



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish

SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER – 19 April 2020 – Year A/2

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased:
Ellen Bodemeade

Deceased Anniversaries:
Phil, Angela, John & Mary
Ryan, Francis & Irene Ward



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Bishop Anthony is celebrating Mass as planned for the 100th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Our Lady of Dolours Church this Sunday at 10.30am. This will be streamed from our parish this coming Sunday at 10.30am on Fr Jim's youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLpbDNqP8u1Wx4Gmo8jJydA> and the parish facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OLDChatswood/>

IGNATIUS FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

via Zoom



What do I desire?
Where can I find life?
Where is God in my life?

If these are questions that you have, then you may like to consider participating in a Spiritual Exercises retreat.

Beginning in May, Fr Jim, Sam French and Gail Gill will offer a retreat via Zoom.

You will need:

Access to a computer
The free Zoom app

A quiet space in your home

A notebook to use as a prayer journal

A copy of Michael Hansen SJ *First Spiritual Exercises*.

(This can be collected from the parish office or posted to you. The cost of the book is \$30.00)

Time Commitment

Participate in a 90 minute guided Zoom session for 5 weeks.

Around 45 minutes daily prayer for 4 weeks.

Information about the Spiritual Exercises. Go to www.fsecloud.life

Dates and times

Sam French: Fridays @ 5.30 to 7.00pm

1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 May

Fr Jim: Saturdays @ 5.30 to 7.00pm

2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 May

Gail Gill: Mondays @ 7.00 to 8.30pm

4, 11, 18, 25 May & 1 June

For people who have done this retreat with us in the past two years, there will be a group doing the second retreat in Michael Hansen's book:

Fr Jim: Sundays @ 5.30 to 7.00pm

3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 May

Registration

gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au

WITHIN OUR PARISH

BEING STUCK AT HOME CAN LEAVE YOU FEELING ISOLATED, ANXIOUS AND NEEDING ASSISTANCE

If you're self-isolating or staying at home and need some help, we want to say that we see you and we care about you!

Whether it's a regular phone call to check in on how you're going, helping with grocery shopping or offering emotional support, we're here to serve you.

We have volunteer teams ready and happy to help with whatever you may need.

Some of the ways we can offer you practical support are:

- A friendly phone call to check in
- Urgent supplies e.g. picking up medical prescriptions
- Grocery shopping
- Errands e.g. posting mail, picking up parcels
- Transportation e.g. getting to appointments
- Emotional & Prayer support – a chat, to listen to you and to pray for and with you
- Financial advice and help
- Computer support e.g. how to connect to video chats or online mass, how to buy items online

If you would like some support or know someone else in need, please do let us know by calling the parish on 9410 9000 or sending an email to chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au.

Rest assured, all requests will be treated with the strictest confidence, in line with our Privacy Policy.

SPIRITUAL COMPANIONING

We are living in a time of great uncertainty. Many of our usual routines, practices and supports are no longer available. Even how we live as a Catholic has changed. How are you being nourished spiritually and emotionally? Would you like to share something of your deeper story, questions, fears, frustrations and joys with another? Would you like to consider the invitations of God in your life, particularly in these extraordinary times? Maybe you would be interested in some "Spiritual Companionship". Unfortunately, it is not possible to meet in person but Elizabeth Lee, who regularly offers Spiritual Direction at OLD, is available via zoom, whats app, messenger, facetime, etc., as a Spiritual Companion. During these conversations you would be invited to share your story and notice, name and respond to the movement of the Spirit in your life and foster your relationship with God. To explore further contact Liz by email elizabethlee59@gmail.com

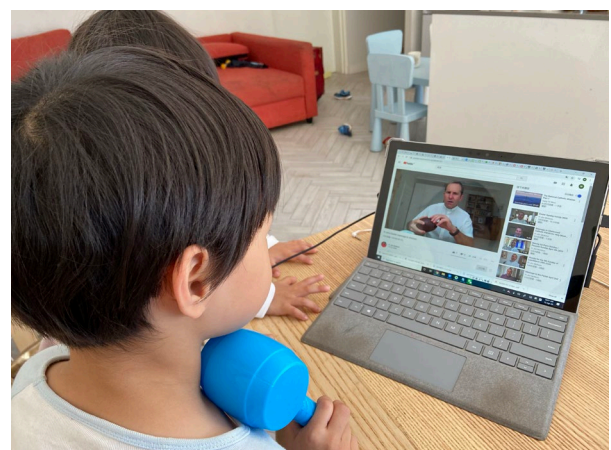
HOW ARE PEOPLE PRAYING DURING SOCIAL DISTANCING?

We've been hearing some great stories about how people are praying in new and different ways, either on their own or with their families. A few stories follow:

"Our family with 5 children took up the idea of praying the Stations of the Cross in the street on Good Friday, using telegraph poles as markers for each station. It created lots of discussion and conversation as we rode our bikes and scooters, and explained to our neighbours what we were doing. It became known as "the stations of the poles"! It was much more meaningful than watching it on TV and it is a tradition we will now continue" – Bernadette.

"As well as watching your homilies and videos, we also took up your suggestion of 'telegraph pole' Stations of the Cross. On Friday morning, we did the 14 Stations on the road together. It is one of the most memorable Stations we have done." – Giselle and Brent

"I have had the most wonderful prayerful Easter season. I started on Palm Sunday with a Mass from the Philippines. Monday of Holy Week I "went" to Mass in America. Then I discovered the Mass on Demand from Lavender Bay so I celebrated with just the priest and an assisting nun on Tuesday and Wednesday. The rest of the week was celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral and I also loved listening to Fr Jim's wonderful uplifting messages too. I'm also going for a 2km cardio walk every day as I have to look after my physical wellbeing as well as my spiritual. So, I have been walking and singing along to all my choral music - especially Handel's Messiah which has been so wonderful in this Easter season. Smiling and waving to people along the way definitely lifts the spirits too. I've also continued with my wonderful Spiritual Director Terese on the phone but hopefully by next month I will have mastered Zoom so we can have a face to face meeting. I will be forever grateful to the parish for introducing the Spiritual Director program to me as it has filled a huge gap in my spiritual life" – Joan .



HOLY WATER

Blessed 'holy water' is really Easter water, the water of baptism. Fr John has blessed a tub of holy water which is available for anyone who would like to bring a container to collect some. Please contact Fr John at the parish office – john.puliparambil@bbcatholic.org.au or 0470 361 790.

EMAIL SCAM

Some parishioners received an odd email this week purporting to be from Fr Jim, but it was a scam.

These do go around from time to time. You can usually tell such things are fake by a) the odd email address (which the scammer wants you to reply to), b) the odd language used – this one began "Calvary salutations...", and c) grammatical errors. Such scammers trawl a website to locate the leader's (or sometimes the finance officer or payroll clerk's) name and then they send a dummy message to every other email address which appears on that website, which in our case is group and ministry leaders. It doesn't mean that that parish database has been hacked. It is only drawing on public information from the website, annoying though this is. If you receive a suspicious email which suggests that it is from the parish please send it to chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au and Nicole can send these through to our IT provider and website host.

NO MORE FOOD AND FACE MASKS

Some very kind people have been dropping in both food and face masks to the parish office and presbytery. Please don't bring food, as we have more than enough. And we are not using face masks. The government has advised that people do not need to wear them in ordinary circumstances and not to buy them so that they can be available for health workers who do need them.

AN EASTER PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER

Go to <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/adult-faith-formation/easter-prayer-pilgrimage>

This is in PDF format so you can print it if you would like to do that. A resource will be posted for each week of Easter time through to Pentecost. It offers ways to pray during the week with the Sunday readings from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel. Guides for keeping a prayer journal and other simple prayers are also included.

This time of Easter offers us a way to enter more deeply into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus that we have celebrated throughout Holy Week.



ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day will be next Saturday. Although we cannot have a public service to honour those who have died in war, we will place a wreath and the

Australian flag on the door of the church for the weekend.

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Even though we can't gather together for Mass on Sundays, much of the life of the parish is continuing. Two-thirds of our parish income comes from cash given at Mass, either in envelopes or loose on the second collection.

As there are no Sunday Masses during the present shutdown our parish income has therefore dropped by two thirds. Like many organisations who are also struggling we are doing all we can to reduce our costs. For example, I personally have taken a pay cut, and we are looking at ways to reduce parish staff costs in conjunction with also assessing how the Government's JobKeeper program may assist. However, unfortunately most of our costs are fixed, such as insurance, utilities, IT contracts, phone lines and maintenance.

Therefore, if you are able to, I am hoping that you can update the way that you give to the parish by filling out and returning the giving form sent out last week or by clicking [here](#). You can arrange a monthly EFT donation into the parish's account named Chatswood Parish:- (Our Lady of Dolours), BSB 062-784, Account # 1073 8005 and use "PG" & your name as the reference, or you can phone Nicole in the parish office on 9410 9000 to authorise a credit card donation.

Of course, if you are one of the many people who has lost or significantly reduced your income in recent weeks then I am not asking you to give. But if you have a steady income and you are not already giving by either credit card or direct debit, I am asking you to make this commitment to support your parish so that we can keep going during this difficult time and also be ready to respond as soon as we are allowed to gather as a parish again.

Your monthly donation will give the parish a reliable income so that we can be here to support people who are in need right now, and to be ready for you when we can worship and celebrate together again.

- Fr Jim McKeon

DO YOU HAVE PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND CASH TO HAND IN?

Did you know that you can go online at ["lent.caritas.org.au"](http://lent.caritas.org.au) and securely donate with your credit card, or you can send a cheque to Caritas Australia, GPO Box 9830 Sydney NSW 2001. Alternatively, call 1800 024 413 for assistance.