

Our Lady of Dolours

Parish Established 1910

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood

Diocese of Broken Bay

The ASCENSION of the LORD

2 June 2019 – Year C/1

“2019 focus: Relationship with God”



Proclaiming Pentecost
events in our Parish
Fri, 7th & Sat 8th June.

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CHURCH FOYER.

Community Dinners: Mother Teresa said that the greatest poverty is loneliness. There are so many people who live in a busy place like Chatswood yet feel alone. There are people who eat every meal on their own. Perhaps they have family and friends, but these live far away, and there are others who for whatever reason find themselves isolated and lonely.

Jesus brought people together for meals. Table fellowship was part of his bringing about the Reign of God, where everyone is invited to have a seat at the table. As disciples of Jesus we are asked to do the same, and so we as a parish are going to launch “Community Dinners” which will be a free open weekly meal for anyone who wants to share a meal in good company.

These dinners will be for everyone, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Apart from praying grace before the meal there will be no explicitly religious presentation other than that it is we as disciples of Jesus who are hosting and serving the meal. The dinners will be free and subsidised by the parish and any grants we can obtain.

Other parishes (Narraweena, Waitara, Kincumber) have had great success doing this. It has become a hub of community for the parish itself, and a substantial outreach to the local community, meeting the needs of people who are both physically hungry and those who are socially isolated. For many people it becomes the only meal which they eat at a table, off a plate, and with others. Relationships form, barriers are broken down, and the Church is enriched and enlivened by giving to others. Parishioners and whole families who are not “in need” also come along to build relationships so that the dinner feels like a big family meal rather than a soup kitchen.

There are many people in our parish with great good will to serve, but often they don't know where to start, or feel inadequate to do a “religious” ministry like serve or read at Mass, take communion to the sick or teach scripture (they shouldn't, but that's another story). But just about everyone can cook, and if you can't cook you can serve, wash up, greet guests and create that family atmosphere.

We are looking for volunteers willing to commit to cook and serve on one Saturday night each month. We will form 4 teams who will each cook and serve once each month, so that no one is overly burdened.

We will have a launch meeting to meet one another, create teams, and answer questions on Saturday June 29th 6.30pm the parish hall (Harrington Hall, across the OLD school yard). At this meeting we will determine if we have sufficient volunteers to go forward and to launch the dinners in September.

For more information see Fr Jim – 9410 9022 jim.mckeon@bbcatholic.org.au

Within the Parish

THE PRESBYTERY at 100 Archer St has had not had significant maintenance for some time. It has numerous problems including cracks in the foundation and walls, deteriorating roofing beams, broken guttering, ceiling leaks and flaking and cracking internal paint. The building is nearing the end of its life cycle. However, one urgent problem needing immediate rectification is the retaining wall and fence on Wattle Lane. An engineering report has discovered that it is of risk of collapse and a threat to safety. Therefore, in the coming weeks the fence will be removed, the ground behind it excavated (which may require the removal of the screening trees), ground anchors installed to support the retaining wall, and a new fence installed. You will see this work take place in the coming weeks.

WHO ARE WE? Each week of May we have been counting the number of people at Mass, as we and every parish in Australia have done each May for 20 years. This allows us to see the trends in attendance both within our parish, across our diocese and across Australia. The general trend across Australia is an average of 3% decline year on year. The good news is that we have bucked this trend this year with a healthy improvement. The average weekend attendance across all Masses is 1485, up from 1344 last May. Our two evening Masses have remained steady with 237 at the vigil Mass and 270 at Sunday night. The growth has been on Sunday mornings, with 7.30am up from 120 to 147, 9am up from 283 to 345 and 10.30am up from 342 to 384. The growth in numbers is also striking because last May included first communion Masses which added 550 people to one weekend. Our average also includes the Filipino and Indonesian Masses. Let's celebrate the growth and life of our parish.

