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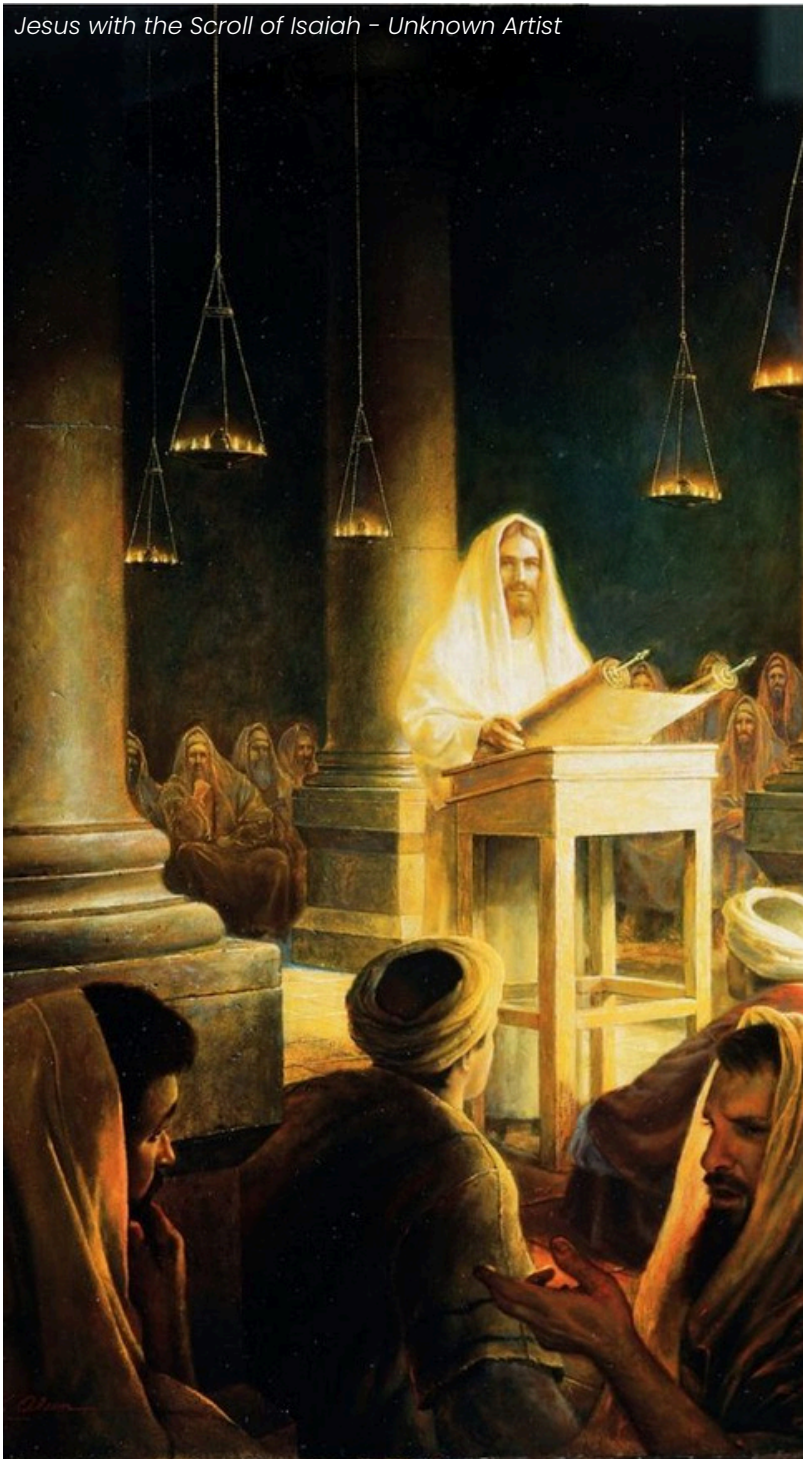
26 JANUARY 2025

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Welcome

Jesus with the Scroll of Isaiah - Unknown Artist



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!

In just one week, we'll be celebrating the hope of a new year with Lunar New Year next Sunday! This weekend, members of the Chinese Catholic Association (CCA) will be selling raffle tickets and food & drink tickets. They'll also be available to answer any questions you might have—please feel free to stop by!

Envelopes for Fr Joey are available once again. If you would like to make an offering for him, please feel welcome to do so.

Are you a musician or singer? We're looking for volunteers to help lead the accompanying music for Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday nights. If you'd like to get involved, please reach out!

