



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
**Chatswood Catholic Parish**



15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME + / SEA SUNDAY

11 July 2021 – Year B/1

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

All those suffering from Covid-19 and all those who are alone during lock-down or just away from family and friends. Stay safe.

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This gospel passage is the first part of another Marcan sandwich, with the disciples returning next Sunday in the second part of this first story. Dividing the gospel the way the Lectionary does omits the second story, the filling, the account of John the Baptist's imprisonment (mentioned in 1:14) and death, which had already taken place, but we are not told when they occurred. It tells of King Herod imprisoning John for criticising his marriage with Herodias, yet Herod recognised John to be a holy man and he experienced doubt on hearing him and yet he gladly listened to him. Herod shows the required openness to conversation, and conversion, but ultimately he was too weak to surpass the fears rooted in the preservation of his status. From Mark's construction we deduce that the twelve disciples had more success among the common folk to whom they were sent.

A detail unique to Mark is easily overlooked in today's gospel: among the other things Jesus tells the disciples not to take is bread. In the second part of this device, when they return in next Sunday's reading, things are so busy that they have no opportunity "to eat bread" (literally translated), and this is the pretext of Jesus' withdrawing them to a quiet place. These references to bread and eating prepare for Mark's first feeding of the crowd at what turned out not to be a quiet place. At that point the Lectionary switches over to John's account of that story. Yet another detail threads through Mark's construction that actually began in the second half of v.6 but that is omitted by the Lectionary: Jesus went round the villages teaching. In the second part, when Jesus and the returning disciples withdraw, the people track them down, and Jesus sets himself to teach them. A metaphorical parallel is drawn between his teaching and feeding the crowd, between nourishing the heart (or mind or spirit) and the body, both with the assistance of the disciples; to teach is to feed.

Today we begin reading the letter titled 'to the Ephesians' (the oldest manuscripts do not mention Ephesus). Its beautiful opening praise of our election and salvation in Christ is an apt text for reflecting on our being called and chosen, and sent forth as messengers of Christ. The message is all good news, so we might expect it to be welcomed gladly, but any change threatens someone's status quo and so there will always be some who reject it.

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig*

## Within our Parish

# WE NEED FOSTER CARERS

“ I am confident there are everyday Catholic families across our parishes who hear the call of God to care for our most vulnerable children. ”

-Bishop Anthony Randazzo-

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## Confirmation Update

In the last week of term two, as the city went into lockdown, we moved many of our Confirmation sessions (we have 112 children across 15 groups) to Zoom sessions.

**Special Thanks** goes to all our wonderful facilitators who had to adapt very quickly to this change and of course to the children and parents who also coped so well with the change.

This coming week we will resume our sessions via Zoom to continue to prepare the children for their Confirmation.

Bishop Anthony is planning to celebrate this sacrament with the children on **Saturday 31 July**.

*Please keep all these children and their families in your prayers as we navigate the COVID situation and how it will impact on the celebration of this once in a lifetime sacrament.*

Our hope is that in years to come, the children will remember the special gift of the Holy Spirit they receive in a particular way in this sacrament – despite how the pandemic might affect the celebration.

For any queries, contact Angela in the parish office  
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**Forgive and you will be forgiven.**

要饶恕人，就必蒙饶恕。

**CatholicCare Foster Care Campaign** There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to imagine and without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family. CatholicCare are looking for families across our parishes who might consider taking a child or young person into their home - to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. All carers receive 24/7 support, ongoing training and financial support to cover the care and living costs of the child or young person. If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now. Call (02) 4320 7777 or visit [www.fostering.org.au](http://www.fostering.org.au)

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## From Fr David

Along with you all, my heart sank on Wednesday at the news that the lockdown would continue for at least another week. Again, we are left waiting until we can gather again. The situation puts great uncertainty on our businesses and on people's livelihoods. Our schools begin Term 3 without the benefit of being at school. All of us are not sure of how this new eruption of the virus will play out, and what might be needed to bring it into containment again. And all of this occurring just as when we thought we were on top of it all.

How we are beginning to miss seeing you all. The church has been so empty and the office quiet. We are really starting to feel the effect of not being able to gather. When I go into the church, I look around though and in my mind I picture where different people sit, and I spend a moment or two praying for the one who comes into my mind and heart. So, in this way I keep mindful of you and united with you though we cannot see one another.

