



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish

Corpus Christi

14 June 2020 – Year

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Anniversaries:

John O'Hara, Marina
Paino, Pat Hanrahan

Recently Deceased:

Mike Atwell



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The St Vincent de Paul

Winter Appeal will not be taken
up in our church this month.

The decision was made by our
parish SVDP Conference in light
of the smaller numbers at Mass,
the issues around cash handling,
and the generous response of the parish to the SVDP Bushfire Appeal.

The national Winter Appeal is still going ahead though, and you can
make a tax deductible contribution at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/>



Corpus Christi

Church repairs: We have begun repairs on the extensive cracks in the
church walls which extend to both the interior plaster and the
exterior brickwork. The brickwork is being stitched together in such a
way which will make it resilient to future movement of the church
which sits on footings in the clay. The interior will then be re-
rendered. We've deemed that this is important enough to delve into
the parish's 'rainy day' account to ensure the church walls don't
deteriorate further.

Booking online for Mass: After you have successfully booked online
you will receive two confirmation emails; one from Nicole Gorman,
and another from Trybooking. The Trybooking email has a box to
"print tickets" which will allow you to either physically print from
your PC, or to bring up a scannable code on your phone. Please
present this when you arrive at Mass. If you don't receive both emails
check your junk or spam folders.

Aldrin Valdehueza: Bishop Anthony has appointed Aldrin Valdehueza
to our parish, commencing mid-July. Aldrin is a final year seminarian,
at the same stage as Sam French. Aldrin will be here through to his
ordination as a deacon which we presume will be in the latter half of
this year, and his ordination as priest which we presume will be in the
second quarter of next year. Aldrin was born in the Philippines, is now
in his mid-thirties, and has done some of his seminary formation in the
Philippines and the last 4 or 5 years at Homebush. This will be quite
different to Sam's placement here last year which was a time of
gaining experience at the service of discernment of his suitability to
proceed to ordination. Aldrin has already had that experience and will
be coming here to prepare for and to begin his life as an ordained
ministry. Sam French has been appointed to Pennant Hills Parish.

**The Church will be closed this Tuesday 16th June from 10am until 2pm
for Mike Atwell's funeral. The family will not be live-streaming the
mass.**

WITHIN OUR PARISH

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your new 2020-2021 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES from the main foyer of the Church. The boxes of envelopes are in alphabetical order. Please note that your Planned Giving Envelope no. might be different from last year.



Thank you for collecting them this way as it saves a considerable amount on postage costs for the parish.

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

We will resume this devotion on Saturday 27th June at 10am which coincidentally is the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Following the devotion, we shall have morning tea in the Magnificat Room to celebrate this special feast of Our Lady. Please bring a plate to share if you can. Everyone is welcome.



CENACLE (ROSARY) MEETING: The Cenacle meeting which used to take place every Monday at 11.30 am will now take place every Monday at 10am in the church until resumption of the midday Mass.

SEWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: At our most recent meeting the Liturgy committee has recommended that the parish allocate each Altar Server their own Alb for hygiene reasons and while many of our servers do already have their own robe, we need to make several more. The liturgy committee is seeking volunteers who can assist with creating patterns for new Albs and then sewing them. Fabric will be provided by the parish.

If you are able to assist with creating the patterns or sewing the Albs, please contact Hamish Lavery on 0408 702 418 or the Parish office on 9410 9000.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS RE COMING TO MASS:

- All weekend mass bookings to be done online.
- Bring your ticket with you to be scanned at the front door.
- Park in Kirk Street carpark.
- Entry via the main Church doors only.
- No need to wear a face mask or gloves.
- Hand sanitisers at main Church doors.
- Communion given in hand only.
- No communion from the chalice.
- Sit in pews as marked throughout Church.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL met again on the 2nd of June for our fifth meeting of the year via video conference. As coronavirus restrictions continue to ease, we are hopeful that we can soon resume meeting face to face.

In the meantime, the reopening of our church for private prayer, and more recently mass for up to 50 people (until restrictions ease further) has been a welcome change.

