



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

19 September 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Gordon Thomas, Leticia Nery,
Pat Chard, Luigi Agnese, Xavier Nitin
Dholakia

Recently Deceased: Fr James Duck,
Michel Antarakis, Frances Chan

Deceased Anniversaries: Kevin Bruce,
Anunciacion Gadiane, Abraham
Gadiane, Marica Cetinic, Gloria Gomez
Cabigting



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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOu>

[WB-xkzimV6TdjNbTbSnw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOuWB-xkzimV6TdjNbTbSnw)

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This week's Scripture passage has three parts. In the first part, Jesus finds time to be alone with his disciples and tells them he will be betrayed and killed, and that in three days he will rise again. In the second part, Jesus intercedes in an argument the disciples are having about who is the greatest among them. In the third part, Jesus tells the disciples that to follow him they must be "servant[s] of all" (9:35).

Jesus's prediction in 9:31 of his Passion, death, and Resurrection is the second of three such accounts in the Gospel of Mark. The other two are in 8:31 and 10:33-34. Though Jesus accurately predicts his death, the disciples do not understand at the time what Jesus is telling them. According to Mark, the disciples are afraid to ask Jesus what he means.

It should not surprise us then that these same disciples do not stay by Jesus's side when he is arrested and crucified in Jerusalem. Fear still controls their actions. Preoccupied with arguing among themselves about who in their group is the greatest, the disciples fail to understand what Jesus shared with them about his fate.

Jesus's definition of true greatness had an impact on the disciples, and it has the same impact on us today. Jesus defined true greatness as being in humble service to others: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all" (9:35). A proud or puffed-up person has no place in Jesus's schema of importance.

To make his point, Jesus points to a child. In Jesus's day, a child had the same low status as a slave. Young people became free only when they reached maturity. Therefore, as a way of challenging the disciples' and our desire to be the most important, Jesus says, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" (9:37). In other words, by serving the lowest people in society, one serves God.

Wis 2:12,17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Within our Parish

SENIOR'S GROUP



Well, spring has sprung. We hope you are enjoying the warmer weather and venturing into the garden to take advantage of spring.

Some gentle exercise or mindfulness in the garden is very beneficial.

We hope to meet with you all soon.
Linda and Jan



Safeguarding Month September 2021
Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities

Dear Clergy and Parishioners of Broken Bay,
You are invited to join the following initiatives

WEEK 1: 1-4 September

- Like Diocesan social media posts that show how Children and Young People participate in our Catholic communities

WEEK 2: 5-11 September

- Celebrate National Children Protection Week (NAPCAN) by visiting their national webpage - www.napcan.org.au and learn about the theme: **Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.**
- Wednesday 8 September** – Online Launch of new resource for adults of Broken Bay – *Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities: A guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young People.* Access the e-resource here - www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021 Printed copies are available from the **Office for Safeguarding (Chancery) P 8379 1605** or Esafeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au
- Thursday 9 September @ 12.30pm – 1.30pm** – Free webinar facilitated by NAPCAN - eSafety's guide to online sexual harassment and image-based abuse. The webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 13 - 18. **To register click here:** register.gotowebrinar.com/r/8331659724914836752
- Thursday 9 September @ 7pm, Liturgy of Lament** – an opportunity to gather and pray to God in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expression to our sorrow. The liturgy will be broadcast. **Click here to view:** www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021

WEEK 3: 12-18 September

- Sunday 12 September, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday** - join Bishop Anthony Randazzo in celebrating Mass at **9.30am** via livestream from OLOR, Cathedral. **Click here to view:** www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenw117114XB9TsVBrLVQ
- Prayers** – Remember in your prayers this week the wellbeing and safety of Children and Young People especially those who are particularly vulnerable due to covid-19. **Prayer resources are available from our webpage:** www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021

WEEK 4: 19-25 September

- Wednesday 22 September @ 11.00am to 12.30pm, via zoom** - Ministering to a Church in Trauma presentation by Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar General. **To register and receive your zoom link click here:** bbcatholic.zoom.us/j/95299999999

WEEK 5: 26-30 September

- The Diocesan Office for Safeguarding places a special devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots. Her feast day is celebrated **Tuesday 28 September**. You are invited to pray the Mary Undoer of Knots Novena. **A wonderful prayer resource can be accessed here:** www.praymorenovenas.com/mary-undoer-knots-novena

Thank you for your participation



BROKEN BAY NEWS

The September issue of Broken Bay News is now available online. Read it online here:

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_september_2021_issue_211

HOPE OUT OF HORROR



In the wake of the tremendous difficulties currently being faced by those in Afghanistan and by Afghans currently in Australia on temporary visas, **SJAB (Social Justice Around the Bay), St. Vincent de Paul, Northern Sydney / Central Coast Regional Social Justice Committee** and **Jesuit Refugee Service Australia (JRS)** are holding a Webinar titled:

Hope Out of Horror – Seeking Refuge in Australia
Thursday, 23 September, 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Fr David Ranson will provide an introduction.

This is a chance to hear the stories of those seeking Refuge and Asylum in Australia and to join a cry to Canberra to:

1. Offer Permanent Protection for all refugees.
2. Enable access to Family Reunions for refugees.
3. Offer a Safety Net, including Medical and Financial Assistance to those in need.

