

Parish Established 1910

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood
Diocese of Broken Bay
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
2 December 2018 – Year C/1

Connect - Worship - Grow - Give - Serve



- 8 Dec Catechist Xmas Party
- 9 Dec Nativity Play practice in the Blue Room

Church - Cnr Kirk & Archer Sts, Chatswood Parish Office - 94 Archer Street, Chatswood, 2067

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Prophets: Each Sunday of Advent we hear from one of the Old Testament prophets who write of what life will be like when the Messiah comes. During Advent Fr Jim will be preaching from these prophetic writings, assisted by reflections by Gail Gill who is leading small groups to study the Advent prophets. You are invited to join one of these groups to enhance your Christmas by deepening your experience of Advent.

Reconciliation: Do you want to go to Reconciliation before Christmas? Beat the queue and join us this Thursday night at 7.30pm for a Second Rite of Reconciliation with several priests available as another way of making this Advent season a time of spiritual preparation for Christmas, not just a frenzy of shopping and busyness.

Christmas ministries: Liturgical ministry leaders are already contacting people to do the ministries of the Word, Music, Communion and Altar service for our six Christmas Masses. There are many other ministries we need help with also: Welcomers, Wardens (money collectors), First Aid Officers (with a current First Aid qualification) and Parking attendants (at the 5.30pm vigil). If you can help, please put your name on the sign-up sheets in the foyer today.

Christmas Invitations: Christmas is the Church's greatest time of outreach, and you can be part this opportunity. We have printed 5000 Christmas cards inviting people to join us for Christmas Mass which we will deliver to hopefully every household in the parish. Simply take a bunch of cards and cross the street, to which you will deliver, off the list. Note that we can only deliver within the parish's official boundary. Deliver to your own street, or to a street near you to get some Advent exercise!

Fr Barry: Many of you would know that our former priest Fr Barry Nobbs suffered a stroke this year and is now in aged care near his family in Revesby. On Monday morning after 9am Mass we are going to take a photo of parishioners in front of the altar which we will make in to a Christmas card for Fr Barry. Come and join us to be in the photo. Alternatively, you may like to send your own card to him care of Yallambee Village, 34 Hydrae St Revesby 2212.

Email: Some of you may still be using an older email address for Fr Jim, Gail or Deacon Kevin @dbb.org.au. These email addresses are now redundant. So too are the @chatswoodparish.org.au addresses for all the team. Please update your contact lists with the current email address, which for each member of staff is firstname.surname@bbcatholic.org.au

Name badges: For those parishioners who requested name badges, please don't forget to pick them up from the table in the Church foyer.

Midweek Carparking for Parishioners Attending Mass: There is no parking in the Rotunda area as the building works have commenced. Fr Jim will open the tennis court gates for parking from 8.30am until 1.30pm during the week. The gates will be locked at 1.30pm so please remember to remove your car before then.

Within the Parish

NOVENA OF DAWN MASSES DURING ADVENT

Advent is a time of expectation and anticipation, a time of celebration, and a time for prayer. The annual Novena of dawn masses is a spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. It is an expression of our faith and thanksgiving for our blessings.

The Novena of dawn masses at Our Lady of Dolours Parish in Chatswood will be held DAILY from 16-24 December 2018 at 5:30am followed by a light breakfast on the Church forecourt. It is a wonderful way to start the day with an early morning Mass and fellowship with the community.

Everyone is invited to come and join the parish community in continuing this beautiful tradition which originated from the Philippines and is now celebrated in many Australian parishes.



MEETING ROOM BOOKINGS FOR 2019

We have been told our 3 new meeting rooms will be ready to use from Friday 1 February 2019. Please email

me your request for the use of the meeting rooms with the following information:

- All dates needed for 2019, including if you break for the school holidays
- Time needed from and to
- Contact name, mobile & email of the leader
- What your meeting/group is for
- Size of your group. We need this information so we can allocate you the correct sized room for the year.

Please put your request in writing and email it to Nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au by Thursday 20 December. Your current booking will not automatically be rolled over to 2019.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT O.L.D.