The profound changes over the last few months led us to discuss some of the positive changes that we wish to continue to pursue. These include (i) to improve and encourage the profile and awareness of the wonderful groups, ministries, volunteer opportunities and parishioners of our parish and (ii) to develop a broader communication strategy including the effective use of social media mediums for the parish. We will keep you updated with our progress on these endeavours.

As part of our spiritual reading, we also reflected on how social injustice has been so pervasive in the past, that it is likely to have shaped our perspectives today. While we may see some of the social injustice, inequality, racism and sexism with the benefit of hindsight, there is still much inequality and injustice we are blind (or ineffective) to today. The first steps for change are to bring these perspectives we have into the light.
Parish Pastoral Council



COVID restrictions have prevented the usual community celebrations. There are a number of activities online at www.refugee.org. Please remember refugees in your prayers as their lives are made more complex because of COVID.

Lord Jesus,
In the refugee family, seeking safety from violence, may we recognise your Spirit.
In the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables, may we recognise your Spirit.
In the family seeking asylum, seeking justice, may we recognise your Spirit.
Open our hearts to welcome strangers, as you welcomed all people. Amen



*Sydney Alliance
Welcomes
\$6 million for
Vulnerable People*

In April, Sydney Alliance contacted NSW members of parliament with their first-hand stories of people in crisis who had been left behind because of their visa status. On 3 June Acting Minister for Multiculturalism Geoff Lee said that the NSW government would provide \$6 million in funding to ensure that the most vulnerable temporary visa holders in the State, including victims of domestic violence have access to food, medicine, and housing. This allocation of funding is in addition to \$20 million in temporary crisis accommodation for international students in need.

The funding will be distributed through organisations such as Jesuit Refugees Services (JRS), greater detail is yet to be announced. In the past two months JRS alone has seen a 224% increase in demand for its services and has delivered food parcels to 3,800 people who are facing homelessness, risk of suicide and despair.

Our Work with Sydney Alliance

Since last month, Sydney Alliance has facilitated zoom meetings of church and community leaders from the lower north shore area. The initial aim was to work together to address issues impacting people seeking asylum and refugees. Fr Jim, Gail Gill, Anthony Seeto, Brendan Tertini and Bernadette Ho are attending these meetings.

Our first shared task is to open dialogue with Gladys Berejiklian in her capacity as MP, by thanking her for the \$6 million funding. We are continuing to research the focus for working together as a Lower North Shore group. More information soon!

Government spending:

In weeks and months to come, both NSW and Federal Governments are likely to spend \$millions on post-Covid-19 economic stimulus. Our partner the Sydney Alliance wants to know what you think should be the priorities for government spending. Budgets are about choices based on values and priorities. Sydney Alliance would love to hear yours:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJMXS6L>

It's not too late to donate!

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the JRS Foodbank. Donations can be made until Sunday 21 June.

Following the first delivery to JRS at Westmead, Zoe from JRS sent this message of thanks:

Wow what a generous community! Thank you so much for supporting this amazing initiative. Your donations will go such a long way, especially during this time when our clients have been facing extra tough challenges during COVID-19. We really appreciate your support and kindness.

CASH DONATIONS

If you can assist JRS with a much needed cash donation go to www.jrs.org.au/donate-now/ or contact JRS on 9356 3888 or at info@jrs.org.au

ITEMS FOR THE FOODBANK

FOOD

- Basmati Rice
- Cooking Oil
- Long life milk
- Tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas & fruit
- Biscuits & muesli bars
- Oats & cereals

TOILETRIES

- Nappies (large)
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Sanitary pads
- Razors & shaving foam
- Deodorant (male & female)
- Soap

Items can be left in the St Peter meeting room on Sundays between 7.45am and midday from Sunday 24 May to Sunday 21 June.

Thanks for your generosity!

