



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



5th SUNDAY of EASTER
2 May 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Anniversaries: Jack Biviano,
Frederick Abenales, Wanda Andrade

Recently Deceased: Josefina Brillo
Kikuchi, Guillermo Tumbangan,
Teresita Castro, Carlos Simon Linares
Da Silva

Sick: Bishop David Walker, Ib family,
Tiong Siu King, Wong Ai Long, Tiong
family, Monica Wong, Wisdom family,
Song Ik Han, Il Kim, Kwang Jae Lee



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In the gospel (John 15:1-8) we hear another of John's unique explanatory images, although they do have sources in the Hebrew Scriptures. For example, Psalm 80(79) opens by addressing God as Shepherd of Israel (related to last Sunday's image) but it soon likens Israel to a vine, taken from Egypt and planted in a new land. This vine, the psalmist laments, has been ravaged, cut off and burned. Three rare words in the Hebrew (two being the Bible's sole instances and the third being one of only two) are found in that Psalm: *kanna*, which may be stock or (grafted) shoot; *kirsem*, which here means *ravaged* but may also be *cut off*; and *kasah*, also meaning *cut off*. These appear to lie behind John's true vine passage, but the image has been reworked. In the former usage (including in Isaiah 5 and Ezekiel 17) the land of Israel was the vineyard, the locus, and the Israelites the vine transplanted to it, but in John Christ himself as the vine is the locus, and his disciples are grafted shoots and branches. This is an inclusive reworking of the original imagery, for it no longer applies to a single tribe or nation, but people of any nation may be grafted on. This inclusive universality is also expressed in today's responsorial Psalm 22(21), for all the earth shall return to God, and all families of the nations shall worship—a theme established by the mere mention of Saul/Paul.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 5 Easter - Year B



2021

**NATIONAL COUNT
OF ATTENDANCE**

MASS COUNTS will take place on the weekends of **1 & 2 May** (beginning with the Vigil Mass on Saturday 1 May), **8 & 9 May**, **15 & 16 May** and **22 & 23 May**.

Thank you to our Welcomers for helping with this task over the next 4 weekends.

Within our Parish



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND –

May Appeal – 8/9 May 2021

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that CWF supports. They can arise with new strength and hope because of your support.

We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities: -

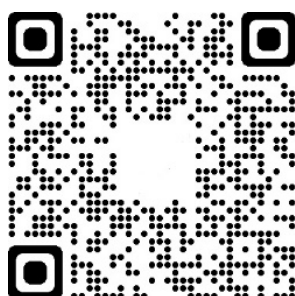
- ✚ **Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme** – where Hospital Chaplains and five lay Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our hospitals.
- ✚ **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** – materials, training and support for almost 1,000 catechists who take the gospel to students in our State schools.
- ✚ **St Lucy's School** – serving primary school students with disabilities.
- ✚ **St Edmund's College** – serving secondary school students with disabilities.
- ✚ **Ephpheta Centre** – serving the Catholic deaf community.

✚ Please take a moment to watch the 'Thank you' video to hear from those you are helping - <https://youtu.be/hvA4Etwvd4E>

You can donate in three ways:

- 1) Complete the CWF collection envelope in your pew;
- 2) Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give;
- 3) Or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church.
God Bless.



SENIOR COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 6th May @ 10am
Come and join us for morning tea and a presentation by Catholic Healthcare. They will speak about in home care and negotiating other aged care options. You may even have questions for them! For more information contact Jan Hunter at gfiadino@bigpond.net.au

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 2021-2022 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.



Confirmation 2021

In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for Confirmation once they have been baptised and are 8 years of age (usually year 3) or older.

Bishop Anthony will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation with the children in our parish on **Saturday 31 July.**

Enrolments for the program will open via the parish website on Monday 10 May

For all the dates, details and to enrol your child Go the parish website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood

From the home page, click on **Confirmation 2021** Tile

From there you will find out all the details you will need to enrol. You can also enrol your child from here.

Enrolments close on Monday 24 May

For any queries, contact Angela in the parish office angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

From Fr David

Dear friends

Bishop David Walker remains in Prince of Wales Hospital. However, he is now responding more positively to treatment which is good news. He is expected to stay in hospital for a couple of more weeks and then have some time in rehabilitation. We continue to keep him in our prayers. Sadly, given his situation we will have to cancel the series on the Gospel of Mark that was due to begin this week.

We do have a wonderful opportunity, however, for spiritual nourishment through the two retreat days being offered by Elizabeth Lee on Saturday 15th and Saturday 22nd May. These days will reflect on the Resurrection accounts of the Gospels and how we might read them in light of our current experience in the world. Registrations are now open, so please do contact the parish office to register your interest.

May is the month of Mary, the Mother of the Lord. We were to commence the month with the promotion of the Legion of Mary, an international sodality of Catholic men and women, celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. However, regrettably we need to defer this for a few weeks given changed circumstances in the association. We look forward to welcoming them in the future.

On the 1st May, though, we turn again to St Joseph, celebrating the feast day of St Joseph the Worker. Gail Gill has prepared a beautiful newsletter to mark this occasion. It is available at the entrances to the church. Please feel welcome to take and read.

On the evening of Sunday 2nd May we welcome students from St Pius X College and Mercy College joining us and leading us in the celebration of our 5.30pm Mass. A sausage sizzle on the Forecourt will follow! We look forward to this on the first Sunday of each month during school terms

During the month of May, a count of attendance at Masses is undertaken throughout the Church in Australia. This data is very helpful on the local level, the diocesan level and the national level. It gives us a 'snapshot' of affiliation and, done year by year, illustrates various trends. This year, I have asked our Welcomers to do the head count during the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. On this occasion, on the 3rd and 4th weeks we are also being asked to provide an indication of age range. This will be done by Census Cards in the pews.

