



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

10 October 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Gordon Thomas, Leticia Nery, Pat Chard, Luigi Agnese, Xavier Nitin Dholakia

Recently Deceased:

Andrew Seongjune Lee, Gloria Soar

Deceased Anniversary:

Bernadette Tak- Yee Cheng

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Mark 10:17-30

Followers of Christ are called to a poverty of heart, a life of virtue, and a life free from greed. In the Catholic Tradition, we list four cardinal (from the Latin *cardo*, meaning pivotal) virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance (see CCC, number 1805). All other virtues depend on these.

For example, Jesus calls the rich man to a deeper awareness of the virtue of justice. The virtue of justice should naturally lead us to poverty of heart, because Jesus directs his followers to love him over everything and to renounce everything for the sake of the Gospel. In other words, the Christian must have a heart detached from worldly things, especially wealth, and attached to Jesus instead.

In Matthew 25:31-36, we discover that Jesus recognizes a disciple by how she or he acts toward the poor and needy. This brings us to the core message of the Gospel for this Sunday: the rich man could not use his wealth to benefit poor people as Jesus requested, because he was controlled by his wealth. The Catholic Tradition lists seven capital or deadly sins, and we call them capital or deadly because they lead one to additional sins and vices. The seven capital sins are “pride, avarice, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, and sloth” (CCC, number 1866). Avarice, meaning an insatiable yearning for greater wealth, power, or gain, is a synonym for the more common term *greed*. The Gospel makes it clear that disciples of Jesus must not operate with avarice but with God at the center of their lives. Disciples of Jesus allow God to influence and guide their lives. With God’s help, Christians can be wealthy while understanding that their wealth and other worldly possessions must be used to promote a just life for all people.

Within our Parish

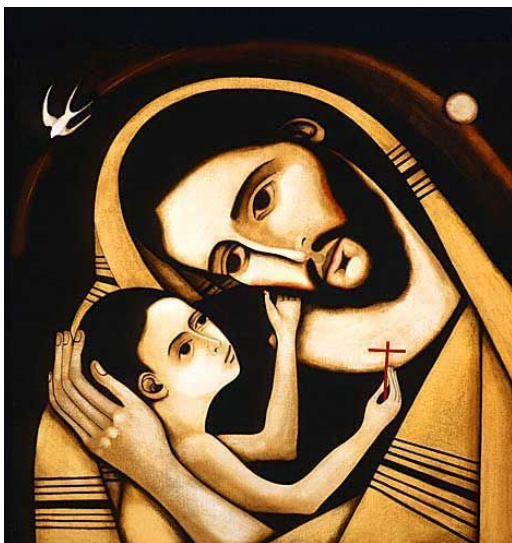
EXPLORING THE FAITH COURSE OUTLINE

Have you ever thought Why is the Old Testament so important to our Faith? What really is the Good News? How can we be so confident in the Resurrection? Why do we need prayer? What takes place when we receive the Sacraments? How do we fit in the universal Church? Exploring the Faith is a 30-week course that explores these things and more, starting Wednesday 22nd September 2021 (7.15pm-9pm) through to 1st June 2022. **Not too late to join in.** No prerequisites to joining, however places are limited. Course will initially start online, and shift to in person at OLD Parish once restrictions are lifted and it is relatively safe to do so. Please click link to see booklet and course outline.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/faith-formation-social-justice/faith-formation-social-justice/faith-formation>

Please contact Anthony Seeto for further information and registration:

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YEAR OF ST JOSEPH ST JOSEPH – A HIDDEN LIFE