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Thank you to all our givers who support the parish through their financial generosity. We also gratefully acknowledge the particularly consistent efforts of the parishioners who are supporting the parish through the Planned Giving Program envelopes. **Please collect your new 2019-2020 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES from the main foyer of the Church from this weekend. The boxes of envelopes are in alphabetical order. Please note that your Planned Giving Envelope no. might be different from last year.**

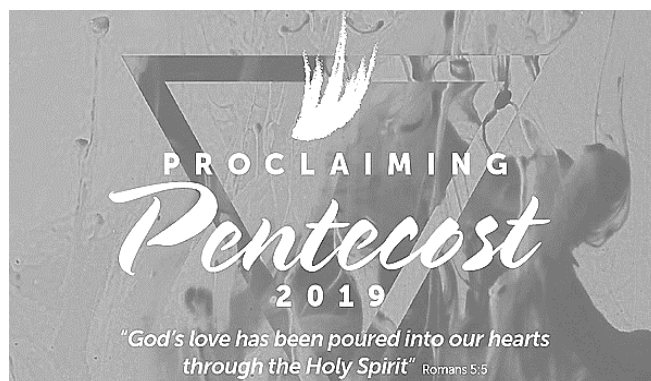


Thank you for collecting them this way as it saves a considerable amount on postage costs for the parish.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL

The appeal will be conducted in the Parish the **weekend of 15/16 June**. In the period since the 2018 Christmas Appeal the Chatswood Conference of the Society has responded to 16 requests for assistance from local families and individuals. Help was provided in the way of food, telephone and power bills and donated clothing. A refugee family's accommodation was furnished as well as that of a person who was recently homeless. Seventeen (17) Christmas Hampers were distributed to needy families.

The bulk of the funds which is so generously donated by this Parish each year, is distributed to needy regions, including those experiencing the current prolonged drought. Please remember to "bring your money with you" to give generously. Your donations are 100% tax deductible.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY GATHER AS ONE TO CELEBRATE PENTECOST 2019

**SATURDAY 8 JUNE
7.00 – 9.00pm**

Transforming Sydney will be holding this ecumenical celebration for the first time in our parish. People from various Christian churches have been invited to celebrate Pentecost in our church. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ, just as Jesus welcomed all who came in his name.

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Yin Thing Phee, Gordon Prentice, Majorie Tiong & family, Tomislav Petesic, Shirley Stuart, Nora Chan and Tai Chian Chan, William Wise, Alex Noble

Deceased Anniversary: Matthew Gemmell, David Curtin, Paval Posa, Rita Cooper

Deceased: Curtin, Rolfe, Hughes and Egan families

Recently Deceased: Jessica Chong, Ruben Simpliciano

Baptism: Ysabella Zhuri



PARISH PARKING

There may be some confusion as to what parking is available to our Parishioners. Hopefully the following clarifies the situation for all:

Weekday Parking (Monday to Friday). We have 2 carparks available:

- **Large Carpark in Kirk Street** – This is used by Teachers for Our Lady of Dolours Primary School and Mercy College. After 9am, any spare spots can be used by Parishioners. Lights switch on at 5pm and switch off at 6pm. Entry and exit via top gate.
- **Smaller Carpark adjacent to Parish Meeting Rooms** – Opened about 8.30am for the use of parishioners attending Mass or other parish functions only. These gates are open in the evening until about 8pm however if there is a group meeting on, the last person out to shut.

Weekend Parking All carparks available for all parishioners and gates are opened for Saturday night and Sunday Masses as follows:

- **Kirk Street Carpark** – Lights will turn on at 5pm and turn off at 7pm. Entry and Exit via the top gate.
- **St Pius Yard** – Closes at 7pm. Both Kirk Street and Ferguson Lane entries are opened and lights will turn on at 5pm and turn off at 7pm.
- **Smaller Carpark adjacent to Parish Meeting Rooms** – Open for morning Masses and will be closed at 8pm however if there is a group meeting on, the gates are to be shut by the last person out.
- The **Archer St entry** to the rear of the Parish Office is also open and is reserved for people with mobility needs. It is shut during the Sunday 9am Mass for the safety of children going to children's liturgy.

