



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

12 September 2021 – Year B/1

## WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

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

**Recently Deceased:** Domenico Papa, Michel Antarakis, Terry Wright, Thomas Van Dijk, Anthony Wallace

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This Sunday's Gospel opens with a conversation between Jesus and his most trusted disciples. Jesus asks them, "Who do people say that I am?" (8:27). Their response at first is to say what others have been saying about Jesus, that he might be John the Baptist returned from death, for John is killed in chapter 6 of the Gospel of John, or Jesus might be the prophet Elijah, who was taken into heaven in a fiery chariot and who has returned to usher in the new era of the Messiah. Then Jesus makes his question more direct: "Who do you say that I am?" (8:29). Peter, as the spokesperson for the group, responds, "You are the Messiah" (8:29). Jesus sternly forbids the disciples to tell anyone of his true identity as Messiah. Then he explains to the disciples that even though he is the Messiah, he will have to suffer greatly and be killed but will rise from the dead after three days. What Jesus tells the disciples about what is going to happen is inconsistent with their understanding of what the Messiah would be. For Jews at this time, the Messiah is envisioned to be a worldly leader that will free them from any oppressive foreign government and restore the kingship of Israel. How could it be possible that Jesus, the Messiah, would have to die? Peter rebukes Jesus, for he is challenging his understanding of what the Messiah is to be. In turn, Jesus rebukes Peter by calling him Satan, which means "obstacle" or "adversary." Peter challenges Jesus to embrace the concept of the Messiah as the world leader, which would put the key disciples in powerful positions of this world leader. Jesus is clear in letting Peter know that his understanding is incorrect and that indeed the Messiah is going to experience death but also resurrection.

The Gospel ends with the core message of Mark's Gospel: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (8:34). Disciples of Jesus will also have to endure pain and suffering in their lives. They will not be exempt from the process. Salvation comes by embracing what the Gospel demands of a disciple, even if it means the individual will have to die for the sake of Gospel values.

# Within our Parish



**Safeguarding Month September 2021**  
Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities

Dear Clergy and Parishioners of Broken Bay,  
You are invited to join the following initiatives ....

#### WEEK 1: 1-4 September

- Like Diocesan social media posts that show how Children and Young People participate in our Catholic communities

#### WEEK 2: 5-11 September

- Celebrate National Children Protection Week (NAPCAN) by visiting their national webpage - [www.napcan.org.au/](http://www.napcan.org.au/) and learn about the theme: **Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.**
- Wednesday 8 September** - Online Launch of new resource for adults of Broken Bay - *Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities: A guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young People.* Access the e-resource here - [www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021) Printed copies are available from the **Office for Safeguarding (Chancery) P 8379 1605** or [Esafeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Esafeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au)
- Thursday 9 September @ 12.30pm - 1.30pm** - Free webinar facilitated by NAPCAN - eSafety's guide to online sexual harassment and image-based abuse. The webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 13 - 18. To register click here: [register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8331659724914836752](https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8331659724914836752)
- Thursday 9 September @ 7pm, Liturgy of Lament** - an opportunity to gather and pray to God in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expression to our sorrow. The liturgy will be broadcast. Click here to view: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021)

#### WEEK 3: 12-18 September

- Sunday 12 September, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday** - join Bishop Anthony Randazzo in celebrating Mass at **9.30am** via livestream from OLOR, Cathedral. Click here to view: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwif7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwif7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ)
- Prayers** - Remember in your prayers this week the wellbeing and safety of Children and Young People especially those who are particularly vulnerable due to covid-19. **Prayer resources are available from our webpage:** [www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021)

#### WEEK 4: 19-25 September

- Wednesday 22 September @ 11.00am to 12.30pm, via zoom** - Ministering to a Church in Trauma presentation by Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar General. To register and receive your zoom link click here: [bbcatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/UJtce2qjovHTW57Vymz9XkWWVhVITiq22P2x](https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/j/929999999999)

#### WEEK 5: 26-30 September

- The Diocesan Office for Safeguarding places a special devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots. Her feast day is celebrated **Tuesday 28 September**. You are invited to pray the Mary Undoer of Knots Novena. **A wonderful prayer resource can be accessed here:** [www.praymorenovena.com/mary-undoer-knots-novena](http://www.praymorenovena.com/mary-undoer-knots-novena)

Thank you for your participation



## HOPE OUT OF HORROR

In the wake of the tremendous difficulties currently being faced by those in Afghanistan and by Afghans currently in Australia on temporary visas, **SJAB (Social Justice Around the Bay), St. Vincent de Paul, Northern Sydney / Central Coast Regional Social Justice Committee** and **Jesuit Refugee Service Australia (JRS)** are holding a Webinar titled:

**Hope Out of Horror – Seeking Refuge in Australia**  
**Thursday, 23 September, 7.00pm – 8.00pm**  
**Fr David Ranson will provide an introduction.**

This is a chance to hear the stories of those seeking Refuge and Asylum in Australia and to join a cry to Canberra to:

1. Offer Permanent Protection for all refugees.
2. Enable access to Family Reunions for refugees.
3. Offer a Safety Net, including Medical and Financial Assistance to those in need.

**REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL - Go to:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/stories-of-hope-and-courage-seeking-refugee-in-australia-tickets-166888717647>

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 (7.15pm-9pm) through to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022. 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 contact Anthony Seeto for further information and registration: [aseeto@gmail.com](mailto:aseeto@gmail.com)

### BROKEN BAY NEWS

The September issue of Broken Bay News is now available online. Read it online here: [https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken\\_bay\\_news\\_september\\_2021\\_issue\\_211](https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_september_2021_issue_211)

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MAY CHRIST BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS



## From Fr David

Dear friends,

With the government's announcement this Thursday on the roadmap out of our lockdown at long last we have a flicker of hope! May this be fanned into flame in the weeks ahead! Let us pray that it will not be too long now before we come back together.

I wish again to take this opportunity to offer my profound gratitude for those who, in the meantime, lead our online initiatives that keep our bonds of community alive. Last night we had a maximum of 100 people join us online to celebrate the feast day of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thorough these remarkable opportunities for shared prayer the flame of our faith has been kept burning through these difficult times. We owe an immense debt of gratitude to those who have facilitated these.

These opportunities continue. Of course, we could not let the feast day of our parish, Our Lady of Sorrows on 15 September, go without celebration. So, next Wednesday we will have a range of possibilities open to us to mark this important annual occasion: an online reflection on the feast day for our children which will be available on our parish YouTube channel; the praying of the Rosary at 12.30pm; a special feast day celebration of Mass which will be broadcast at 5pm; and then at 8pm a virtual pilgrimage in celebration of Mary through the various cultures that make up our family of faith. These occasions will be available through our parish website under online gatherings

September is also a month in which we are mindful of our responsibility for the safeguarding of our children. On our parish website and bulletin are listed the different ways that our Diocese is attending to this obligation in a particular way through the course of this month. Tonight, 9 September, Bishop Anthony leads us in our annual Liturgy of Lament for the hurt that people have experienced in our community. I invite you to go on to our diocesan website this evening to join our Bishop as he acknowledges our guilt, and commits us to cultivate communities of safety and care.

Towards the end of September, from Wednesday 22 September, Anthony Seeto is introducing to us an extraordinary opportunity for our formation in faith, called Exploring the Faith. 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. There are no

prerequisites to joining, however places are limited. The 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. All the details for this will be in our bulletin and I encourage you to consider becoming a part of this extensive programme that will go right through to Pentecost of next year.

We are very mindful this week of Cheryl Thomas whose brother Gary, died last week on 1 September in Newcastle. We offer you our deepest sympathy Cheryl and pray for Gary's repose of soul. And just while writing my column, we learnt sadly of the death of Michel Antarakis, the husband of Joan. Joan and Michel have been a part of our parish community for many years, and so we extend to Joan and her family our condolences on this sad day.

And last Friday 3 September was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bishop David's ordination as a Bishop. It will be sometime yet before we see Bishop David again. However, we send him our affection and prayer at this significant milestone in his life of ministry and priesthood.

Continue to stay well everyone and do be sure to arrange your vaccination. This is the single most important factor that will enable us to come back together again. May we hasten now towards this day!

**Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG**



### **JOINT MESSAGE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CREATION**

In a joint message for the 2021 Season of Creation, Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby have issued a joint statement on the care of creation. In it they stress the importance of cooperation and valuing sustainability as essential parts of our response to the threat of climate change and environmental degradation.

*'This is the first time that the three of us feel compelled to address together the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on poverty and the importance of cooperation.'*

*'Caring for God's creation is a spiritual commission requiring a response of commitment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it.'*

**Read the full message at:**

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2021.index.html>

The message is also available in Spanish and Italian.

# Celebrating our Parish Feast Day Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September



- ❖ **Online reflection on the feast day for our children which will be available on our parish YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOuWB-xkzimV6TdjNbTbSnw>**
- ❖ **Praying of the Rosary at 12.30pm (via our website under Online Gatherings)**
- ❖ **A special feast day celebration of Mass which will be broadcast at 5pm (via our website under Online Gatherings)**
- ❖ **At 8pm a virtual pilgrimage in celebration of Mary through the various cultures that make up our family of faith. (Please see below).  
Via our website under Online Gatherings.**

## To Jesus Through Mary

Join us to our Marian Virtual Pilgrimage to celebrate the patronal feast of our parish on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, Wednesday, at 8pm.

You may find the Zoom link in the parish' online gatherings. See you there!

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. John 19:25-27

