

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



6th & 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
16 & 23 February 2020 – Year A/2

**Project Compassion
Launch Mass at O.L.D– Ash
Wednesday, 26 February @
10.30am with special
international speaker from
Caritas.**

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The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. We will have Masses at 7am, 9am, 12.15pm and 7pm. Come, be marked with ashes as public commitment to an interior penance. What will you do for your Lenten penance? Fasting and abstaining from meat are only required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, so instead we can choose another discipline of prayer, self-denial or helping others for each Friday of Lent, or for the whole season of Lent. Some suggestions are:

Join a Lenten Program - Be Opened - a Journey to New Life Lenten program from the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Scripture reflections from Dr Michele Connolly rsj and Dr Ian Elmer. This Lent and Easter we are challenged to be open to the fullness of life in God - to be opened - to being led by the Spirit, to listen, to the living water, to see, to believe, to death and to new life.

- **Wednesday Afternoons** 1.30 to 2.45pm in St Paul Room
26 February, 4, 11, 18 March, 1 April and Easter session 15 April
- **Thursday Mornings** 10.00 - 11.30am in St Paul Room
27 February, 5, 12, 19, 26 March, 2 April and Easter session 16 April

Pray the Stations of the Cross in which we walk with Christ in memory of His way to Calvary. There will be a traditional praying of the Stations of the Cross on Fridays after 9am Mass, and a variety of different expressions of the Stations of the Cross on Friday nights at 7pm.

Come to the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. 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.

Come to our **parish working bee** on Saturday April 4th to get the church ready for the Easter celebrations.

Lent is also a time to make a focus on developing a particular virtue or conquering a particular vice. Many people recognise that the time they spend on social media, gaming and online in general is excessive, and a good Lenten discipline might be to have one or more “digital-free” days per week, just as many people now have alcohol-free or meat-free days.

Young Adult Dinner: Every 3rd Sunday night after 5.30pm Mass we go out to a local venue for dinner. On Sunday February 16th we're going to Muakame Udon, a licensed venue with noodles, tempura, and vegetarian options. Walk up from the church after Mass or meet with Fr Jim and the group at 332 Victoria Ave at 6.45pm.

Thurs 20th 9am Mass will be the opening Mass for Our Lady of Dolours school. Adoration will commence a little while after Mass concludes.

St Pius X College P&F will join us for 5.30pm Mass on Saturday Feb 22nd.

WITHIN OUR PARISH

NEW GROUP - SENIORS GET TOGETHER



Seniors within our Parish are invite to meet for a cuppa and to see if there is any interest in starting up a regular get together. **Our first gathering is on Thursday 27th February** at 10am in the Magnificat meeting room. If you would

like any more information please contact Jan Hunter on 0415629242.

CORONAVIRUS

Although there is little evidence of seasonal colds and flus being transmitted by the Communion chalice, it seems prudent that we take some measures of social distancing to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus. We will discontinue offering Communion from the chalice for the next two weeks. We do this regretfully, as receiving both the Body and Blood of Christ is the fullest experience of Holy Communion, however this was the precaution taken in 2003 with the SARS virus. People might also consider receiving Communion on the hand, not the tongue to avoid ministers having their fingers near their mouths. Otherwise, please come at the end of the communion line if you do still want to receive on the tongue. Communion Ministers will receive a message from Gerard Ryan with more details.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We would to offer the Stations of the Cross each Friday night during Lent. We're looking for people and groups who would like to lead the stations on one Friday night. You may use whichever version you like, and use any format, which will give the parish a rich variety of expressions of what Jesus' passion means. Please contact Fr John on 9410 9027 or john.puliparambil@bbcatholic.org.au to select which Friday you would like to lead.

BEAUTIFUL LITURGY – CAN YOU HELP?

Do you appreciate the beauty of our church and of the Catholic liturgy? Are you a person who likes to help out behind the scenes rather than up front? We have a team of wonderful people who clean the sanctuary (the altar and its surrounds) each week, which includes arranging flowers, cleaning and ironing altar linen, and making sure the sacred vessels are well maintained. Could you help out for an hour one Saturday morning a month? Or could you take some washing home to wash and iron? Please contact the parish office, or see Fr Jim, Fr John or Deacon Kevin.

MENALIVE Our next meeting is Wednesday 26th February at 7pm in the St Paul room. Our topic is **“As Christians how do we see Climate Change”**.

