



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

1 August 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Xavier Nitin Dholakia,
Pauline Doyle

Recently Deceased: Brian Oong,
Katherine Lai, Katherine Yeung

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IN RESPONSE TO A BILL BEING INTRODUCED IN SEPTEMBER 2021 INTO THE NSW PARLIAMENT TO PERMIT VOLUNTARY ASSISTED EUTHANASIA IN NSW

The Diocese of Broken Bay and the Diocese of Parramatta are hosting a
series of free talks

EUTHANASIA, DYING AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

<https://parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks/>

The talks will be held via Zoom on three consecutive Mondays
in August 2021:

Register for Talk 1
by 29 July 2021

Register for Talk 2
by 5 August 2021

Register for Talk 3
by 12 August 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.
ZOOM LINKS WILL BE SENT OUT PRIOR TO THE FIRST TALK.

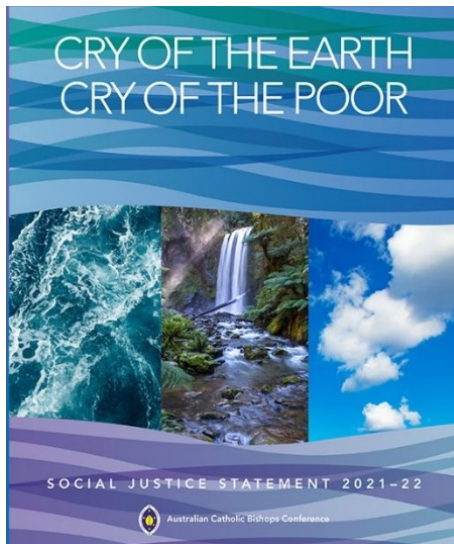
Enquiries – Emma Baker at Emma.Baker@bbcatholic.org.au

John 6:24-35 It is clear that faith, hope, and charity (also known as love), work hand in hand. Faith helps us open our eyes—to see God—which prompts us to learn more about him. In time, we are filled with hope because we have greater understanding. We will come to see that the product of faith and hope is charity (love) in action—treating others the way we want to be treated. Living life in this way offers us a taste of the beatific vision—that is, heaven itself.

The Eucharist was instituted out of Jesus's great love for his disciples. Knowing that he will soon be leaving the world and returning to the Father in heaven, Jesus washes the feet of his disciples and then sits down at the table and shares a meal with them. At the end of the meal, Jesus, in a pledge of eternal love, gives the Eucharist to the Apostles as the perfect sign of his love (see CCC number, 1337).



Within our Parish



An Invitation

Join us for the national launch of the Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*. This is the only statement where all the Bishops of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) release a joint reflection on a particular topic annually. This year it focuses on why it is so important that we as a community respond to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

All are welcome to the launch of the statement which will take place **online at 5:30pm-6:30pm on the 5th of August.**

You will hear from guest speakers including Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, Chair of the ACBC Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service. He will respond to our launch speaker and you will have the opportunity to ask your own questions about the statement and the inputs provided at the launch.

The statement *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor* focuses on building the theological foundations of caring for our common home and our human family. It will also serve as a launch pad for the ACBC's 7-year journey towards the *Laudato Si' Goals*, creating a wholly sustainable Australian church.

To register for the event, click here:
<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/event/sjs-launch-21-22/>

**Give to Caesar what is Caesar's,
and to God what is God's.**

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SRE PROVIDERS COVID-19 RESPONSE – LEARNING FROM HOME

SRE Providers have negotiated with the Department of Education to ensure that *Learning from Home* SRE resources are made available for families. The Department will advise schools of the availability of three portals that contain the links to the Approved SRE Providers' *Learning from Home* materials to allow schools to inform their school communities.

The Catholic *Learning from Home* resources are available either through the Department's Christian SRE portal [Christian SRE](#) OR directly on the CRESS website [Catholic Learning from Home Lessons](#) - CRESS is the network of Catholic SRE Providers across NSW. The *Learning from Home* lessons have been developed in the Diocese of Broken Bay and are available for parents and students across NSW. They are provided in a user-friendly *Click n Learn* PowerPoint format. New lessons have been uploaded to the website this week and the CCD team is developing more lessons should they be needed.