Our Parish Missionary Council (Parish Pastoral Council) resumes its work this week. Our Council is currently comprised of the clergy of the parish, Gail Gill, Anthony Seeto, Brendan Tertini, Noelle Wilkin-Smith, Brenda Timp (Mercy College Principal) and Marco Ianni (Principal of Our Lady of Dolours). We look forward to sharing with you the fruit of our discussions in the coming weeks.

We have been advised that Forest View Quality Care Centre, one of the aged care facilities we visit, will close at the end of May.

And very warm congratulations to John and Alicia Wu on the birth of their first child, daughter Chloe! We pray God's richest blessings upon their new family.

Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG

FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST: NEW LIFE BEYOND FEAR

Facilitated by Elizabeth Lee

Saturday 15 May and

Saturday 22 May

Location: Magnificat Room OLD

Timing: 9am for 9:30 start,

conclude by 3:30pm

(Session 1 - 9:30-11:00, Morning

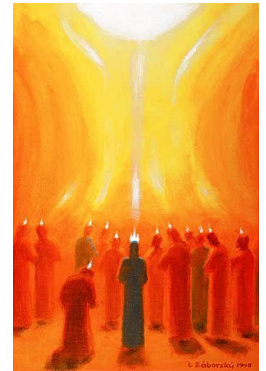
Tea, Session 2- 11:30 – 1:00, Lunch

45 mins, Session 3: 1:45-3:15)

Registrations now open. Please
contact Parish Office.

Cost: by donation

(Ladislav Zaborsky Pentecost)



音樂劇《流芳濟世》(粵語對白)

我們誠摯地邀請大家一起觀看音樂劇《流芳濟世》，一齣天主教大型原

創音樂劇，講述意大利亞西西聖人方濟的傳奇一生。該劇在香港由意

大利籍恩保德神父發起，二百多位義工參與，籌備歷時十年，終於在

2013 年成功演出。

我們將分兩部分播放此音樂劇: Zoom 帳戶 :219 743 9989

第一部分將於 2021 年 5 月 8 日星期六下午兩點 播出

(一小時三十五分鐘)，

第二部分將於 2021 年 5 月 15 日星期六下午兩點播出

(一小時二十一分鐘)。

歡迎大家一起觀看

如果您有任何疑問，請聯繫 amelia.lee@bbccatholic.org.au

Motherhood of Mary



As we celebrate Mother's Day next Sunday, let us not forget to make room in our homes and in our hearts for Mary our Heavenly Mother. As stated by the Second Vatican Council: "Mary has by grace been exalted above all angels and men to a place second only to her Son, as the most holy mother of God From the earliest times the Blessed Virgin is honoured under the title of Mother of God, whose protection the faithful take refuge together in prayer in all their perils and needs."

There are many ways we can honour Mary and show her our love. As Catholics we honour Mary just as Jesus honours her. True devotion to Mary will always lead us to her divine son Jesus. When we admire a painting, we pay tribute to the artist. Our Heavenly Father created Mary without sin so that He can send His only Begotten Son to redeem us. She is God's masterpiece - so when we honour Mary we are also glorifying God our Heavenly Father. Jesus came to us through Mary – so it is natural for us to go to Jesus through Mary.

We honour Mary under her many titles. Here in our parish, we have a weekly devotion to her under the title **OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**. In 1866 Pope Pius IX entrusted the guardianship of the original image of Our Mother of Perpetual Help to the Redemptorists and commissioned them to spread everywhere devotion to her and **"MAKE HER KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."**

The picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help is called an icon which is the Greek word for image. An icon tries to convey an idea to the mind rather than portray a resemblance for the eye. In an icon, everything has a meaning: the colours used, the lettering, the pose, every last detail. The Golden Crown placed on the original picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help by order of the Holy See in 1867 is a token of the many miracles wrought by Mary invoked under that title. The Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help falls on 27 June. **DEVOTION TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP IS HELD EACH SATURDAY AT 10.00 AM IN THIS PARISH – PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE NEEDS OF THE PARISH, ITS COMMUNITY AND FOR THE WORLD.**



**THE YEAR
OF ST JOSEPH
& THE FAMILY
2021**

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 3 May	11.15 & 11.30am	Divine Mercy Chaplet/Cenacle Prayer (Rosary) (Church)
	7pm	Spanish Choir practice (Church choir loft)
Tuesday 4 May	7pm	Alpha (Magnificat & St Paul Rooms)
	9am	Playgroup (St Peter Room)
	9.45am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
Wednesday 5 May	7pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary Group (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
	7pm	Parish Missionary Meeting (Magnificat Room)
Thursday 6 May	7pm	Faith Enrichment Group (St Peter Room)
	9.45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
	10am	Seniors' Coffee Morning & CatholicCare Talk (Magnificat Room)
Friday 7 May	12.30pm	Social Justice Group (Magnificat Room)
	1pm	Indonesian Team Meeting (St Paul Room)
	6.30pm	Vinnies English Conversations (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Reconciliation (Church)
Saturday 8 May	10am	Meditation (St Paul Room)
	10.30am	St Pius X College Mother's Day Mass (Church)
Sunday 9 May	10.30am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	10.45am	Marian Catholic Action Group (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Korean Reading & Discussing Bible (St Paul Room)
Sunday 9 May	9am	10.30am Mass music practice (St Paul Room)
	10am	Children's Choir practice (Magnificat Room)
	10am	Teen Group (St Paul Room)