

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT
1 December 2019 – Year A/2

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2019:

Christmas Eve 24 Dec -

Children's Mass – 5:30pm, Vigil
Mass – 8:30pm; Midnight Mass
– 12:00am

**Christmas Day 25 Dec – 7:30am,
9:00am and 10:30am**

Parking via Kirk Street. There is
no evening Mass on Christmas
Day.

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**Our much loved former Assistant Priest Fr Barry Nobbs died
peacefully last Friday after a year of ill health.**

**We will be celebrating a Funeral Vigil Mass here at Our Lady of
Dolours Chatswood on Monday 2 December at 7.30pm.**

**His Mass of Christian Burial will be at St Felix Church, 550 Chapel
Rd, Bankstown on Tuesday 3 December at 11.00am.**

Vigil for Fr Barry: We are honoured to host this diocesan Vigil Mass for Fr Barry on Monday night. We anticipate a significant crowd with people coming from several parishes where Fr Barry has ministered. We are seeking the generous hospitality of the parish in two ways. Firstly, to provide supper after the liturgy. If you could provide a plate of sandwiches, savouries, cakes, slices or fruit, could you please take one of the plastic trays from the foyer of the church this weekend, and bring it with you to the liturgy on Monday night. Secondly, we are seeking donations of white and yellow flowers for the altar. If you could please bring these flowers to the church by 2pm on Sunday our volunteers will be able to arrange them.

Christmas ministries: Liturgical ministry leaders are already contacting people to do the ministries of the Word, Music, Communion and Altar service for our six Christmas Masses. There are many other ministries we need help with also: Welcomers, Wardens (money collectors), First Aid Officers (with a current First Aid qualification) and Parking attendants (at the 5.30pm vigil). We will be asking for your help next weekend – please think about which Mass you will come to for Christmas and in what way you can help.

Reconciliation: The season of Advent is a time when many people approach the sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to our usual weekly time of Thursday 7pm & Saturday 9.30am, during December there will also be Reconciliation available at 12.45pm Mondays and 9.30am Fridays.

Christmas Invitations: Christmas is the Church's greatest time of outreach, and we invite you to be part of this opportunity. We have printed 7500 Christmas cards inviting people to join us for Christmas Mass which we will deliver to hopefully every household in the parish. Starting next weekend on the 8th December, we invite you to simply take a bunch of cards and cross the street, to which you will deliver, off the list. Note that we can only deliver within the parish's official boundary. Deliver to your own street, or to a street near you to get some Advent exercise! The postcards and list of streets will be located in the church foyer on the weekends of the 8th and 15th December.

Diocese of Broken Bay Filipino Chaplaincy Christmas Novena Masses: We will have Christmas Novena Dawn Masses at Our Lady of Dolours Church **from December 16 through until December 24, beginning at 5.30am.** Fellowship and light refreshments follow after each of these masses. Inquiries: Roberto.corpuz@bbcatholic.org.au

WITHIN OUR PARISH

ALPHA 2020

We are excited to announce that in 2020 we will again be offering the Alpha program as a way of reaching people with the good news of Jesus. To support this, we are looking for people who have already experienced Alpha who are willing to come and assist with hospitality, catering, and the child-minding which will make it accessible for young parents. We'll be offering a Monday lunchtime and a Monday dinner time session for 8 weeks from Feb 17th. If you would like to help other people experience Alpha as you have, please contact Fr Jim, Ditas Naguit and Gillian Hawkins at chatswoodalpha@bbcatholic.org.au

ST PIUS X COLLEGE are having their end of year Mass this Thursday morning, so there will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between the 9am and 12.15pm Masses. Apologies for the inconvenience. There will be Adoration on Thursday night from 7pm – 8pm as usual.



PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS!

How to do this? Let the Piety Stall help you!

- ❖ Send a nativity-themed Christmas card. Packs of 8 cards available at \$4.00 each. Loose cards from \$2.00 each.
- ❖ Give your child a nativity ornament to hang on your Christmas tree. From \$4 each.
- ❖ Display a nativity scene in your home. Cardboard pop-ups at \$1.50. Place an all-in-one very cute nativity set in your child's room – from \$8.00 each.
- ❖ Give a gift that lasts all year long. Columban religious art calendars, available at \$9.00 each; God's Word daily readings and reflections at \$15 each; Catholic Study Bibles at \$55 each. (These gifts are already available at the Piety Stall.)

