

Parish Established 1910

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood
Diocese of Broken Bay
FATHER'S DAY
1 September 2019 – Year C/1

"2019 focus: Relationship with God"



- Sunday, 8 Sept Acclaim walking with refugees
- Sunday 15 Sept Feast Day celebrations
- 21/22 Sept First Communion

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Where is your "Church Home"? As our society becomes busier and more mobile, many Catholics no longer attend Mass in just one parish, but attend several different parishes at different times to fit Mass in around their busy schedules. While it is commendable that people make this effort to get to Mass, it has the disadvantage that for some people they have no place which is their church home, no community where they are known, or noticed, or cared about. It also means that we run the risk of being consumers of church services, rather than members of the Body of Christ in a particular place.

It is important that we have some parish community where we belong, both for our own good, and the good of others in the community. Last year our Pastoral Council discerned five pathways to belonging, and so I offer you these five questions:

Where do you worship God through the Eucharist?

Where do you connect with fellow believers?

Where do you serve in a ministry which uses your gifts and talents? Where do you give financially as an expression of your commitment?

Where are you seeking opportunities to grow in faith?

If the answer is Our Lady of Dolours Parish, then we're really glad that this is your church home. If the answer is somewhere else, that is good too, and you're always welcome to pop in here as well when you need to. But what if your answer is *everywhere* which really means *nowhere*? I invite you to put down roots and belong to a community where you can worship, serve, give, connect and grow in your relationship with God. If you'd like that to be here, see one of our friendly welcomers for a New Parishioner pack this weekend. - Fr Jim McKeon

Parish Feast Day Celebrations We are hoping that you have reserved Sunday 15th September to participate in our Parish Feast day celebrations!

The special Feast Day Mass will be held at 10.30am and followed by a lunch in the St Pius X gymnasium. Please bring your family. To assist our planning, we ask that you to register your name on the sheet provided in the entrance foyer of the church. If you would like to make some food for the lunch table, please indicate this on the sign on sheets in the Church foyer. We look forward to seeing you there.

Name Badges have Arrived - If you put your name down on the lists in the foyer last month, please pick up your new name badge today from the table in the Church foyer.

Chatswood Street Fair – Saturday 7 September - Each year the Emerge Festival Street Fair takes place right in the heart of Chatswood CBD. The streets come to life as over 800 flock to show off their costumes, cultures, communities, and clubs. This will an exciting opportunity for us as a parish to bear witness to our vibrant and grace-filled Catholic community in this area. I would like to thank those parishioners who have so generously volunteered to help at our stall on the day. Even if you didn't get a chance to sign-up, but are interested in attending the festival, we would love it if you dropped by our stall to say hello to our friendly volunteers. I look forward to seeing you on the day! Sam French

WITHIN OUR PARISH

SCRIPTURE READINGS AT MASS

Hearing the Word of God proclaimed is an intrinsic part of every Mass. However, in an attempt to make the scripture readings more accessible, we, and many parishes now project the readings on the screen, and unfortunately this has resulted in many people just reading along, rather than truly listening.

After considerable reflection about this, from September we will no longer project the scripture readings on the screen, but will have some printed copies available near the bulletins for people who need it. A better approach though, is to use a missal, or a website like www.universalis.com or an app like Laudate to read the scripture readings the day before you come to Mass, so you come prepared to listen, or, to read them again the following day, to reinforce what you have heard. We'd love to hear how this works for you.

ACCLAIM WALKING WITH REFUGEES

Join us on Sunday September 8th from 11am-2pm Walking with Refugee families around the Bay Run. Meet at Callan Park, Waterfront Drive Lilyfield. This initiative is organised by OneStep. Acclaim would like to register as a group and make a donation. Please let us know if you would like to join. Adrian.brannan@bbcatholic.org.au 0414 826 326.