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL - Go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/stories-of-hope-and-courage-seeking-refugee-in-australia-tickets-166888717647>

EXPLORING THE FAITH COURSE OUTLINE

Have you ever thought Why is the Old Testament so important to our Faith? What really is the Good News? How can we be so confident in the Resurrection? Why do we need prayer? What takes place when we receive the Sacraments? How do we fit in the universal Church? Exploring the Faith is a 30-week course that explores these things and more, starting Wednesday 22nd September 2021 (7.15pm-9pm) through to 1st June 2022. No prerequisites to joining, however places are limited. Course will initially start online, and shift to in person at OLD Parish once restrictions are lifted and it is relatively safe to do so. Please click link to see booklet and course outline. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/faith-formation-social-justice/faith-formation-social-justice/faith-formation> Please contact Anthony Seeto for further information and registration: aseeto@gmail.com

Pride goes before destruction,
a haughty spirit before a fall.

骄傲在败坏以先，狂心在跌倒之前

From Fr David

Dear friends,

Again, my warm feast day greetings to you from 15 September – Our Lady of Dolours. How good it was to see so many join us for our midday Rosary and for our online Marian Pilgrimage in the evening. If you were not able to join us, you can do so at your convenience through our Parish YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOuWB-xkzimV6TdjNbTbSnw> on which you will also find my reflection for the occasion. As many of you would have seen I have written a prayer to Our Lady for the occasion. We will look at having this prayer printed on cards which will be available when our church reopens in October.

On our parish YouTube channel, you will also find an excellent presentation on Ecological Conversion by Gail Gill. This is a tremendous explanation of the annual Social Justice Statement *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*. I do encourage you to watch Gail's presentation. I know that you will find it very informative.

Lockdown has truly broadened our opportunities for formation. Over the next two Saturdays at 5pm, Fr Joey is providing seminars on the Spirituality of Incarnation. The details are all available on page 4 of this bulletin, in the parish mailouts and on the website. Also, Anthony Seeto is pioneering an excellent series *Exploring our Faith* – a 30-week systematic exploration of what we believe as Catholics, beginning on 22 September. What a remarkable opportunity! Again, do see all the details on our parish website and in our bulletins. And many of our Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are doing online courses through Brisbane Liturgy. Our Catechists, too, are using this time for many great opportunities of formation in faith.

A special consideration to all our school children, their teachers and families who come to the end of Term 3 this week. What a challenging term it has been for them. I know our teachers especially will be mightily relieved for the break. We hope the next couple of weeks will be restorative ahead of Term 4 which of course remains shrouded in uncertainty, though we expect students to return to face to face learning incrementally between 25th October and 8 November. We think of our HSC students in a particular way who have had their final year, and all that goes with it, so disrupted by the current situation.

Our prayers this week for Ingrid Campbell whose mother was farewelled in Newcastle last Monday, and for Joan Antarakis who farewelled her wonderful husband Mikel this Thursday morning. Joan and Mikel were married in our church many years ago. We pray that Mikel and Ingrid's mother

be received into life eternal and that the peace of the risen Christ be in the hearts of their family

We are edging little by little to the government's target of 70% full vaccination and the end of some restrictions, including the closure of our churches. The government continues to be insistent that admission to any public gathering will be possible only for those who are fully vaccinated. Though we do not yet have clarity about the application of this principle to places of public worship, I again urge you to be vaccinated. It would be so unfortunate if our church reopens but you are not able to be with us. Even for the exercise of our priestly ministry we have to be fully vaccinated. Our clergy have all been notified recently by Catholic Health Care that we cannot attend their aged care facilities without providing proof of our full vaccination. This is not the government dictating religious practice; it is about us ensuring in the midst of the pandemic that we are acting responsibly for the protection of others. The Church's teaching is clear: there is no moral objection to COVID vaccinations, particularly given the diversity of vaccines available.

Let's continue to keep each other in prayer as we edge towards seeing one another again.

Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG



SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION Q & A Forum

With **Br Ian Cribb sj**

26 September 1.30 – 3.00pm

For the past 30 years Br Ian has worked in the ministry of Ignatian Spirituality as a giver of retreats, spiritual direction and formation of both Jesuits and lay people. For 10 years he was the Director of the Sevenhill Spirituality Centre before coming to Sydney in 2016. Br Ian is currently the Community Leader of the Gonzaga Jesuit Community in Kirribilli and a member of the St Ignatius College School Board. He is the Jesuit Provincial's Delegate for Ignatian Spirituality and Formation and the CEO of Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia. More recently, he has been working as a member of the Formation team for facilitators and members of the coming Plenary Council.

No need to book

Zoom Meeting ID: 86009976809 Passcode: 730460

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WHAT IS MEANT BY THE
INCARNATION?



*You are warmly invited to attend
a zoom seminar on*

***Spirituality of the
Incarnation***

Speaker: Fr Joey

Sep 18 & Sep 25, 2021

Saturday at 5 pm

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Passcode: 052757



Meditatio Seminar

by WCCM Australia

Invites you to join our online seminar

Health and Wholeness: *Healing Ourselves and Healing the Earth*

Saturday 25 Sept 2021
10am to 4pm AEST



Laurence Freeman OSB will lead us in meditation and talk about *The Power of Pure Attention and Information Alone is Not Enough*.

Dr Barry White will share with us how we can, and need to, place a contemplative practice at the centre, allowing us to live a life where being is primary to doing.

Dr Peter Smith will give us his insights into his personal experience of how meditation helped him cope with trauma following an accident.

Janet O'Sullivan will reflect on the interconnectedness of human and environmental health.

Register by 22 Sept:

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