



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish

3rd & 4th SUNDAY of LENT

15 & 22 March 2020 – Year A/2

Come to our **PARISH WORKING BEE** on Saturday April 4th to get the church ready for the Easter celebrations.

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Listening to the hurt: The events of Cardinal Pell's High Court appeal in the news this week and the ABC documentary on clergy sexual abuse which will screen next week bring into our awareness yet again the scandal of sexual abuse by clergy over so many decades. This scandal touches the wounds of people who have themselves been victims of sexual abuse, whether in the church or elsewhere, and it has shaken the faith of many people. Fr Jim will be available to listen to people who need to speak about their hurt and disappointment after the vigil Mass, 6.30 Saturday March 21st in the St Paul meeting room.

Retreat: All clergy are expected to do a retreat every year. Fr Jim will be away on retreat from March 16-21. Thanks to Fr Matt Bloomer who is assisting with Mass on one of these days.

100 Years of Our Lady of Dolours Church: We will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church on Sunday April 19th. Bishop Anthony Randazzo will celebrate our 10.30am Mass and we will gather for morning tea afterwards.

We are seeking help in three ways:

- to make finger food for this event. If you are able to help, please put your name on list in the foyer stating what you can bring and how many pieces. We will have trays for you to take in the weeks before the event so that you don't lose your own good trays.
- to set up the hall on Saturday afternoon and evening April 18th, and to pack it down after the event. Please volunteer for either on the sheet in the foyer.
- your group may like to put enlarged photos of the history of your group up in the hall. These can go up with the set up on Saturday evening.

Coronavirus: Across our diocese and many Australian dioceses we are taking a number of precautions. As this virus is highly contagious, we need to temporarily adopt some measures of increased hygiene and 'social distancing':

- to attend Sunday Mass – whether due to coronavirus or some other condition – or are at particular risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus, you can honour your Sunday obligation by participating in a time of prayer within the home, reading the Scriptures or watching Mass on television or online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>).
- we will not be shaking hands during the sign of peace. Choose some other appropriate gesture.
- communion is to be received on the hand, not the tongue.
- the Communion chalice is not shared.

It is important that while we practice social distancing, we do not practice emotional distancing from one another. In this time, we need all the more to reach out, to ask how people are going, to phone our neighbours, and to care for the sick. A good motto might be "Keep calm and wash your hands".

WITHIN OUR PARISH

HELP NEEDED PLEASE

On Easter Monday 13 April our Social Justice team is running the barbecue at Bunnings Chatswood.



**Social
Justice
@ OLD
Parish**

All proceeds will go to Street Work which is one of our parish projects. Street Work does fantastic work helping troubled youth. We're looking for some willing workers. If you could give a hand for a couple of hours please contact on Trish 0431 696 504.

KIRK ST CARPARK

For some months the carpark gates have been permanently open due to the gates malfunctioning. These are about to be repaired and will once again be closed during school hours for Mercy College and OLD staff. The parish will still open the gates for weekend Masses and for after-hours events. The gates may be closed again at any time.

Come to the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** during Lent. We will continue to have the sacrament available every Thursday at 7pm and every Saturday at 9.30am until Holy Week, and on Thursday April 2nd at 7pm it will be in the form of the 2nd Rite, where several priests will be available after a short time of common prayer.

CORONAVIRUS

Across our diocese and many Australian dioceses, we are taking the precaution of not sharing the Communion chalice, even though the risk of transmission of coronavirus or any virus in this way is very small. Health authorities continue to advise that the best precaution is frequent handwashing. There are bottles of hand sanitiser in the church if you need them.

NEW GROUP – SENIORS' COFFEE MORNING



Please join us on Thursday 26th March at 10am in the Magnificat Room for morning tea and a chat. If you would like more information, please contact Jan Hunter 0415629242 or Linda Cowell 0402097618.

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Sister Anne O'Brien

Deceased Anniversaries: NG Fook Tin,
Edna Kenna,



STATIONS OF THE CROSS are prayed in the church each Friday during Lent at 9.30am & 7pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ("PPC")

Tuesday 3rd March was the Parish Pastoral Council's second meeting for the year. We continued discerning the PPC's focus for this year by reflecting on a section of Gerard Moore's (SM) "A Spirituality for Justice". We shared how our knowledge is influenced by our perspective, and that a perspective that encompasses God, opens us to a spirituality of justice and a hunger for knowledge. We further reflected our own perceptions and perspectives by exploring the Beatitudes, and how these perspectives moves us to act, become instruments to complete Jesus' mission and align ourselves to model Christ.

With this in mind, we reviewed many of the good and important works being carried out in our parish that help build our relationship with the wider world (areas outside our parish). These include the St Vincent de Paul conference, Marian Action Group, Community Dinners, English Conversation, Sydney Alliance group, Our Lady of Dolours school, Social Justice committee, Seniors Coffee morning, and Playgroup amongst others. There are also other new groups that share these aims that are in formation too.

The PPC is exploring how to provide mechanisms that builds new and strengthens existing relationships with the wider world - through facilitating connections within and beyond our parish, through providing education and awareness, and through providing support and the promotion of existing parish engagements. We look forward to build on the work that is already taking place in the coming months.

