



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

2 August 2020 – Year A/2

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
WE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased:

Sr Bridget O'Hallaron

Deceased Anniversary:

Valentine Erny Chang le Lan

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Reconciliation Room (Confessional): Physical distancing is going to continue to be necessary for some time. One of the things we haven't been able to do lately is to use our Reconciliation Room or Confessional because it is too small an enclosed space (just over 2 sq metres) for two people (priest and penitent) to be, and so we have been having the sacrament of Penance in various corners of the church. By the time you read this our reconciliation room will be ready or nearly ready for use after its' renovation. We have reinstalled the wall, partially glass, between the priest and the penitent to keep a physical separation between them. You as the penitent will still enter via the same door as before, and have the option of kneeling behind a screen or sitting face to face with the priest. You will have the option of closing a curtain next to you if you feel you want additional privacy, or leave it open if you don't like enclosed spaces. There are just some small air holes high above face level to allow the priest and penitent to hear each other without shouting. We are confident that this will provide the necessary protection for each person who approaches the sacrament of Penance. Our regular times are Thursdays 7pm – 8pm and Saturdays 9.30am – 10.30am each week, or contact Fr John or Fr Jim to make an appointment for another time.

The Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) is celebrated on Saturday August 8th at 9am. We'd like to decorate the sanctuary with Australian native flowers to honour our Australian saint, so please bring any native flowers to the church on Thurs 6th and Fri 7th.

Feast of the Assumption is celebrated on Saturday August 15th. It will not be a holy day of obligation this year, because Bishop Anthony has temporarily dispensed us from the obligation for Mass on Sundays and holy days. It remains a significant feast day which many people will want to celebrate, so we will have a vigil Mass on Fri Aug 14th at 7pm, as well as Saturday Aug 15th at 9am. Bookings will be required for either Mass - www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/mass-times/sunday-mass-times

How to stay positive: St Paul's Letter to the Philippians is a short (4 pages) and simple book of the bible which is positive and encouraging and may be a perfect antidote to the constant stream of bad news on our screens. Come join us in small groups online or in person as we read Philippians during August.

Face to face groups in the parish meeting rooms: Mondays 10.30am & 7pm, Fridays 2pm and Sundays 6.30pm. Zoom groups Mondays 7pm and Wednesdays 8pm, starting the week of August 3rd. Contact jim.mckeeon@bbcatholic.org.au to join a group or call the parish office.

WITHIN OUR PARISH

SCHOOL REFERENCES

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

CHATSWOODPARISH OFFICE EMAILS: From 20th July, all Chatswoodparish.org.au emails have been discontinued. Please update your email address books to ensure all Chatswood Parish Office emails go to @bbcatholic.org.au. See left-hand side of front page for all team member's emails, or look on the website.

PARISH GATHERING ONLINE: We know that not everyone is able to come to Mass at the moment, so we want to offer you another way to gather in prayer with the parish. Each month we have an online Liturgy of the Word where parishioners, including families with children gather to listen to God's Word and respond in prayer with Fr Jim, Angela Hague and Bernadette Ho. This is not a streamed Mass which you passively watch, but an interactive live event where you can both listen and respond for around 40 minutes from the comfort of your home. Our next gathering is this Sunday, Aug 2nd at 4pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8398477260?pwd=ToILZzNMSXBUcmNvbkw1QmtXMitEZz09>

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: 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.



Has Resumed at 9am 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



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK – This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).

Enrolling Now



CONTACT US TO BOOK YOUR SCHOOL TOUR
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www.bibleproject.com

This is a great place to start. It's free and offers a number of ways to engage with the bible. It offers a number of animated videos which include a 'what is the bible and a how to read' the bible. Worth looking at before you look at individual books. It also offers a weekly email with video, scripture readings and questions.

Light of Torah

www.lightoftorah.net

The first five books of the bible, known as Torah, are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. This resource was written by Teresa Pirola and is grouped according to the Jewish calendar of reading. There is a weekly leaflet available that is very easy to follow and as well as insights for each section of the Torah reading, provides scripture tools for everyday life. Each leaflet can be downloaded from the website.

OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, the Archbishop of Brisbane, is a gifted scripture scholar. These videos are freely available at:

www.archbne.org/mkpm

Mercy in the Scriptures (3 videos)
Living Biblically in a Secular World (7 videos)

Fr Michael Fallon MSC has a very large range of biblical commentary available at:

www.mbfallon.com/

Reading the Bible

Scripture is at the centre of everything we do together as Church. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. It helps us to understand how we are called by God to live as Jesus showed us how to live and how to relate to each other and to all of God's creation.

'Today Jesus speaks these same words to you: ***"Take heart, I am here with you, allow me to enter and your life will change"***. That is why the Lord gives you his word, so that you can receive it like a love letter...' Pope Francis

The Bible is not a single book, it's an amazing collection of different writings from the Jewish and Christian traditions. It's written by different people, in different places, over many centuries. In effect it's a whole library, rather than an individual book.

It brings together history, poetry, song, prayer; legal documents, moral codes, religious instruction. It speaks about God's love for all people; God's special love for the Jewish people; the coming of Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection; the gift of the Holy Spirit; and the beginnings of the Christian Church.

The Bible is for all of us, but sometimes finding our way into it can be overwhelming. There are some resources in the next column to get you started if you haven't picked up a bible before and others to take you a little further.

Group Profile: Conversations Conference

TELL US ABOUT THE CONVERSATIONS CONFERENCE GROUP

Conversations Conference is a free service of St Vincent de Paul Society that aims to break down the language barriers in our community through conversations in a friendly environment.

We encourage non-English speaking immigrants or people of any religion, age, gender or race to participate and gain confidence in conversational English to integrate in the Australian community.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY THE MOST ABOUT CONVERSATIONS CONFERENCE?

We enjoy the nature of conversations as we discuss different topics each week and learn from each other.

Everyone is encouraged and supported to speak as much or as little as they feel comfortable. There is a distinct lack of judgement of peoples' stories, experiences or language ability, altogether it is a very positive, friendly and supportive environment.

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

Through the kindness and empathy shown to one another. The mentors are there to provide a supportive environment for participants to be able to build more confidence in speaking in a social environment. Also as a mentor we learn from our participants as they share their culture and experiences.

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

There are many occasions but we particularly remember the 'Dragon Boat Festival' where one of the members brought a traditional food to share with everyone, moon cake for the special occasion.

WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT?

We are passionate about helping others to improve their communication skills and integrate in the Australian society.

Being involved in Conversations Conference is a great opportunity to help people improve their confidence in conversational English while being able to learn about their interesting backgrounds and experiences which helps in learning our view of the world.

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

We pray for the people in the world to shake off poverty and find comfort wherever they are, free from diseases and for the wars to stop and create harmony in the world so that everyone can live a peaceful life and enjoy pure bliss.

BEING PART OF THE CONVERSATIONS CONFERENCE HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS BECAUSE...

Of the friendship and care that we offer, we are able to help non-English speaking people to integrate in the Australian society. We are able to break the language barrier in a small scale and we see the growing confidence of our participants each and every week. It's quite a satisfying experience.

HOW CAN PARISHIONERS GET INVOLVED?

Conference meetings are held every Thursday from 6.30pm to 8pm. Due to Covid-19, all meetings are currently held online via Zoom.

If you know friends or family members who may benefit from meeting new friends, who are keen to learn conversational English or if you would like to participate as a mentor, please contact Christian by calling 9568 0288 or emailing christian.salandanan@vinnies.org.au