FAITH FORUM

The Marian Catholic Action Group is holding a "faith forum" next **Sunday December 8th at 2pm** in the Magnificat Room to hear & watch on DVD a priest's testimony around the topic of Our Lady's apparitions at Medjugorje & his radical conversion back to the Catholic faith. Please come along and join us for a fascinating afternoon & enjoy some delicious scones with jam & cream.

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Fr Barry Nobbs, Tom Casey

Sick: Helen Shortall, Rose Medina, Maria Schiavo

ACYF On the 7th of December, 9 young people from Chatswood Parish will be flying over to Perth to partake in the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. ACYF is a national gathering of Catholic young people which exists to provide our youth with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.

The youth of Chatswood would like especially to thank the parishioners of Our Lady of Dolours, whose support has made it possible for us to attend this amazing event. While there is no doubt that much fun will be had in Perth, we hope that ACYF will serve all of us as a true encounter with the risen Jesus, and fill us with a spiritual fervour that will be brought back into the life of the parish.

We ask that from the 7th to the 11th of December, all parishioners remember to pray for Sam, Priscilla, Hamish, Carla, Thomas, Kevin, Grace, Ronan and Alex – that they may be kept safe in their travels and receive every blessing and grace that God intends for them during this great event.

The year 2020 is just weeks away. Come & Share the Awe & Gratitude:-

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

10am Meditation in St Paul
Fridays 6th, 13th & 20th December

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT O.L.D.

Monday – 7.30pm Fr Barry Funeral Vigil Mass

7pm Indonesian Legion of Mary in St Peter

Tuesday

9.30am Bible discussion in St Paul

6.45pm Filipino Chaplaincy Choir practice in church

Wednesday

7pm Midnight Choir practice in St Paul

Thursday

10am St Pius X College Closing Mass

6.30pm English Conversations Club in St Paul

7pm Adoration & Confession in the Church

7pm Faith Enrichment Group in St Peter

Friday

10am Meditation in St Paul, Topic: Spiritual Journey

7.30pm Home Rosary 3/133-137 Sydney St, Willoughby

Saturday

9.45am Chinese RCIA in St Paul

11am Bible Discussion in St Paul

4pm Baptism Preparation in Magnificat

4pm Catholic Medical Association in St Paul

6.30pm Community Dinner in Harrington Hall

Sunday

10.30am Kids' Choir practice in St Paul

2pm MCAG 'faith forum' in Magnificat

Children's Ministries

2019 CATECHISTS' CHRISTMAS PARTY



All our current and previous Catechists are invited to enjoy some Christmas fare, carol singing and good humour.

When: Saturday 7 December 12:30PM

Where: Magnificat Meeting Room
Archer St Cnr Kirk St Chatswood

Current Catechists please bring a plate to share.

Please RSVP to Maricel
by phoning 9410 9029 or emailing
maricel.malapira@bbcatholic.org.au

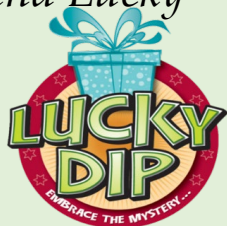
Christmas Stall and Lucky Dip

Calling all families and kids ... please visit our Christmas stall on the forecourt of the church after the Sunday 9am Mass on December 1, 8 and 15. There will be a fun lucky dip for the kids and some interesting items for sale.

All funds raised will be donated to our sister parishes in Bourke and Brewarrina as part of the overall Christmas appeal campaign.

Money previously raised was used to help pay for basic utility bills in Brewarrina and in Bourke, musical instruments used weekly at Mass, RE resources and food supplies for small community gatherings.

See you there!



Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Mass



All children who would like to be involved in the Nativity play at

the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass, please come to the **Blue Room** (*Where we hold Children's Liturgy*) after the 9.00am Family Mass on **Sunday 15th December**.

We will allocate roles and have a quick first practice at this meeting.

There will be two further practices as follows;

Sunday 22 December: in the Blue Room at 10.15am

Monday 23 December: Rehearsal in the Church at 3.00pm

Any enquiries about the Children's Christmas Mass please contact Angela in the parish office on 9410 9033 or Angela.Hague@bbcatholic.org.au

Christmas Carols at our local Nursing Homes

Last week several families from our parish visited **Forest View** nursing home to sing Christmas Carols with the residents.



