



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

16 May 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Anniversaries:

Modesto Romero, Leonor Hurtado

Recently Deceased: Felix Romero,
Jose A. Mendoza, Julieta Morales,
Rafael Rivas, Carmelo Battaglia

Sick: Bishop David Walker



Lamentation & Supplication

A Prayer Service for the Pandemic

May 26 (Wednesday) @ 7:30 pm

Please bring photo of relative or friend who died of Covid-19

Our Lady of Dolours Church 94 Archer St Chatswood (02)-9410-9000

FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST: NEW LIFE BEYOND FEAR

Facilitated by Elizabeth Lee

Saturday 15 May and Saturday 22 May

Location: Magnificat Room OLD

Timing: 9am for 9:30 start, conclude by 3:30pm (Session 1 - 9:30-11:00, Morning Tea, Session 2 - 11:30 – 1:00, Lunch 45 mins, Session 3: 1:45-3:15)
Registrations now open. BYO lunch. Please contact Nicole in the Parish Office nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au / 9410 9020 Cost: by donation

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Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon during the Marian month of May to petition God for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sydney's St Mary's Cathedral has been named by Pope Francis as one of 30 Marian Shrines around the world to participate in a Rosary Marathon to help end the Coronavirus pandemic. Throughout May, the shrines are encouraged to seek the participation of the local population to devote a moment to a different prayer intention related to COVID-19. Sydneysiders have been encouraged to come together in prayer at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 16 May at 6pm AEST. **THE ROSARY AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON THE ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL YOUTUBE CHANNEL ON 16 MAY AT 6PM AEST** (Google St Marys Cathedral Youtube).

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Within our Parish



Confirmation 2021

In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for Confirmation once they have been baptised and are 8 years of age (usually year 3) or older.

Bishop Anthony will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation with the children in our parish on **Saturday 31 July**.

Enrolments for the program have opened via the parish website.
Enrolments close Monday 24 May.

For all the dates, details and to enrol your child Go to the parish website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

From the home page, click on **Confirmation 2021** Tile

From there you will find out all the details you will need to enrol. You can also enrol your child from here.

For any queries, contact Angela in the parish office
angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your new 2021-2022

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.



SENIORS GROUP

Thank you to everyone that attended the Seniors Group last week. The presentation from Catholic Healthcare was very informative. If you were unable to attend, there are extra Catholic Healthcare brochures in the Church foyer on the side shelves. Please take one home to read.



Our next get together is Thursday 3rd June at 10am. We are having a personal trainer joining us to run through some strengthening exercises. The cost for the next meeting will be \$5, to cover the cost of an exercise band. If you already have one please bring it along.

For more information please contact Jan Hunter at gfiadino@bigpond.net.au.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND
envelopes still available around the Church for those who wish to donate.

Y-FACTOR
2021
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5-8 JULY
SYDNEY CATHOLIC YOUTH | CATHOLIC YOUTH BROKEN BAY
FOR TEENS IN YEARS 7-12

YOUTH CAMP ALERT! Sydney Archdiocese and Broken Bay Diocese are collaborating on Y-Factor this coming July! Y-Factor is a youth camp for Yr 7-12's during the school holidays designed to help teens catch fire for the faith. There will be time for talks and workshops with guest speakers, games, group discussions, prayer, meal times and free time, night activities and more.

When: 5th - 8th July, 2021

Where: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre (Charter Bus from St. Joachim's, Lidcombe)

Cost: \$260 (Earlybird) for participants. \$100 for leaders (if you make a group of 5+, CYBB will send you for free)!

More information on the [downloadable flyer](#) and registrations through [trybooking](#).

From Fr David

Dear friends

We draw near now to the end of our Season of Easter, celebrating this weekend the Feast of the Lord's Ascension. The Lord seems absent to us. Yes, his very absence becomes a way of presence to us so that his life is available across time and space. As we now enter the final week of our Easter Season culminating in Pentecost next week, let us pray for the Spirit to fill our hearts and enfire us with renewed discipleship.

We continue our annual May Mass count this week. On the first week of May we had 1184 join us at Our Lady of Dolours over six Masses; last week we welcomed 869 over five Masses. This weekend we estimate not only the total number of people but the ratio of men and women.

This coming week is Volunteers' Week. Our parish includes several hundred volunteers, all giving of themselves with such generosity in a whole diversity of ways. It is a time to say a very big THANKYOU to you all! To help us do this, and trusting that the current COVID restrictions will be lifted, **we would like to invite as many of our volunteers to a bbq lunch next Sunday 23 May after our 10.30am Mass in the playground of Our Lady of Dolours.** What a great way to celebrate Pentecost. Please bring along the family and enjoy some time together as we express our gratitude to you. Let the parish office know if you are able to join us!

