



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
**Chatswood Catholic Parish**



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**WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:**

Deceased Anniversaries:

Phil, Angela, John & Mary Ryan,  
Francis & Irene Ward, Paul Hung

60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:

Vernon & Mary Julien

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We welcome Fr David into our  
Parish from this weekend.

**A Warm  
Welcome**

Dear friends,

I am very honoured to have been asked by Bishop Anthony to join you this year. In receiving this new appointment, I wish firstly to pay tribute to Fr Jim. He has brought tremendous energy and pastoral experience to the parish community and I know he will be greatly missed by you. As he accepts Bishop Anthony's invitation to assume the leadership of the Parish of Epping-Carlingford, we support him with our prayer and our warmest wishes, conscious that he leaves the parish community of Chatswood with so many wonderful initiatives in place, with such vitality, and with good management practices established. Already, he has been so helpful to me personally as I prepare to join you, and I pray that I may be able to continue and to extend all that Fr Jim has provided in his time with you. I pay tribute, too, to the great team of people that Fr Jim has encouraged, and I am looking forward to being there for them.

I am excited to come to you. The Parish of Chatswood is the only truly city parish in our local Church of Broken Bay. Situated as you are in the middle of such a vibrant, bustling urban centre, Our Lady of Dolours welcomes people from all over Sydney with openness and inclusivity. You are enriched by various cultural communities who bring their deep experience of faith and devotional practice. A most extraordinary educational precinct surrounds you. I am looking forward to learning about you, to listening to you, to growing with you. There will be much for us to consider as we reflect together on even more opportunities of how to be Church in such a civic setting and how to develop our parish site accordingly.

Please pray for me as I prepare to join you on this exciting journey unfolding as it has been for many years. As I walk with you, may the Lord be with us at each step of the way.

Fr David Ranson

## WITHIN OUR PARISH

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS IN JANUARY

There are a number of parish staff away during January, however the office will be open from 9.30am-1pm Monday to Friday. If you need a priest outside of these office hours, please call 0473 046 906. Alternatively, you can leave a message on the parish office answering machine (9410 9000) as it will be checked regularly.



### DAILY MASS

Weekday Masses, Adoration and Reconciliation times will continue unchanged during the Christmas holidays. See the front of the bulletin or [www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood) for details.

Please remember, there is no need to book in for weekday masses, but you do still need to book via the website on trybooking for weekend masses.

### SCHOOL REFERENCES

At the final Parent Connect Gathering last year many parents seeking references for school enrolments in January took part. These references have now been sent to the respective schools. With Fr David Ranson starting in January, reference requests will not be attended to until after January 18<sup>th</sup>

### STAR OF THE SEA PRAYER CARDS

Bishop Anthony has produced new prayer cards, featuring an icon of our Patroness of the Diocese of Broken Bay, Mary Star of the Sea. The cards contain a prayer which Bishop Anthony has written, and there is room on the prayer card to write your own intentions. Please take one for yourself or to give away.

### Baptisms:

Jared Law, Everlyn Lam,  
William Kinkade



### THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Remember to pick up *The Catholic Weekly* as it has your local and international news, views, and opinion. There is a top line-up of columnists' and contributors such as Dr Philippa Martyr, Anna Krohn, George Weigel, Monica Doumit and Fr John Flader – to name just a few!

The Catholic Weekly really is more relevant than ever, and keeps you informed and in touch with the Catholic world... pick up your copy each week from the church foyer for just \$2!

### AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY MASS

Tuesday 26 January is a public holiday for Australia Day. We will have our usual 9am mass on this day. The Parish Office is closed on this day.



**Thank you:** Dear friends, I want to once again thank you for the kindness of your words of farewell to me last weekend. The increased Covid restrictions meant that we had reduced numbers at Mass and no other farewell events, and therefore I couldn't say goodbye to everyone personally. As I read through the many cards and letters people have given me, I am touched by the generosity of your affirmation and your gifts to me. It was indeed a privilege to be your pastor these past three years. I am enriched by the time we spent together. I have put a farewell message on the parish youtube channel [Farewell message to Chatswood Parish - YouTube](#). As I now move to become the pastor of Epping Carlingford Parish, I am confident in the excellent spiritual and pastoral leadership which Fr David will give you in the coming years. God bless you – Fr Jim McKeon



### A CULTURE OF CARE AS A PATH TO PEACE POPE FRANCIS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE MESSAGE 2021

Pope Francis writes that the events of 2020 '*have taught us how important it is to care for one another and for creation in our efforts to build a more fraternal society.*'

Care and protection, love and compassion, Pope Francis writes, are part of the Christian story from creation, throughout the life and ministry of Jesus, in the early church and as the '*the beating heart of the Church's social doctrine.*'

### Download a Reflection Guide

Sandie Cornish from the Australian Catholic Bishops Office of Social Justice has prepared a discussion guide that can also be used for individual reflection. Go to the link below for the discussion guide which also contains a link to the Message from Pope Francis:

[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/01/01/world-day-of-peace-message-2021/](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/01/01/world-day-of-peace-message-2021/)



## Do you love to sing?

Come and join our Kid's Choir!

