



## THE BULLETIN

10 NOVEMBER 2024

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)



Jesus in the Clouds - artist unknown

**He shall gather his elect from the four winds.**  
This Sunday's Gospel - Mark 13:24-32

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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](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au) - we would love to hear from you!

*This Friday: We welcomed young people from across our diocese for a powerful night of praise and worship of our Lord. It was a wonderful night of encounter. Photos will be shared next week, but some are already up on our Facebook page.*

*This Wednesday, November 20: Join us as we mark **Red Wednesday for Persecuted Christians**. Our church will be lit in red as a public act of remembrance for the violence faced by our brothers and sisters in faith. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony at 7:00 PM. Please spread the word and stand with us in prayerful solidarity.*

*This Saturday: Don't miss Bishop David's talks on St Augustine, beginning at 3:30 PM in the Magnificat Room. It's a wonderful opportunity to dive deeper into the wisdom of this great saint.*

*Thank you to little Jenevieve Yuen for generously sponsoring this week's flowers for our Church!*

For any inclusions to next week's bulletin, please email your content to Olivia at [Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto: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.*

Dear friends,



**Fr David Ranson**  
PP VG  
Parish Priest

The greatest thank you to all those who made our fifth time of gathering as a **Parish-in-Council** so effective last Sunday, 10 November. There was such an energy and vibrancy in the forum. I am firmly convinced that each time we gather in this way, the bonds of our community before the Spirit of God deepen and widen. It was a special pleasure to see new faces among the participants, and indeed many young people. We also had a number of observers with us from other parishes – including all the way from the Cathedral Parish of Armidale. We will soon be able to share with everyone the discernment from the occasion which will hopefully foster our sense of shared stewardship for our parish community.

Last Sunday we also shared the discernment from the fourth time we gathered as a Parish-in-Council last August, focussing on **Igniting Young Hearts**. Having listened again to the conversation of the day and taking further consultation I have now adopted a list of practical steps that might assist our community to be responsive to our younger members. Do have a look further on in the bulletin for the list of those

decisions and actions. A significant response to our August discernment will be taken up especially in the Jubilee Year of 2025 and as we celebrate the canonisation of Carlo Acutis toward the end of April.

Recently, our parish has participated in the **Pastoral Discernment Project of the North Shore** called by Bishop Randazzo. We might recall that a number of us gathered on the evening of Monday 14 October. Our Parish Report, formulated from the outcomes of our conversation, has now been submitted. A copy of the Parish Report can be found at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/news-events/news>

Also the English Translation of the **Final Document of the Synod of Bishops: "On Being a Synodal Church"** is now available online at <https://tinyurl.com/2s4vt9fx> I encourage us to read this document as it firmly grounds all that we are seeking to undertake as a Catholic parish community.

Fr Joey is now in the United States on annual leave. To assist us in his absence we have the joy of **welcoming Fr Sam French with us for several weeks**. Fr Sam will be well known to us as he enjoyed a pastoral placement at Chatswood prior to his Ordination. We thank him for his generosity of service to be here with us until 5 December.

However, with a heavy heart, I share that our beloved **Bettina Ignacio, our Youth Ministry Officer for the past 18 months, will be leaving us**. Bettina has been offered a full-time position in the field of her professional endeavour with the Murray Darling Basin Authority in Canberra, commencing in early February 2025. We will be very sad to see her go from our parish community, but we also wish Bettina the very best in this exciting new opportunity in her professional career. Bettina will be on leave from 14 December to 13 January. She will return to us for the end of January, completing her time with us on 31 January 2025. We will shortly commence recruitment for a replacement and hopefully have this person chosen by year's end so that there can be a period of induction/transition in the final weeks of January. Please join with me in expressing our profound gratitude to Bettina for the marvellous contribution that she has made to our parish family. Our Youth Ministry has grown so strongly by Bettina's beautiful presence and diligence.

With a happier heart, I am also able to share with you that, after much discernment and discussion, Olivia Lee has accepted a new position in our parish team as **Parish Services Lead in place of Manager of Parish Operations**. This new position carries over a number of areas in which Olivia has already demonstrated excellence but adds some further ones, especially that of Retail Management as we bring our Piety Store and PEW store into a single entity. The new position removes, too, some of the more administrative aspects of Olivia's previous role. Olivia's new hours will be 10am-6.00pm Monday to Friday. We express our gratitude to Olivia for accepting this new position. Please note that whilst Olivia retains responsibility for ordering office/church supplies etc, Maintenance and Facilities management, as well as IT management, will come to me. If any maintenance issue arises, please do let me know.