SEEKING A PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD at 7:30am Mass on 4th Sundays

We are looking for a lector to proclaim the Word of God at 7:30am mass on the 4th Sunday of each month. If interested, kindly contact Charmaine Wan on 0416048400. Training is provided.

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated in our parish on Saturday June 22nd. There will be no morning Mass that day.

Please continue to pray for the children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

PIETY STALL

- Hatch, Match & Despatch by Fr Richard Leonard SJ. Copies available for \$25.00
- Pope Francis' document to young people, *Christ Lives* for \$10.00 each



Can you be a Helper or a Catechist?

We are looking for people who can get involved in sharing their faith with the next generation of Catholics. You don't need to be a teacher to do this. All you need is the desire and willingness to give up one hour a week of your time on:

- Tuesdays 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
- Wednesdays 9:00 AM to 10:30AM
- Thursdays 9:00AM to 11:00AM

We provide SRE (Special Religious Education) Classes in these State Schools:

- Artarmon Public School
- Castle Cove Public School
- Chatswood Public School
- Mowbray Public School and
- Roseville Public School

All resources and trainings will be provided. These training sessions are free and can be completed on-line or face to face.

Uni students are very much welcome to join us in this rewarding ministry.



If you think you would like to get involved and be part of this very rewarding ministry or you would like more information, please contact Maricel on 9410 9029 or maricel.malapira@bbcatholic.org.au



Children's Ministries

Year Three Class Mass



The Catholic community of Chatswood invites **Year Three children** and their families to a special Mass for Year Three at the

9am Family Mass Sunday 16 June 2019

A family-friendly celebration at **Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church**
94 Archer St Chatswood

The Year Three children will receive a special blessing followed by morning tea in the school playground.

Please bring a plate to share.
All welcome!

Calling Young Singers to join our



If you are in Year 2 to 6 in primary school and you love to sing, we would love you to come and join our **Kid's Choir!**

We sing at the **9am Mass** on the **third Sunday of each month** and would love to have you come and join us. The songs we sing are kid friendly and this is a great way to come and share your gift and love of singing with our parish community.

To find out more, please contact Angela at the parish office angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

The Children's Atrium - Chatswood



Where children come to be with God



To discover, explore and experience His love for them

Our Children's Atrium has been providing this wonderful place for the children in our parish since August 2007 – almost 12 years!

To find out more visit our website;
<http://www.chatswoodparish.org.au/>

From the home page:

Click on **Ministries**

Click on **The Children's Atrium**

or contact Angela or Rose at:

old.childrens.atrium@gmail.com

The atrium is for **all children** from 3 to 12 years of age and sessions run weekly in age groups.

- **3-6 year old** Atrium – on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, morning and after school options.
- **6-9 year old** Atrium - on Mondays and Tuesdays after school.
- **9-12 year old** Atrium - on Mondays and after school.

CHATSWOOD PARISH YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS



Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth, 7-11 December.

In December twenty young people from our parish are going to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth. Will you be one of them? You'll be joining thousands of young people from across Australia for three days of music, prayer, community, social justice and inspiration. It's like the best of World Youth Day, but without the jetlag. ☺ See <https://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/> for full details and program.



If you are a member of Chatswood Parish, we will be significantly subsidising your costs (flights, accommodation, registration and 5 meals) only \$500.

If you are not a parishioner you are welcome to apply to come with our group, pending available spaces, at a lesser subsidy. Priority will be given to the festival's target age group of 16-30. People aged 15 or 30+ will be considered after August 30th. **Places are limited – please talk to Fr Jim or Adrian Brannan for more information and to receive a registration and payment form – adrian.brannan@bbcatholic.org.au**

Pentecost Praisefest Friday June 7th 6-9pm Our Lady of Dolours church & surrounds

Every few months the Catholic Youth for Broken Bay holds Praise Fest events which include an evening sausage sizzle, quality praise and worship music performed at a professional level and a significant Gospel message proclaimed in testimony. A light dinner will be provided from 6:00pm before our night begins. Well known and acclaimed Australian Catholic recording artist Genevieve Bryant will perform and share her testimony. Join young people from across the Diocese, catch up with friends while enjoying our pre event Festival and free food, encounter God through vibrant & honest Praise and Worship music, and receive spiritual nourishment through an inspiring and relevant message. The event is open to high school students through to young adults up to the age of 30.