CATHOLIC NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND. Every week our Diocese produces an electronic newsletter called BBNeighbourhoods which contains information from the Bishop and agencies of our Diocese which are relevant to us here in the parish both in our personal prayer lives and for the ministries of which many of us are a part. We put some of this material in our parish bulletin but there is always far more than we can fit in, so to subscribe to receive it yourself email

communications@bbcatholic.org.au

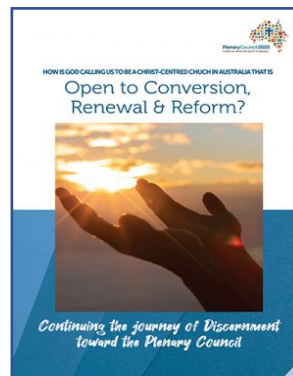
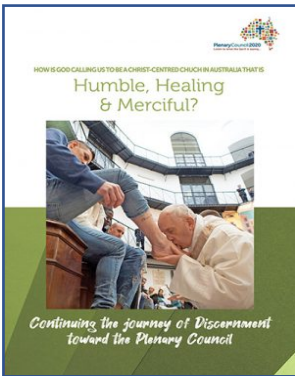
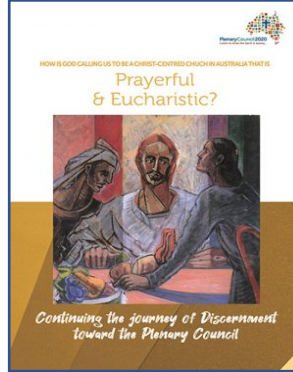
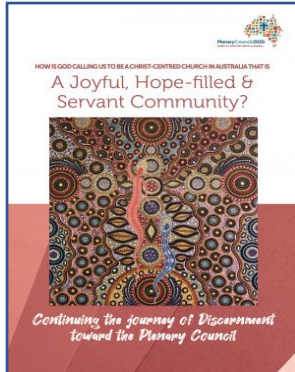
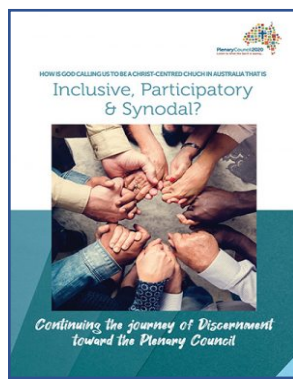
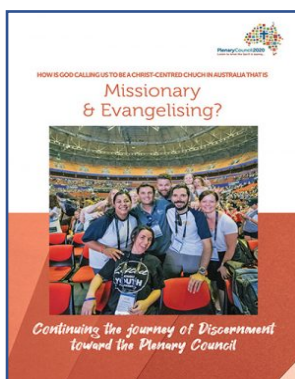
RELEASE OF PLENARY COUNCIL DISCERNMENT PAPERS

The Writing and Discernment Groups have been working with the listening and discernment received from across Australia for several months. They have completed the thematic papers that will go towards shaping the first Assembly of the Plenary Council.

Go to **Discernment Papers** at:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

Look for the six papers which can be downloaded or read online.



WE INVITE YOU TO REGISTER WITH OUR PARISH WELCOME!

Deciding on a church home is an important step in becoming established in a local community and we are so happy that you have decided to become a member of our parish community. We hope that you will soon feel comfortable and at home with us and will begin to be involved in parish life.

Thank you for registering!

Parish Registration Process

The registration process is easy. Just download the Parish Registration form from the parish website www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood, click on the orange box 'Parish Registration Details'. You may return it to the parish office by mail, email or in person or drop it into the collection basket during Sunday mass.

Why is a Parish Registration important?

Parish registration is important because it helps us to serve you, improve communicate and provide information to you! For example, your registration will allow us to access your sacramental records, to issue letters on your behalf, verifying you're an active parishioner in connection to Baptism, Communion, Confirmation or Marriage. Being registered will ensure you receive an electronic copy of the weekly parish bulletin.

Updates and Changes

For those already registered, it would be great to know if you have:

- Changed address in recent years
- Welcomed a new child to the family
- Pledged for planned giving donations

Parishioners who are returning after a time away, we welcome you back! Feel free to use the parish registration form to submit updates as applicable.

Thank you for your assistance in providing up to date information, as this helps us in our planning and decision making for the future of our beautiful parish.