This week's church flowers are generously sponsored by

*Jenevieve Yuen*

giving thanks to God and expressing her deep appreciation for our church community.



During the week, our church was recipient of some **beautiful new developments:**

- The donation of a very beautiful sculpture of Our Lady of Sorrows hand carved in Bethlehem, Israel from olive wood – gift of the Chow family. We thank them profoundly for this extraordinary generosity. The sculpture has been placed at the northern entrance. However, we will attend to the background with a new curtain to highlight further the beauty of the sculpture.
- Our elegant statues for our Acutis Eucharistic Chapel have now been installed.
- We have replaced the front wooden doors with glass ones, so that when our church is locked late at night we will still convey a sense of invitation and welcome with the tabernacle and crucifix clearly visible from the street.
- The timber from the old pews removed from the northern transept has all been stripped by students from Pius X College who have now made garden beds from them to establish our new community garden to be placed in raised beds on the northern side of our church. We look forward to sharing the vegetables we grow!
- In our Parish Office we have also now had the southern wall of the Print/Workroom repaired, as well as our driveway into our parish office carpark.

We are wishing to commence the opportunity of **Morning Tea each Sunday after the 10.30am Mass**, as well as our 9.00am Mass. If you are able to assist our 10.30am hospitality crew, we would love to hear from you! Do contact our parish office.

Our **Pastoral Works Fund Appeal** for our financial year 2024/2025 is now open with envelopes available in our church each weekend through November. This is the diocesan fund that resources our wonderful catechists bringing our Catholic Faith to our children in our six public schools of our neighbourhood. The Fund trains our catechists and provides all the texts for our students. Your generosity in contributing to the Fund directly helps our children. Please give generously to the Appeal over the coming weeks. We now have a dedicated TapnGo machine in the church foyer for the Fund, which may be a more convenient way to donate. If you use this TapnGo machine please ensure you take your receipt if you wish to claim a tax deduction. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Our Parish is obligated to contribute \$73,000 to this fund in the current financial year.

And lastly, we have a very special event occurring on Saturday 14 December. **Just as we brought the Stations of the Cross to the Concourse last Good Friday, this Christmas we are bringing carols!** And we will be joined by many of the other Christian Churches of our region, too. This is a brand-new initiative and way of bringing Christmas into the city through song and prayer. The performance is on Saturday 14 December at 7:30pm, with a rehearsal from 10:00am-1:00pm in the church. The carols service will comprise a number of famous Christmas carols, plus two choral items: O Holy Night and Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. The choir will be accompanied by the Salvation Army band, and we are also blessed to have guest singer Marlisa Punzalan (former winner of the X Factor Australia) joining us! I will be conducting the event. If you have not signed up yet to sing with us, there's still time. Please reply by email to our Parish Director of Music, Titus Grenyer with confirmation + numbers. Titus' email is [titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au) Please continue to invite more people to sing with us - even if they don't usually sing in choirs! The dress for the choir members is simple white and black clothing. White top / black bottoms or vice versa. Let's make this a memorable way of bringing the Light of Christ to our city!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



**Deacon  
Kevin Hale**

As we near the end of another church year, our attention is drawn more and more to the end of time, that final day when Jesus will come again.

We don't know when and in today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father". So even he does not know when he will come back.

So we need to be very wary of those who say they have worked it out and tell us Jesus will come when such and such a thing happens. But we can all be assured that Jesus will return at the end of time. We may not understand all the details of his return, but we can be confident that it will happen.

For us it is less important to know the exact time that Jesus will come again than it is to make sure that when he does come, we won't be taken by surprise. So how should we react to this knowledge? What should our attitude be? Put briefly, Jesus wants us to be confident and secure in him every day of our lives.

Above every responsibility we have in this world, the one that is most critical is for us to be able to say: "I am right with the Lord. If he comes now, I am ready."

He also wants us to have the security to move out into the world, offering those around us the same reasons for confidence that we have.