PIETY STALL NEWS

- Crucifixes: trinity crosses, crosses for your pocket, wall and standing crosses available. Slip a cross into dad's pocket for Father's Day!
- Get ready for our Parish Feast Day! Our Lady of Dolours chaplets and medals available. Also, don't miss your chance to purchase a solid sterling silver Our Lady of Dolours centenary medal or pin.
- October is the month of the Holy Rosary. In preparation, there is a range of rosaries available in Murano glass, glass, wood, plastic; most individually boxed. Rosary purses also in stock, as are children's rosaries in wood.
- Check out the range of greeting cards and gifts for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION – LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

We would love to hear from anyone prepared to provide a voucher or lucky door prize for our Feast Day Celebration. Perhaps your organisation or business can sponsor a special prize.

Please contact Nicole at the parish office on 9410 9000 or Nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au

WELCOMING EVERYONE, LIKE JESUS DID

Have you ever turned up somewhere unexpectedly and been pleasantly surprised by the welcoming reception you received? When we receive a warm welcome, it enables us to feel as though we belong.

When Jesus was on earth, he welcomed all sorts of people in all kinds of settings. One element that was a defining part of Jesus' welcoming attitude is the way in which he communicated that he always had the time for those who needed his help.

Are we cultivating qualities of being friendly, approachable and welcoming people with open arms?

The late Jean Vanier, who so wonderfully exemplified Christian welcome, said that welcome is one of the signs that a community is alive and knows that it has a treasure of truth and peace to share with others.

All of us share in the responsibility to be a welcoming presence for each other and new parishioners.

The most important person for a new parishioner to talk to in order to feel at home here with us is YOU. Not just the parish team, the welcomers and greeters, but all of us. One of the most impressive gestures we can extend to new parishioners and visitors is for people with no particular position to take the initiative and welcome them. We are a loving parish community! We have a good thing going! Focusing on the spiritual discipline of hospitality and welcoming serves to remind ourselves about who we are and how we choose to engage with one another.

Here are some simple ways to help make all parishioners, especially those new to us, feel special, noticed and loved:

- Communicate kindness –be friendly, offer a handshake and a warm smile to everyone
- Take the initiative, don't wait for parishioners to initiate conversation with you. Go to them.
- Ask names and introduce yourself (wearing our name badges helps).
- In our large church family, it can be difficult to recognize first-time visitors or to assume someone else has greeted them. However, saying "I don't remember if we've met before...." is a far more welcoming greeting than ignoring a person altogether.
- Tell someone you're happy to see them, let them know you're glad they're here and you hope they'll join us again.
- Make space for people by moving along in the pew, so people don't have to climb over you.

- Personally invite someone to join us for coffee on the forecourt after Mass. Spend some time getting to know them and make some introductions. Someone perhaps a long time ago went out of their way to welcome you, so now it's your turn to do the same for others.
- Try the "first five" rule at the end of Mass.
 Challenge yourself to take the first five minutes before talking to your friends to introduce yourself to someone you don't know.
- Encourage a young family by offering a few kind words. We know that coming along to Mass with little ones can be challenging, stressful and distracting. Approaching a family after Mass with a warm smile and being offered a few kind and understanding words can help put them at ease and feel more relaxed.
- Remember back to a time in your life when you've been warmly welcomed, what it looked like and how it made you feel. Our church is large and we are a big family, try to imagine what the first experience coming here might feel like for a new parishioner. What would they see? How can we help?

These are small gestures, but when used collectively they can make a difference, helping to create the culture of friendliness, connection, belonging and inclusion we all desire in our parish community. Bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au

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

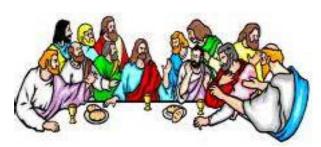
Monday - 9am Mercy College Mass
9.30am Catechist LAC session in St Peter
1.30pm First Spiritual Exercises in St Peter
7pm Indonesian Legion of Mary in St Peter
Tuesday - 9.30am Bible discussion in St Paul
10am Acts of the Apostles in Magnificat
6.30pm Acclaim Spiritual Ministry in Magnificat
7pm Finance Committee in St Peter
45pm Filipino Chaplaincy Choir practice in church
Wednesday - 7.30pm Feast Day choir practice in
the Church

