



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



4th SUNDAY in LENT
14 March 2021 – Year B/1

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

Deceased Anniversaries:

Deceased members of Umali & Morales family, Gladys Tomsett

Recently Deceased:

Dawn Millgate

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16 MARCH 2021
T U E S D A Y

CHATSWOOD

Quincentennial Launch
Eucharistic Celebration

Our Lady of Dolours Parish
94 Archer St, Chatswood
7:30 PM
to be officiated by
Bishop Anthony Randazzo

BROKEN BAY DIOCESE 2021
FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY
Quincentennial Celebrations

Mass numbers are capped at 300 so you must book in.
Please go to our website, www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood, click on 'News & Events', then 'Events' and book through trybooking link .



In today's Gospel (John 3:14-21; we see the reflection for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 14 September). The first link is clear, being found in the references to God's "great love for the world". The second is less obvious, and yet, as is so typical of John, it involves an even deeper, incarnational layer that is conveyed only indirectly, imaginatively. It is located in the reference to the image of the bronze serpent lifted up in view of those bitten by serpents. In the desert, the image of that which causes the injury becomes the cause of healing. But the image of the thing stands in for the thing itself (like synecdoche, a figure of speech), here revealing that at God's instigation the injurer then heals the injury. In this case, Jesus the man heals what human beings had hurt; salvation can be achieved only by God the creator, and this is manifest in Christ, God truly incarnate, such that in his true humanity is humanity's salvation wrought.

Within the Parish

CANCELLATION OF OLPH NOVENA – 13th March & 3rd April

The Novena for 13th March will be cancelled as there will be a working bee cleaning the church in preparation for Easter in the morning following 9am Mass. There will also be no rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Novena will also be cancelled on 3rd April as it is Holy Saturday.

THE DAY OF THE UNBORN – Sunday 21st March 2021

As Catholics we need to stand up for the life of unborn children. We recognise that abortion is a tragedy for both the child and the parent. On Sunday 21st March parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in a procession to mark the Day of the Unborn Child in a peaceful and prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney from St Mary's Cathedral. Join us and others from across Sydney [in College Street at the western side of the Cathedral](#) (instead of the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral) as we prepare to process through the streets of Sydney under the banner of Our Lady of Sorrows. The procession, [which will start at 12.20 pm](#), is aligned to the Feast of the Annunciation which commemorates the day in history where Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ became Incarnate. On this day "the Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us." What better day than this to remember the plight of the unborn child in the modern world. For people who have been affected by an abortion experience, Rachel's Vineyard offer retreats and other resources/assistance which bring spiritual and emotional healing - [Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Sydney: Retreat Information \(rachelsaus.blogspot.com\)](#) - 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au



Eucaristías en Español

Our next **SPANISH MASS** will be on March 21, 2021 at 3 pm for this month. We will resume having it at 12:00 pm next month. Please invite your family and friends!

Nuestra próxima misa en español será el 21 de marzo de 2021 a las 3 pm de este mes. Volveremos a tener misa a las 12:00 pm el próximo mes. ¡Invite a su familia y amigos!

Women & the New Testament



Dr Michele Connolly rsj provided a wonderful seminar for a large group of women and men on Saturday 6 March, as a way of celebrating International Women's Day this year. Some of the comments from participants referred to Michele's very engaging way of presenting the New Testament and the learning she opened up for them.

Michele is a Sister of St Joseph in Lochinvar. She began theological studies in the 1980s in Melbourne and then in Chicago. She completed a PhD in New Testament in Berkeley, California. Michele has been teaching the New Testament at Catholic Institute Sydney for 20 years, where she is now an Associate Professor.

Last Saturday, Michele shared both her love and vast knowledge of the New Testament in a lively and most enjoyable way. Her concluding remarks urged us to hold on to the hope of Jesus' resurrection expressed throughout the New Testament and to own what is written there for all of us in the 21st century, while respecting the world of the 1st century church.

ENROLLING NOW for 2023 Years 5, 6 & 7

ST PIUS X COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 20 MARCH

Chatswood Campus
35 Anderson Street Chatswood
9am - 3pm – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL via website

Oxford Falls Campus and Sports Complex
1 Dreadnought Road, Oxford Falls
8am - 12noon

www.spx.nsw.edu.au

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From Fr David

Dear friends

Please remember Deacon Kevin in your prayers. His very aged mother has now come to the end of her time with us, and he is keeping vigil with her in hospital. We extend to him our prayer and affection.

Since my arrival people have often indicated to me the difficulty with the quality of the sound through our church. It is truly in need of attention! We have begun to work on this problem, having engaged a consultant with experience in such buildings. His initial estimation indicates that our basic system is adequate but the problem primarily lays with the speakers – the lack of them, and the positioning of the ones we do have. However, the initial task is to undertake an acoustics test of the building: this will indicate to us not only the number of speakers we need, but both their positioning and the angle in which they need to be mounted. I am now hopeful that we will be able to progress this and that we will be able at least to improve matters relatively soon. There is much else for us to do in our church, and I would want us to proceed in as integrated way as possible. We will have much more to say about this as the year progresses. However, I do think the sound problem is of such significance that it is important we do something in that regards as quickly as possible.

We also have recurring difficulties with the projector in our church. It seems that new and stronger cabling is required. However, given the cost of running new cable, and the possibility of reviewing the entire electrical design of our church, we might need to persevere through this year whilst we consider the renewal of our church more generally.

