

Our Lady of Dolours

Parish Established 1910

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood

Diocese of Broken Bay

SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

17 March 2019 – Year C/1

“2019 focus: Relationship with God”

March 2019

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Pope Francis’ Lenten message reminds us that “the path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery”. With that focus we are invited to the sacrament of Reconciliation, knowing that *the light is on for you* here in our church on Fridays 7pm – 8pm, Saturday 9.30am – 10.30am, Sunday 10am and Wednesdays 8am throughout Lent. Churches throughout our diocese including our neighbouring churches St Thomas cnr Horsley Ave and High St Willoughby and Our Lady of Good Counsel 9 Currie Rd Forestville will also have reconciliation on Fridays nights at 7pm throughout Lent. See www.thelightisonforyou.org.au for details.

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Mystical Experience: In his homily this week Fr Jim will speak about mystical experiences in prayer which are both more common and less fantastical than people may imagine. The four hallmarks of mystical experiences in prayer are ineffability, transience, passivity, and noetic (intellectual quality), according to a classic definition by William James. While many great saints had and described mystical experiences, they also urged caution, with St John of the Cross writing that “it is very easy for the soul to be deceived” (*Ascent of Mt Carmel*, 2.xxi.7), and therefore not to pursue such experiences, but to accept them as gifts if and when they come, sifting them as St Ignatius advises in his *Rules for the Discernment of Spirits*.

Cardinal Pell’s sentencing this week has been difficult for many people, just as his conviction was last week. A letter from our diocesan administrator (in lieu of a bishop) Fr David Ranson and the homily given by Fr Jim on March 3rd are on our parish website www.chatswood.org.au under “news and events”. The diocesan safeguarding manager Melinda Rixon is available on 8379 1605 safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au or visit www.1800respect.org.au for support.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the church every Friday at both 11am and 7pm, with different groups and people offering a range of versions so that we can be enriched by many perspectives.

Project Compassion is the Lenten almsgiving challenge of Caritas Australia, the Australian Catholic aid and development charity. Pick up a box or an envelope from the foyer of the church, or go to www.caritas.org.au to give electronically.

Good Friday: We’re looking for people aged 15-30 to help lead this year’s Good Friday Stations of the Cross. This will be a different presentation than last year, following the format of the Stations of the Cross rather than a passion play. These will be non-speaking acting roles, dramatizing the passion as it is read aloud. Community service can be obtained by this service. Call Hamish on 0408 702 418 or hamish@hjlavery.com

Congratulations to Gabrielle Allan (Therese’s daughter) and Andrew Summers who will be married in our church this week.

Within the Parish

PROJECT COMPASSION – Boxes and envelopes available in baskets in the Church foyer.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Many Catholic schools are beginning their enrolment processes in the coming month, and most Catholic schools require a parish reference. To obtain a parish reference we ask people to come to one of our enrolment workshops which gives Fr Jim and members of the parish team an opportunity to meet with you and to share the opportunities for parish involvement for you and your family. **Our upcoming workshop for primary school is Sat April 6th at 2pm, and for secondary school is Sat April 3rd at 10am.** These workshops are for parents, not children, and either or both parents are welcome to attend. Bring your school reference form with your section completed to the workshop. If your reference form does not have a section for you to describe your parish involvement please also download this form from the parish website. To RSVP or for more information contact

Bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au

BOOK CLUB

For the past five weeks a group of parishioners have been reading CS Lewis' *Mere Christianity* together, growing their understanding of the basis of their Christian faith and understanding our common ecumenical beliefs and morals.

