



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish

16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

19 July 2020 – Year A/2

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Anniversaries:

Godofredo Abenales, Cetinic
Pensa Zele and Nevenka, Vlatko
Rulo Vlaho

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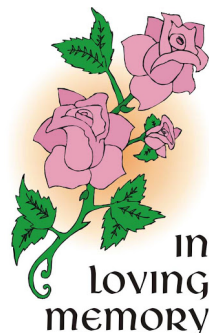
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Welcome to Aldrin! This week we welcome Aldrin Valdehueza to our parish. Aldrin has been appointed by Bishop Anthony to our parish as he prepares for his ordination to diaconate. Aldrin will be living with Fr Jim and Fr John, working as part of the parish team based in the parish office and involved in all parish ministries. His email contact will be aldrin.valdehueza@bbcatholic.org.au and 9410 9028. Please make him welcome.

Church seating & parking: Our parish is gathering momentum as more and more people return to Mass. We are taking precautions to ensure everyone's safety, and to comply with government health orders. Our church has 600sqm of floor space which allows us to have 150 people present at any time. We have also moved pews, or roped pews off, to ensure that wherever you sit in the church you will be 1.5 metres away from others. We're regularly sanitizing pews and door handles and we are installing hand sanitisers at the front and back doors.

You can once again park in the St Pius grounds, with both gates on Ferguson Lane and Kirk St opening 30 minutes before Mass and closing 30 minutes after Mass ends, and you can enter the church via the back or front doors. Our friendly welcomers will be at both doors to greet you and to check you in.

Please do continue to book online at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/mass-times/sunday-mass-times> or by phoning the parish during office hours. Remember that the church doors will be closed once Mass commences, because the volunteer greeters are also here for Mass and want to be present for the whole of the Mass. **If you have booked a ticket/s but are unable to print off a ticket for a weekend mass, the welcomers can check you in by name.**



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Memorial Mass: During the past few months you may have been unable to attend the funeral of someone you love, due to the restricted numbers, limitations on travel, or self-isolation. We want to create an opportunity for you to come together for a memorial Mass at which we can pray for the many people whom we haven't yet fully grieved. We'll have Mass at 12pm on Saturday August 1st. Please book via <https://www.trybooking.com/BKNKA>. The link will be open from 5pm, Saturday 18 July 2020. We invite you to bring a photo of that person, or a flower to represent them, which we will place in front of the altar as we offer Mass for them.

WITHIN OUR PARISH

JOY IN DIFFICULT TIMES: The changes in our society during Covid have caused, and continue to cause, difficulty for many people. It is more important than ever that we can find a source of joy within us which can sustain us. St Paul's letter to the Philippians is a great model for us, especially when we realise that he wrote it whilst in prison. During August we're forming small groups of 6-10 people to meet each week to read Philippians together over four weeks. We'll have both face to face and online options available. To join one of our Zoom groups on Mondays 8pm from Aug 3rd or Wednesdays 8pm from Aug 5th contact jim.mckean@bbcatholic.org.au. Next weekend we'll have details of two more groups at other times. People who did Alpha earlier in the year will be invited to come back together on Mondays for this bible study.

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

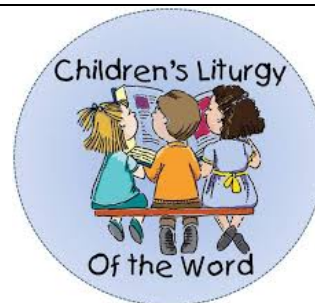
There are still a large number of new 2020-2021 planned giving envelopes in the main foyer of the Church. Thank you for collecting them this way as it saves a considerable amount on postage costs for the parish. **If you would prefer to give through credit card, please email Nicole on nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au who can send you out a form to set this up.** Thank you.



AV PROJECTOR HELP NEEDED

Help is needed to 'push the button' for the AV projector in our Church during 3 of the Sunday masses. Can you help? Training will be given. We are looking for people for the following masses: 7.30am, 9am and 10.30am. Ideally, we would like as many volunteers as possible so that we can create a roster. If you can help, please contact Charmaine Wan on charmainewan@gmail.com or Nicole in the Parish Office on 9410 9020.

The Catholic Weekly "The Catholic Weekly is a Catholic newspaper produced weekly by the Archdiocese of Sydney. It is available in the church foyer at \$2 a copy."



Resumes at 9am Mass

We are delighted to announce that from **Sunday 26 July**, we will again be offering Children's Liturgy of the Word during our 9am Mass.

Families with children who would like to attend, please listen out for the children to be invited by the priest at the beginning of Mass.

Our wonderful parent volunteers have all been updated on operating in a COVID safe way as well as undergoing required child safeguarding training.

If you would like to know more about our Children's Liturgy program, please contact our Children's Liturgy Co-Ordinator Branka Posa at: branka_111@hotmail.com

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL met in person on Tuesday, the 7th July, and it was reassuring and comforting to see each other and be physically present. We spoke further about our personal experiences on the impact of the coronavirus pandemic in and around our parish, as well as shared stories of what we have heard from other parishioners on what has been lost and what has been gained during these difficult times. For some it has been, and still is, painful - socially, financially, psychologically and/or spiritually, and others felt disconnected from their communities. Others still have appreciated the extra time at home - the chance to spend more time with family. On the question 'is the parish meeting people's needs' - the answer was clear: not in all aspects.

In this light, the Parish Pastoral Council has decided to refocus our attention on engaging, energising and igniting for the remainder of this year: re-engaging our relationships with one another, re-energising our parish family, and re-igniting our faith. What this will look like is still being discussed, however we reflected on parish models where people moved from being 'attenders' to 'members' of their parish.

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We have started highlighting the wonderful work already taking place within our parish in the parish profile section of the bulletin each fortnight and also our website, and we encourage those interested to join and become part of these ministries and groups. We look forward to sharing more ministries and groups in the coming weeks and months. *Parish Pastoral Council*

WHO COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF MARY MAGDALENE?

Is it the repentant woman in Luke who bathed Jesus' feet with her tears? Mary of Bethany who anointed Jesus with expensive ointment, or perhaps the sinful woman whom Jesus saved from stoning.

For hundreds of years, the combination of all of these stories about women in the gospels have fired imaginations with many depictions of Mary Magdalene. The most usual story is that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute who repented and followed Jesus. But that is not what the gospels say. One of the difficulties is that there are a number of Marys in the gospel, it was a popular name for Jewish girls going all the way back to the time of Moses and the leader and prophet Miriam. Mary of Magdala was named by the



13th century St Alban's Psalter

place she came from on the shores of Galilee. It's likely that she had a business in Magdala that salted and smoked fish. An Easter homily in the 6th century from Pope Gregory, unfortunately brought together a number of the gospel Marys as the one story of Mary Magdalene which endured for centuries.

We are blessed to live in a time of wonderful scripture scholarship that continues to open the scriptures for all of us. In June 2016 Pope Francis announced that the liturgical memorial for Mary Magdalene would now be celebrated as a **Feast on 22nd July**, with a preface that retrieves the ancient description of **Mary Magdalene as Apostle to the Apostles**.

All four gospels recognise Mary Magdalene as first witness to the resurrection of Jesus. Each gospel tells the story slightly differently. Luke alone introduces Mary Magdalene in chapter 8, with the other Galilean women who travelled with Jesus and the apostles and who

financed Jesus' ministry. They travelled with Jesus to Jerusalem, witnessed his crucifixion, saw where he was buried and were the first to arrive at the tomb. Mary Magdalene was the first to recognise the risen Jesus when he called her by name and sent her to proclaim the Risen Jesus.

Meet the Real Mary Magdalen

Find a few minutes to carefully read John 20: 1- 18 and meet the real Mary Magdalene.

DON'T FORGET - Young Adults Dinner

TONIGHT, SUNDAY 19TH JULY: As social distancing restrictions gradually ease, we can now recommence our monthly dinner for young adults 18+ in our parish. Come join at a local venue, TBC, after Sunday night Mass on July 19th. It will also be an opportunity to meet our newly appointed seminarian Aldrin Valdehueza.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

Throughout the year people contact the parish office seeking a parish priest's reference for enrolment into a Catholic School. In 2020, Fr Jim invites parents seeking a reference to attend a Parent Connect Gathering which will develop the partnership of parish, family and school in the project of teaching Catholic faith to children in both primary school and high school. **Our next gathering for the year is on 8th August 2020, 10-11am in the Magnificat Room** (Cnr Kirk and Archer Streets).

To RSVP, please book online through the parish website bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood under the schools tab. For more information, please contact Bernadette on 9410 9031 or email bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au

Weekday Mass Times: Monday – 12.15pm, Tuesday – 9am, Wednesday – 9am & 12.15pm with Adoration between, Thursday - 9am, Friday – 9am & Saturday – 9am.

WITHIN OUR DIOCESE

Have you heard of the Memory Innovations Centre?

Programs focus on having fun, connecting with others and stimulating your brain. Cooking, exercise, dance, art and mind exercise programs available. Visit us for a free trial session in Waitara or join our online programs – open to all in the Diocese! Call Jessica on (02) 9481 2659 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/mic



Position Vacant - Facilities & WHS Officer, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

The Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for the role of **Facilities & WHS Officer**. This is a full time, one year fixed term role based at Pennant Hills.

The Facilities & WHS Officer provides facilities management and expertise in maintaining Diocesan assets as well as assisting with the coordination and management of Chancery and Parish WHS responsibilities. For the full advertisement see the **Positions Vacant** page of the Diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

Group Profile: Zoom Liturgy of the Word

TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT THE ONLINE ZOOM LITURGY OF THE WORD GROUP

The online Zoom LOW group began during lockdown as a way for families to listen to and reflect on God's Word together when we couldn't go to Mass. We currently have around 20 families of all shapes and sizes who join us online from the comfort of their homes.

We start off with a welcome and catch-up before moving into the liturgy itself. The scripture readings are read out by the families. Fr Jim offers a short homily followed by a short individual family reflection time. We finish off in 'breakout rooms' where we get a chance to socialise in smaller groups.

The gatherings are relaxed, welcoming and inspiring and we would love more families to join us.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY THE MOST ABOUT ZOOM LOW?

We thoroughly enjoy the LOW gatherings because they are interactive and we can all participate. Fr Jim explains the essence of the Gospel and its key message in a way we can relate to and we have time to discuss this with our children.

The sessions are fruitful in that each time we take away something different and a small revelation occurs, a lightbulb moment, "Oh that's what he meant by that - I get it now".

We are able to develop a closer connection to our parish family through the group and it feels really dynamic to us!

HOW DO THE ACTIONS OF THE GROUP SPEAK ABOUT THE LOVE OF JESUS?

We believe the core of Jesus' message is love, love between people and for each other. Having the opportunity to talk to and share with other families whom we have never spoken to before brings us closer as a community.

The group feels like a community where everyone is welcome, belongs and is connected.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE MEMORY OR EXPERIENCE IN THE ZOOM LOW GROUP?

Seeing other families relaxed in their home environment and participating naturally. We loved that when we were visiting my sister and her husband that they too could participate in the LOW with us and that they were welcomed by our little community. That felt very special.

The first time we tried the breakout rooms was great. It's enabled us to talk with families whom we had seen at Mass but never had the opportunity to talk to, it's strengthened our community bond.

WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Finding a way to open the door to Jesus and making sure the way is open for our children to have a relationship with Jesus.

IF YOU COULD ASK JESUS TO CHANGE ONE ISSUE IN THE WORLD TODAY, WHICH WOULD IT BE?

Help us find the truth amongst the noise because there is so much noise out there to distract us and for everyone, including world leaders, to say "How can I help?" and really mean it.

BEING PART OF ZOOM LOW HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS BECAUSE...

It has strengthened my sense of spiritual purpose and helped my wife and I communicate more deliberately about our spirituality because time and space is made during the LOW for us to talk to each other and share our views.

I personally feel I have grown in my faith from these sessions. For example, a recent discussion about fear and the different types of fear - Jesus' message was about not being afraid to be the best you can be.

Hearing the strong messages about the true essence of our faith allows us to grow stronger and gives us courage and strength in our role as parents.

HOW CAN PARISHIONERS GET INVOLVED?

The Zoom LOW meets on the first Sunday of each month at 4pm. Email Angela at angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au for more details.