7pm Faith Enrichment Group in St Peter

<u>Thursday -</u> 10.30pm First Spiritual Exercises in St
Peter

6.30pm English Conversations Club in St Paul
6.30pm Acts of the Apostles in Magnificat
Friday - 10am Meditation in St Paul
7.30pm Home Rosary 12 Stan Street, Willoughby
Saturday - 9.45am Chinese RCIA in St Paul
11am Bible Discussion in St Paul
4pm Baptism preparation in Magnificat
6.30pm First Spiritual Exercises in St Peter
Sunday

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PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This week the children in our parish who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time, have been exploring the connections between the Jewish Passover meal and the Last Supper. When we come together to celebrate Mass, we are carrying out Jesus command to "Do this in memory of me".

The children have been especially focusing on the Invocation of the Holy Spirit (epiclesis gesture) and the Words of Jesus (words of Institution), which together transform the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.

At the Vigil, 9am & 10.30am Masses this weekend the children will be invited to gather around the altar for the Eucharistic Prayer in order to watch as these gestures and prayers are enacted.

Other important dates for First Communion 2019

- Weds-Sat 11-14 September Retreat
 Each child attends one of the 8 retreat times
 available
- Weds 18 September Practise in the Church
- Sat-Sun 21 & 22 September First Communions at ALL Parish Masses plus special 12.30pm
 Mass

Please continue to pray for these children as they prepare for this last sacrament of their initiation.

WHAT IS ALPHA? You may have heard of or experienced the Alpha Program in recent years. Alpha is both an introduction to Christian faith for people who have not yet met Jesus Christ, and a refresher and deepener for churchgoers who have questions and want to go deeper in their faith. The format is simple: share a meal together, watch a short film about Christian faith, and then have a conversation about what we've watched. Alpha has impacted many people's faith, and over 500,000 Australians have done the Alpha course.

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Abraham Bautista, John Moey

<u>Deceased:</u> Phil & John Ryan, Francis Ward, <u>Deceased Anniversaries</u>: Mollie & Gabe Cunningham

Sick: Rose Medina, Jeff Thomas, Albert
Boudville, Janis Slater, Josephine Scriabella,
Pritika Rau, Julie Tang, Monica Wong, Louis Nortje,
Tristan Worledge, William Wise, Alex Noble

FINANCIAL REPORT TO PARISHIONERS FOR 2018-19 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Parish Finance Committee would like to express its thanks for the continued generosity of many parishioners to the planned giving programme (the second collection) which is the principal source of funds for the running of the Parish.

We have also had some parishioners make targeted donations of several thousand dollars or even tens of thousands of dollars for new programs or capital items. We thank them for their generosity.

Total parish income increased year on year by approximately 20%. The largest increase occurred in targeted donations but there was also an increase in planned giving. As the number of regular Mass attenders has increased significantly in the last year, we do need more staffing to support them. As an example, we have employed a staff member to welcome and bring in to the life of the parish the hundreds of new parishioners we have each year. If new parishioners are not welcomed in their first six months, they will often leave.

We can only increase staffing if we have financial stability from formal pledges to planned giving from parishioners. We would request that every parishioner, <u>every parishioner</u>, participates in the planned giving programme. Just give whatever is possible for you, in order to sustain and grow our regular parish activities.

Expenses for the parish increased by around one-third. Your generosity as parishioners has allowed us to expand our parish team to care for more parishioners, greatly expand our education and formation programs, improve the Church building with new fans, re-padded kneelers, access ramps and toilets. And, of course, we fitted out the new meeting rooms over the road which are already full of parishioners growing in their faith day and night!

Overall, the net result for the year – a more or less break-even result, despite the many new initiatives, is one for which we are very thankful.

