

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
**Chatswood Catholic Parish**



THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT  
15 December 2019 – Year A/2

**CHRISTMAS MASSES 2019:**

**Christmas Eve 24 Dec -**

Children's Mass – 5:30pm,

Vigil Mass – 8:30pm;

Midnight Mass – 12:00am

**Christmas Day 25 Dec – 7:30am,**

9:00am and 10:30am

Parking via Kirk Street. There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL  
THIS WEEKEND**

As we move towards the celebration of Christmas may we continue in faith to hear the voices of all those in need. In offering justice and peace and hope for the hopeless, we will be shaping a more just and compassionate society. Donations for the Appeal will help families get the support they need to provide for their children and get their lives back on track. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

**Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Mass:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> practice is **TODAY** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the Blue Room (*where we hold Children's Liturgy*). We will allocate roles and have a quick first practice at this meeting.

**Novena of Dawn Masses During Advent:** Advent is a time of expectation and anticipation, a time of celebration, and a time for prayer. The annual Novena of dawn masses is a spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. It is an expression of our faith and thanksgiving for our blessings.

**The Novena of dawn masses at Our Lady of Dolours Parish in Chatswood will be held DAILY from 16-24 December 2019 at 5:30am** followed by light refreshments on the Church forecourt. It is a wonderful way to start the day with an early morning Mass and fellowship with the community.

Everyone is invited to come and join the parish community in continuing this beautiful tradition which originated from the Philippines and is now celebrated in many Australian parishes.

**Delivering Christmas invitations....**In our parish family we often speak of the importance of invitation. We try to be a community where inviting others to our events is a normal part of parish life. We also value hospitality and try to put ourselves out to welcome everyone who graces us with their presence. We have printed 7500 Christmas cards inviting people to join us for Christmas Mass which we are hoping to deliver to every household in the parish. We invite you to simply take a bunch of cards and cross the street, to which you will deliver, off the list. Note that we can only deliver within the parish's official boundary. Deliver to your own street, or to a street near you to get some Advent exercise!

**We Need Your Help welcoming this Christmas...** At Christmas time we will have a large number of visitors to the parish many of whom will be people living locally who do not ordinarily go to church. We only get one chance to make a first impression and we want it to be a great one for everyone who comes here. A welcome can make all the difference as to whether a person will come back and visit us again. We would love you to be part of our hospitality teams for the Christmas Masses and we can show you what needs to be done. We especially need help on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day itself. Please add your names to the lists in the foyer or email [bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au)

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## WITHIN OUR PARISH

### FAREWELL ADRIAN

We will farewell Adrian at the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> and a pub meal afterwards. We're inviting back all the young adults who have been part of youth ministry with Adrian over these past 7 years. Please RSVP to [jim.mckeon@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jim.mckeon@bbcatholic.org.au) for this meal. If you cannot be here you may like to sign an Acclaim T-Shirt for Adrian this Sunday night.

### FAREWELL SAM

Sam French will conclude his placement as a seminarian in our parish on Christmas Day. We will have the opportunity to farewell him at Masses on Dec 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, with morning tea after the 9am Mass.

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

**Deceased Anniversaries:** Marija Vlatko, Con Menezes, Tam Wan Ng, Tam King Wan, Tam Wai Lin, Ng Lai Wah, Chan Wah Bo, Chan Cheng Hay, Chan Cheng Gung, Tam Chung Big,

**Recently Deceased:** Colin Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's father), Helen McKeon

**Sick:** Helen Shortall, Rose Medina, Maria Schiavo

**Baptisms:** Neve Maynard, Ethan Hokin and Harper Hokin

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT O.L.D.

#### Monday

7pm Indonesian Legion of Mary in St Peter

#### Tuesday

9.30am Bible discussion in St Paul

6.45pm Filipino Chaplaincy Choir practice in church

#### Wednesday

10am OLD Primary End of Year Liturgy in Church

7pm Midnight Mass choir practice in Church

7pm Filipino Chaplaincy meeting in Magnificat

#### **Thursday - 12.15pm Anointing Mass in the Church**

6.30pm English Conversations Club in St Paul

7pm Faith Enrichment Group in St Peter

#### Friday

10am Meditation in St Paul Topic: Spiritual Journey 3

7.30pm Home Rosary 34 Dalleys Road, Naremburn

#### Saturday

6.30pm Community Dinner in Harrington Hall

#### Sunday

10.15am Teen/Kids Choir Christmas mass practice in St Paul

5.30pm Adrian/Acclaim Farewell Mass & Dinner

### NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Come and give thanks for 2019 and pray the new year in as we celebrate Mass at 7pm on New Year's Eve with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following until 9pm.