A common philosophy in the world is that basic goodness is sufficient grounds for us to be confident of our place in the heavenly home: I haven't killed anyone; I haven't told any outrageous lies; I haven't stolen huge amounts of money. So, what's the problem?

Even among believers, there can be a sense that God's love is so gentle and forgiving that he will overlook our sins and our lack of readiness and just let us into his kingdom anyway.

While it is true that God is rich in mercy, we also need to be alert to the fact that he is a God of justice and righteousness. That's why today's Gospel reading is a call to make sure we are ready for the end. It is easy to fill our attention with less important issues, such as the clothes we wear or the way we are going to spend our free time. But our spiritual state is far more important. Simply assuming that we are bound for eternal life without checking ourselves may work out, but the consequences of being wrong are severe.

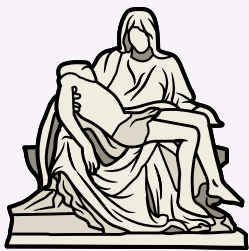
Do you know if your name is written in the book of life? Do you know that it's written in the blood of Christ and cannot be erased? Do you know that salvation is a promise from God for all who are baptized into Jesus and who are striving to follow him? Forgiveness of sins has occurred, and it is always available, so you're very safe. But we need to remember that Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith—not ourselves. He has won our salvation, and he will keep it safe so long as we stay close to him. The security of our life rests in Christ and our faith in him. We need to make sure that we are secure in our faith. We need to "confess" and "believe" in Jesus each day.

We should examine our conscience every day and let no grave sin remain. And if in doubt go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We should also do our best to care for the outcast, the lonely, and the marginalized.

As we await the return of our Messiah, let's share our joy and hope. Let's reach out in faith and invite people into the kingdom of God. Whenever the signs of Jesus' second coming occur, let's stand secure, peaceful, and joyful. As we do, we will become pillars of strength for all those who don't yet know the salvation that's available to them!

Nothing has a more powerful effect on people than the witness of someone whose life has been touched and lifted up by the love and presence of Christ.

*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.*

*Mother of consolation, pray for us.*

## IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

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

David Alfi Daniel (uncle of Tui); Teh Sok Hiang (aunty of Diana Tinambun); Jolly Montallana (brother of Dominador Montallana Jr); Maria Graham; Valerie Caton; Leonora Bardetta.

### **Our loved ones who are sick:**

Coral Coughlin (wife of Tom); 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; 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 Vlastic; 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:**

Ellen Sunjaya (mother of David); Valentine Erny (mother of Laity); James Biddell (husband of Patricia).

## PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MEMORIAL 21 NOVEMBER

- The Presentation of Mary isn't found in the Bible but comes from an ancient tradition recorded in the Protoevangelium of James, an apocryphal text from the second century.
- According to tradition, Mary's parents, Saints Anne and Joachim, brought her to the Temple in Jerusalem at the age of three to dedicate her to God as a sign of gratitude for her miraculous birth.
- The feast originated in the Eastern Church and was introduced to the Western Church in the 11th century, becoming universally celebrated in 1585 under Pope Sixtus V.
- Tradition holds that Mary remained in the Temple for several years, praying, learning scripture, and serving, which prepared her for her role as the Mother of God.





# PARISH-IN-COUNCIL V

## Called to be joyful, generous stewards

Last Sunday 10 November, 146 parish community members, parish staff, teachers and students from St Pius X & Mercy Colleges came together for our fifth Parish-in-Council.

We began PiC V by getting to know each other, followed by recapping our journey so far, a shared lunch and an Opening Liturgy. As the afternoon progressed, we heard presentations on the joy of giving and creating a culture of joyful, generous stewardship.

We then joined together in Conversation in the Spirit to discern what actions God might be calling us to take to create, nurture and sustain a culture of joyful, generous stewardship. To close the afternoon, we considered our 2023/24 Annual Report, the importance of Planned Giving and how our charisms are key to being synodal.

Meanwhile in the Magnificat Room, 14 of our children aged between 3 and 12, spent a wonderful afternoon of lunch, Conversation in the Spirit, fun activities and watching a movie during our Kids-in-Council V.

A highlight of PiC V was the children presenting what they had been doing during the afternoon!

Over the coming two months we look forward to sharing our discernments from PiC V and the actions we will adopt as a parish.