There are many things Fr Jim, the Pastoral Council and Parish team hopes to lead us in the 2019-2020 financial year ahead:-

- 1. Sponsor and support many of our older teenagers and young adults to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival
- 2. An improved church sound system
- 3. Building a new Baptism Font
- 4. Starting Community Dinners for the lonely and homeless
- 5. Employing a new staff member to be our Small Groups Coordinator
- 6. Offering a Ministry Scholarship to a university student
- 7. Running the Alpha program and more education programs in 2020.

Through these initiatives, which will require additional giving, we will possibly become one of Australia's leading parishes.

The Finance Committee's role is to carefully scrutinise all expenditure and to help raise the funds needed so Our Lady of Dolours Parish can help every parishioner grow in faith as Missionary Disciples of Jesus. We will continue to work with you on this in the coming months. **Thank you for your support!**

WHAT ARE EACH OF THE COLLECTIONS FOR?

First Collection: The first collection supports the needs of the priests of the parish:

- A monthly stipend
- Upkeep of the presbytery household
- A small percentage to cover the expenses of the Bishop especially the care of elderly and retired priests.
- Income from other sources includes Easter and Christmas offerings (envelope contributions at these times). Wedding and baptism donations are also added into the first collection.

Second Collection: The second collection provides the income for all the running expenses of the parish - staff employment, insurance, maintenance, maintaining and operating the Parish Office, liturgical supplies, water, waste collection, and most importantly - parish ministries and services. This collection includes the planned giving envelopes, credit card donations and cash collected at each Mass.

Charitable Works Fund: The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) supports CatholicCare, CCD Ministry in state schools and St Lucy's School. Each parish is given a quota which is collected through three appeals each year.

Other Parish Collections and Appeals: Holy Places, Project Compassion, Timor Leste Orphanage, Street Works Chatswood, Catholic Mission Appeal, St Vincent de Paul, Peter's Pence

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

Income	2018-2019	2017-2018	
Planned Giving – Second Collection	266,361	244,406	
Loose Second Collection	125,007	115,464	
Total Second Collection	391,367	359,870	
Chaplaincy Collections (Indonesian and Filipino Communities)	5,482	5,796	
CCD Diocesan Service Agreement	0	3,902	
Catholic Church Insurance (CCI) and Diocesan Rebates	647	654	
Donations/Bequests	33,141	33,773	
Interest Received	4514	4,060	
Other Income	12,230	42,517	
Rent received	200	200	
Non-recurring Donations	33,450	66,948	
Total Income	481,032	517,720	
Operating Expenditure	2018-2019	2017-2018	
Administration Expenses	3,009	28,659	
Altar and Church Requisites	12,513	15,831	
Computer Expenses	29,591	18,025	
Employment Expenses	256,986	219,183	
Insurance	36,031	36,444	
Office Expenses	15,443	18,612	
Water Rates and Garbage	2,665	4,780	
Pastoral Programs	28,692	12,011	
Repairs and Maintenance	89,583	61,854	
Superannuation (Clergy)	6,480	6,480	
Telecommunications	7,167	10,501	
Travelling and Car Allowance	28,378	28,039	
Utilities	5,728	5,281	
Furniture & Fittings & Sign	64,268		
Non-Recurring Expenditure	34,961		
Non-Recurring Expenditure Reimbursements from St Peter and St Paul fund	-138,409		
Total Operating Expenditure	483,087	465,701	
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(-2055)	52,019	

