



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



11th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

13 June 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Br. Ezechiele

Sick: Trevor Chard, Reynaldo Cruz
Martinez

Deceased Anniversaries:
Vincenzo Mollace, Marina Paino,
Ivan Byak



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The two agrarian parables of today's gospel (Mark 4:26-34) share the feature of seeds. The first, which is unique to Mark, begins with no interest in what the variety of seed is—just that the seeds are sown and in the incomprehensibly marvellous manner of seeds they sprout and grow and reproduce. It is only in the second part that the seed is said to be grain, and it is harvested like grain, for literally “he sends (in) the sickle” (borrowed from Joel 3:13), but it still matters not which grain—wheat, spelt, barley, rye or oats, the five grains of Israel. The farmer literally throws seed on the ground—an act that spoils any other food—and his risk pays off so that he gains more than he threw away.

In the second parable (shared by Matthew and Luke) we are told immediately that the seed is mustard (*sinapi* in Greek), but exactly what plant was meant is uncertain since neither *Brassica nigra* nor *Sinapis alba* fits the second part of the parable; neither grows branches that in any way could be called big. Perhaps something was lost in very early translations, or perhaps the form of the parable we have received blends two parables. Perhaps the point of the first part of this parable is, like the previous one, on the miraculous nature of growing things, indeed of all plants that come from seed: that anything of their size can unfold from something so small is simply wondrous. So too the kingdom of God may grow from small beginnings. However, the second part of this parable opens another possibility that the Lectionary itself has prepared us to hear; it uses the same language as that of the great branched cedar that shelters the birds in Ezekiel 17:22-23. That cedar grows from a mere shoot that God planted; it will remain where it is put, where it belongs, and there it provides sanctuary also for humble creatures.

There is a tendency for Christians to see in these parables' fruitfulness and the plenty that grows from precarious and small beginnings a parallel in the worldwide Church that began with such a small group of disciples of Jesus. The danger here is in equating the kingdom with the Church as if located in or constrained to it, rather than in seeing the Church as being a collaborating servant of the kingdom. The kingdom is God's doing, and what is produced is inherently open to others because that is God's intent. In this venture the disciples, as also us today, are indeed co-workers, Jesus cultivating them (and us) by teaching in private. In a real sense the Eucharist is one of these private moments, and so it is never to be a gathering of the self-satisfied; it is a teaching and feeding of workers in the harvest that goes on throughout the world and to which they shortly return. Rev Dr Barry Craig

Flowers this weekend donated for Andrew & Soohyang Lee's
61st Wedding Anniversary and Shiyeon Lee's birthday.

Within our Parish



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Next weekend the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be conducting its annual winter appeal. Deductions over \$2 are tax deductible.

Within the parish boundaries, there are significant pockets of public housing providing accommodation for mentally and physically disabled persons. Whilst the majority of these receive government pensions which cover everyday expenses, money is not always available for emergency or unusual situations such as white goods repairs/replacements and funeral expenses. Many of these residents lack life skills and have a lower level of education. The St Vincent de Paul Society receives many requests for help from these persons as well as from others in the community who are experiencing hardship. Help may include: financial or material assistance to overcome an emergency; budgeting advice; and referral to other agencies.

During the past six months, the Chatswood Conference of the Society received 32 requests for help from residents within the parish boundaries. Problems assisted with included legal, medical, pharmaceutical, gas, electricity, phone, domestic violence, housing, removal expenses and lack of food. Around \$5,000 was expended on these areas and a further \$1,500 was spent on the provision of white goods and furniture.

People seeking help can approach the welfare centre at our store at 285 Victoria Ave. The welfare centre passes these requests onto the Society members in our Parish who generally make home visits to assess their needs and the required assistance.



Our Piety stall now has eftpos facilities. Please come and have a browse at the many cards, rosary beads and religious items we have for sale. Open after all masses on the weekend.

When you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets.

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ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR SIGNUP FOR 2021



We have had a wonderful response to this new initiative. If you would like to reserve a date for Altar flowers, the 2021 flower calendar is up in the parish office. Altar flower requests

are currently being accepted for any Sunday during 2021. The suggested donation for flower memorials is \$100. Volunteers will then beautifully and simply arrange the flowers for Sunday. Please submit your donation at least one week prior to the date you would like to dedicate the flowers. This will give the parish office time to ensure your dedication is in the weekly bulletin.

You can call Nicole in the Parish Office to reserve a date on the Altar flower calendar in celebration, memory, honor of someone/event – or anything you'd like to recognize!



Please pray for our children who begin their Confirmation preparation this week.



SAVE OUR GRAVES CAMPAIGN

The Catholic Church has been operating cemeteries in NSW for more than 150 years, doing the merciful work of burying the dead, keeping their graves and giving comfort to grieving families.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher from the Archdiocese of Sydney has launched a petition to reverse a NSW Government decision to exclude faith and charitable groups from cemetery management.

Please share the petition with your parish community.

<https://saveourgraves.com.au>

[Click here for more information from Archbishop Anthony Fisher's newsletter](#)

From Fr David

Dear friends

A very special thank you to all those who contributed so generously to the Jesuit Refugee Services Foodbank Appeal. We had many, many items donated, all of which were transported last Wednesday. This will be a great help for many who are suffering enormously with anxiety about basic necessities at this time. Such social concern and advocacy is a key dimension of our community's life and it is very encouraging to see such a generous response. Thank you to all who could contribute something, and also to our delivery drivers last Wednesday.