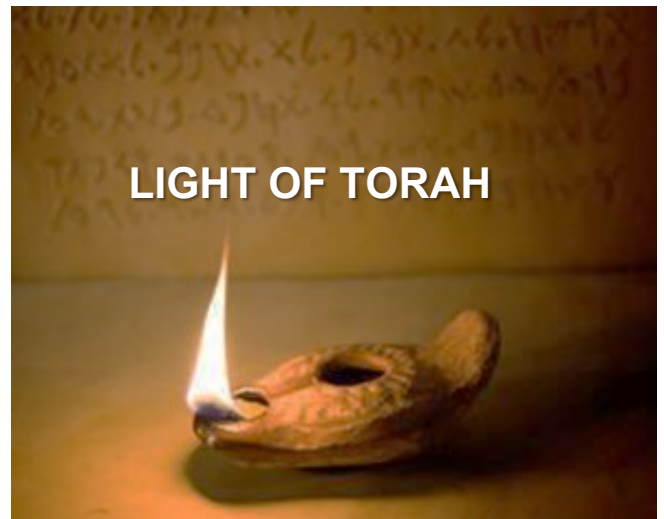
a reflection by

Bishop Greg Homeming OCD

Bishop Greg became the Bishop of Lismore in 2016, before then, he was the Major Superior of the Discalced Carmelites in Australia and was based at Corpus Christi St Ives. For this reflection, Bishop Greg draws from Carmelite spirituality.

Download the PDF from

https://catholic.org.au/images/Year_of_St_Joseph_Reflection_October_2021.pdf



The Lord makes His face to shine upon you with the light of Torah... May he enlighten your eyes and heart in the Torah... (Prov 6:23)

The first five books of the Christian Bible, are also the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, the Tanach. Christianity is grounded in Judaism as a plant is rooted in the earth. As Christians we acknowledge that we cannot live apart from the soil in which we are planted.

A NEW CHAPTER FOR LIGHT OF TORAH

Dr Teresa Pirola began *Light of Torah* in 2009 motivated by her experiences of Torah study under the guidance of Jewish and Christian teachers at Bat Kol Institute, Jerusalem. Teresa is expanding a range of resources to encourage a love for Scripture as part of a very attractive new website. Her work is framed by her long-standing deep commitment to the Catholic tradition. The website is a work in progress with more to come such as tips for teaching and for homilies

A WEEKLY INSIGHT

Sign up for a free weekly insight, currently Teresa is offering portions from the Book of Genesis with questions for reflection.

GO TO:

<https://www.lightoftorah.net/>

Wisdom is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.
得智慧胜过得银子，其利益强如精金

From Fr David

Dear friends

It has been an historic week. Our Catholic Church in Australia is in its 5th Plenary Council. The last time we had such a gathering was in 1937, and this one could not be more different: a wide participation of people across the country, men and women, and an entirely online gathering. The work that has gone on behind the scenes to stage this event has been altogether extraordinary. For those who may have come to the Plenary expecting quick solutions to what they may have perceived as problems there will be disappointment. The Plenary has taken a different course, provided by its methodology of careful listening and discernment. The main work of the Plenary has been done in small groups during the afternoon, each group focussing on one or two of 14 questions of the Plenary Agenda. These groups start with an hour of prayer and spiritual conversation before moving to two solid hours of discussion. The outcome is reported back to the entire Assembly each morning, then followed by the opportunity for personal contributions. As I speak to you today it is too early to identify which proposals for action might be emerging. However, the work of the Plenary actually extends over 9 months to the second Assembly next July. My own sense of things is that the months between assemblies is where the real work of formulating specific motions will take place. These will then be discerned and voted upon next July. I believe the process to be very sound. There is a gentleness yet direction about it. It is not sensational or hasty in character. And this, I believe, gives us confidence that it is the Spirit who is truly guiding us. And so, thank you for your prayer, and I ask that this continue especially through the next several days of this first assembly.

Next Monday, 11 October, our church and parish office will reopen! This will be something truly wonderful. People will be welcome to come to the church and pray privately. Some have asked if it be possible that there be Eucharistic Adoration. Yes, this will be quite possible! However, we would need to be assured that there are people in the church during Exposition. So, if people wish to create a roster over a specific period do let me know and then we can make this available. Do remember that in coming into the church you do need to use the QR code to register, we need to be distanced, and we need to wear a mask at all times. Hopefully, it will now not be too long before we reach the rate of 80% vaccination.

Then, we will be able to resume our Masses! Most likely this will occur on the last weekend of October.

Next week Deacon Aldrin will be on his retreat preparing for his Ordination to Priesthood by Bishop Anthony at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral at 11.30am on Monday 18th October. Given COVID restrictions this will be limited in the number able to attend. But it will be livestreamed and we will have the details for you next week. Do keep Aldrin in your prayers as he comes to this most significant moment in his priestly journey.