This Sunday **1 December** we will be visiting **Ashley House** from **10.30am**.

For the next 2 Sundays 8 & 15 December we will visit Archbold House and St. Peter's Green.

If you would like to join us to share Christmas Joy with our senior citizens, please **contact:**

Katya at: kpolimenileung@gmail.com

or Josef at: josef.widjaja@gmail.com

We would love to have more families join us!

PARISH MASS & DEVOTIONS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday – Monday 12.15pm, Tuesday & Wednesday 9am, Thursday 9am & 12.15pm, Friday 9am

Saturday - 9am and 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday - 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

Filipino Mass (in English) 12noon; 1st Sun of month

Indonesian Mass; 7pm; 3rd Sun of month

Family Mass - 9am each Sunday

Children’s Choir at 9am Family Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month (Please arrive at 8.30am for setup and practice.)

Teen Choir at 9am Family Mass on 2nd Sunday of the month.

Kids’ Word - Children’s Liturgy of the Word for ages 3-6 & 6-10. Meet in Church at 9am every 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays. (Except long weekends & school holidays.)

Youth Mass - 5.30pm each Sunday

Reconciliation - 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday & 7pm-8pm each Thursday. Any time by request.

Morning Prayer - 8.45am Monday to Saturday

Rosary - 9.30am Monday to Saturday;

Cenacle - each Monday at 11.30am

Exposition - 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday

Adoration: Thursday after 9am mass. Ends with Divine Mercy Chaplet. Also, on Thursdays 7-8pm.

Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Saturday 10.00am with **Benediction** 10.30am

Anointing of the Sick - 3rd Thursday of month at 12.15pm weekday Mass, before surgery or medical treatment, or by request.

Baptisms - Go to our website to book or contact Bernadette Ho. (*details on front page*)

Weddings - Contact the parish secretary.

For a **Marriage/Anniversary Blessing** at a Saturday/Sunday Mass contact Nicole in the Parish Office on 94109000 (at least 1 month before requested Mass)

SUNDAY MASS READINGS:

Entrance: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

1st Reading: Is 2:1-5 The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Rom 13:11-14 The time has come, our salvation is near.

Gospel: Mt 24:37-44 Stay awake, you must be ready.

READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS:

MON: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

TUES: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
St Francis Xavier

WEDS: Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

THURS: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRI: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

SAT: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 6-8
St Ambrose

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

		<u>30 Nov/1 Dec</u>	<u>7/8 Dec</u>
Vigil	5.30pm	Fr Jim	Fr John
Sun	7.30am	Bishop David (K)	Bishop David
	9.00am	Fr Jim(K)	Fr Jim(K)
	10.30am	Fr John	Fr John(K)
	5.30pm	Fr John	Fr Jim

	<u>5.30 pm Saturday</u>	<u>7.30 am Sunday</u>	<u>9 am Sunday</u>	<u>10.30 am Sunday</u>	<u>5.30 pm Sunday</u>
Week 2 7 & 8 December	Junior Server: Welton Ang Jenevieve Liem Kasy Tabalon Kody Tabalon Senior Server: Sam French Joseph Liem	Senior Server: John Russell	Junior Server: Joshua Borg Breah Gunaratnam Clare Guo Viviana Leung Senior Server: Braiden Gunaratnam John Wang Gabriel Yi	Junior Server: Francis Fabela Angelee Manalese Rosebelle Sunjaya Senior Server: Mariah Manalese Shayne Patangan David Sunjaya Kaila Vergara	Junior Server: Andrew Kim Margaret Kim Beniz Macapagal Jade Jimenez Jewel Jimenez Senior Server: Fernanda Carrillo James Godfrey

Working in a child-related ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

Paid and volunteer workers who have direct face to face contact with children (under 18 years) are required by law to obtain a Working with Children Check number. Please note though exemptions may apply in some cases. The Parish is the employer of the paid or volunteer worker and therefore is required by law to verify the Working with Children Check number. All paid or volunteer workers engaged in a child-related role must have a clear Working with Children Check to work in a child-related ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.