# Adopted actions from Parish-in-Council IV

On Saturday 31 August we came together as parish community for our Parish-in-Council IV. Our focus was to discern how God might be calling us to ignite young hearts and help them to feel a true sense of belonging in our parish. Directly arising from the table discernments, we are excited to share the following adopted parish actions across our Ministry Circles...



## Igniting Young Hearts

- Along with our active WhatsApp chat groups, we will introduce a TikTok parish account with clips focused on young people.
- We'll continue to encourage active involvement of youth in every parish Ministry Circle.
- We will enter the Jubilee Year 2024 as a designated Shrine of Hope for Young People with a focus on opportunities to engage the inspiration of Carlo Acutis, celebrating his canonisation in a special way for young people in the first week of Term 2, 2025.
- We will stage a further Praise and Worship event in the first half of 2025 after Easter, and if possible, again in the second half of 2025.



## Growing in Faith

- Once a term, we will offer to all our schools the experience of an 'educational Mass' for students by which they are led into the structure and theology of the Eucharist.
- We will seek to support initiatives that are happening in our secondary schools for the formation in faith of our young people, such as Alpha and Altaration. If possible, we will facilitate parish participation at such events.
- From the parish office, we will publish a monthly newsletter of faith opportunities occurring in the parish that we consider may have benefit for young people and ask that this newsletter be physically distributed to students.



## Worshipping Together

- We will seek to have consistency for each of the weekend Masses. As from Sunday 27 October we have implemented a new style for the 9 am Family Mass, ensuring much greater participation of children in a variety of ways.
- We have established a family friendly space in the northern transept of the Church.
- We will continue to encourage young Welcomers to join our Welcoming Team.
- We will seek to expand our younger music groups that play at our 5.30 pm Mass on the first and second Sundays of the month.




## Animating our Future

- Working with our schools and the Igniting Young Hearts Ministry Circle, we will engage young people through Youth in Councils, surveys, and discussion groups to better understand and respond to young people's needs.
- We will offer mentoring and training opportunities for our emerging young leaders
- We will consider how to involve young people in future Parish-in-Councils with wider participation, including mixed seating at tables.



## Parish Staff

- We will seek to add a visit to the church to School Open Days.
- We will ask that a Parish Welcome Pack be included in School Open Day folders.
- We will seek to promote parish events towards families, through a monthly newsletter to be distributed to parents at schools.

# RED WEDNESDAY


**PRAYER & SUPPORT for PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

*Please join us for*  
**MASS**  
 to remember and pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

*Celebrant:*  
**Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo**  
 Bishop of Broken Bay

**Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church**  
 94 Archer Street Chatswood

**7pm Wednesday 20 November 2024**  
 Light refreshments will be served after the Mass.



**Information**  
[mission@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@bbcatholic.org.au)



Top right: At playgroup, we welcomed Yonnie and baby Charis! Magdalene's spicy Indonesian fried rice was delicious. Thank you, Magdalene! Our playgroup will be celebrating its one-year anniversary on Thursday, November 29th - all welcome!

Above and right: Hello from India! What fantastic shots from Our Lady of Good Counsel, Forestville who visited Fr Shiju now the parish priest of St Polycarp Church, Senapathy, state of Kerala. Thanks to our parishioner Teresa, who joined the pilgrimage, for these great pics!

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

17 November 2024

MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY. We live in a world of rapid change. Many of the places of our childhood have gone or been altered significantly. Customs, attitudes and pastimes are different now. All of this reminds us of the transitory nature of life. The heavens and the earth as we know them are passing away. Only the word of God stands forever. May we place our trust in the kingdom of God and not in the passing kingdoms we create.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Jer 29:11, 12, 14

**The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

## 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 have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: 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. Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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** Dan 12:1-13