UPDATE FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tuesday, the 4th February 2020, was our first Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting for this year. At the beginning of the meeting, we reflected on why we should reach out beyond our immediate community, the parish, towards the wider world. We surmised there is the innate desire to help others, and wonderful newfound connections and friendships formed when we do. We also recalled it is a response to the great commission of Jesus Christ '...therefore go and make disciples of all nations...' (Matt 28:19-20) and that there is as much joy in sharing the Good News as there is in receiving it.

For this reason, the PPC of 2020 has decided to focus on the third aspect of the parish's mission statement: strengthening our relationship with the wider world (2018 was the focus on our relationship with each other, and 2019 was the focus on our relationship with God). Over the coming months and for the rest of the year, the PPC hope to discern the needs and priorities of the parish with this focus. We also hope to uncover, support and encourage the work that is already taking place in our parish - by yourselves and the many active groups in the parish, that help to achieve this mission.

We thank two of our members who have stepped down after their much appreciated contribution in the council last year: Sue Kilminster and Ditas Naguit. And we warmly welcome Brendan Tertini, our newest member to continue the work. We also thank Warren Seeto for Chairing the Council last year and welcome Paul Taqueban and Anthony Seeto who have happily accepted to share the position as Chair of the PPC this year, and will Co-Chair with support from Gail Gill who continues as Secretary. We hope to have the names and details of the parish council members made available soon for any questions or concerns you may wish to raise through them. *Parish Pastoral Council*

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

This is the big question which *Alpha* seeks to answer. Alpha is a short course which explores the deepest questions of Catholic faith whether you are new to the church or a life-long member. It's an easy and accessible way to explore big questions by sharing a meal, watching a 30 minute film, and then discussing the film. **We'll be offering Alpha at both lunchtime (1pm – 3pm) and dinner time (7pm-9pm) on Mondays starting February 17th** here in our parish. Come and explore with us! You'll find a response card on the seats in front of you. Fill in your details and put the card in one of the red Alpha boxes by each door or give it to one of our friendly greeters. Or RSVP or ask your questions to our hosts Ditas Naguit, Gillian Hawkins and Fr Jim at chatswoodalpha@bbcatholic.org.au. We look forward to seeing you!

THE RELICS of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents St Zelig and St Louis will be coming to churches in our diocese next month. Bishop Greg Homeming explains that “Relics are physical remains which connect us with the goodness and holiness of the saint. They remind us of the saint and, through the saint, move us to live better lives. Of themselves, relics are not holy... they are the remains of a holy person, a saint, and, on account of their connection to that holy person, are revered.” He likened the veneration of the remains of saints to the care and respect of sacred sites across Australia, such as places of significance to Indigenous Australians, or a cathedral that has stood for hundreds of years.

Bishop Homeming said the relics of St Therese and her parents, Sts Louis and Zelig Martin, are a reminder that “holiness and goodness does not exist in a vacuum. Being a family, the Martins prove that the family is the seed ground of holiness and goodness. We can learn from them.”

The relics of these three saints will be at St Ives Parish on March 5th, Narrabeen Parish on March 7th and Waitara Cathedral on March 8th.

THE VIA DOLOROSA

Join us for a riveting account of the arrest, trial and passion of Our Lord Jesus as he carries his cross to his crucifixion on Calvary. This most inspiring account will bring to life the Stations of the Cross which we observe particularly during Lent and deepen your appreciation of Mary as Our Lady of Dolours. Details:

- Talk-CD by Steve Ray, renowned Catholic tourist guide to the Holy Land
- Friday 21 February at 10am in Magnificat or Sunday 23 February at 10.15am in St Paul.

Enquiries Michael on 9967 2601 or 0466 961 240.
Sponsored by the Legion of Mary.

HOME ROSARY SCHEDULE (7.30pm):

- 21/2 57 Baringa Road, Northbridge
- 28/2 4B Heights Crescent, Middle Cove

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Wanda Kwan, Eleuterio Fostanes, Ma. Aurora Ludo Fostanes, Winifred Colman

Deceased Anniversaries: Vera & Giovanni Moschella, Samuel & Jan Moschella, Matthew & Andrew Moschella, Maria Biviano, Gwen Bradley, Manual Antonio Gaspar, Aida Freeman, Alexander Jimenez, Margarita Tu, Jean-Marie Ta, Alphonso Le, Kata Cetinic Pensa, Candelario Orge, Beatrice Orge, Timotea Suarez, Earl Jason De Joya, Shirley Greathead



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE?

