

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
19 & 26 January 2020 – Year A/2

Baptisms:

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Joining with Sydney Alliance

Australia Day invites us to reflect on what kind of nation we are, and what kind of nation we want to be. The Catholic Church has played a large part in the shaping of our nation and our culture, but in recent decades our influence is waning as secular and free-market values take hold. Yet we still have a significant contribution to make in a pluralist society, and so it is important that we raise our voice in the public square. We can speak with greater weight when we join with other churches and other groups who seek the common good, so this year our parish has joined *The Sydney Alliance* so that we are part of a bigger network of groups speaking for and working for the common good. *The Common Good* is a deeply entrenched Catholic Social Teaching which asks us to look to the good of others when making our moral decisions (Catechism of the Catholic Church n.1906). This includes urban planning and government social policies.

Come and join us this Tuesday Jan 21st as we learn how to get engaged with other people of goodwill to make a difference in issues like housing affordability, public transport and sustainable and affordable electricity. See sydneyalliance.org.au for more details. We're meeting at 6.30pm (with a BBQ dinner) in the parish meeting rooms. RSVP gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au or see Fr Jim for more details.

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TUESDAY 21 JANUARY
6.30 – 9 PM (Includes BBQ)
MAGNIFICAT ROOM

Contact Gail for further information 9410 9021 or
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<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>
go to Adult Faith Formation
Sydney Alliance website www.sydneyalliance.org.au/

Australia Day Public Holiday - Monday 27 January is a public holiday for Australia Day. We will have our usual 12.15pm Mass on this day. The Parish Office is also closed on this day.

As Nicole is away on annual leave until 20 January,
this bulletin will not be sent out via email.

WITHIN OUR PARISH

TEEN YOUTH GROUP:

Our teen youth group is for young people in Year 7-10. We have a gathering once a month on Sunday mornings during school term, and day trips during school holidays. Our summer holiday outing will be ice skating on Wed Jan 22nd, led by our young adult leaders Ashleigh and Sean, and Fr Jim. A permission form is on the website www.chatswoodparish.org.au or contact chatswoodparish@bbcatholic.org.au

NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING GAINED

It is always easier to say “No” than to say “Yes” but then we risk losing an opportunity to grow in our faith and achieve something. **The Legion of Mary** provides an avenue for parishioners to deepen their faith and put their faith into action in spreading the love of God for all. To find out more, come along to our next meeting at **4 pm, Sat 25th January** in St Peter’s meeting room or contact Patricia on 0428 047 013 or 9887 4418.

Sunday night Communion Ministers: Another change to Sunday nights without Adrian Brannan is that we need a more effective way of ensuring that we have the correct number of Communion Ministers. From the start of the new roster in February we will no longer have a roster for Communion Ministers of Sunday nights. Instead, wooden crosses corresponding the number of Communion Ministers needed will be on the offertory table in the middle of the church. We invite trained and commissioned Communion Ministers to take and wear a cross so that we have clarity about who will be giving Communion, and only those people wearing a cross to come forward.

BULLETIN CHANGES FOR 2020

This year we will be changing the way we do our weekly bulletins. We will be printing a large bulletin (8 pages) once a month which will be used for 2 weekends and we will print a small bulletin (4 pages) fortnightly which will do for 2 weekends as well. We will also no longer be printing the roster and readings on the back page of the bulletin because you can find this information elsewhere. If you wish to have the readings during mass, please purchase a Missal or God’s Word which are available in the Piety Stall.

100 YEARS

In April 2020 we celebrate 100 years of Our Lady of Dolours Church. We will have more details early next year as to how we will celebrate this great event. Keep an eye out for this information.

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Fr Ray Brain CP, Emmanuel Azzopardi, Anne Walker, Angus McDonald

Deceased Anniversaries: Frederick Abenales, Ljubica Bacic, Paul Hung, Juliana Chee, Fonny Veronica Madaida, Magdalena Madaida Gosal, Francis Ward, Dr Franko Stanich, Marko & Mara Stanich, Siegfried & Michaela Korb, Maria Gussing, Josef Egger, Hubert Gussing, Diana Carson. Members of the Hiew and Chong families



COMMUNITY DINNERS

Our Community Dinners are for everyone, Catholic and non-Catholic alike who want to share a meal in good company. It is a family friendly, smoke free and alcohol event at which everyone is welcome. We meet on Saturday nights in the hall across the school playground, also accessible from Ferguson Lane, 6.30pm – 7.30pm. We’re restarting after the summer break this weekend on January 18th.

Can you cook a BBQ?

We love bringing people together over food. On the fourth Sunday night of each month we have a BBQ after the Sunday night Mass which draws together parishioners of all ages, especially our teenagers, their families, and young adults. With our youth minister Adrian moving on we will now need some volunteers to cook our Sunday night BBQ. Could you cook our BBQ on our new 6 burner BBQ one Sunday night this year? Please put your name on the roster in the foyer of the church. Fr Jim will contact you well in advance to help you with set up.