Next Thursday, at 8pm we will launch our new parish community initiative, Community Action. This will be our way of engaging in the local issues around us in partnership with many other neighbourhood groups. It's an exciting possibility of mission and outreach for us. So do read more about this in our bulletin and do join us online next Thursday evening. Be sure to have a look at the many other online opportunities including our midday prayer each day, a new Rosary series each evening, and our Saturday evening seminars reflecting on the different aspects of Mary, our Lady.

Might I ask that we remember in our prayers, Sister Maria Johanna's father Andrew S Lee. Mr Lee passed away on 29 September and was farewelled last Tuesday on 5 October. We extend our love to Sister Johanna and her mother Cecilia, her brother Henry and her other brother in Korea.

Please continue to pray for the Spirit's guidance of our Plenary Council.

Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG

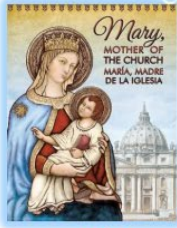
ORDERING A COVID-19 CHECK-IN CARD

For people who don't have a Smart Phone or Tablet, the NSW Government is introducing the COVID-19 Check-In Card. This card will allow you to check-in to places without the need for a phone. The COVID-19 Card may be requested through the internet <https://apply.service.nsw.gov.au/covid-checkin-card/> or contact RMS directly on 13 77 88.

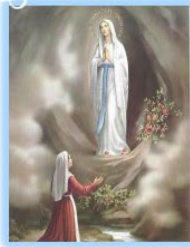
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

From the week beginning 11 October 2021, the Parish Office will be closed on a Friday until early December.

You are warmly invited to attend
Seminars in October on
Blessed Virgin Mary



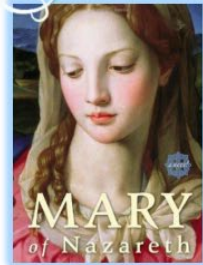
Topic:
Mary, Mother of the Church
2 Oct 2021 at 5:00 PM
Speaker: Deacon Aldrin



Topic:
Mary's Immaculate Conception &
Misconceptions
9 Oct 2021 at 5:00 PM
Speaker: Fr Joey



Topic:
Mary, the Teacher
TBA
Speaker: Deacon Kevin



Topic:
Mary, Woman of Nazareth
TBA
Speaker: Fr David

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86715066560?pwd=S1EyUll0ZVd0akl0aklyMmFmL1VlZz09>

Meeting ID: 867 1506 6560
Passcode: 470319

OUR PARISH TAKES ACTION



“
Amen, I say to
you, whatever
you did for one
of these least
brothers of
mine, you did
for me.

Matthew 25:40

As the world emerges from the pandemic with its tragic loss of life and growing inequities, God asks us to dare to create something new, to design better ways of living together on this earth. Describing this as a time of possibility, Pope Francis tells us, “Some have been sifted and have responded with the desire to re-imagine our world; others have come to the aid of those in need in concrete ways that can transform our neighbour’s suffering.” [Pope Francis, Let Us Dream, pp. 6-7]. A new Community Action group at Our Lady of Dolours is in formation to enable us to do our part to re-make our corner of the world. It will have the two arms of action for which Pope Francis calls. One arm will act politically, without partisanship, by joining with other organisations

seeking the common good of our north side community. The other arm will act in concrete ways to transform suffering and to stand in fraternity with the marginalised in the Chatswood area: the homeless, those struggling with dementia, young adults with disabilities and youth whose lives have derailed. **The Community Action group will be officially launched online on Thursday 14 October.** We are hoping that many parishioners will attend the launch and sign up to be part of making our church a centre of help and hope to the homeless, hungry and heartsore in our area. In the meantime, we already have a group in action, planning the Community Action initiative and undertaking training.

If you would like to help lay the groundwork of this exciting new project, please contact Gillian Hawkins gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com, Ditas Naguit hnaguit@yahoo.com or Jo Karaolis jokaraolis1@bigpond.com.

ORDINATION ANNOUNCEMENT



The Diocese of Broken Bay joyfully announces the upcoming Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of:

- **Deacon Roger Delmonte**
- **Deacon Aldrin Valdehueza**
- **Deacon Samuel French**

The candidates will be ordained by Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay, on **Monday, October 18, 2021 at 11:30 am**, at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to restrictions resulting from the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Ordination Mass will be live-streamed. All are invited to participate in the Mass via live-stream on our diocesan website:

www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination

Please keep Deacons Roger, Aldrin, and Sam in your prayers, as they enter into a six-day retreat on 11 October, in preparation for their Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood on the Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist!