PENTECOST

On Saturday June 8th which is the eve of Pentecost we will be hosting a significant ecumenical prayer event called *Transforming Sydney*. If you are passionate about ecumenism (working together with other Christian churches) and intercessory prayer then Fr Jim would love to work with you to help host this event. Please call him 9410 9022 or jjm.mckean@bbcatholic.org.au

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Michael Dignam, Jim Gallagher, Grazia Baldry, Sunarso Ali, Marian Pyne

Recently Deceased: Alan Percival & Catherine 'Deidre' Cox

Deceased Anniversary: Marian De Croos

Baptisms: Harrison Ramsey & Everly Doan



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

Monday

10.30am Book Group in St Paul
7pm Indonesian Legion of Mary in St Peter

Tuesday

9.45am Bible Discussion in St Paul
6.45pm Filipino Chaplaincy choir practice in Church
10am Gospel of Luke - Bishop David in Magnificat
7.30pm Liturgy Committee in St Paul

Wednesday

6.45pm Charismatic Prayer Group in St Peter
7pm Book group in Magnificat
7pm Filipino Chaplaincy meeting in St Paul

Thursday

1.30pm Book Group in Magnificat
6.30pm English Conversations Club in St Peter
7pm Gospel of Luke in Magnificat

Friday

10am Meditation in St Paul
7.30pm Home Rosary 7 Bongalong St, Naremburn
7pm Filipino Chaplaincy Bible Study in Magnificat

Saturday

9.45am Chinese RCIA in St Paul
11am Bible Discussion in St Paul
4pm Chinese RCIA bible discussion in Magnificat

Sunday

10.15am Teen Choir music practice in St Paul
11.30am RCIA in St Peter
2pm Young Adults Lectio Divina in St Peter

PIETY STALL

Come and visit the Piety Stall for a range of cards - Easter, adult and baby Baptism, birthday, sympathy, Mass intentions and various other occasions! Also available- holy cards. Have we got your favourite saint? Check out the list in the Piety Stall!



THE LEGION OF MARY

Would you like to participate in the work of the Church to bring the message of Christ to our community? Truly termed "Good News" we all have a role to play in spreading the message of Jesus to a broken world. The Legion of Mary provides organization, support and fellowship in carrying on this most important Christian outreach. To enquire about membership of the Legion, please call Michael on 9967-2601 or 0466961240 or email mctan@optusnet.com.au

NAME BADGES

We encourage you to get a magnetic parish name badge which you can wear every week to Mass. Wearing a name badge signals an openness to be approached, to engage in conversation and to be known. It also helps overcome the embarrassment of avoiding people because we've been previously introduced and forgotten their name! Over 200 parishioners have already received their name tags. Put your name on one of the lists in the foyer. These lists will be in the foyer for the next 2 weeks.

UPDATE FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2019.

Tonight, our second parish pastoral council meeting for the year, we continued to focus on the agreed theme for 2019 - How to deepen our (meaning individuals as part of a parish) relationship with God.

Reflecting on insights from the second chapter in the book 'Forming Intentional Disciples' (Sherry A. Weddell) we discussed questions such as what does evangelisation mean to us Catholics, 'infant vs adult' paradigm - is faith formation that has been used in the past still effective for our spiritual growth today? Are we 'intentional' disciples - conscious of our decision to follow Christ?

The parish pastoral council reflected then shared hopes for the direction of the parish, and agreed to focus on supporting the parish congregation towards coming closer to God through promoting more sessions on explaining scripture and adult faith formation. Please look out for these talks in future, and we encourage you to join these sessions.

Anthony Seeto on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council

NSW STATE ELECTION

Our parish has a dedicated team of catechists who go to the public schools within the parish to provide religious education for the many Catholic children attending these schools. The same is true of most other parishes and provides a vital link between the Church and these children who otherwise would receive very little education in the faith. The Teachers' Federation have recently launched a campaign to have religious education excluded from public schools ignoring the wishes of the many parents (Catholic and non-Catholic) who enrol their children in these classes. Although both the Government and Opposition have declared their present support for SRE, with the State elections pending we need to send a clear message to political parties that we expect them to retain religious education class in Public schools.

Please write to or email (with your name and full residential address) your views to The Premier, Hon Gladys Berejiklian, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000 (willoughby@parliament.nsw.gov.au) and Leader of the Opposition, The Hon Michael Daley, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000 (maroubra@parliament.nsw.gov.au). You may also like to ask minor parties what their stance is. www.thecatholicweekly.com.au has a voting guide from the Archdiocese of Sydney showing the stances of both the major and minor parties on a range of issues.