We sing at the **9am Mass** on the **third Sunday of each month** and would love to have you join us. The songs we sing are kid friendly and this is a great way to come and share your gift and love of singing with our parish community.



Playgroup which has been in recess will resume on **Tuesdays in 2021!**

Our first session will be Tuesday 2 February

**Where:** Magnificat Meeting Room

**When:** Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am

Contact Angela in the parish office for more details.



Twice a year, we run a preparation program for 6-12 old children who would like to be baptised. This program includes the parents and child attending preparation sessions together in

a small group with other children and families.

Our next Kids' Baptism Program will begin on **Sunday 7 March 2021**. If you would like to know more about this program, or would like your child to join, you can download the information and enrolment forms from our parish website.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

- Click on **Sacraments**
- Click on **Baptism** and then **Kids' Baptism**.



## Do you love to read?

Join our Kid's Reading Roster

Children from year 3 up can join our weekly prayer roster at the **9am Mass**. On the **third Sunday of each month**, children from year 5 can also join the roster to proclaim the readings at our Children;s Mass.

This is a great way to come and re your gift and love of singing with our parish community.



## Confirmation 2021

In our diocese, Confirmation is the next sacrament of initiation after Baptism.

Children who are 8 years of age or older are eligible to

join this program if they have been baptised.

Enrolments for preparation and reception of Confirmation will open **Monday 10 May 2021** via our parish website.

If you would like to discuss Baptism, Confirmation or other sacraments for your child at any age, please contact **Angela at the Parish Office**.

(9410 9033/angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)



## The Children's Atrium

*Of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Is such a place.*

This program is run in three age groups and each room is prepared for them based on their stage of development and their religious needs and capacities. The age groups and times available for children to come to the Atrium at Chatswood are;

- 3-6 year olds: Mondays 10am-11.30am  
Mondays 4.00-5.30pm  
Tuesdays 4.00-5.30pm  
Fridays 9.45am-11.15am
- 6-9 year olds: Mondays 4.00-5.30pm and  
Tuesdays 4.00-5.30pm
- 9-12 year olds: Mondays 4.00 -5.30pm and  
Tuesdays 4.00-5.30pm

If you would like to know more about this wonderful ministry for your child, please contact Angela Hague at the parish office or email: [old.childrens atrium@gmail.com](mailto:old.childrens atrium@gmail.com)



Coming in 2021



## Women & the New Testament

To celebrate International Women's Day which falls on 8 March in 2021, Dr Michele Connolly rsj will come to our parish to offer a presentation on Women and the New Testament which will also include space for conversation and questions.

SATURDAY 6 MARCH  
2.30 TO 5.00PM  
MAGNIFICAT ROOM

The focus is on women, but this is for everyone - women and men! Two facilitated opportunities for conversation before 6 March will be offered, dates & times TBC.

Contact Gail

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Sr Michele Connolly rsj is a Sister of St Joseph of Lochinvar in the Hunter Valley. She taught in Catholic Secondary Schools of the Maitland Diocese, including a stint as an R.E. Co-ordinator, for about ten years. She studied theology at YTU Melbourne, and in the USA, graduating in 2008 with a PhD from GTU, Berkeley, CA. Michele's principal area of interest is the Gospel of Mark. In 2018 her doctoral thesis was published by T&T Clark, under the title, *Disorderly Women and the Order of God: An Australian Feminist Reading of the Gospel of Mark*. Michele has taught in Sydney since the 1990s at CTU, Hunter's Hill and since 2001 at Catholic Institute of Sydney, Strathfield. Michele speaks regularly at seminars and conferences on the role of Scripture in our lives.



## Living Laudato Si in 2021

*Laudato Si'* is part of the body of Catholic Social Teachings which inspire conversion of hearts and minds to Jesus' mission and lead to working for justice in our world. Pope Francis calls us to live out our encounter with Jesus Christ in the world around us. During this year, parishioners read *Laudato Si'* in small groups and some have come together to plan for ways that we can all live *Laudato Si'* in our every day lives. In 2021 look out for:

- ✦ Lenten Carbon Fasting
- ✦ Table Talks on Refugees & Asylum Seekers with Jesuit Refugee Services
- ✦ Supporting our Parish Social Justice Projects: StreetWork; Sister Parishes of Bourke & Brewarrina and Maubara Orphanage in Timor Leste
- ✦ Celebrating the Season of Creation in September with prayer, reflection and action
- ✦ Together, finding ways to live more simply in our parish and homes ....

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF PLANNING FOR LIVING LAUDATO SI' ?  
CONTACT GAIL: [gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au)  
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*An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters. Pope Francis *The Joy of the Gospel* 183*