As we wait, let us continue to act with responsibility to limit our movement so as not to provide the opportunity for the virus to be further transmitted. Let us use the time for a little extra prayer and reading. Let us join in the Eucharist with spiritual communion in one of the many ways open to us online, especially with Mass for You at Home that can be found on YouTube each week. These Masses are beautifully presented and they have an intimacy about them, so I do recommend them to you. Also, on Sunday morning at 9am we have the opportunity to join a parish online Zoom Liturgy of the Word which Angela Hague facilitates. The details of this will be in the bulletin. Though we cannot meet in person, a number of our parish groups also continue to connect with each other through online means. Our Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council will do this next Wednesday. To keep ourselves connected, in a responsible way, during this time is so important.

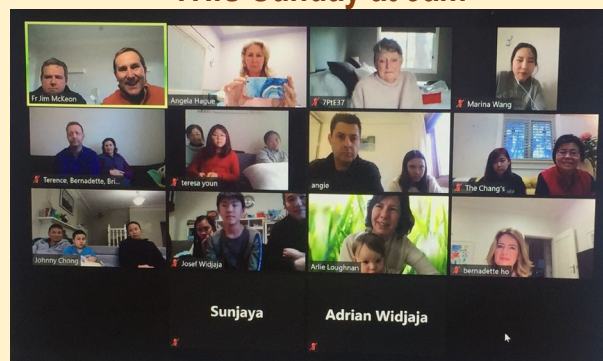
We will continue to keep everyone updated. In the meantime, be assured we are thinking of you all, holding our community before the Lord.

Fr David Ranson



If you have missed any of our Sunday Extra pages, please click on this link <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/news-events/sunday-extra> which will take you to the page on our website where they have all been uploaded. These have all been wonderfully created by Gail Gill, Faith Formation & Social Justice [gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au).

## Zoom Liturgy of the Word THIS Sunday at 9am



As we continue to be in lockdown, we have moved our **Zoom Liturgy of the Word** back to weekly each **Sunday at 9am** and would love to have you join us.

It is easy to join, just click on the link below at 9am this coming Sunday and follow along with us as we proclaim the word, listen to Fr. David's homily, pray and share together.

### Here is the meeting invitation

Topic: Online Liturgy of the Word

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85132386601?pwd=bEYrRlorWDE2Y3k2azM2ZFZlckFkdz09>

Meeting ID: 851 3238 6601

Passcode: 903824

*We look forward to seeing you there  
Angela*

#IamWithYouAlways

World Day  
for  
Grandparents  
and the  
Elderly

That is the meaning of this Day, which I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year: may every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an angel!



First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly -- Sunday 25 July 2021. As part of the celebrations for the Year Amoris Laetitia Family, Pope Francis has set

aside the fourth Sunday in the month of July as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This year the **first ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated on **Sunday 25 July**.



# SEA SUNDAY APPEAL 11 July 2021

“Courage, I am with You!”  
- Matthew 14:27



To donate, volunteer or contact us, please visit our website: [stellamarisaustralia.org](http://stellamarisaustralia.org)

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea.

Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living.

Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually.

To assist this ministry, please send your donations to: [bit.ly/seasunday2021](https://bit.ly/seasunday2021).

<b>SUNDAY MASS TIMES:</b>	5.30pm Vigil, 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am & 5.30pm Filipino Culture Mass: 12noon, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of month; Spanish Culture Mass: 12noon, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month; Indonesian Culture Mass: 7pm, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month.
<b>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:</b>	Monday 12.15pm; Tuesday 9am; Wednesday 9am & 12.15pm; Thursday 9am; Friday 9am; Saturday 9am

## WEEK 6 – SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

A strong connection of Safeguarding practices and the human and spiritual Rights of the Child is essential for a child safe Parish. Did you know it is not the responsibility of the child to make their rights possible... it is the responsibility of all adults to make the right possible for the child? It is not just to recognise that all children have rights, but to ensure that every child enjoys those rights. It is not just to advocate for children’s rights, but to take concerted action that truly enables children and young people to thrive.

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**THE YEAR  
OF ST JOSEPH  
& THE FAMILY  
2021**