



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
**Chatswood Catholic Parish**

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER 10 May 2020 – Year A/2

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
WE PRAY FOR:

**Recently Deceased:**

Nora Chan & Jack Biviano

**Deceased Anniversaries:**

Maurice Fry, Alan Brodie



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**Chatswood Parish Mass Livestream.** If you would like to participate in this Sunday's Holy Mass (10<sup>th</sup> May) in Chatswood Church, go to [facebook.com/OLDChatswood](https://www.facebook.com/OLDChatswood), and watch our **livestream at 10:30am**. If you are unavailable at that time, the Mass will be posted on our youtube channel. Click [https://www.facebook.com/OLDChatswood/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/OLDChatswood/live_videos/)

**Finding the good:** For many of us this is a very difficult and challenging time. But in the midst of difficulties, can you look for even a glimmer of hope which might sustain you? Dutch Christian woman Corrie Ten Boom writes of her time in a concentration camp in the second world war in her book *The Hiding Place*. Writing of a period in which she was in a solitary confinement bunker she said that as well as reciting prayers and scripture passages she took delight in the thin shaft of sunlight which worked its way across the wall of her cell each day, and in watching a single ant which would scurry along the bare floor.

This week Fr John, Deacon Kevin and I have each celebrated funerals, each of which has been restricted to just a few close family members. While there has been a heartache in not having the whole extended family and friends attend, the daughter of one of the deceased said she appreciated the intimacy of her mother's funeral, and of not being overwhelmed by having to greet and look after guests. She found the good even in the most difficult days of her life. What good have you found in these days and weeks? The colour of autumn leaves? The small kindnesses of neighbours or even strangers? Time spent with a long-forgotten book or photo album? St Paul wrote to the Philippians "Whatever is good, pure, true and praiseworthy, think about these things" (Phil 4:8). Looking back over the day and letting our thoughts dwell on the good, rather than the bad can lead us to gratitude and to peace. – Fr Jim McKeon

## WITHIN OUR PARISH



*Peter Brown, Pastoral Care Team Leader with support from the Pastoral Care Practitioners based across*

*the seven hospitals in our Diocese provided the following reflections*

(As at 30 April, 2020) only our Priests have been allowed to attend the hospitals to administer the Sacraments to Catholic patients in emergencies/end of life situations. We sincerely thank those Priests who have answered the call. They have demonstrated that pastoral care is considered an “essential service” as part of a holistic approach to supporting patients who are critically ill. We know that our role as lay Pastoral Care Practitioners is complementary to our Priests’ Sacramental role, which is why we have encouraged hospital patients to connect with us by mobile phone and internet, and provided links to online resources for their spiritual nourishment, especially during Holy Week and over the Easter long weekend. Through the use of technology, we have had increased contact with each other as a team and drawn great support from our shared experiences and learnings.

As a result of our reduced face to face time with patients, we have had greater opportunity to connect, via telephone, with many of our hospital colleagues who have courageously remained on the frontline, including clinical staff on the wards, social workers, reception staff and the Coordinators of our Chaplaincy Departments.

We have also been able to meet with other CatholicCare staff over Zoom that we would otherwise never meet. This has increased our networking and ability to call on our wonderful CatholicCare colleagues, who specialise in other key areas of community care when the need arises for patient and parishioner support and referral.

During this crisis we have had time to pray for all our hospital patients and colleagues and to reflect upon how much we love and miss what we do. We hope to be back in our hospitals as soon as possible to reconnect with them in the context of a new “normal” for our world.

In order to receive Catholic Pastoral Care in hospital, it is important to let Admissions staff know that the patient is a Catholic. At present, only Priests are available to administer the Sacraments in an emergency/end of life situation.

If necessary, this request should be made immediately to clinical staff. Meanwhile, for other pastoral support, patients, families of patients, and hospital staff are encouraged to contact our team

of CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners either directly on the mobile phone numbers below, or contact their hospital’s Chaplaincy Department.

Royal North Shore Hospital:  
Louise Smith - 0427662513  
Mon 9-4, Tues, Wed 9-3:30

We offer our prayers to all those who are sick or caring for the sick and to our dedicated Priests and Pastoral Care Practitioners.

**Donations can be made online**

at [www.givenow.com.au/cwf](http://www.givenow.com.au/cwf) and will support our Parish quota.

**Position Vacant - Director, Office for Evangelisation, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay**

The Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for the role of Director, Office for Evangelisation. This is a full-time role based at Pennant Hills.

The Director supports Bishop Anthony Randazzo to achieve his pastoral priorities; provides strategic direction; and leads the Office for Evangelisation to meet present and future opportunities for Christian mission.