### MEETING ROOM BOOKINGS FOR 2020

Please email me your request for the use of the meeting rooms with all relevant details.

Please put your request in writing and email it to [Nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au) by Friday 20 December. **Your current booking will not automatically be rolled over to 2020.**

### TEEN YOUTH GROUP

Our teen youth group is for young people in Year 7-10 in 2020, including Year 6 graduates of 2019. We have a gathering once a month on Sunday mornings during school term, and day trips during school holidays. Our summer holiday outing will be ice skating on Wed Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, led by our young adult (university student) leaders and Fr Jim. A permission form is on the website [www.chatswoodparish.org.au](http://www.chatswoodparish.org.au) or contact [chatswoodparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

### CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES

Our 6 Christmas Masses are an expression of our communal life as a parish. What ministry will you do at Christmas? Our musicians are already practicing, and some roles are already allocated, but we have need of the following:

- Parking attendants for the 5.30pm & 8.30pm vigils, and the 9am and 10.30am day Masses
- First aid officers for the 5.30pm vigil Mass
- A Minister of the Word for 10.30am Mass

Volunteer sign-up sheets for these as well as for Welcomers are in the foyer.

Contact Gerard Ryan on 9419 8310 or [gerardryan@bigpond.com](mailto:gerardryan@bigpond.com) if you would like to serve or give Communion at a Christmas Mass or Susanna Siu on [sansusanna@gmail.com](mailto:sansusanna@gmail.com) if you would like to take up the collections.

### RECONCILIATION

The season of Advent is a time when many people approach the sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to our usual weekly time of Thursday 7pm & Saturday 9.30am, during December there will also be Reconciliation available at 12.45pm Mondays and 9.30am Fridays.

### FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

We had a lovely display of flowers at Easter through the generosity of parishioners who donated flowers to the church. We invite people once again to bring flowers and Christmas bush which can be used to adorn the church for Christmas. Please drop them off in the Church or the Parish Office on Monday 23 December. Thank you.



# WHY IS THERE ANOTHER PHASE OF DISCERNMENT for the Plenary Council 2020?

Some people are wondering why we have been invited into a second phase of discernment for the Plenary Council. Particularly when the six major themes have been identified from the thousands of responses received from all over Australia. Isn't that all that is needed to form the agenda of the Plenary Council when it meets next year? Well no, more prayerful discernment is needed to ensure that all of us are really hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit in the midst of so many voices who have expressed sometimes very strong and even angry opinions, which frequently contradict each other.

Christian discernment may be something that is quite new for some of us. We are so surrounded by debate in many areas of daily life, that decision making may seem to involve defending viewpoints, defeating those with whom we disagree and in so doing, polarising differences. Christian discernment uncovers a decision rather than makes it: discovers what is most life-giving and loving by listening for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and in all voices and seeking to hold polarities in balance.

Pope Francis reminds us that the Church does not grow by proselytising or by argument but by attractiveness. Ultimately, it is the beauty of God that attracts. As Church we are facing difficult decisions, some of these are potentially culture changing decisions. We are divided. There is a need to go deeper than what each of us wants as individuals for the Church, or to align ourselves with a particular faction and hear only what is being said there.

Christian discernment takes time. Ideally, it is a way of living by learning to listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit present to us in prayer, in Scripture, in our own hearts, in the lives of others and in the events of each day. The invitation to this second phase of discernment is to take up the six identified themes for the Plenary Council and to prayerfully discern the actions the Holy Spirit is leading the Church in Australia towards. What should we look for? The Holy Spirit brings about unity in signs of fruitfulness; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.  
(Galatians 5:22-23)

*Discernment engages us in the dance of the Spirit. It puts us in touch with the Spirit of God ... who invites us to cooperate in the creation of a world made in the image of God.*

David Lonsdale SJ

## WHAT ARE THE THEMES?

More than 222,000 people contributed a total of 17, 457 submissions during the first stage of preparation for the Australian Plenary Council. The data gathered has been organised into six themes:

1. Missionary & Evangelising
2. Humble, Healing & Merciful
3. Joyful, Hope-filled & Servant Community
4. Open to Conversion, Renewal & Reform
5. Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal
6. Prayerful & Eucharistic

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Go to [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

Select the **RESOURCES** tab for the reports and the discernment process in English, Chinese, Tagalog, Korean and seven other languages.

- ◆ You may wish to gather with friends, family or parishioners for discernment.
- ◆ Familiarise yourself with the discernment process.
- ◆ Select a Theme to which you would like to respond.