Post ordination, you are invited to participate in their Masses of Thanksgiving via live-stream at www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination on the following dates:

- **Rev Fr Roger Delmonte** 11:00 am, Tuesday 19 October 2021 from OLOR Cathedral, Waitara
- **Rev Fr Aldrin Valdehueza** 7:00 pm, Tuesday 19 October 2021 from Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood
- **Rev Fr Samuel French** 6:00 pm, Friday 22 October 2021 from St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy



AN IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM FR DAVID ON THE REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH

Monday 27 September, the NSW Government released its Roadmap out of the current lockdown in which we have been for the past 14 weeks.

After careful consideration of its implications, especially of the governments provision for the exemption of places of public worship from more general restrictions when we have reached the milestone of 80% vaccinated, Bishop Anthony has indicated how the parishes of our own diocese might now move forward as the one community of the Church.

Broadly, Bishop Anthony has stipulated the following with clarity for us all:

Firstly, when we reach the target of 70% vaccination, i.e. from Monday 11 October our churches are to be reopened for personal prayer and devotion. It will be truly wonderful to see the doors of our church open again! How, we have longed to see that! We don't want to see them closed a day longer than they have to be!

However, we will need to wait just a couple of weeks further before we can gather for Mass. For, secondly, Masses will continue to be suspended just until we reach the target of 80% vaccination. Given the governments blueprint, this will be the time that everyone can come to our church, irrespective of their vaccination status. We are hopeful that will be the case by the final weekend of October at the latest. In this way, we can all move forward together without what may have been otherwise a very complex situation. The exception to this will be the Ordination of our three deacons which will take place in our Cathedral on 18 October and Fr Aldrin's Mass of Thanksgiving in our parish of Chatswood.

When we do resume our regular schedule of Masses we can do so now without distinctions which is so important to us as the single Body of Christ. Until 1 December we will need to abide by the 4 sqm principle for density of gatherings. This means we will be limited to welcoming 150 people into our church for any one event. Therefore, when we do resume our Masses, we will need to return to a booking system, especially for our weekend Masses. And we will need to continue to register our attendance with the QR code, ensure distancing through our church, and be generous with the use of sanitizer. At all times we will need to wear a mask. And congregational singing will not be possible until after 1 December, even though we can have an organist and a cantor or two.

Just to remind us: when we do resume our Masses during the week, we will now have a 12.30pm Mass Monday to Friday in addition to our 9am Mass Tuesday to Saturday. And I am also very happy to share with you that when we do resume our Sunday Masses, Bishop David Walker will be able to re-join us again which is tremendous news too.

Come 1 December, we can return to welcoming 300 people to our church, and we can also return to singing again. So, all this promises two wonderful things: firstly, that our children prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be able to receive the Sacrament before Christmas. And secondly, that our Christmas celebrations can be as joyous and as grand as we can make them! And what a celebration this Christmas will be!

All this relates to our church. As we emerge out of lockdown, we also have to consider our other parish facilities such as our Parish Meeting Rooms. Unlike our church, these will remain subject to the same requirements of all other venues until 1 December. Therefore, I have decided it important that we continue to encourage our parish groups to meet online until December at which stage we can then reopen our meeting rooms without the necessity to confirm the vaccination status of those who may visit them. Again, this is designed to enable us to all move forward together.

In all of this, Bishop Anthony expresses his gratitude to the NSW Government for the particular understanding that it has demonstrated for people of religious faith. Of course, each of us will need to think through very carefully for ourselves what is the safest thing for us and for our families, and make the most responsible decisions in light of our own circumstances. We fully understand and respect this, and recognise that it may be some time yet before we can resume the full strength of our parish community. However, I am very confident that this will be possible as the new year gets underway.

Again, I express our deepest gratitude to all those who have ensured that our prayer together and our bonds of fellowship have been sustained and nurtured through this time and through the short time ahead until December. You have truly been the heroes of our community and we will always be indebted to you.

Fr Joey, the soon-to- be Fr Aldrin, Deacon Kevin and all our parish team and I very much look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG