



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

18 July 2021 – Year B/1

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

Sick: Pauline Doyle and all those suffering from Covid-19 and alone during lock-down or just away from family and friends. Stay safe.

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If you are unable to leave the house to do grocery shopping or you need someone to go to the Chemist or do other essential shopping for you, please contact the Parish Office and we will put you in touch with a parishioner who has offered to help those living in the parish area during lockdown.



This Sunday's Gospel tells us the rest of the story about the Twelve and their mission trip. Upon their return from that trip, they are eager to tell Jesus everything they experienced. Jesus and the Apostles can't find time for this interchange because so many people have come to witness their preaching and healing. They are so busy they don't even have time to eat.

Meals in antiquity were different from meals today; they were a time for leisure and relaxation. Fellowship mattered even more than food.

Jesus and the Apostles, it seems, are overrun by people. Jesus suggests that he and the Apostles get away, so they choose to go to an out-of-the-way place that they have gone before. As in most small towns, everyone knows everyone else. Those who are on familiar terms with the master and his disciples know where Jesus and the Apostles are going in their boat. Word gets out, and soon a crowd larger than before gathers at the shore to meet the boat carrying Jesus and the Apostles. When Jesus sees the people, he is moved to compassion; he isn't upset that he and the Apostles will have to postpone their fellowship. Mark tells us that Jesus had compassion for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6:34)—a telling analogy. A flock of sheep is herded; the shepherd moves the flock from place to place so it can find pasture to eat. If it weren't for the shepherd, the sheep would probably lie down. Thus, the role of the shepherd is critical to the well-being of the sheep. Jesus is drawing some comparisons to human beings' becoming complacent and just remaining at a certain place on the journey of faith, thus ceasing to grow. Through his preaching at this out-of-the-way place, Jesus feeds the people in hopes of moving them forward toward a greater understanding of God and faith.

Within our Parish



Confirmation Update

In the last week of term two, as the city went into lockdown, we moved many of our Confirmation sessions (we have 112 children across 15 groups) to Zoom sessions.

Special Thanks goes to all our wonderful facilitators who had to adapt very quickly to this change and of course to the children and parents who also coped so well with the change.

This week we have resumed the sessions via Zoom to continue to prepare the children for their Confirmation.

Bishop Anthony is planning to celebrate this sacrament with the children on **Saturday 31 July**.

Please keep all these children and their families in your prayers as we navigate the COVID situation and how it will impact on the celebration of this once in a lifetime sacrament.

Our hope is that in years to come, the children will remember the special gift of the Holy Spirit they receive in a particular way in this sacrament – despite how the pandemic might affect the celebration.

For any queries, contact Angela in the parish office
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World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

"I am with you always" are the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: the whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!



#IamWithYouAlways

@laityfamilylife

Sunday 25 July 2021. As part of the celebrations for the Year *Amoris Laetitia* Family, Pope Francis has set aside the fourth Sunday in the month of July as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This year the first ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday 25 July.

Zoom Liturgy of the Word THIS Sunday at 9am



As we continue to be in lockdown, we have moved our **Zoom Liturgy of the Word** back to weekly each **Sunday at 9am** and would love to have you join us. It is easy to join, just click on the link below at 9am this coming Sunday and follow along with us as we proclaim the word, listen to Fr. David's homily, pray and share together.

Here is the meeting invitation

Topic: Online Liturgy of the Word

Join Zoom Meeting

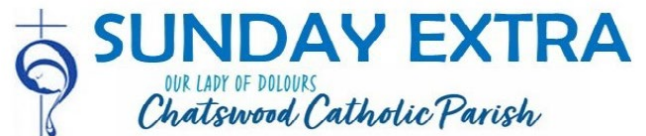
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Meeting ID: 851 3238 6601

Passcode: 903824

We look forward to seeing you there

Angela



If you have missed any of our Sunday Extra pages, please click on this link <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/news-events/sunday-extra> which will take you to the page on our website where they have all been uploaded. These have all been wonderfully created by Gail Gill, Faith Formation & Social Justice gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au

Vinnies is proud to announce that over \$3 million was raised at the 2021 CEO Sleepout for New South Wales to help those who need it the most. Many primary and high schools are also holding their own event and supporting the **Vinnies Winter Appeal**. If you have any questions about how to get your school community involved with Vinnies, please email fiona.pelosi@vinnies.org.au

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.
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From Fr David

All of us I am sure are beginning to feel the tiredness of the current situation. The lack of interaction, the uncertainty of the length of lockdown, the concern about the situation not being contained, and the anxiety about becoming sick all begin to have their effect. It's not easy just to stay at home – and yet, that is the primary way that we can ensure the situation does not get even worse. Do remember, however, that though we cannot come to the church, one of the priests can come to you. Clergy in the exercise of their pastoral care are exempt from the restrictions to stay at home and therefore if you need to see one of us do let us know and we will arrange this for you.