WHAT PLANS DO YOU HAVE FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE DURING THE SEASON OF EASTER & BEYOND?

The Gospel of Luke with Bishop David and the *Where the Hell is God?* small groups will conclude towards the end of Lent. There are more adult faith opportunities planned to begin during the Season of Easter through to the end of the year. Check them out on our renewed website at: www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood Click on the Adult Faith Formation tile on the front page; select 2019 Adult Faith Formation from the side-bar and scroll through.

Contact Gail for more details on 9410 9021 OR gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au

VOLUNTEER HANDYMAN

The Parish is looking for a supplementary volunteer Handyman who can help out occasionally when the workload is high for our Maintenance Contractor. If you are a skilled Handyman, have some time on your hands and would like to help out, please contact Michael Mercer on 9410 9030 or email Michael.Mercer@bbcatholic.org.au

EASTER WORKING BEE

With Easter approaching, the Chatswood Parish is planning to have another volunteer working bee on 13 April 9-12am. Registration forms for helpers will be placed in the front foyer of the church in the near future. If you wish to help out, please note the date and time in your diary.

Outside the Parish

Day of the Unborn Child – Sunday 24th March 2019

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognized as *the Day of the Unborn Child*. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ becomes a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb. It is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion. Join us to witness to the sanctity of human life - Life and Family Institute Pty Ltd, Sydney - info@lifeandfamily.com.au.

A group of parishioners from OLD will be meeting at the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 24th March at 12 noon for a prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney led by Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo. Benediction will be held at 1.30 pm at St Mary's Cathedral following the procession. (*Marian Catholic Action Group*)

Serra Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble. Father Chris Kowalczyk SDS will be celebrating this Mass on Thursday 28th March 2019. The evening will commence with Mass at 6.30PM followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting we will be viewing a YouTube video of Father Richard Leonard sj presenting a Lenten talk titled "Listen before we speak".

PARISH MASS & DEVOTIONS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday - 9am & 12.15pm
Saturday - 9am and 5.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday - 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am and 5.30pm
Public Holidays - 9am only

Filipino Mass (in English) 12noon; 1st Sun of month
Indonesian Mass; 7pm; 3rd Sun of month
Family Mass - 9am each Sunday

Children's Choir at 9am Family Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month (Please arrive at 8.30am for setup and practice.)
Kids' Word - Children's Liturgy of the Word for ages 3-6 & 6-10. Meet in Church at 9am every 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays. (Except long weekends & school holidays.)
Youth Mass - 5.30pm each Sunday

Reconciliation - 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday & 10am-10.30am each Sunday. Any time by request.
Reconciliation in Korean – 3pm Saturday in Church, fortnightly.
Morning Prayer - 8.45am Monday 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.
Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Saturday 10.00am with **Benediction** 10.30am
Anointing of the Sick - 3rd Friday of month at 12.15pm Mass, during 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 9410 9000 (at least 1 month before requested Mass).

SUNDAY MASS READINGS:

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

1st Reading: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading: Phil 3:17 – 4:1 Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

Gospel: Lk 9:28-36 As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS:

MON: Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
St Patrick

TUES: 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51
St Joseph, Husband of Mary

WEDS: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

THURS: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

FRI: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

SAT: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

	16/17 March	23/24 March
Vigil 5.30pm	Bishop David	Fr Andrew
Sun 7.30am	Fr Jim(K)	Bishop David
9.00am	Fr Jim(K)	Fr Andrew(K)
10.30am	Bishop David	Fr Jim
5.30pm	Fr Andrew	Fr Jim(K)
7pm	Indonesian Mass	-----

	5.30 pm Saturday	7.30 am Sunday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5.30 pm Sunday
Week 4 23 & 24 March	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 Walter Niemothko Paul Taqueban	Junior Server: Eda Chiou Andrew Kim Margaret Kim Jade Simenez Jewel Simenez 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*.