Please note the Parish Office is closed for the Australia Day public holiday on Monday.

Thank you to the Chinese Catholic Association for sponsoring 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.



The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.
This Sunday's Gospel - Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

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.



*Mother of the Crucified,
pray for us.*

*Sorrowful Mother,
pray for us.*

*Mournful Mother,
pray for us.*

Sighing Mother, pray for us.

Afflicted Mother, pray for us.

Desolate Mother, pray for us.

Mother most sad, pray for us.

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

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

Terry Livermore; Kevin Ferdinand Calonzo; Tuan Sheng Hao (husband of Purita); Earle Dietz (husband of Elaine); Patrick Caplice; Nancy Benzie; Jose Lino Aguilar; Linda Agarwal; Dylan Lam; John Keenan.

Our loved ones who are **sick**:

Chet Catapang; Isabelle Montelibano Patron; Anne Avery; Mila Fidel; Onni Wong; Victor Chun Kau Ng (husband of Dilia Ng); Eileen Swinsburg; Xu He Ooi; Carmel Villanueva; Marianne (Binnie) Tan; Mr Gurung (father of Om Gurung); Colleen Baker (sister of Margaret Day); Delfin Mendoza; Karen Forbes; Irene Margaret; Ying Leong Fong; Laila Haddad; Linda Yip; Lonnie Chu; Minnie Walshe; Maria Taylor; Ban Le Llamas; Sally Luxton; Sr Marie Dayton; Giselle Clark; Judith Ryan; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlasic; 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**:

Francis Ward (father of Judith, grandfather of Gerard); Angela Ryan (grandchild of Judith, niece of Gerard); Watson Lee (father of Olivia, Chris, Ethan, Gen); Lisa McKee.

Our loved ones, who **recently celebrated their birthdays**:

Irene Margaret; Isla Aylward!



GOSPEL REFLECTION: GATHERING THE STORIES OF FAITH

Who's is someone you love deeply? What's a story you could tell me about how they bring God to your life?

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21), Luke begins his account with humility and care, recognising that the story of Jesus has already been told by those who walked with Him and witnessed His life firsthand. Yet, Luke sees his role as something unique: to gather these accounts, to order them, and to present them to Theophilus—a name that means "lover of God."

Theophilus is not a name just for one person; it is a title we all bear. We are all Theophilus. We are all lovers of God, seeking to make sense of the story of salvation, to see how it speaks to our lives and our hearts. Luke's purpose is to ensure that these stories, these truths, are not lost or scattered but arranged in a way that brings clarity and certainty to all who love God and long to know Him more deeply. Luke is writing here for you.

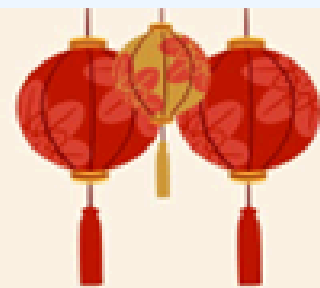
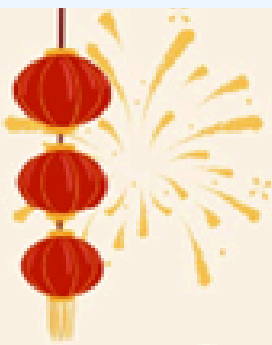
Luke's work reminds us that faith is not a solitary journey. It is shaped and strengthened by the stories of those who have gone before us—stories of courage, doubt, trust, and transformation. His role was not to add to these stories but to make them accessible, to weave them together so that they illuminate the beauty and depth of God's work in the world.

This reflection invites us to consider the stories around us. Who are the witnesses of faith in our lives? What moments of grace, told by others or lived in our own hearts, are waiting to be ordered and shared? Like Luke, we may be called to gather these fragments and offer them as a gift to others.

In doing so, we become storytellers of faith. It is an intimate act—listening to the whispers of God in our lives and arranging them so they might speak clearly to others. It is a reminder that our love for God compels us not only to receive His truth but to share it, to make it known in ways that resonate with those around us.