Important Update:

- ❖ Working with Children Checks due to expire between 19 July 2021 and 26 September 2021 have been extended for three months.
- ❖ People who are granted an extension will be advised by email and the system will be automatically updated.

Find out more:

<https://www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news/working-with-children-checks-extended-for-three-months>

Due to the current Covid-19 lockdown, obviously people cannot visit the Service NSW Centre to renew their expiring Working With Children Check numbers. The Office of the Children's Guardian have once again extended the expiry dates within a certain time period.



FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP SUNDAY AUGUST 8



No Masses will be celebrated at Mary MacKillop Place.

The Chapel remains closed,

Prayer resources are available on the website -

<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/feast-day-resources/>

From Fr David

Dear friends,

The situation in which we have found ourselves still offers no light at the end of the tunnel, sadly. We are faced with at least four more weeks through which we cannot gather, with no real certainty beyond the end of August. I have been reflecting how different the experience this year has been to that of last year. In 2020, there was something shocking about going into lockdown. It was novel, it was stark. I think we took the opportunity with special engagement. We reflected on our moment in history, and some of those reflections were quite profound. This time around the mood is entirely different. It is marked by tiredness, resentment. We have the sense of how we might get to the other side of things, but the variables that will contribute to this are fragile and in delicate balance. We are both more aware and frustrated at the same time. I have every sense that what we are now going through is more difficult for people than last time.

There are a few things that I would like to speak about this.

Yes, the current situation is difficult. We do not need to pretend it to be otherwise. However, it is so important that we seek the opportunity that the period is giving us. What is the invitation of this period to me, personally, uniquely? What is the possibility of this period that life ordinarily would not give me? We need to reflect on this, to be conscious of it, to name it, to remain faithful to it. In other words, we need to make this period work for us, not against us.

Secondly, let us use this time for a little more interiority: let's come home to ourselves, spending a little more time reading, reflecting, nurturing our closest relationships, thinking about the world and what society we want, praying . . .

And then thirdly, let's keep reaching out . . . Maybe with those we haven't had contact with for some time. This is a great time to renew past friendships. We can send a message, make a phone call.

Fourthly, let each of us do something that is nurturing and enjoyable. It's fortuitous that the Olympics are occurring at this time. We need to be alert to our mental wellbeing, and if we think we are sliding into depression or unhealthy routines, let's reach out to seek some assistance. We don't have to go through this alone. If you have found some new ways to keep yourself well and active, let us know and we can share them with others!

Lastly, we need to be vaccinated. Some of us, I know, have reservations about being vaccinated. The Church's understanding and teaching is clear: the vaccines available to us are moral. It is also our moral responsibility to ensure that we take every means to keep ourselves well and healthy. Further it is our moral responsibility to ensure that others are kept safe and well. It is our Catholic social responsibility to be

vaccinated to ensure that our entire society can move beyond what is crippling us. To make the decision NOT to be vaccinated is, morally, a very serious one. Unless there was a specific medical reason, it is our moral duty to be vaccinated and as soon as possible. I have been vaccinated with the Astra Zeneca vaccine, awaiting my second dose in the next few weeks. Bishop Anthony has now had both doses and is fully vaccinated.

Facing the next month, we have had to make some difficult decisions. We have had to suspend the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Anthony that had been scheduled for this Saturday, 31 July. This has been so hard for our children who have been fully prepared for the celebration. We have also decided to defer our children's preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which was to commence in August until Term 1 of 2022. I want to express our deep gratitude to Angela Hague, our Children's Ministry Coordinator, for the extraordinary work she has put into this and acknowledge her understandable disappointment as events have unfolded. We will need to defer, too, our celebration of the centenary of the opening of our church which takes place on 21 August. We think also of all our children and families who must continue with home-based learning and our Year 12 students anxiously preparing for their HSC in such circumstances.

However, we are thinking through some new ways of connecting online. Already we have an online liturgy at 9am each Sunday oriented towards our families. From this weekend we will also have a second online liturgy at 5.30pm each Sunday, oriented more broadly. For both of these events the focus is on the Gospel of the Sunday.

On Monday 2nd August I am speaking online about the difficult topic of euthanasia. And then next Wednesday evening, 4th August, Fr Joey is inviting all our parish to come together online at 8pm in a special liturgy of prayer in the midst of the pandemic. The details of all these events are posted in our parish bulletin and have been emailed to everyone already.