Monday

7pm Charismatic Prayer Group in demountable **Tuesday**

9.45am Bible Discussion in demountable7pm Indonesian Legion of Mary in demountableThursday

10am St Pius X College closing mass 6.30pm Vinnies Conversations in Blue Room 7pm Alpha Bible Study in demountable 7.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation in Church

Friday

10am Meditation in demountable 7pm Sacred Heart Mass in Church 7.3opm Home Rosary 15 Northcote St, Naremburn

Saturday

10am Chinese RCIA in demountable

Sunday

11.30am RCIA in Blue Room

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE 5.30PM MASS



All children who would like to be involved in the Nativity play at the 5.3 opm Christmas Eve Mass, please come to the **Blue Room**, immediately after the

9.00am Family Mass **on Sunday 9**th **December.** We will allocate roles and have a quick first practice. There will be two further practices as follows;

- **Sunday 16 December:** in the Blue Room at 10am
- **Saturday 22 December:** Rehearsal in the Church at 3.00pm

Any enquiries about the Children's Christmas Mass please contact Angela in the parish office on 9410 9033 or Angela.Hague@bbcatholic.org.au

AN INVITATION TO SPEND A LITTLE TIME WITH THE PROPHETS OF ADVENT

Advent can be such a busy time that it can slip away without the opportunity to really engage with the wonderful readings that are offered to us from the Hebrew prophets. Their rich and colourful language paints such vivid pictures of God's promises to us.

The prophet Isaiah continued to be read in the synagogues during Jesus' lifetime and was proclaimed by Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry (*Luke 4: 16-20*). The weekday readings in this Advent are largely drawn from Isaiah while the Sunday readings include the prophets Jeremiah, Baruch, Zephaniah and Micah.

These sessions will include something of the world of the prophets, what is known about them and time to pray with some of their writings.

MONDAY MORNINGS: 11am to 12noon

3, 10 & 17 December

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS: 2pm to 3pm

6, 13 & 20 December

Please let Gail know that you are coming on 9410 9021 or gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au

PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS!

How to do this? Let the Piety Stall help you!

- Send a nativity-themed Christmas card. Packs of 8 cards available at \$4.00 each. Loose cards from \$1.00.
- Give your child a nativity ornament to hang on your Christmas tree. From \$3 each.
- Display a nativity scene in your home. Cardboard pop-ups from \$2.00; all-in-one nativity statues also available.
- Give a gift of a 2019 Columban religious art calendar, available at \$9.00 each.

MEN ALIVE All men aged 18 + are invited to join our Men Alive group for the final Mass of the year followed by a Korean BBQ with Fr Andrew on Wed Dec 12th at 7pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The appeal will be made next weekend, 8/9 December. The Society of St Vincent de Paul is a caring Catholic charity offering "a hand up" to people in need. It does this by respecting their dignity, sharing its hope and encouraging persons to take control of their own destiny.

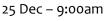
Persons seeking help from the Society often come from the government housing estates within the Parish and are mainly pensioners. Many have mental health and disability problems. Requests for assistance usually arise from some emergency expense eg. fridge breakdown, loss of income, funeral.

Since the June 2018 Winter Appeal, Vinnies Chatswood Conference has handled 21 requests for support: some \$1,000 for rent assistance; \$1,500 for food vouchers; \$200 for food pantry items; \$700 on removals; \$500 on white goods; and \$600 on phone bills. Eight recommendations totalling \$2,500 were made for government assistance with energy bills. This Society also runs a No Interest Loan Scheme which empowers eligible people to undertake expenses such as car registration, furniture and whitegoods purchases and skill enhancement programmes.

This Parish is renowned for its generosity in helping the poor in the Winter and Christmas Appeals. Please continue to help the Society with your donations in the weeks ahead. Donations are 100 per cent tax deductible.

Christmas Masses:

Children's Mass 24 Dec – 5:30pm Vigil Mass 24 Dec – 8:30pm Midnight Mass 24 Dec – 12:00am Christmas Day 25 Dec – 7:30am



25 Dec - 10:30am



Parking via Kirk Street. There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

For Reconciliation times, please see our website.

Welcome in the New Year with a Eucharistic celebration at Our Lady of Dolours Church. Giving thanks for 2018 and welcoming in 2019. Beginning with Adoration at 11.30pm on Monday 31st December and then celebrating a New Year's Eve midnight mass. All welcome.

Calling Young Adults - We need you!



- Are you 20-30 years old?
- Would you like to be part of an exciting new initiative here at Our Lady of Dolours?
- Would you be willing to share some of your time with teens once every few months?