So to you Theophilus, my fellow lovers of God, let us embrace this calling. Let us honour the stories of those who have come before, look for God's hand in the lives of those around us, and have the courage to order and share these moments of grace. In doing so, we carry on Luke's work, helping others see the face of Christ and find certainty in His love.

by Olivia Lee



Parish established 1910

Our Lady of Dolours

Catholic Parish of Chatswood, Diocese of Broken Bay






2025 LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR OF SNAKE

and fundraising for Pastoral Works Fund of Broken Bay Diocese

Date: Sunday 2nd February 2025

Address: 94 Archer Street Chatswood NSW 2067

Program:

-  **10:00am** Food stalls start
-  **10:30am** Lunar New Year Mass (Multilingual)
-  **11:30am** Group photo with Lion Dancers (please join us)
Lion Dance
Welcome speeches
Raffle tickets draw (PTO for purchase of Raffle tickets, food/drink vouchers)
Free face painting for kids



Chinese Menu:

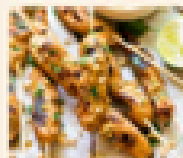
BBQ Pork Buns

Spring Rolls

Satay Chicken

Vegetarian Fried Noodles

Curry Chicken & Rice



\$6 for 2

\$6 for 1 small serving

Vietnamese Menu:

Banh Mi

BBQ Chicken, Garlic Prawn, Lemongrass Beef, Poached Chicken Soldier



\$6 for 1

\$6 for 2

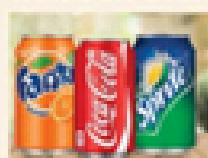
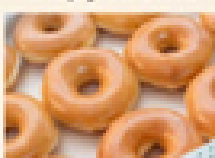
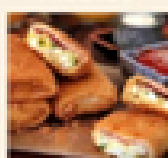
Indonesian Menu

Croquette

Risoles

Krispy Kreme

Hot/Cold Drink



\$6 for 2 OR \$6 for 1 + drink

\$3



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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RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE IN THE FOYER THIS WEEKEND AS WELL AS \$6 FOOD VOUCHERS AND \$3 DRINK VOUCHERS - BUY THEM NOW TO BEAT THE QUEUES ON LUNAR NEW YEAR DAY!

FAMOUS CHINESE BIBLE QUOTE

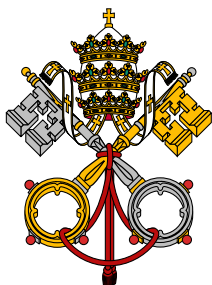
在女人中你是蒙祝福的，你的胎兒也是蒙祝福的。
路加福音1:42

Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
Luke 1:42

THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2025

For the right to an education:

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Please be advised that the Filipino Mass this February 2 @ 12 PM will be held at Harrington Hall*

*There will be ushers to guide you and the Philippine flag will be visible at the entrance to the hall.

<https://www.facebook.com/FilipinoCommunityChatswoodParish>



SENIORS AND GRANDPARENTS

Lunar New Year

MORNING TEA

10 am Feb 6

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL LUNA NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AND MORNING TEA IN THE MAGNIFICAT ROOM!

WE'RE EXCITED TO KICK OFF 2025 AND LOOK FORWARD TO GATHERING ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

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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Matteo Ricci 利瑪竇, [利瑪竇 (1552 – 1610)]
Missionary of Cultural Dialogue

Matteo Ricci was the first Jesuit missionary who was able to enter the Chinese Empire in 1583 during the Ming Dynasty and to reach the capital, Beijing where he stayed from 1601 to 1610, establishing there a Christian presence that exists to this day. Known as 'Li Madou' to the Chinese, he is widely recognised and admired by Chinese people for his cultural achievements, and by Chinese Catholics for his missionary approach.

Matteo Ricci was born in Macerata, Italy in 1552. At the age of 18 Ricci entered the Society of Jesus at the Roman College, where he studied mathematics and physics in addition to theology and philosophy. He requested to be part of a missionary expedition to the Far East. In 1580 he was ordained a priest, and two years later travelled to Macau, a Portuguese settlement on the southeast coast of China. There Ricci began learning the Chinese language and customs, and eventually mastered Chinese classical script.

From Macau Ricci travelled to Guangdong province in southeast China, where he and another Jesuit were allowed by Chinese officials to set up a mission. There he lived for over 10 years, applying himself to learning Mandarin (the language of the intellectual elite). Journeying on, eventually he adopted the garb of a Chinese scholar.

As he learned more of the beliefs of the Chinese and talked with Chinese scholars, he found that the teaching of Confucius was in part consistent with Christian philosophy. To explain Christian concepts, he began presenting them in a light consistent with Confucianism, drawing on the parallels between the teachings.

Ricci travelled northwards to Nanchang and finally reached Beijing in 1601. On the long and arduous northward journey to Beijing Ricci worked assiduously to set up missionary residences, and trained fellow-missionaries to continue the work in the cities he left. Thus in 1601 the mission included, besides Beijing, the residences of Nanjing, Nanchang, Suzhou, and Shanghai.

In Beijing he presented gifts of a clock and a harpsichord to the emperor and undertook the care of these gifts. When the clock wound down, Ricci was called into the Forbidden Palace, the first European to be given the honour. Ricci remained in Beijing for the rest of his life, where he continued tirelessly his Christian teaching and interpretation of Confucian wisdom.

His years in Beijing were his most prosperous. Ricci employed a missionary approach adapted to the Chinese culture and socio-political reality. In the beginning, he devoted himself to showing Western science and technology to attract attention of the curious, and to engage in dialogues with the educated elite. Ricci's accurate prediction of eclipses and other astronomical events (necessary for the preparation of the imperial calendar) gave him access to the inner court of the emperor. He was highly esteemed and gained many deep and valuable friendships, often accompanied by conversions. His circle of close friends convinced and helped him to translate into Chinese language several Western scientific and mathematical works. Ricci's also wrote a comprehensive presentation of Catholic doctrine, in the literary style of Confucian classics.

In 1610 he fell ill and died soon after. His burial in Beijing was authorized by imperial decree – something that had never happened until then for a foreigner. Ricci had lived 28 years in China. He left a profound legacy, both in laying the foundation for a stable presence of the Church in China and building a bridge between Christian orthodoxy and the philosophical wisdoms of the Chinese, between European and Chinese cultures, and between the East and West.

For centuries after his death, the memory of Ricci's missionary achievement was eclipsed, partly because of the fallout from the 'Chinese rites' controversy – a debate over whether the Confucian traditional rituals of veneration of ancestors were compatible with Christianity. **....continued after Our Sunday Celebration**

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

26 January 2025

THIS TEXT IS BEING FULFILLED TODAY. The Sacred Scriptures that are proclaimed at Mass recall incidents from the past and point to the future but most especially they affirm the presence of God among us now. This day we are called to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to all who are bound up in any way. Today we are called to be the Body of Christ in our world. The Sacred Scriptures have meaning when we can say with Jesus: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf. Ps 95:1, 6*

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

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

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, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



RESP PSALM

Ps 18:8-10, 15. R. Jn 6:63

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

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 precepts of the Lord are right, / they gladden the heart. / The command of the Lord is clear, / it gives light to the eyes. **R.**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. **R.**
4. May the spoken words of my mouth, / the thoughts of my heart, / win favour in your sight, O Lord, / my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

The word of the Lord. R.

Thanks be to God.

Longer form, 1 Cor 12:12-30.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eye-witnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to

the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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. Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. 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 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift.

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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

GOD'S SPIRIT-FILLED AGENT

This Sunday we read the opening four verses of Luke's Gospel (1:1-4), skip over Jesus' birth narrative (chapters 1 and 2), Luke's introduction of John the Baptist (3:1-20), Jesus' baptism (3:21-22), a genealogy (3:23-38) and Jesus' temptation (4:1-13)—stories which will emerge at various times during this year—and move to a defining moment set in Jesus' hometown synagogue in Nazareth (4:14-21).

This event lays out the full meaning of Jesus' future ministry in the Gospel. Luke presents Jesus, the faithful Jew, at his local synagogue for the Sabbath Scripture, choosing to read from the prophet Isaiah. Luke brings together two parts of Isaiah, edits them and rearranges them to have Jesus pronounce the two key messages the evangelist wants the Gospel audience to hear: that Jesus is God's Spirit-filled agent (confirming his status from earlier scenes) whose sole intent is to lead God's people, especially the poor, oppressed and spiritually blind, to freedom; and that the God of Jesus is not a God just for the Jews, but for all people irrespective of social or ethnic status.

It is this last point that attracts ire from his co-religionists and introduces a theme of opposition that will emerge as the Gospel unfolds. Evident in the Nazareth event is Luke's freedom, clear from the opening verses of today's passage, to reshape the biblical tradition (Isaiah) and the story of Jesus to speak freshly to the Gospel's Greco-Roman audience. Luke thus provides a pattern for contemporary theological reflection and church teaching.

Fr Michael Trainor

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Pope Pius XII 'definitively closed' the 'Chinese rites' controversy on Dec. 8, 1939, when he issued a decree authorizing Chinese Catholics to observe their ancestral rites.

The cause of beatification of Matteo Ricci (originally begun in 1984) was reopened on January 24, 2010. Recently Pope Francis signed a decree (proclaimed on December 17, 2022) which recognised Ricci as a Servant of God and declared "venerable", thus setting in motion the process for his beatification.