In the meantime, it is important we stay connected. It has been great to know that many of our parish groups are continuing to meet online. Our Catechists recently met. Our Social Justice group convened online. Our Men Alive group got together virtually the other evening. Our parish Pastoral and Missionary Council met online on Wednesday evening. Another way people are keeping in contact is through WhatsApp chats which is a group text messaging program on our phones. We have a Men Alive group chat, a Children and Family at Our Lady of Dolours group, a Welcomers group. You might think of starting up another group chat with those with whom you are connected. Or you might like to join a more general parish group that we could create. If you would like to do so, let our parish office know. All we need is your name and your mobile phone number and we can create this possibility for you. This may have great possibility for us all even after the restrictions ease.

We are also pressing on with a number of parish projects. New automatic opening glass doors are being installed at the entrance to our church. This will protect the church from the weather, rain and cold. We are advertising for a new position in our parish team, a Children's Ministry Assistant to work alongside Angela Hague in the tremendous work she is doing (see page 4). And Maria Wong has been appointed in a voluntary capacity to facilitate a ministry of welcoming new families in our community. These positions will all be ready to be implemented once our restrictions have eased.

I ask that you remember Pauline Doyle in your prayers at this time. Pauline will be well known to many of you. Sadly, she suffered a fall recently and is currently in Ryde Hospital. Some good news is Bishop David continues to improve in his health and has been home now for some weeks.

Let's continue to keep our whole community in our prayers. Together we will come through this difficult period. Though we endure a certain isolation from one another at the moment, the real outcome of this, as Pope Francis urges us must be a greater sense of solidarity with one another. May this time be one in which we savour and recognise the importance of community in our life even more so.

Fr David Ranson

PARISH PASTORAL & MISSIONARY COUNCIL

With the extension of the public health orders, the Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council met online for their third meeting this year on Wednesday 14th July. Having checked in with each other's well-being, we turned to pray for our community before reflecting on words from Pope Francis (extract from Fratelli Tutti - Dark Clouds Over a Closed World). As a global community, 'we are growing ever more distant from one another, while the slow and demanding march towards an increasingly united and just world is suffering a new and dramatic setback'. We identified many examples of this within our own experiences (including the global vaccination rollout).

Fr David provided an update on the impending renovation of the presbytery and on various considerations of the wider precinct. The new glass doors are being installed in the church.

Brendan presented a report on our successful survey of Our Lady of Dolours primary school parents that took place in term 2. This provides valuable insight towards their view on schooling, faith and connection to the parish. The results are very encouraging, and will be published to both school and parish in the near future. We are also planning a survey of O.L.D parishioners, however this will now be conducted later this year once coronavirus related restrictions are lifted.

The PPMC are also looking at ways to increase engagement within our parish including the idea of group chats on messaging apps, that help us to stay connected to each other even in these difficult times. If you are interested in joining one, or wish to start a group with our support, please contact the parish office to register interest, (9410 9000/chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au)

The Parish Pastoral & Missionary Council



CatholicCare Foster Care Campaign There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to imagine and without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family. CatholicCare are looking for families across our parishes who might consider taking a child or young person into their home - to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. All carers receive 24/7 support, ongoing training and financial support to cover the care and living costs of the child or young person. If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now. Call (02) 4320 7777 or visit www.fostering.org.au



Vacancy - Children's Ministry Assistant – Chatswood

Permanent, part-time role 15 hours per week (2 days per week and Sunday morning)

The Chatswood Parish is seeking to recruit a part-time Children's Ministry Assistant, 15 hours per week, 2 days per week (Tuesdays and Wednesdays), with an occasional Sunday morning as required. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, supporting the Children's Ministry Coordinator to ensure the smooth running of all ministries for children and families in the Parish.

The ideal candidate will have experience working with volunteers in a Catholic environment, is comfortable working autonomously and an understanding of the need for accountability and ownership in a role, excellent administration and time management skills and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings.

The role provides support for occasional Sunday morning mass, monthly online Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental programs, Playgroup and Good Shepherd Catechesis Atrium activities. You will be working closely with Our Lady of Dolours Primary School to strengthen the relationship between school and Parish.

If you have high developed relationship building skills coupled with strong administration experience and this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. For further information please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications close Friday 30 July 2021

The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to Child Abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.

The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.

WEEK 7 – SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

Many communities engage volunteers to achieve their mission, and the Parish is no exception. Might you as a volunteer know how to identify and respond appropriately to behaviour that poses a risk or is harmful to children, including behaviour of colleagues or other children and young people?