On Wednesday 26 May at 7.30pm we are conducting a special Service of Prayer for all those affected so terribly by the current pandemic, especially those in India. Information about this is available in the bulletin and at the entrances to the church. Do come along and join in solidarity and prayer with those whose families are being so affected by this humanitarian crisis.

Last Tuesday, I joined Nicole Gorman, our Parish Secretary and Angela Hague, our Children's Ministry coordinator, at a Safeguarding seminar at the diocesan Chancery launching a project to assist us to reflect on our implementation of the ten Child Safe Standards. We are going to use this resource throughout the months ahead, particularly at our Parish Team meetings to ensure that our community and church is the safest it can be for children. Later in the year, we will invite us all to reflect on this critically important dimension of our life together.

During the week we created a stand in the foyer of the church with a large container of Holy Water. It is situated near the Crucifix. This is available for people to take Holy Water home for their personal use. We still cannot have holy water in the fonts at the entrance to the church, and so we ask that we refrain from using the container to bless ourselves. However, it is good for us to have this sacramental available for your use at home.

A very special congratulations to Michael Mercer, our wonderful Finance and Facilities Manager, whose

daughter, Lauren gave birth to twin daughters during this week! Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG



ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR SIGNUP FOR 2021

We have something new! Now you can 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. There is now a general flower fund to donate money for flowers when no memorial or celebration is allocated. Altar flower arrangements can be in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion; birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, marriages, etc, and who they were given for will be announced at the beginning of Mass for that weekend. Please consider signing up to place flowers at the Altar in thanksgiving for something, or in loving memory of a family member, or friend. Donations can be made on a one-time basis or annually. 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!

PARISH PASTORAL AND MISSIONARY COUNCIL. O.L.D.

The Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for 2021 met formally for the first time this year at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th May in the Magnificat Room. The newly formed team reflected on its role to listen to the needs of this parish, to recognise where the Spirit of God is leading us all, and discern how we want to grow as a parish community.

In this spirit, we explored the outline of Pope Francis' latest encyclical: Fratelli Tutti and its vision of fraternity and social friendship, and what this means to us. In this light, Fr David shared his experience, observations and gratitude on his five months here, identifying the multiple dimensions in our parish.

As our Church of Our Lady of Dolours enters a second century, we have opportunities to renovate and rejuvenate - not only physically the church and precinct, but spiritually as a parish and community. This is timely as we approach Pentecost, and more broadly as we live through these challenging times in this pandemic. The PPMC will explore these opportunities in the coming months and throughout the year.

This year's PPMC members for 2021: Fr David Ranson, Fr Joey Frez, Dn Aldrin Valdehuesa, Dn Kevin Hale, Gail Gill, Brenda Timp, Marco Ianni, Brendan Tertini, Noelle Wilkin-Smith & Anthony Seeto.



17-23 MAY VOLUNTEERS WEEK

A very special thank you to all our many, many volunteers who make our parish so vibrant.

As a way of expressing our thanks to you, we invite all of our volunteers to a bbq lunch on Pentecost Sunday 23 May.

Bring your family!

Please let the parish office know if you are coming, and how many from your family will be there.

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IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 17 May	11.15 & 11.30am	Divine Mercy Chaplet/Cenacle Prayer (Rosary) (Church)
	7pm	Spanish Choir practice (Church choir loft)
	7pm	Alpha (Magnificat & St Paul Rooms)
Tuesday 18 May	9am	Playgroup (Magnificat Room)
	9.30am	Atrium Workshop (St Peter Room)
	9.45am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary Group (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
Wednesday 19 May	12.15pm	Anointing Mass (Church)
	6.30pm	Indonesian Music practice (Church)
	7pm	Faith Enrichment Group (St Peter Room)
Thursday 20 May	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 21 May	10am	Meditation (online zoom)
	7pm	Hallelujah Team (Magnificat Room)
	7.30pm	Prayer Service for the Pandemic (Church)
Saturday 22 May	9am-3.30pm	From Easter to Pentecost Retreat Day (Magnificat Room)
	10.30am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
Sunday 23 May	11.30am	Legion of Mary (St Paul Room)
	11.45am	Choir practice (St Peter Room)
	12noon	Baptisms (Church)

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OF ST JOSEPH
& THE FAMILY
2021**