Parish Achievements

- 6 adults were welcomed into the church at Easter through the RCIA process
- 120 children were confirmed and 106 received their first reconciliation and first Communion
- 46 Children received weekly formation in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Our 51 Catechists continue to teach in 5 Primary Schools and 1 High School. We were glad to welcome Maricel Malapira as Catechist Coordinator in December 2018.
- We celebrate 15 Masses in the Parish every week, including at Mercy College and St Pius X College each week and 7 aged care centres each month.
- Our dedicated volunteers take Communion to dozens of elderly people in these centres and in their homes.
- We also hosted the Christmas novena of nine Masses in the lead up to Christmas drawing people from far and wide.
- Introduced a new role of Parishioner Engagement Coordinator to welcome new Families and Parishioners.
- Provided name badges to over 300 Parishioners to build up a sense of community.
- Made a number of improvements to the church such as fans, repadding the kneelers, access ramp and toilets
- Fitted out our new Parish Meeting Rooms
- Provided a number of Adult Faith Formation opportunities, including Bishop David sessions on the Gospel of Luke, a Book Club on Where the hell is God and we partnered Sydney Alliance and Jesuit Refugee Service to facilitate a Table Talk on Refugees. Also invited parents who were enrolling their children to attend workshops.

Season of Creation



SUPPORT EFFORTS TO REDUCE POLLUTION IN THE OCEANS

MAKE EVERY DAY

EARTH DAY

Pope Francis invites us to join with other Christian Churches throughout the world to celebrate a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September which begins a Season of Creation that concludes on 4 October.

The theme for 2019 is The Web of Life: Biodiversity as God's Blessing

"Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together . . It unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth."

Pope Francis Laudato Si 92

"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?"

Pope Francis asks this question in his encyclical Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home. Some of the major themes from this document are:

- the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet,
- the conviction that everything in the world is connected,
- the critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology,
- the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress,
- the value proper to each creature
- the human meaning of ecology,
- the need for forthright and honest debate.
- the serious responsibility of international and local policy,
- the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle.







A DAY WITH SHERRY WEDDELL

Author of Forming Intentional Disciples.
The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus
SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

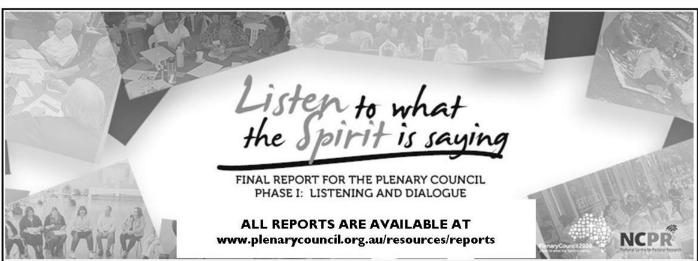
9.30am to 4.00pm

Caroline Chisholm Centre Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Please email faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au or phone 8379 1627 Morning tea and lunch will be provided. There is no cost for the day.





SAFEGUARDING: This week is National Child Protection Week, and in the Church, aware of our past failures to keep children safe, we are now proactive in our approach to keeping children and vulnerable adults safe, which we call Safeguarding. Every year all clergy in our Diocese have a day of safeguarding training. Each of our catechists also do this as part of their accreditation. Last week our pastoral associates Adrian Brannan, Angela Hague, Bernadette Ho and Maricel Malapira, together with a number of our volunteers in youth ministry, children's atrium, sacramental program, children's liturgy and children's choir undertook a half day session of safeguarding training as part of their commitment to make the Church a safe and nurturing place for children. We thank them for this commitment and the time they give to their ministries.

Margherita Vaccaro will receive a blessing from Bishop David at the 9am Mass on Friday 6th September for her 100th birthday. Students from Mercy College will be offering morning tea for everyone on the forecourt after Mass as part of their Mercy Week celebrations.

PRO-LIFE: Recently the **NSW** Parliament introduced legislation to remove abortion from the criminal code. As abortion is incompatible with our Catholic belief that human life begins from conception and deserves protection in the womb, we invited parishioners to write to their local member expressing their opposition to this. A number of parishioners did write such letters. Alas, the lower house voted nearly 2 to 1 for the bill. Subsequently, a petition to the NSW lower house was made available in the parish, and 434 people signed this. The petition was hand delivered and along with thousands of other signatures was received. The NSW government recognised the depth of opposition to the bill and has delayed debate on it. Whether or not we get the outcome we hope for, it is good to see so many parishioners engaging in the opportunity our democracy provides to speak up for our values, and good to see our elected officials recognising our voice - Fr Jim.