**A reading from the prophet Daniel**

*When that time comes your own people will be spared.*

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 15:5, 8-11

**R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

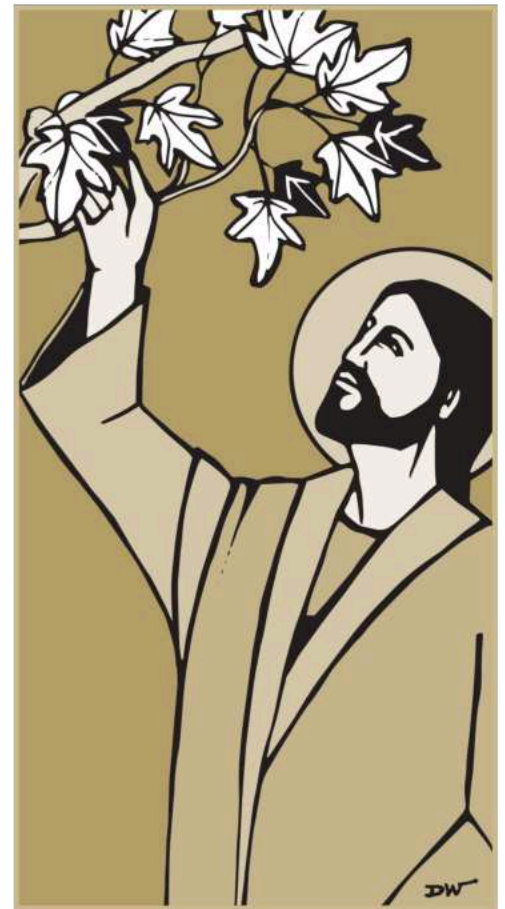
1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

3. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Heb 10:11-14, 18

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**  
*By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.*



All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Lk 21:36

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.**

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Mk 13:24-32

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.**

*He shall gather his elect from the four winds.*



Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.

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

## HOMILY PROFESSION OF FAITH

### APOSTLES' CREED

*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. 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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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

Ps 72:28

**To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. 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

### TIMES OF GREAT DISTRESS

The time we live in could be described as a time of great distress. News of wars, destruction, floods, fires and so much more assail us. There are still some who stand on street corners with a sign proclaiming, 'The End Is Nigh'. Still others raise alarms on websites and social media. Our first reading today, taken from the last chapter of Daniel, presents Michael the Archangel warning of the end, of a time of great distress. He recounts the resurrection of the dead where those sleeping in the dust will be separated: some will be awakened 'to everlasting life' and others 'to shame and everlasting contempt'.

Paralleling this, in the Gospel of today, Jesus speaks to his disciples as his Passion looms. He speaks in apocalyptic, end-times, language of 'a time of distress' when the lights in the sky will fall. These events hail the coming of the Son of Man who will gather his chosen. This is the hope of what will come beyond the trials and crucifixion of Jesus, an assurance of God's presence echoed in Jesus' words, 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away'.

In days of distress we, like the disciples, can hear Jesus' words, the Good News, if we remain faithful. The emphasis is not on what will pass away but on the saving grace of God who has sent his son, Jesus, and will raise him for the salvation of all. The end is not the end for those awakened to everlasting life.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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# 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

**Trybooking QR code for buying raffle available now**



or head to

<https://www.trybooking.com/CWZKE>

## RAFFLE PRICES

\$10.00 FOR 1 | \$15.00 FOR 2 | \$20.00 FOR 4

VIA CASH AT PARISH OFFICE AVAILABLE NOW  
AT CHURCH FOYER BEFORE AND AFTER  
WEEKEND MASS FROM 16 NOV 2024

Contact: [amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au) or 9410 9032



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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

EFT Details below to donate  
Chatswood Parish Working Account  
BSB: 062-784 Account: 10000 1609  
Ref: LNYD Your name

Contact: amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au | Tel: 9410-9032

**FAMOUS CHINESE BIBLE QUOTE**

天地要過去，但是我的話決不會過去。 馬爾谷福音 13:31

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.  
**Mark 13:31**

Chatswood Chinese Catholic Association

**LUNAR NEW YEAR RAFFLE TICKETS**

This weekend members of the Chinese Catholic Association will be speaking at the Vigil Mass, 9am, and 10:30am Mass about our Lunar New Year celebrations and raffle tickets will be available for sale afterwards.

Come past and say hello if you see us.

Can you take a book of Raffle Tickets to sell at work or your other community spaces? Please come see us or email Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au and we will organise a book for you.