The Office for Evangelisation works across the areas of Pastoral Planning, Sacramental Life, Liturgy and RCIA, Life, Marriage and Family; Catholic Life, Mission, and Faith Formation; Catholic Youth and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. It works closely with the parishes of the Diocese and provides significant support as they carry out the mission of the Catholic Church.

For the full advertisement see the **Positions Vacant** page of the Diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

We are hearing that there has been an increase in calls to domestic violence services as couples spend more time together and experience financial pressures or loss of freedom. Removalists are reporting an increase in marriage separations. Even in healthy marriages, some cracks may appear when the familiar routines and external supports disappear. Can you be proactive and short circuit the miscommunications which, if left unchecked can wreck marriages? Smart Loving Breakthrough is a three-hour online course which can be done by a couple who are experiencing challenges, or by one spouse on their own if the other doesn’t want to participate. See <https://smartloving.org/breakthrough/>. And also contact our parish team if you need a listening ear or a helping hand.

## DAILY PRAYERS

There are lots of resources to help you with daily prayers and reflections. We recommend the free Pray-As-You-Go app from your app store. You can contact Fr John on [john.puliparambil@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:john.puliparambil@bbcatholic.org.au) to receive his daily messages on WhatsApp, or email Deacon Roberto Corpuz to receive the daily prayers of the Filipino Community [Roberto.corpuz@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Roberto.corpuz@bbcatholic.org.au)

## THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Two small groups have begun meeting by video each week with Gail Gill and Fr Jim to do a program of Ignatian prayer. We gather by video on the weekend to present a prayer exercise, then each participant prays with this during the week, then we gather again the following weekend to debrief the week's prayer and to practice the next exercise.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR FAMILIES

We are running a Liturgy of the Word for families with primary and high school aged children via Zoom! We were delighted with the positive response and engagement from the 20 families who participated and would like to open this option to more families. If you and your family are interested in joining us and joining into the reading and prayer roster for this liturgy, contact Angela at [angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au) for further details.

## WAYS TO PRAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

During this time when we are unable to attend Mass or any of the ministries we provide in the parish for children and families, our aim is to provide parents with ways to engage their children in family prayer, liturgy of the Word and activities to help support the faith life of your children and the whole family. Each week we hope to provide a new idea or activity onto our [Children and Youth Ministries page](#). Check it out by clicking the link!

**This week the worksheet for the children is at the back of this bulletin for an example.**

**Praying during Coronavirus:** *With more time in the mornings without the commute, I have taken Fr Jim's suggestion to read the Bible, starting with St Paul's letters to the Philippians. Using the Lectio Divina prayer method, I start my morning in quiet prayer meditation, reading the word of God, sitting in the silence to reflect and finish by writing in my journal. I have noticed a difference in how I approach the day ahead when I start the day with intentional slowness. Hopefully I can keep this up when I return to the office. – Charmaine*

**YOUTUBE:** Fr Jim is continuing to do homilies, parish messages and children's homilies on YouTube. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLpbDNqP8u1Wx4Gmo8jJydA> and subscribe to get notifications as each new homily is posted.

**THANK YOU** to the many people who have joined our direct parish giving program so that we can continue to serve you both now and when the church re-opens. If you are able, I am hoping that you can update the way that you give to the parish by [clicking here](#) and filling out and returning this giving form. You can arrange a monthly EFT donation into the parish's account named Chatswood Parish (Our Lady of Dolours), BSB 062-784, Account # 1073 8005 and use "PG" & your name as the reference, fill in your credit card details or you can phone Nicole in the parish office on 9410 9000 to authorise a credit card donation.

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# Laudato Si Week 16 to 24 May

*Pope Francis invites everyone to participate in a week of reflection and prayer on how we can prepare for a more just and sustainable future.*