HOME ROSARY SCHEDULE

24/1 198 Eastern Valley Way, Willoughby
31/1 29 Oakville Road, Willoughby

PARISH MASS & DEVOTIONS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday – Monday 12.15pm, Tuesday & Wednesday 9am, Thursday 9am & 12.15pm, Friday 9am

Saturday - 9am and 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday - 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

Reconciliation - 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday & 7pm-8pm each Thursday. Any time by request.

Morning Prayer - 8.45am Tuesday 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. Also, on Thursdays 7-8pm.

Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Saturday 10.00am with **Benediction** 10.30am

Anointing of the Sick - 3rd Thursday of month at 12.15pm weekday Mass, before surgery or medical treatment, or by request.

Have you ever done Alpha?

A million people already have. In coming weekends you'll see a short video testimony at Mass from one of our parishioners who has experienced Alpha and the difference it has made for them. Alpha is a short course which explores the deepest questions of Catholic faith whether you are new to the church or a life-long member. It's an easy and accessible way to explore big questions by sharing a meal, watching a 30 minute film, and then discussing the film. We'll be offering Alpha at both lunchtime (1pm – 3pm) and dinner time (7pm-9pm) on Mondays starting February 17th here in our parish. Come and explore with us! RSVP or ask your questions to our hosts Ditas Naguit, Gillian Hawkins and Fr Jim at chatswoodalpha@bbcatholic.org.au

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.

We will host several gatherings throughout the year with the first one being held on 7th March 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

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY newspaper is back for sale in our parish and you can obtain a copy at \$2 each from the foyer of the church. Please leave your payment in the box marked "Catholic Weekly Payment" above the Perspex holder where the papers are located. Thank you.

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*.

VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL

A Special Collection will be held next weekend (25/26 January) to raise funds for **the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal**. Donations can be made in cash on the day or online at www.bushfireappeal.com.au

Donations raised will go to people directly impacted by the bushfires.

For more information please see our website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/bushfires/resources>

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT:

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love you created our earth
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look with favour
on our fire-ravaged and drought-stricken land,
on our starving and displaced animals,
on our failing crops
and burning farms, towns and forests.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our
farmers
and to all who are affected by drought;
be with those who support them.
Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires,
those who have lost family, friends, property and
stock.

Protect our volunteer firefighters
and all members of essential services.

In your loving providence,
send abundant rain to quench the fires
and to restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,
hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and
through the power of the Holy Spirit,
the Lord the giver of life:
Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, help of Christians –
Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –
Pray for us.

First Reconciliation 2020

Enrolments for preparation and reception of First Reconciliation will open via the parish



website on Monday 27 January 2020.

In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for Reconciliation once they have been Baptised and Confirmed and have reached 7 years of age or older.

To enrol your child

Go to the parish website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

From the home page:

- Click on **Sacraments**
- Click on **Children's Sacramental Program**
- Click on **Enrolments**
- Click on **Reconciliation Enrolment Instructions**

Please print and/or read this file to gather all the information you will need to enrol.

When you are ready to enrol,

- Click on **Enrol in Reconciliation 2020**
- Enter all the details requested and as explained on the 'Instructions' file.

Enrolments close on Monday 10 Feb 2019



Twice a year, we run a preparation program for 6-12 year old children who would like to be baptised. This program includes the parents and

child attending preparation sessions together in a small group with other children and families.

Our next Kids' Baptism Program will begin on **Sunday 1 March 2020**. If you would like to know more about this program, or would like your child to join, you can download the information and enrolment forms from our parish website.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

- Click on **Sacraments**
- Click on **Baptism** and then **Kids' Baptism**.

If you would like to discuss baptism for your child at any age, please contact **Angela at the Parish Office**.

We are excited to announce that we will be starting a new playgroup for 0-5 year olds and their carers in Term One of 2020.



This will be held on Monday mornings from 9 - 10.45am during school term, in Harrington Hall above the kindergarten classrooms in Our Lady of Dolours School.

Contact Angela (from 21 January) on:

angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au for further details.

The Children's Atrium

Of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Is such a place.



The program is run in three age groups and each room is prepared for them based on their stage of development and their religious needs and capacities at each stage.

The age groups and times available for children to come to the Atrium at Chatswood are;

- 3-6 year olds: Mondays 10am-11.30am
Mondays 3.45-5.30pm
Tuesdays 3.45-5.30pm
Fridays 10am-11.30am
- 6-9 year olds: Mondays 3.45-5.30pm and
Tuesdays 3.45-5.30pm
- 9-12 year olds: Mondays 3.45-5.30pm and
Tuesdays 3.45-5.30pm

If you would like to know more about this wonderful ministry for your child, please contact Angela Hague at the parish office or email: old.childrens.atrrium@gmail.com