Our gratitude to all those, too, who assisted in making our church look so beautiful for Corpus Christi Sunday. So many have commented on how beautiful our church looked, and on how meaningful our devotion to be on that day. This is possible only through the generosity of many people – and because of the special pastoral creativity of Fr Joey!

On 5 June, our Alpha programme enjoyed a Day of Retreat at Terrey Hills. This was deeply appreciated by all the participants and our special thanks to Gillian Hawkins and her great team for facilitating such an important moment in the programme.

Our programme of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation has commenced with Angela Hague, our Coordinator of Children's Ministry now having facilitated Parent Reflection Sessions for the 110 children enrolled in the programme. Confirmation this year will be celebrated across two ceremonies on Saturday 31 July. We wish all our children God's blessings as the work commenced at their Baptism is brought now to completion by their Confirmation.

Last Wednesday our Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council met again. I am very grateful for its commitment and creativity especially as we now prepare to learn from the parish community itself about future priorities. We will have a good deal more to share with you in July about how we can enter such an exercise in the coming months.

This coming week all the clergy of our parish will be at our annual diocesan clergy conference. Please keep us in your prayers! This is the first time that all the clergy have gathered with Bishop Anthony in person since COVID commenced so it will be a very special occasion for us. We are gathering at a location on the Central Coast. The mornings will be spent with the Bishop himself and the afternoons will be given to exploring the themes of Evangelisation, Safeguarding and Catholic Education. The conference begins on the evening of Monday 14 June and concludes on the night of Thursday 17 June. Thanks to our confreres of the Prelature of the Holy Cross (Opus Dei), our Mass

schedule during the week will remain unaffected. **However, please note the Sacrament of Anointing will not be celebrated this Wednesday the 3rd of the month.** We will resume this celebration in July. Of course, our parish office will remain open in the ordinary way.

Some good news: Bishop Anthony has announced that the Ordination of Deacon Aldrin to the Priesthood will take place on Tuesday 19 October. We extend our prayer and affection for Deacon Aldrin as he continues to prepare for this most auspicious moment. We also look forward to sharing his Mass of Thanksgiving which will take place in our church on Wednesday 20 October.

My gratitude to you all with the heart of Mary.
Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG

BBN – is available in Church.

The June issue features BB35 celebrations, Joseph House opening, stories from the amazing works of CatholicCare, 200 years of Catholic education in Australia Celebration Mass, and lots more! Click on the link below to read the online version.
https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_june_2021_issue_210



STREETWORK SUPPORTERS BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2021
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
WILLOUGHBY UNITING CHURCH
LEVEL 1, 10 CLANWILLIAM STREET

We're looking forward to seeing you at our annual StreetWork Supporters Breakfast. The morning starts with a complimentary hot breakfast and fruit, followed by guest speaker Pauline Draffin and updates from our youth services team.

RSVP with your name and phone number for catering/dietary reasons to info@streetwork.org.au or call (02) 9419 7559.

BB35
CELEBRATING
35 YEARS
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



THE YEAR
OF ST JOSEPH
& THE FAMILY
2021

THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR WONDERFULLY GENEROUS RESPONSE TO THE APPEAL FOR JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES

On Wednesday 9 June, donations of food and toiletries left the parish in three carloads from Our Lady of Dolours School and in an SUV and a van from our parish. Thanks to our drivers, Andi Liem and David Gorman from the parish and Shelley McLoughlin, Katie Critchon and Tamara Avakian from the school. Thank you to Millie Brown, REC, for organising the JRS appeal at Our Lady of Dolours' school.



Thanks also to Veronica and Edmund Tan who helped the parish team pack the donations. Many thanks to Mary Gallagher, Nellie Njoroge, Jeanette Cowell, Suan Quek, Ditas Naguit and Mercedita Martinez who helped me sort and repack your most generous donations of food and toiletries. *Gail Gill*

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 14 June	6.30pm	Spanish Choir practice (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Alpha (Magnificat & St Paul Rooms)
Tuesday 15 June	9.30am	Playgroup (Magnificat Room)
	9.45am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary Group (St Peter Room)
Wednesday 16 June	7pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
	6.30pm	Indonesian music practice (Church)
	7pm	Faith Enrichment Group (St Peter Room)
Thursday 17 June	9.45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
	6.30pm	Vinnies English Conversations (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Reconciliation (Church)
Friday 18 June	10am	Meditation (via on-line zoom)
	7pm	CIC Choir & Music practice (Church)
	7pm	Hallelujah Team (Magnificat Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Choir practice (St Paul Room)
Saturday 19 June	10.30am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
Sunday 20 June	9am	10.30am choir practice (St Paul Room)
	10am	Family Choir practice (St Peter Room)
	11.30am	Our Lady Help of Christians Assoc. (St Paul Room)
	4pm	Music Ministry practice for 5.30pm Youth Mass (Church)
	5pm	Indonesian Choir practice (St Paul Room)
	6pm	Indonesian Mass preparation (Magnificat Room)

When safeguarding is embedded in Parish leadership, governance and culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.