Sources:
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Chinese Catholic Association



IGNITING YOUNG HEARTS: INCEPTION & FORMATION

The Children's Atrium

of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
 At Chatswood Parish



Since August 2007, we have been welcoming children to this wonderful place called the Atrium, so that they can spend time with God to nurture their relationship with him. The CGS Atrium is based on Scripture and Liturgy and framed by Montessori principles of Education.

The Atrium is offered in three stages or age groups and there is a separate room for each age group.

The sessions times are:

3-6 year olds

Mondays 10am-11:30am
 Mondays 3:45-5:45pm
 Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm
 Thursdays 10am-11:30am

6-9 & 9-12 year olds

Mondays 3:45-5:45pm
 Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm

Enrolments for 2025
 are now open and we
 would love to welcome
 your child to the atrium.

To find out more
 about the Atrium
 watch this video



To speak with someone or to
 enrol your child, contact
 Angela or Rose at:
old.childrens.atrrium@gmail.com



Above: This week at Playgroup we had fun playing with our parents and celebrating Isla's birthday!

Below: Capstone Young Adults thanked our wonderful Youth Minister Bettina for all she has done as she prepares for a new journey!



Let us draw close to the young, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world!

Pope Francis

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

DECEMBER REPORT

Chatswood Vinnies received 8 calls for help in the period up to Christmas. One is still ongoing involving a replacement refrigerator for a young mother previously known to us. An unusual request for help came from a husband and father, temporarily, we hope, estranged from his family and living on the streets on account of being unexpectedly out of work. A homeless rehab patient sought help with setting up her newly allocated government housing, we have provided some help with kitchenware and her case is also ongoing. A recently bereaved widower sought some Christmas cheer and we provided a hamper. An asylum seeker sought help with phone, food and scripts. The other three were from previously known people and help for holiday-caused expenses, furniture and food was provided. Some \$600 was expended.

More than 60 Christmas Hampers, mainly from local schools, were distributed with the help of parishioners to people we had assisted through the year.

In association with St George Housing we hosted a Christmas lunch for residents at the Barton Road public housing establishment.

Vinnies Chatswood

LEADING REFLECTIVE LIVES: PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY



Our Lady OF DOLOURS

Public Rosary
ON THE FORECOURT

FEBRUARY
02

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

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH
94 ARCHER ST, CHATSWOOD
CHATWOODOFFICE@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

SINGERS WANTED FOR ADORATION

Calling All Singers and Musicians!
We are seeking singers and musicians to support Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday nights at 7pm. You are welcome to sing fitting songs from your own repertoire, alongside selections noted in the worship booklet. Can you commit to helping once a month? Your musical gift can help create a prayerful and uplifting atmosphere for all who come to adore Jesus.

If you're interested, please contact Titus.Grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au



ENVELOPES FOR FR JOEY

This weekend, donation envelopes will be available at the back of the church and in the pews for those who wish to contribute towards a farewell gift for Fr Joey as he prepares to leave our parish. All contributions will be collected and presented to Fr Joey as a token of our gratitude and appreciation for his time with us. For those who prefer to donate via EFT, the details are:

Chatswood Parish
Reference: Fr Joey Gift
BSB: 062-784
Account Number: 100001609
Thank you for your generosity.



A YEAR OF HOPE

To live with hope strengthens us during the difficult seasons of life. Hope does not magically remove pain, anxiety, or grief, but it gives us the confidence to know that someone accompanies us. The Lord sees us, walks with us, stays with us. We are not alone.

Cassie Schutzer

NEXT WEEK: PRAYER, AND LITURGY

Monday 27 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:30pm Mass. • 1pm Rosary.
Tuesday 28 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45am Morning Prayer. • 9am Mass. • 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. • 12:30pm Mass. • 1pm Rosary. • 2pm Organ practice OC.
Memorial: St Thomas Aquinas	
Wednesday 29 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45am Morning Prayer. • 9am Mass. • 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. • 12:30pm Mass • 1pm Rosary. • 6:30pm Farewell Mass for Fr Joey and Deacon Richard.
Thursday 30 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 7pm Holy Hour Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation also available.
Friday 31 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45am Morning Prayer. • 9am Mass. • 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. • 12:30pm Mass. • 1pm Rosary. • 7pm Indonesian Taize Mass (set up 5:30pm).
Memorial: St John Bosco	
Saturday 1 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45am Morning Prayer. • 9am Mass. • 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration, Reconciliation, Rosary. • 10am Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help. • 11am Choir practice. • 3pm First Saturday Rosary. • 4:30pm Vigil Singers. • 5:30pm Vigil Mass.
Sunday Mass 2 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30am Mass. • 9am Mass. • 10:30am Mass - Lunar New Year Multilingual Mass. • 12:30pm Filipino Mass in Harrington Hall. • 5:30pm Mass.
Presentation of the Lord	
Lunar New Year	

NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

Monday 27 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30pm 9am Mass choir practice (St Paul).
Tuesday 28 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am Bible Study (St Paul). • 6:30pm Filipino Choir (Harrington Hall). • 7pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter) set up 6:30pm.
Wednesday 29 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter).
Thursday 30 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up 12pm. • 3pm Sing Now choir (Magnificat).
Friday 31 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am Catechist morning tea (Magnificat). • 10am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) set up 9:30am. • 7pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing.
Saturday 1 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am Music Lessons (St Paul). • 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter) set up 10:00am.
Sunday Mass 2 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Lunar New Year (St Peter). • 9am Choir Practice (St Paul). • 11am RCIA (Magnificat). • 3:45pm Mums Ministry (Magnificat).



ST THOMAS AQUINAS MEMORIAL 28 JANUARY

- Supposedly, despite his brilliance, his classmates at the University of Paris nicknamed him "The Dumb Ox" because he was quiet and large. His teacher, St. Albert the Great, defended him, saying, "his doctrine will one day resound throughout the world."
- Thomas's family opposed his decision to join the Dominican Order and go into religious life. To stop him, his brothers kidnapped him and locked him in a tower for over a year. During this time, they even sent a woman to tempt him, but he chased her away with a burning log from the fireplace!
- Toward the end of his life, after completing much of his theological work, Thomas had a mystical vision of Christ. After this experience, he said, "I can write no more. I have seen things that make my writings like straw."
- Thomas Aquinas's remains are housed in the Church of the Jacobins in Toulouse. His tomb is a site of pilgrimage for many who revere his contributions to the Church.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28



1ST FRIDAY
HEALING SERVICE
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
CHATSWOOD
7th Feb 2025, 6:30pm-8:30pm
(Rosary, Holy Mass & Adoration)
94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067,
Tel 02 9410 9000
email: chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE
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Tel: 02 4372 1598, email drcsydney@gmail.com
- www.divineretreatcentre.org - www.facebook.com/divineretreatcentersomersby

The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.

Sapientia

Single adults, 18-30 years of age, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for this weekend retreat of prayer, formation, and fellowship.

7-9 February 2025
St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre
Douglas Park

For more information or to register your interest, complete the form or email the Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org.



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Diocese of Broken Bay



WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW ACCREDITATION FOR HOME CARE PACKAGES



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We understand many seniors prefer to stay at home as they age. The Government's funding for Home Care Packages can help you live independently at home for longer.

We want to know if our Home Care Packages are of interest to you, or a loved one and want to prioritise the needs of our parishioners before we promote to the general public.

As a Catholic organisation we want the seniors we support to know they are truly cherished and valued and we're confident our services will be very well received.

There's no obligation to partner with us. We may contact you to discuss your needs, but you're welcome to opt-out at anytime.



OPEN DAY



Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School

Tuesday 4 March 2025
9am - 10.30am

Come and experience first hand why Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood is a great choice for your children.

Our Open Day is a structured morning that will provide you with an opportunity for meaningful insight into our school.

- Meet our Principal, teachers, students, parents.
- Learn about Our Lady of Dolours's faith led approach, including and inclusive model of education.
- Visit our classrooms, play area, library, specialised media room, music rooms.
- Gain a real sense of the Our Lady of Dolours's community.



Scan Now To Register

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Marco Ianni, Principal
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School
94A Archer Street,
Chatswood
7256 2118
olddb.catholic.edu.au



Inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning, to use their talents to be the very best they can be.

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Contact Olivia at Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au

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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PLAYGROUP



All babies, toddlers, infants, parents & carers are welcome to join our Playgroup in the Magnificat Meeting Room every Thursday from 1pm - 2:30pm.

An opportunity for the children to socialise and play, while the parents can come together in fellowship. To register, please email mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au or call Mona on 9410 9000

PARENT & INFANT MASS

Child friendly weekday Mass every Thursday 12:30pm

Attending Mass can often be stressful for a parent, particularly while juggling the needs of your child. This Mass is an opportunity to gather with other parents, without judgement, with the support of the Priest and parishioners.