OUR REFUGEE HERITAGE: Some long-term parishioners will recall that in the 1980s our parish sponsored a refugee family from Poland, and later a family from Vietnam, both renting their accommodation and supporting them financially and socially in their first years of arrival. We should be proud of this part of our parish history, particularly in the past week when we celebrated Migrant and Refugee Sunday. Now Australia draws refugees from Sri Lanka and Myanmar, Syria and Iraq, DR Congo and Somalia. How might we repeat the generosity of our parish in our present day?

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS – we're glad you're here with us. We'd love to connect with you and hear your story. As a way to connect, we invite you to take home a welcome pack and fill out a connect card so we can get in touch with you. No doubt you'll have lots of questions about who we are and we'd love to help. You'll find our friendly welcomers at the doors of the church before Mass who would be delighted to say hello and offer you a welcome pack. Alternatively, you may prefer to download a copy of our welcome guide on our website

www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood.

Upon receiving your details, our New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator, Bernadette Ho, will be in touch to help welcome you into the life of our parish. Bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au or phone 94109031.

PARENTS' CONNECT GATHERING

For parents requiring a parish reference for their child's school enrolment, we invite you to join us at our next Parents' Connect Gathering on Saturday 21 September, 10am till 11am, in the Magnificat Room, ground floor of the parish meeting rooms (Corner of Kirk and Archer St). Together we have lots of fun hosting these sessions, creating a space for parents to reflect and share, in addition to providing details of spiritual support offered in the parish. The sessions are designed for parents, we hope you'll enjoy them. Please rsvp to Bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au

WITHIN OUR DIOCESE

All clergy, parishioners and the wider community are invited to our Liturgy which signifies the start of SAFEGUARDING MONTH.

- LITURGY OF INCLUSION AND CARE
Tuesday 3 September 2019
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara 7.00pm

- ONLINE SAFETY MASTERCLASS

The Diocese of Broken Bay is co-hosting an Online Safety Masterclass at the Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

Thursday 5 September 2019 Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills 6-8pm

- COMMUNITY FORUM

The Diocese of Broken Bay is hosting a community forum promoting safety for people living with Disability.

Wednesday 25 September 2019 St Joseph's Hall, Killara 1:30-3:30pm

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.)

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 - 5.3 opm 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 7pm-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 9410 9000 (at least 1 month before requested Mass).

SUNDAY MASS READINGS:

Entrance: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you ae good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

<u>Responsorial Psalm:</u> God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

2nd Reading: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

<u>Gospel:</u> Lk 14:1, 7-14 All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS:

MON: 1 Thess 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

TUES: 1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

St Gregory the Great

WEDS: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

THURS: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

FRI: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

SAT: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

<u>31 Aug/1 Sept</u> <u>7/8 Sept</u> **Vigil** 5.30pm Fr Jim Fr Jim

Sun7.30amFr Jim(K)Bishop David9.00amBishop David(K)Fr Jim(K)10.30amFr JohnFr John(K)5.30pmFr JohnFr John

	5.30 pm Saturday	7.30 am Sunday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5.30 pm Sunday
Week 2	Junior Server:	Senior Server:	Junior Server:	Junior Server:	Junior Server:
7 & 8 September	Welton Ang	John Russell	Breah Gunaratnam	Francis Fabela	Andrew Kim
	Jenevieve Liem		Clare Guo	Angelee Manalese	Margaret Kim
	Kasy Tabalon		Viviana Leung		Beniz Macapagal
	Kody Tabalon			Senior Server:	Jade Jimenez
			Senior Server:	Mariah Manalese	Jewel Jimenez
	Senior Server:		Braiden Gunaratnam	Walter Niemotko	
	Joseph Liem		John Wang	Shayne Patangan	Senior Server:
			Gabriel Yi	Kaila Vergara	Fernanda Carrillo
					James Godfrey
					Elizabeth Jung

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.