We are looking to form a team of young adults to provide leadership and mentoring for monthly social activities and outings with young teens from February 2019. To enable this to happen, we need about 6 young adults to become the team in this important ministry to our youth.

If you think you can help, or would like to know more, please contact Adrian or Angela at the parish office on 9410 9000 or adrian.brannan@bbcatholic.org.au or angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Michael Dignam, Clare O'Rourke, Alex Noble, William Wise, Victor Pulman, Grazia Baldry, Barbara Thurston, Clara Pineda, Rebecca Mooney, Sheila O'Dea, Ian Smith and Julian Henkes

Recently Deceased: Sheila Go, Maria Ng

Deceased Anniversaries:

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council has met for the last time this year, concluding a year of reflection and discernment of the parish mission statement. This year's focus was on developing relationships with one another in the parish community, with name badges, the parish feast day, and the articulation of the "connect - worship - grow – give – serve" pathway to belonging being the fruit of this year's work. The PPC also identified the need for additional resourcing to more fully engage with new parishioners, and a position for a new Pastoral Associate for this role will be advertised next year.

Four members of the PPC concluded their term; Darlene Dixon, Gabrielle Blohmwitts, Susanna Siu and Charmaine Wan. We thank them for their service to the parish. We will be seeking four new members in the new year.

PARISH MASS & DEVOTIONS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday - 9am & 12.15pm Saturday - 9am and 5.30pm (Vigil)

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

Public Holidays - 9am only

Filipino Mass (in English) 12noon; 1^{st} Sun of month

Indonesian Mass; 7pm; 3rd Sun of month

Sacred Heart Novena & Mass; 7pm; 1st Fri of month

Family Mass - 9am each Sunday

Children's Choir at 9am Family Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month (Please arrive at 8.30am for setup and practice.)

Kids' Word - Children's Liturgy of the Word for ages 3-6 & 6-10. Meet in Church at 9am every 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays. (Except long weekends & school holidays.) **Youth Mass** - 5.3opm each Sunday

Reconciliation - 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday & 10am-10.30am each Sunday. Any time by request. **Reconciliation in Korean** – 3pm Saturday in Church, fortnightly.

Morning Prayer - 8.45am Monday to Saturday

Rosary - 9.30am Monday to Saturday;

Cenacle - each Monday at 11.30am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy prayers – Fridays after 9am Mass, concluding at 12 noon

Exposition - 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday **Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help** – Saturday 10.00am with **Benediction** 10.30am

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

Baptisms - Go to our website to book or contact the parish secretary.

Weddings - Contact the parish secretary.

For a Marriage/Anniversary Blessing at a Saturday/ Sunday Mass contact Nicole in the Parish Office on 9410 9000 (at least 1 month before requested Mass).

SUNDAY MASS READINGS:

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

1st Reading: Jer 33:14-16 I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

Responsorial Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2nd Reading: 1 Thess 3:12 – 4:2 When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 Your redemption is near

at hand.

READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS:

MON: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

St Francis Xavier

TUES: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

WEDS: Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

THURS: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRI: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

St Ambrose

SAT: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil	5.30pm	<u>1/2 December</u> Fr Andrew(K)	<u>8/9 December</u> Bishop David
Sun	7.30am 9.00am 10.30am	Fr John Fr Jim(K) Fr John*	Fr Andrew(K) Fr John(K) Fr Jim
	12noon 5.30pm	Filipino Mass Fr Jim	 Fr John

	5.30 pm Saturday	7.30 am Sunday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5.30 pm Sunday
Week 2	Junior Server:	Senior Server:	Junior Server:	Junior Server:	Junior Server:
8 & 9 December	Emanuela Leung	John Russell	Braiden	Francis Fabela	Andrew Kim
	Jenevieve Liem		Gunaratnam	Mariah Manalese	Margaret Kim
	Kasy Tabalon		Breah	Angelee Manalese	
	Kody Tabalon		Gunaratnam	Kaila Vergara	Senior Server:
			Clare Guo		Fernanda Carrillo
	Senior Server:			Senior Server:	James Godfrey
	Joseph Liem		Senior Server:	James Godfrey	Elizabeth Jung
			John Wang	Walter Niemotko	
			Gabriel Yi	Shayne Patangan	

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.