## What is *Laudato Si* about?

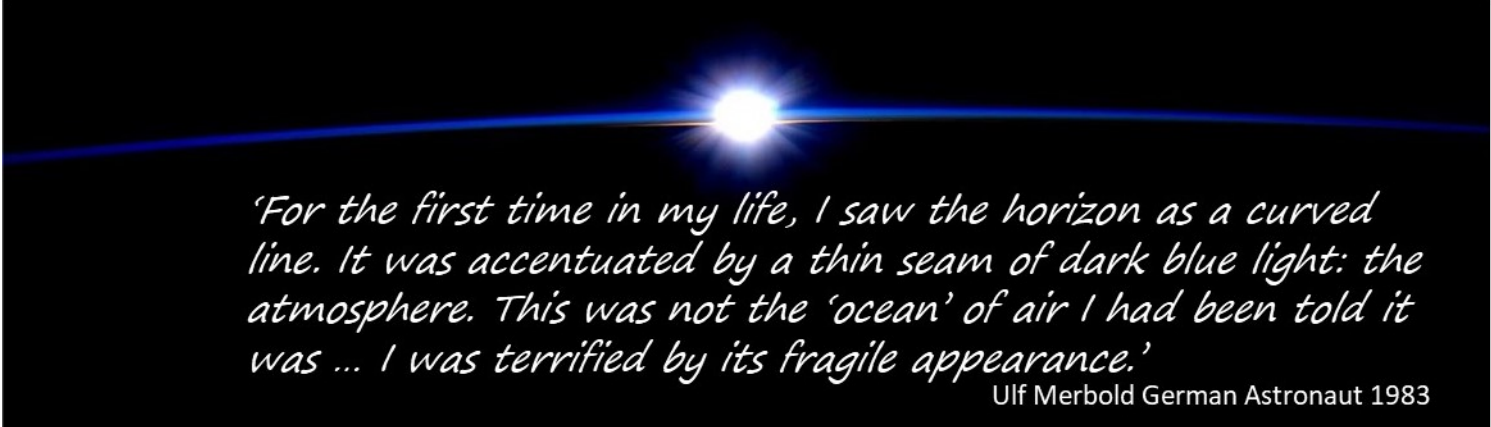
When *Laudato Si* was first published in 2015, one paragraph from the document attracted considerable attention. Paragraph 25 refers to climate change. Rather quickly, the whole document was assumed to be about that, especially by people who had not read the document. That assumption was quite often accompanied by criticisms about Pope Francis venturing into science and politics. Pope Francis draws from many sources, the Scriptures, St Francis of Assisi, Pope Benedict XVI, Pope John

## Contents of *Laudato Si*

There are six chapters and an Introduction

1. *What is happening to our common home?*
2. *What is the Gospel of Creation?*
3. *What are the human roots of the ecological crisis?*
4. *What do we mean by Integral Ecology?*
5. *What approaches and actions can we take?*
6. *What constitutes Ecological Education and Spirituality?*

3. Rediscover a theological vision of the natural world.
4. Recognise that the abuse of creation is ecological sin.
5. Acknowledge the human roots of the crisis in our common home.
6. Develop an integral ecology.
7. Learn new ways of dwelling in our common home.
8. Educate towards ecological citizenship.
9. Embrace an ecological spirituality.
10. Cultivate ecological virtues.



*'For the first time in my life, I saw the horizon as a curved line. It was accentuated by a thin seam of dark blue light: the atmosphere. This was not the 'ocean' of air I had been told it was ... I was terrified by its fragile appearance.'*

Ulf Merbold German Astronaut 1983

Paul II, Patriarchs from the Eastern Churches, Bishops' Conferences from around the world and the results of the best of scientific research.

## An Appeal from Pope Francis

In the Introduction, Pope Francis appeals for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. He recognises that among the many environmental challenges, the greatest challenge is the ecological conversion of human hearts.

It was Pope Benedict XVI who first referred to the need for a global ecological conversion in 2001. In a homily in 2005, he said:

*'The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast.'*

Pope Francis writes that all Christians need an ecological conversion *'whereby the effect of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them.* LS 217

## Dialoguing with *Laudato Si*

Pope Francis pleads for a new dialogue which means setting aside ideas we may have had before reading *Laudato Si* and being prepared to be challenged and changed.

It is a small book that is best read slowly and reflected upon. Ideally this would happen in a small group which may be possible via Zoom or waiting until the covid restrictions are eased.

## The Ten Green Commandments of *Laudato Si*

Fr Josh Kureethadam is an expert on *Laudato Si*, he has published a spiritual and theological commentary from which these commandments come:

1. Take care of our common home which is in peril.
2. Listen to the cry of the poor.

## Pray with the Psalms

Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
O Lord my God, you are very great.  
You are clothed with honour and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