Adrian Brannan, Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry adrian.brannan@bbcatholic.org.au or 0414 826 326

WELCOMING PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM AND REFUGEES

Recently a large number of parishioners participated in a parish Table Talk where we were privileged to hear an asylum seeker and a refugee tell their story. We heard stories of struggle, hardship and great courage and we left the afternoon pondering ways we might provide welcome and practical support to these people forced to leave their homeland. National Refugee Week is 16-22 June so for two weekends in June we will be collecting food items and toiletries to donate to House of Welcome in East Granville. This organisation provides welcome and a host of support services to assist people seeking asylum and refugees as they struggle to find their feet in Australia. One such service is a Food Bank to which you are invited to contribute.



**Social
Justice
@ OLD
Parish**

You are asked to choose items from the list below and leave them in the boxes at the entrance of the church on 22/23 June and 29/30 June:-

Cooking oil, basmati rice, flour, sugar, canned tomatoes, chickpeas, lentils, canned fruit, tinned tuna, breakfast cereal, biscuits, cooking spices, jam, honey, shampoo, laundry detergent, sanitary pads, toilet paper, tissues, nappies (larger sizes), household cleaning items.

“ I was a stranger and you welcomed me” Matthew 25:35

GREETINGS FROM BERNADETTE, NEW PARISHIONER ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR!

Are You New Here? We warmly welcome you and we're glad you're here! Having you join our parish family is a blessing and we're delighted to have you here with us. We hope that you find the parishioners are friendly and open, reaching out to make you feel welcome. We pray you find warmth, encouragement and spiritual growth in our Parish and we look forward to know you personally in the weeks and months ahead. **Please help us connect with you**, we would love to hear your story, tell you ours and share life's journey together.

What do I do next? Contact Bernadette (9410 9031 or Bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au). Let's chat and make a time to catch up over coffee! I'd be delighted to spend time getting to know you, helping you find ways to connect and develop a sense of belonging here within our Parish. There are so many wonderful things happening in our vibrant community and I'd love to share them with you!

FEELING ENERGISED WITH A RENEWED SPIRIT OF WELCOME! Let's encourage each other as we build on a culture of friendliness here within our Parish. **Let's be the joy-filled, passionate people we are called to be and shine forth.** Let's welcome and "be with" others as Christ welcomes and lives within us. Together let's equip ourselves for the Mission as try to do more of this:

- **Pray** – for welcoming hearts
- **Smile!** –Say "hello", be enthusiastic, kind and optimistic towards our fellow brothers and sisters in our Parish. A simple, heartfelt "hello" is one of the best ways to make someone's day just that little bit brighter.
- **Listen** – be there and be willing to hear others. Is there a better way to make someone feel special than saying "I'm here, I'm all yours, and I'm fascinated by your story"? I doubt it. Switch off your phone, listen and forget about yourself for a while.
- **Encourage** - Tell someone in the Parish when you've admired or noticed something great about them. Try to use "thank you" and "well done" more often. If you meet a new parishioner, suggest they contact the parish team to find out more.
- **Invite others** – to parish events and liturgies. There are exciting and rewarding times ahead for us and getting there can be lots of fun if we want it to be!
- **Challenge ourselves** – Try to step out of your comfort zone a little at a time and consider sharing your personal faith story. Your story is unique in every way and it will inspire others!

- Feeling excited and ready? Let's go and do it this, watch and see as bit by bit we grow in love for each other, strengthening as a worshipping and supportive community!