Thank you for your prayers and support of Lunar New Year!

men ALIVE

**END OF YEAR MASS & DINNER**

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS

WEDNESDAY

**4**

DECEMBER

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

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 1, 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*



LET'S GET TO KNOW  
EACH OTHER

## STAY FOR COFFEE AFTER 10.30 MASS

*Everyone is welcome!*

Morning Tea will be served  
in the PEW CAFE between  
the church and the parish  
offices every Sunday after  
10.30 Mass until Christmas

 **MINISTRY CIRCLE: CARING FOR OUR WORLD**

### OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

You may have noticed that our pews which were removed to make way for our very popular children's centre in the northern transept have been for some time lying unwanted on the Kirk St side of the church. They seemed doomed for landfill until St Pius X College's Social Justice Co-ordinator Ryan Balboa had the brilliant idea of using them to start our Kirk St Community Garden. Students from the College are going to help us establish and maintain the garden which is a joint enterprise with the parish to fulfil our shared commitment to address 'the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor'. Recycling the timber from the pews is part of this commitment to Laudato 'Si' principles. On Monday afternoon, we held our first Community Garden meeting when Assistant Principal - Mission and Identity - Daniel Petrie and Ryan joined two of our Community Garden volunteers Maryanne Mccarthy and Joseph General and myself to plan the layout. We would love to hear from anyone who is interested in watering and maintaining the garden and enjoying its produce. Please get in touch with us by email at [jokaraolis1@bigpond.com](mailto:jokaraolis1@bigpond.com). At present our parish team of volunteers includes Alice, Carolyn, Lei, Maryanne, Joseph and Jo. Our meetings are held as needed on a Monday at 3.00 pm at the garden site.



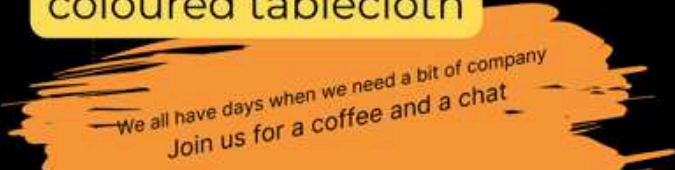
Feel like some company?



WESTFIELD GROUND FLOOR  
SPRING ST ENTRANCE  
NEAR THE WINDOWS

*Every Thursday 10-12*

Look for the bright  
coloured tablecloth



**MINISTRY CIRCLE: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS** 

### INDONESIAN LEGION OF MARY

**Legio Maria Bunda Rahmat Ilahi  
(Mother of Divine Mercy)**

Current meeting location:  
St Peter Room, 7:00 PM

Note: Starting January 6, meetings  
will move to every Monday in the  
Magnificat Room.

For more information, please  
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**REMINDER: BISHOP DAVID'S 3 PART SERIES ON THE CONFESSIONS OF SAINT AUGUSTINE BEGINS  
THIS SATURDAY AT 3:30PM IN THE MAGNIFICAT ROOM.**

*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.*



*Public Rosary*  
**ON THE FORECOURT**

**DECEMBER**

**07**

**3:00PM RECONCILIATION**

**3:45PM CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

**4:00PM ROSARY**



*Presentation of the*  
**ZOOM ROSARY**  
*Blessed Virgin Mary*

**21 NOV**

**8:00 PM**



[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89128242753](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89128242753)

MEETING ID: 891 2824 2753 - NO PASSWORD

## NEXT WEEK: CHURCH EVENTS, PRAYER, AND LITURGY

- Monday  
18 November
- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary (Cenacle, MMP).
  - **12:30pm Mass.**
  - 1pm Rosary.
  - 1:30pm Organ practice SC.
  - 4:30pm Organ Lesson BO.

- Tuesday  
19 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.

- Wednesday  
20 November
- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
  - **9am Mass.**
  - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
  - 10am Mercy College Assembly.
  - **12:30pm Mass.**
  - 3:30pm Organ practice BJ.
  - **7pm Red Wednesday Mass for Persecuted Christians.**

- Thursday  
21 November
- Memorial:  
Presentation of  
the Blessed Virgin  
Mary**
- 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 Zoom Rosary.

- Friday  
22 November
- Memorial:  
Saint Cecilia**
- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
  - **9am Mass.**
  - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
  - 10:30am Funeral
  - **12:30pm Mass.**
  - 4:45pm Organ practice BO.

- Saturday  
23 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.

