Young Adults (Harrington Hall). |

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rose Petal afternoon prayer

with St Thérèse

Through prayer and Adoration, enter into the way of trust and love of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, and ask for Saint Thérèse's intercession by individually addressing and writing letters to her.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH

263 MONA VALE RD, ST IVES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

3:00-4:50 PM

AN AFTERNOON OF
PRAISE & WORSHIP | REFLECTION
WRITING PRAYER LETTER
ADORATION | NOVENA

WITH TALK BY FR ALOYSIUS REGO, OCD
FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 5PM

part of 50th
Anniversary
celebration
activities



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

Matthew 11:28



2nd November 2024
One Day Malayalam Retreat
10:00am - 2:30pm

15th - 17th Nov 2024
Inner Healing Growth Retreat

with Fr Sam Samuel VC, Fr John Prince VC & Fr Jubey Varghese VC
Starts on Friday 5:30pm & ends on Sunday 4:00pm
(Food & Accommodation provided)

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

24th November 2024
One Day Pilgrimage
Prayers for the souls in Purgatory

9:00am - 4:00pm
• Praise and Worship • Preaching the word • Eucharistic Adoration
• Divine Mercy Chaplet • Holy Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED,



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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



A MOMENT TO REFLECT

Life is a precious journey,
a path shaped by moments where God's presence
quietly reveals itself, weaving a story only we can live.

We often strive for success, happiness, and purpose,
believing they're somewhere far off.
But what if the fulfillment we seek is already here, in the
grace of the present, in the seemingly ordinary
moments God has given us?
The laughter shared, the kindness shown, the beauty of
creation—all are glimpses of eternity, invitations to see
God's hand at work.

Perhaps the real purpose of life is not in what we
accomplish but in how we open our hearts to God's
presence in each moment, embracing His gifts before
they pass.

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especially for children and vulnerable adults.**

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us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for
all who enter our church.**