As I have shared too it is so wonderful to see so many of our parish groups continuing to connect online, and to see how many of our groups are keeping one another joined through WhatsApp chats.

Last Tuesday, we buried Shirley Storrier. It was very sad that only a few of us could gather to farewell Shirley. She was a great lady, and had been part of our parish community for 88 years. She had been coming to Mass each week until just a few months ago. Especially, she was committed to creating a better society, and her passionate advocacy of many important matters through our parish Social Justice group enriched our parish immensely. People like Shirley remind us just how important is the power of community. Let our grateful memory of her inspire us to keep together during these challenging weeks ahead.

Fr David

OUR UPCOMING ZOOM EVENTS:



As we continue to be in lockdown, we have moved our **Zoom Liturgy of the Word** back to weekly each **Sunday at 9am** and would love to have you join us. It is easy to join, just click on the link below at 9am this coming Sunday and follow along with us as we proclaim the word, listen to Fr. David's homily, pray and share together.

Join Zoom Meeting:-

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85132386601?pwd=bEYrRlorWDE2Y3k2azM2ZFZckFkdz09>

Meeting ID: 851 3238 6601/ Passcode: 903824

Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Catholic Parish

Sunday Nights

LECTIO DIVINA

@ 5:30 PM

ZOOM Meeting ID : 882 2213 0117
Passcode : 286895

The graphic features a central illustration of a man in a robe, likely a monk or scholar, sitting at a desk and reading a large book. The illustration is framed by an ornate, gothic-style archway. The background of the graphic is a light, marbled texture.

ALL SHALL BE WELL!

Please join us as a community for a prayer service for the relief and end of the Pandemic

Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Catholic Parish
August 4, 2021 (Wednesday) @ 8:00 PM

ZOOM Meeting ID : 826 8081 6964
Passcode : 077387

All shall be well,
and all shall be well,
and all manner of things shall be well.

St. Julian of Norwich

The graphic features a central illustration of a woman in a blue and white habit, likely a nun, holding a small cat. The illustration is framed by an ornate, gothic-style archway. The background of the graphic is a light, textured, parchment-like surface.

Important Notice:

With immediate effect, our Parish's bank account numbers have changed. For donations, please see the new bank details below:

Donation for	Description	BSB	Account Number
First Collection (support for Clergy)	Chatswood Parish Pastoral Revenue A/C	062-784	100001606
Second Collection, Planned Giving by EFT & general donation to Parish (support for Parish operation)	Chatswood Parish Working A/C	062-784	100001609

Sorry for the inconvenience caused! And thank you very much for your generous support of our Clergy and the Parish! May God's peace and grace be with you always!

VACANCY - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT – CHATSWOOD

Permanent, part-time role 15 hours per week (2 days per week and Sunday morning)

The Chatswood Parish is seeking to recruit a part-time Children's Ministry Assistant, 15 hours per week, 2 days per week (Tuesdays and Wednesdays), with an occasional Sunday morning as required. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, supporting the Children's Ministry Coordinator to ensure the smooth running of all ministries for children and families in the Parish.

The ideal candidate will have experience working with volunteers in a Catholic environment, is comfortable working autonomously and an understanding of the need for accountability and ownership in a role, excellent administration and time management skills and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings.

The role provides support for occasional Sunday morning mass, monthly online Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental programs, Playgroup and Good Shepherd Catechesis Atrium activities. You will be working closely with Our Lady of Dolours Primary School to strengthen the relationship between school and Parish.

If you have high developed relationship building skills coupled with strong administration experience and this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. For further information please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. **Applications close this Monday 2 August 2021.**

The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to Child Abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.

The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.

CHINESE RCIA CLASS

Our new RCIA class will start on Saturday, 7th August at 9:00am via zoom.

中文成人慕道班将于 8 月 7 号在 Zoom Meeting 开课。有兴趣了解天主教或有意向领洗者可联系：

- Grace Tai (广东话) 0403 345 809 - Rose Huang (普通话) 0490 536 978

CatholicCare can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers.

Times are tough. You might have lost work due to the lockdown, or you might be finding it hard to pay the bills or to put food on the table. Please call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at info@catholiccaredbb.org.au. They are here to help our parish families.

Please note this support is able to be offered due to Government funding so they will require ID and some documentation to access assistance but they can walk you through the requirements.