- 5:00pm Vigil Singers.
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass.**

- Sunday Mass  
24 November
- **7:30am Mass.**
  - **9:00am Mass.**
  - **10:30am Mass.**
  - 12pm Baptism.
  - 1:30pm Organ practice SC.
  - 2:30pm Organ practice AH.
  - **5:30pm Mass.**

## MINISTRY CIRCLE: IGNITING YOUNG HEARTS



**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](mailto: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!**



Another beautiful Filipino Community celebration – join us on the first Sunday of every month!



## NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

Monday 18 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30pm Friends &amp; Fellowship (St Paul).</li> </ul>
Tuesday 19 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Bible Study (St Paul).</li> <li>3:45pm Atrium for 3-6, 6-9 &amp; 9-12 year olds (Atrium).</li> <li>7pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter).</li> <li>7pm Journey into Truth (Magnificat, St Paul) set up 5:30pm.</li> <li>7pm Filipino Choir (Harrington Hall).</li> </ul>
Wednesday 20 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat).</li> <li>7pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter).</li> </ul>
Thursday 21 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium).</li> <li>1pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up 12pm.</li> <li>6pm Altos choir practice (St Paul).</li> <li>7pm Indonesian Bible study (Magnificat) set up 6pm.</li> </ul>
Friday 22 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) set up 9:30am.</li> <li>7pm Mini Food Fair (Magnificat, St Paul)</li> <li>7pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing.</li> </ul>
Saturday 23 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Music Lessons (St Paul).</li> <li>10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter) set up 10am.</li> <li>1pm SJ Around the Bay (St Paul).</li> <li>3:30pm Confessions of St Augustine with Bishop David Walk (Magnificat).</li> </ul>
Sunday Mass 24 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:45am Filipino Choir (St Paul).</li> <li>9am Choir (St Paul).</li> <li>11am RCIA (St Peter).</li> <li>11:30am Morning tea after 10:30am Mass (Pew Garden).</li> <li>3:30pm Piety Stall (Magnificat)</li> <li>6:30pm Cornerstone &amp; Keystone Youth group (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter) set up 4:30pm.</li> </ul>



Join us for a very special evening  
at Mercy College for

**Taize Prayer**  
Wednesday 27 November @ 6pm - 6.45pm

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY, PARISHIONERS  
AND FRIENDS IN A SERVICE OF SONG, SILENCE AND CONTEMPLATION.  
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE.



In the Mercy Chapel

Followed by light refreshments



## SAINT CECILIA MEMORIAL 22 NOVEMBER



- When her tomb was opened in 1599, her body was found incorrupt, which means it had not decayed, a sign of her holiness.
- Though there's no historical evidence that Cecilia was a musician, she became the patron saint of music because of a legend that she "sang to God in her heart" during her wedding.
- Cecilia survived multiple attempts on her life, including being suffocated and then struck with a sword three times. She lived for three days afterward.

- Cecilia is often depicted in art with a musical instrument like an organ, harp, or lute, symbolizing her patronage of music and musicians.
- Cecilia was one of the first women in the church to be venerated as a saint, highlighting her courage and devotion during the early days of Christianity.
- Her steadfast faith converted her husband, Valerian, and his brother, Tiburtius, both of whom became martyrs for the Christian faith.
- The name Cecilia comes from the Latin caecus, meaning "blind." This was often interpreted spiritually, signifying seeing with the eyes of faith rather than physical sight.
- The Basilica of Saint Cecilia in Trastevere, Rome, is said to be built on the site of her home and remains a place of pilgrimage.

## INFO AT A GLANCE

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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"><li>• 7:30am</li><li>• 9:00am</li><li>• 10:30am</li><li>• 5:30pm</li></ul>



**HELP US REACH OUR PARISH QUOTA OF \$73,693**

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*Thank you for supporting the work of our catechists,  
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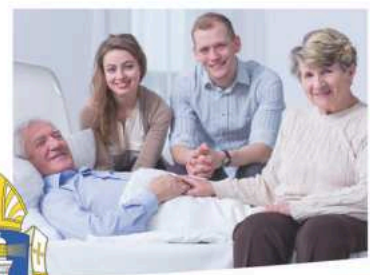
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**NOVEMBER APPEAL**

SUNDAYS 17th & 24th

Confraternity of  
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Please give generously to our  
**NOVEMBER 2024 APPEAL**

**PASTORAL  
WORKS**  
Broken  
Bay

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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.**