Parish Pastoral Council

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*.

THE NOVENA DEVOTION to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be cancelled on the following dates:

- 4th April (parish working bee) and
- 11th April (Holy Saturday)

HOME ROSARY SCHEDULE (7.30pm):

- 20/3 15 Northcote Street, Naremburn
- 27/3 34 Dalleys Road, Naremburn

OUR COMMUNITY DINNERS will be finishing for the season on March 21st. We had always intended to take a break for the winter but with the uncertainty about gathered events due to the coronavirus we have decided to finish with a bang, not a whimper on March 21st. At this point we want to acknowledge the funding support of the NSW Government Community Building Grants who gave us \$21,000 to buy the equipment to refit the hall kitchen to allow us to launch the dinners. **Community Dinners will restart in September.**

FCCP NOTICE

In light of the current situation with COVID-19 and following the preventive measures the Diocese has adopted to inhibit the spread of the virus, FCCP will temporarily suspend FELLOWSHIP after our monthly mass starting 5 April 2020 until further notice.

We thank everyone for their generosity in sharing hospitality over the past 13 years!

We care for each other's well-being and social distancing is a responsibility we take seriously.

We pray that those working on the containment of its spread and the making of the COVID-19 vaccine continue the work they do for the benefit of mankind. **FCCP**

THE DAY OF THE UNBORN

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 29th March** parishioners will have the opportunity to join with others to mark the Day of the Unborn with a peaceful and prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney starting from St Mary's Cathedral at approximately 12noon. Join Fr Jim and other parishioners on our church forecourt at 11.15am or make your own way to the Cathedral. For people who have been touched by abortion, we recognise the healing ministry of Rachel's Vineyard who are holding a retreat in May and who offer other resources and assistance. See www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTION

This year Divine Mercy Sunday falls on the 19th of April. Divine Mercy devotion will be held in the church from 2 – 4pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation commencing at 2.30pm. Further details will be available in the next issue of the parish bulletin.

BAPTISMS IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEKEND:

Zachary Jin, Nathan Miller, Theodore Cheng, Eric Song, Monica Wang and Caroline Song



BAPTISM FONT

The old baptism font which was removed from the centre aisle has now been reassembled as a holy water stoop in the Marian chapel. A new font has been designed which will use stone to match the altar. The architect's render of the new altar is on the noticeboard in the foyer. It will be octagonal (8 sides represent the 8th day, the new creation, a common theme for baptism fonts), and a glass bowl so that the water can be seen.

LOOKING FOR SINGERS AND MUSICIANS – EASTER TRIDUUM AND PARISH CENTENARY



We have a number of special liturgies coming up for Easter Triduum and our Parish Centenary. To enhance these liturgies, we are

inviting singers and musicians to join us and create a great choir to sing praise to our Lord. Come along to the practice sessions:

- Good Friday: Sundays 15, 22 and 29 March from 10:15am-11:30am in the St Paul room
- Easter Vigil and Parish Centenary: Mondays 16, 23 & 30 March and 6 & 13 April from 7pm in the church.

For more information, contact the following people - Good Friday: contact Charmaine charmainewan@gmail.com and Easter Vigil and Parish Centenary: contact Jeremy jeremy.hirschhorn@yahoo.com.au

YOUNG ADULT DINNER (Adults 18+) We continue to meet for dinner after the 3rd Sunday night Mass of each month. The next dinner will be March 15th.

YOUTH GROUP (Years 7-10) meets on the 2nd Sunday morning of each month after 9am Mass. Join us for our Autumn holidays Riverside Hike on Thursday 16th April. Check website for details and permission note.

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

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 - 3rd Thursday of month at 12.15pm weekday Mass, before surgery or medical treatment, or by request.

Here at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood Catholic Parish apart from our 9am family friendly Mass we offer the following wonderful ways to help support parents in their important role as parents and as formers of faith for their children.



Playgroup

We are excited to announce our new playgroup for 0-5 year olds and their parents and carers.

When: Every Monday during school terms

Where: In our Magnificat Parish Meeting Room from 9.30-11.30am

Our playgroup provides a warm and welcoming place for parents and carers to meet, socialize and support each other whilst also providing some fun and nurturing activities for the children.

This is a joint Parish and OLD Primary School initiative.

Come and join us - Everyone is welcome - We'd love to see you there!

For further details contact Angela at the Parish Office on (02) 9410 9033 or angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au.



Imagine a place...

Where children come to be with God



To discover, explore and experience His love for them

The Children's Atrium

Of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
at Chatswood Parish

is such a place

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a beautiful child centred ministry that we have been providing for our children since August 2007.

We run sessions for preschool children during weekdays and primary school children after school during the week.

The age groups and times available are;

- 3-6 year olds: Mondays 10am-11.30am
Mondays 4.00-5.30pm
Tuesdays 4.00-5.30pm
Fridays 10am-11.30am
- 6-9 year olds: Mondays 4.00-5.45pm
Tuesdays 4.00-5.45pm
- 9-12 year olds: Mondays 4.00-5.45pm
Tuesdays 4.00-5.45pm

To find out more visit our website using the following link.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/the-childrens-atrium>

or contact Angela or Rose via email:
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