*Psalm 104 1-4, 14-15*



# Jesus is the way

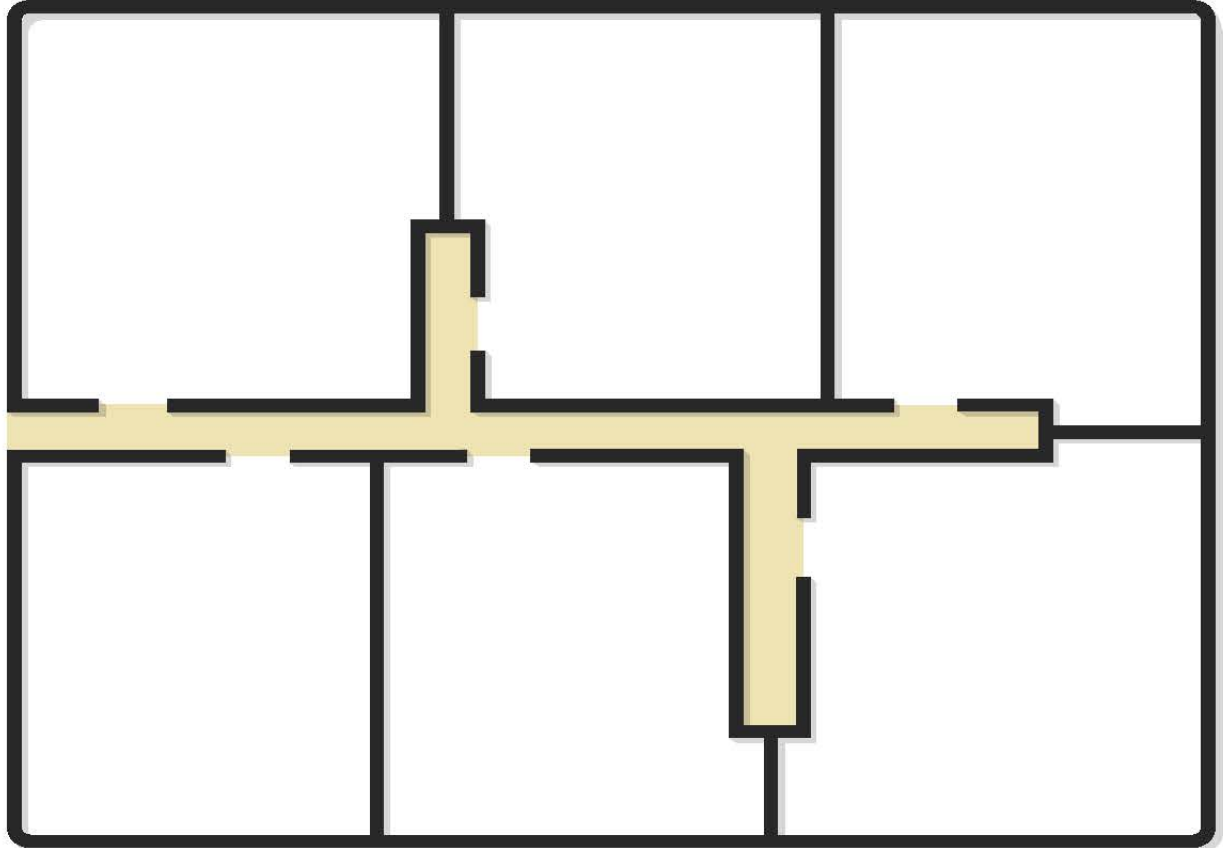
## to the Father



5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Jesus tells us that there are many rooms in His Father's house and that he has prepared a place for each of us.

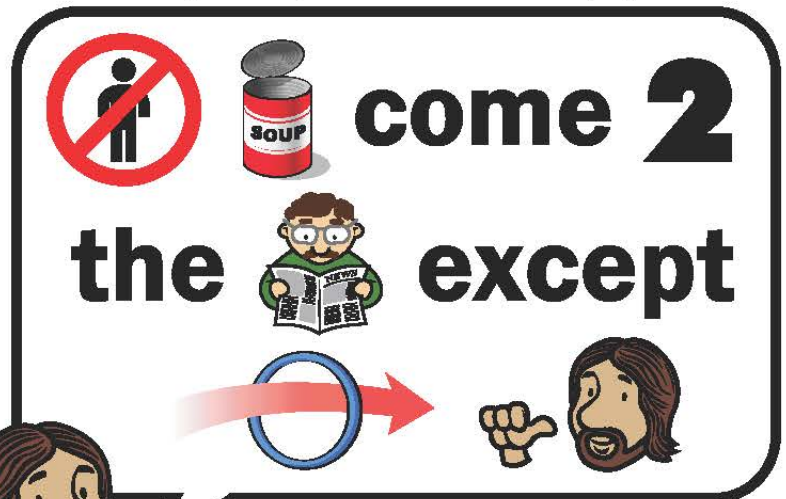
Fill each room with drawings of your family and friends.



Draw an arrow next to the words below which describe the Way, the Truth and the Life that Jesus wants us to follow.

- LOVE
- PEACE
- GREED
- FORGIVENESS
- CONFLICT
- JUSTICE
- SELFISHNESS
- COMPASSION
- HONESTY
- HATRED

Can you decipher what Jesus is saying?



" \_\_\_\_\_ come  
the \_\_\_\_\_  
except \_\_\_\_\_ ."