School Enrolment Gatherings – Seeking a parish reference for school enrolment? We invite parents to attend one of our school enrolment gatherings, giving Fr Jim and members of our Parish team an opportunity to meet with you and to share opportunities for Parish involvement and belonging for you and your family. Our upcoming gathering dates are as follows:

1. **Primary School – Saturday 13 July at 10am**
2. **Secondary School – Saturday 15 June at 10am**

Venue: Magnificat Meeting Room, Kirk Street

The gatherings are relaxed and informal, designed for parents, not children and either or both parents are welcome to attend. Please bring along your school reference form with your section completed to the workshop. If your reference does not have a section for you to describe your parish involvement, please download this form from the parish website. To RSVP or for more information, contact Bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au

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

Monday

7pm Indonesian Legion of Mary in St Peter

Tuesday

9.45am Bible Discussion in St Paul

6.45pm Filipino Choir practice in Church

7pm Finance Committee in St Peter

Wednesday

6.45pm Charismatic Prayer Group in St Peter

Thursday

6.30pm English Conversations Club in St Paul

7pm Faith Enrichment in St Peter

Friday

10am Meditation in St Paul

6pm Praisefest in Church and surrounds

7.30pm Home Rosary 10 Alpha Road, Willoughby

Saturday

9.45am Chinese RCIA in St Paul

10.30am Marian Catholic Action Group in St Peter

11am Bible discussion in St Paul

7pm Transforming Sydney Ecumenical Event in Church

7pm Korean Bible Class in St Paul

Sunday

11.30am RCIA in St Peter

Take the Next Step

There is no 'one-size-fits-all' discipleship with Jesus. Each of us is called to respond to the call of Jesus as it touches us in our particular personal context. The call of Jesus is a call to become who we really are, who we are called to be and who we can still become. One of the pathways to experiencing belonging in our parish is to grow as a disciple of Jesus by participating in some faith formation each year.

What do I desire?
Where can I find life?
Where is God in my life?

Are these questions that you can relate to? Then you might like to start thinking about participating in the Ignatian *First Spiritual Exercises* which will begin in August. An Ignatian spiritual exercise is a structured prayer that does three things very well.

1. It brings my desires to light and into the presence of a personal God.
2. It brings my own life experience into this relationship using various methods of prayer.
3. It takes me quickly and deeply into prayer.

According to Ignatius, just as physical exercise benefits the body, so spiritual exercises are activities which benefit the soul.

What's involved?

You would need to make a commitment to participate in five weekly 90 minute sessions. Fr Jim, Sam French (our resident seminarian) and Gail Gill will facilitate these sessions. There is a limit of 12 participants for each group. **Registrations will open on Monday 15 July.** In the meantime, you can explore the *First Spiritual Exercises* at www.fsecloud.life

St Peter Room Sundays 6.30 - 8pm 11, 18, 25 August, 1, 8 September

St Peter Room Mondays 1.30 - 2.45pm 5, 12, 19, 26 August, 2 September

St Peter Room Thursdays 10.30am - 12pm 8, 15, 22, 29 August, 5 September

St Peter Room Saturdays 6.30 - 8pm 3, 10, 24, 31 August, 7 September

Margaret Silf, an Ignatian writer, teacher and spiritual director, says this about prayer: *Prayer is time taken out of the linear journey of our days, and it is our most profound reality. When we pray, we move inward to our God centre. Then we move out again . . . To our situation in the world. This movement into the centre and out again brings about an act of transformation. This is not to say that we will come out of prayer transfigured, like Jesus on the mountain (though our prayer experience may sometimes be dramatic). Noting so spectacular! Usually there is a subtle, gentle, almost indiscernible change in our way of being that will carry its healing, changing power out through the layers of our lived experience and infuse the Where of our lives with its Kingdom values. This happens every time we pray, whether we are aware of it or not.*

From *Inner Compass*

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; 1st Sun of month
Indonesian Mass; 7pm; 3rd Sun 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 - 5.30pm 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 - 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday
Adoration: Thursday after 9am mass. Ends with Divine Mercy Chaplet.
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 Bernadette Ho. (*details on front page*)
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: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23 He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel: Lk 24:46-53 While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS:

MON: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs

TUES: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11

WEDS: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19
St Boniface

THURS: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

FRI: Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

SAT: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

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

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

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*.