We extend a personal invitation to anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church.

There is a process through which people will be able, without pressure, to find out more about the church.

For those interested we will start with a program called Alpha which introduces people to the person of Jesus Christ and how we follow him in the Catholic Church.

This Program will run on Mondays starting from 17th February and will finish on Monday 6th April. The session times are 1pm – 3pm and 7pm – 9pm. You can choose which one is suitable for you.

Following this program, there will be further meetings for those inquirers who may wish to participate in a fuller development of their understanding of the faith and the beliefs of the Catholic Church.

If you wish to take a step in this direction, contact the Parish Office on 9410-9000, or email Deacon Kevin on kevin.hale@bbcatholic.org.au for further information.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

We invite all O.L.D parishioners to join a bible study on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the St Peter room. This term we will go thru a new DVD series of Jeff Cavins' "The Bible Timeline" and have a discussion with a study guide that provide unique insights on the Biblical narratives.

The Bible Timelines is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire bible. The Bible Timelines has been granted the Imprimatur.



We are excited to announce that our new playgroup for 0-5 year olds and their parents and carers will begin on;

Monday 9 March 2020

In our Magnificat Parish Meeting Room

from 9.30-11.30am

Playgroup will meet each Monday during school terms. Everyone is welcome!

If you want to know more about playgroup as a parent, carer or helper please contact Angela in the parish office. We'd love to hear from you!

VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul wishes to thank all the parishioners who donated so generously to their Bushfire Appeal. All together we raised \$8,034.40.

LIFESTYLE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONS

Lifestyle English Conversations is a free service of St Vincent de Paul Society that aims to break down the language barriers in our community through conversations in a friendly environment.



If you would like to improve your English language skills and meet new friends please join us beginning 13th February 2020.

Thursdays, 6.30pm - 8pm

St Paul Meeting Room, Corner Kirk St and Archer St Chatswood

Refreshments served at 6.15pm

We also need enthusiastic and committed volunteer English speakers. If you would like join as a student or volunteer, please contact Christian Salandanan on: (02) 9568 0288 or via email at: christian.salandanan@vinnies.org.au

PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

An Invitation to Prayer – The annual gay and lesbian Mardi Gras has gained a prominent place in Sydney’s cultural scene and now enjoys extensive support within our society. Behind the glitz and glamour of this parade is a view of sexuality that is distinctly different from the beauty of the Christian appreciation of womanhood, manhood and their inter-relationship in a bond of life-giving love in marriage. To coincide with the Mardi Gras there will be an evening of prayer and Eucharistic adoration on Saturday 29 February commencing at 6.30pm and concluding at 8.30pm so that we can celebrate the under-appreciated richness of our Catholic tradition. Thank you and God bless, Michael O’Connell, *Marian Catholic Action Group*

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.

BROKEN BAY NEWS

Don't forget to take home a copy of the free Broken Bay news. Available at all Church doors.

ALPHA 2020 – KEN’S PRAYER GROUP

Our Alpha course will commence on 17 February 2020 – much preparation work (by a dedicated team who will be conducting the course) has been and is still being undertaken.

The purpose of Alpha is to invite anyone, no matter their background, wherever they are on their own personal life journey, whatever their religious affiliation – or none at all, but those who are seeking answers and certainty in our very confused world.

It is open to everyone and we anticipate many will come to join us, to find answers, and above all to find the One who is the only lasting answer to the desires and needs of every heart.

We are seeking people among us who will volunteer to undertake **THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE** in this endeavour; namely to **PRAY**. To pray for the Alpha Team and those who will come to the course.

The Lord hears the cry of your heart wherever you are! Please join us in this work for Jesus, you can pray in your own home or together with us here at Our Lady of Dolours. Please send your email address so we can keep you informed as to how Alpha is going and the specific things we will be thinking about each Monday when we meet.

Please help to get this Prayer Group happening throughout our Parish over the period of our Alpha Course – commencing 17 February and ending on 6 April 2020 – Please mark your calendars.

Contact: Ken - kenmankennedy@yahoo.com.au or Jill - gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com to enrol in the Prayer Group and please mark the email message “Prayer Group”.

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*.

**MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY –
SUNDAY 1 MARCH, 11AM–2PM**