Follow the instructions to send your discerned response.

## A DISCERNED RESPONSE

In October and November, a small group of parishioners gathered to discern a response to *How is God calling to be a Christ centred Church in Australia that is:*

Missionary & Evangelising (Oct)  
Humble, Healing & Merciful (Nov)

*God is calling us to be a Christ centred Church in Australia that is Missionary & Evangelising by:*

1. Reclaiming the role of the Holy Spirit in leading us to share as disciples in Jesus' mission of bringing about the Reign of God.
2. Establishing national guidelines for the formation and appointment of lay leaders to support parish priests.
3. Encouraging priests and deacons to consult with and share the presentation of homilies with lay people.
4. Supporting the call of women to the diaconate and their installation as lectors.

**PARISH MASS & DEVOTIONS TIMETABLE**

**Monday to Friday** – Monday 12.15pm, Tuesday & Wednesday 9am, Thursday 9am & 12.15pm, Friday 9am

**Saturday** - 9am and 5.30pm (Vigil)

**Sunday** - 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

**Filipino Mass (in English)** 12noon; 1<sup>st</sup> Sun of month

**Indonesian Mass;** 7pm; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of month

**Family Mass** - 9am each Sunday

**Children’s Choir** at 9am Family Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month (Please arrive at 8.30am for setup and practice.)

**Teen Choir** at 9am Family Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

**Kids’ Word** - Children’s Liturgy of the Word for ages 3-6 & 6-10. Meet in Church at 9am every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. (Except long weekends & school holidays.)

**Youth Mass** - 5.30pm each Sunday

**Reconciliation** - 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday & 7pm-8pm each Thursday. Any time by request.

**Morning Prayer** - 8.45am Tuesday to Saturday

**Rosary** - 9.30am Monday to Saturday;

**Cenacle** - each Monday at 11.30am

**Exposition** - 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday

**Adoration:** Thursday after 9am mass. Ends with Divine Mercy Chaplet. Also, on Thursdays 7-8pm.

**Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help** – Saturday 10.00am with **Benediction** 10.30am

**Anointing of the Sick** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month at 12.15pm weekday Mass, before surgery or medical treatment, or by request.

**Baptisms** - Go to our website to book or contact Bernadette Ho. (*details on front page*)

**Weddings** - Contact the parish secretary.

For a **Marriage/Anniversary Blessing** at a Saturday/Sunday Mass contact Nicole in the Parish Office on 94109000 (at least 1 month before requested Mass)

**SUNDAY MASS READINGS:**

**Entrance:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Is 35:1-6, 10 God himself will come and save us.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, come and save us.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** James 5:7-10 You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord’s coming will be soon.

**Gospel:** Mt 11:2-11 Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

**READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS:**

**MON:** Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27

**TUES:** Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

**WEDS:** Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24

**THURS:** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25

**FRI:** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

**SAT:** Song 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-45

**CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES**

	14/15 Dec	21/22 Dec
<b>Vigil</b> 5.30pm	Fr John(K)	Fr John(S)
<b>Sun</b> 7.30am	Fr John	Bishop David
9.00am	Fr Jim	Fr John
10.30am	Bishop David	Fr Jim(K)
5.30pm	Fr Jim(K)	Fr John

	5.30 pm Saturday	7.30 am Sunday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5.30 pm Sunday
Week 4 21 & 22 December	Junior Server: Isabella Ho James Ho Genevieve Ho Emanuela Leung Viviana Leung  Senior Server: Catherine Ho Mike Kilkeary	Junior Server: Phoebe Thompson Eliza Thompson  Senior Server: Gerard Ryan Rose Thompson	Junior Server: Alex Evans Tom Evans Matthew Evans Adrian Kan  Senior Server: Sean Dixon Patrick Dixon Benton Ng Nicole Ng	Junior Server: Angeline Dizon Jasmine Dizon Arwen Taqueban  Senior Server: Kenneth Dizon Paul Taqueban	Junior Server: Eda Chiou Andrew Kim Margaret Kim Jade Jimenez Jewel Jimenez  Senior Server: Fernanda Carrillo James Godfrey

**Working in a child-related ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay**

Paid and volunteer workers who have direct face to face contact with children (under 18 years) are required by law to obtain a Working with Children Check number. Please note though exemptions may apply in some cases. The Parish is the employer of the paid or volunteer worker and therefore is required by law to verify the Working with Children Check number. All paid or volunteer workers engaged in a child-related role must have a clear Working with Children Check to work in a child-related ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.