We have now installed air conditioning upstairs in the parish office. This will make work much more comfortable, especially on very warm days. My thanks to Michael Mercer, our Facilities and Finance Manager for organising this for us.

Recently, a group of our parishioners with Chinese heritage gathered to consider how we might support the members of our community with Chinese culture. It was a very constructive discussion. Though it was not thought that a distinct parish association was required at this time, especially given the well-established gatherings at Lindfield, there was great energy to come together on specific occasions in the parish to celebrate Chinese culture. We also acknowledge the tremendous contribution of Grace Tai in her facilitation of the Rite of Christian Initiation

(RCIA) for our Chinese people. If anyone would like further information about how we can support those with Chinese background please contact Amelia Lee at amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au

This Sunday our Youth Group for Years 7-9 meet. We are very grateful to Mercy College for allowing us the use of their basketball court for this activity. It was a privilege for me to be present in our church last Tuesday as Years 5 and 6 from Pius X College gathered to receive a bible each, pledging to let the Word of God shape their lives.

In this coming week we have some very significant celebrations. On Tuesday 16 March at 7.30pm Bishop Anthony and the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Yllana will join us as we celebrate the 5th centenary of Christian faith in the Philippines. Our Filipino community has been working hard to make this a beautiful event. Then on Wednesday 17 March we mark St Patrick's Day, acknowledging the remarkable contribution of the Irish culture to our country and Church. Mass will be celebrated at 9am and at 8pm. Then, on Thursday 19 March we celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph. Mass will be at 9am and at 7pm, followed by Stations of the Cross. In this Year of Joseph, we are celebrating a novena to St Joseph in these nine days.

Next weekend we will have visitors with us from StreetWork. StreetWork is a local community outreach that seeks to give at-risk youth the same opportunities as their peers. To grow, to achieve their dreams and to develop as a person with high self-esteem. It provides one-on-one mentoring in a bid to break the cycle of destructive influences and behaviours and help them turn their lives around. Our parish has enjoyed a long association with this organisation and we would like to encourage this friendship into the future. Already we support Streetwork with BBQs at Bunnings (the next being on Easter Saturday 3 April). However, we would like to introduce a "Streetwork Sunday" each year during the Season of Lent to enable us to be more mindful of those less advantaged than ourselves and as part of our common commitment to almsgiving. This year, this Sunday will take place next Sunday 20/21 March. For further information do look at StreetWork's very informative website: www.streetwork.org.au

Lastly, we are in the final stages of publishing a new Parish Directory. This will be readily available and will include all the information about all the many groups and activities in our parish! **Fr David**

Baptism This Weekend:
Ryan Chung



Catholic Women Consultation

SHARE & CELEBRATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION
AND VISION OF THE CHURCH
AS CATHOLIC WOMEN IN AUSTRALIA

Catholic women are being invited to participate in an online national consultation. Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Bishop Michael Morrissey will be present to hear the voice of Catholic Women from around Australia.

SATURDAY 27 MARCH

2 – 4PM

VIA ZOOM

To register before 4pm Friday 26 March, please go to:

www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicwomen

The March consultation will inform the development and agenda of a national women's event in September.



Has recommenced

Our playgroup will be held every fortnight
on a Tuesday

in the Magnificat Meeting Room

Between 9.30-11.30am

Our next session will be **THIS Tuesday 16th March.**

We are also looking for caring parishioners who would be interested in helping to host our playgroup parents, carers and children on a rostered basis.

If you would like to join playgroup, or are interested in being a helper please contact Angela in the parish office.



A new podcast was launched on International Women's Day, 8 March. An initiative of *Women and the Australian Church* (WATAC) and *The Grail* in Australia, the podcast will highlight and share the voices of women breaking open the Word of God in ways that are meaningful for people today. <https://australianwomenpreach.com.au>

The podcast will run for the 30 weeks leading into the historic Plenary Council in October 2021.

The first podcast features Jacqui Remond, co-founder of the Global Catholic Climate Taskforce. Other early episodes will feature Cristina Lledo Gomez, Patty Fawkner SGS, Melinda Jolly and Tau'alofa Anga'aelangi. For further information, email australianwomenpreach@gmail.com

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday 14 March	9am	Family Mass and Blessing for Kindergarten children
	10am	Legion of Mary (Magnificat Room)
	10am	Teen Group (St Paul Room)
Monday 15 March	6pm	"The Jesus I never knew" Seminar (Magnificat Room)
Tuesday 16 March	9am	Children's Playgroup (Magnificat Room)
	9.45am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	7.30pm	Mass with Bishop Randazzo and Apostolic Nuncio, celebrating the 5 th centenary of Filipino Church (online bookings essential)
Weds 17 March	9am and 8pm	Mass for St Patrick's Day
	11am	Stations of the Cross (Church)
	7pm	Faith Enrichment Group (St Peter Room)
Thursday 18 March	7pm	Lenten Holy Hour (Church)
	6.30pm	Vinnies Conversations (St Paul Room)
	Friday 19 March	9am and 7pm
10am		Meditation (St Paul Room)
11.30am		Dawn Millgate Funeral
	7pm	Hallelujah Prayer Group (Magnificat Room)
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross (Church)
	Sunday 21 March	3pm
4pm		Acolytes and Senior Servers Meeting (Magnificat Room)
7pm		Indonesian Culture Mass