OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



3rd & 4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME 2 & 9 February 2020 – Year A/2

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Is there more to life than this? This is the big question which Alpha seeks to answer. This weekend 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! You'll find a response card on the seats in front of you. Fill in your details and put the card in one of the red Alpha boxes by each door or give it to one of our friendly greeters. Or RSVP or ask your questions to our hosts Ditas Naguit, Gillian Hawkins and Fr Jim at chatswoodalpha@bbcatholic.org.au. We look forward to seeing you!

Thank You: Thank you for your thoughtful and compassionate prayers and donations to the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal held over the Australia Day weekend. Donations can still be made online. A link is included on https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/bushfires

There are additional prayers, reflections and resources available including a link to the Catholic Emergency Relief Australia website at https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/bushfires/resources for those wishing to volunteer or provide additional assistance.

Parish Communications: As the life of our parish grows there is the need to find ways to effectively communicate the many events and invitations to our parishioners and beyond. Printed parish newsletters continue to be a mainstay of our communication, but this is increasingly supplemented with digital communication: the website, the emailed newsletter, and the electronic screens

This year we will be trying to use our parish newsletter differently, printing a new newsletter on the 1st and 3rd weekends of each month, but having it available on the 2nd, 4th and 5th weekends for people who were not there the previous week. We hope in this way to reduce duplication (the same article is often repeated for many weeks) and the use of paper. We'll also be removing some of the information which can be found elsewhere, including the ministry rosters which each minister already receives, and the scripture readings and feast days which can be found in missals, online, and in the "God's Word 2020" book which is available in the piety store in the foyer. This increases the room available for other information.

This simplification of the bulletin will allow our parish secretary Nicole more time to develop the parish website and to make greater use of the screens in the church for announcements.

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday February 26th. Come and mark the beginning of the season of Lent. We will have Masses at 7am, 9am, 12.15pm and 7pm. We can start to prepare ourselves now – what prayer, or fasting, or almsgiving will we take up as our Lenten project this year?

WITHIN OUR PARISH

100 YEARS

Centenary of laying of the foundation stone

On 18 April 1920 the foundation stone of our current church was blessed. On Sunday 19 April this year (the first Sunday after Easter) Bishop Anthony Randazzo will celebrate the 10.30 am Mass to commemorate the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone.

On Sunday 9 February there will be a meeting at 11.30 am in the parish meeting rooms to organise a function to be held after Mass on 19 April. If you would like to offer ideas or assistance then please come to this meeting. A finger food luncheon in the primary school playground (the site of the earlier church) is currently contemplated. It would be good to have a number of people (representing all groups) organising food so that the burden on any one person is not too great.

This is also an opportunity to revisit the history of our church building and its people and to tell that story. Perhaps you have family or friends who were parishioners here in the early days. Perhaps you have stories that deserve telling or pictures you wish to share of life in the early days of our parish – in particular, the 1920s version of the church or pictures of the sanctuary with Altar rails. Perhaps you can contribute time in collecting material from others (in which case please come to the above meeting). Please contact Gerard Ryan on 9419 8310 or gerardryan@bigpond.com.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Our Parish is hosting the World Day of Prayer service for the North Shore area this year. The service is on Friday 6th March at 10.15am in the church. The host country this year is Zimbabwe.

SUNDAY NIGHT COMMUNION MINISTERS

From the start of the new roster in February we will no longer have a roster for Communion Ministers at Sunday night 5.30pm Mass. Instead, wooden crosses corresponding to 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.

Fr Jim will be away from Feb 7 to 14, assisting at a retreat for seminarians.

TEEN GROUP (YEARS 7-10)

Our Teen Group will have their first gathering on 9 February. We'll start off with a reflection followed by a picnic at Beauchamp Park, Chatswood. This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to meet people of similar ages and faith in our community.

We will meet at the forecourt of the church at 10:15am and head to the parish meeting rooms, then walk to Beauchamp Park. We anticipate to finish at 12:30pm. Please contact Ashleigh and Sean if you want more information at OLDChatswood.TeenGroup@gmail.com



TEEN CHOIR

The Teen Choir (Years 7-10) practice is on at 10:15am after the 9am mass on 2 February. The Teen Choir will be singing at the 9am mass on the 9 February. Please contact Charmaine at charmainewan@gmail.com for more information.

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*.

NEW GROUP - SENIORS GET TOGETHER



Seniors within our Parish are invite to meet for a cuppa and to see if there is any interest in starting up a regular get together. Our first gathering is on Thursday 27th February at 10am in the Magnificat meeting room. If you would

like any more information please contact Jan Hunter on 0415629242.

CORONAVIRUS

Although there is little evidence of seasonal colds and flus being transmitted by the Communion chalice, it seems prudent that we take some measures of social distancing to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus. We will discontinue offering Communion from the chalice for the next two weeks. We do this regretfully, as receiving both the Body and Blood of Christ is the fullest experience of Holy Communion, however this was the precaution taken in 2003 with the SARS virus. People might also consider receiving Communion on the hand, not the tongue to avoid ministers having their fingers near their mouths. Otherwise, please come at the end of the communion line if you do still want to receive on the tongue. Communion Ministers will receive a message from Gerard Ryan with more details.

HOW DO WE MAKE THE ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY?

We burn the palms from last year's Palm Sunday. If you have a palm from last year, please bring it in and put it in the box in the foyer so we can create this year's ashes. Who gives the ashes at Ash Wednesday Masses? You don't need to be a Senior Server or even a Communion Minister, any adult can do this. You're invited to volunteer for one of our four Masses by putting your name on the list in the foyer.

MUSIC MINISTRY WORKSHOP

This year we're inviting the dynamic church musician Sarah Webster to lead a repertoire learning workshop for all of our parish music ministers, and for people who would like to join the music ministry. This includes all instrumentalists and vocalists. Sarah will introduce a range of hymns and psalms for Lent and Easter which each group and choir will be able to make use of. Join us in the church on Saturday Feb 8th 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

HYMN BOOKS

We seem to be running low on some of our As One Voice #2 hymn books. If you have taken one home, please bring it back for our choirs to use.

CLERGY ROSTER

One thing which people have asked about is the clergy roster. This can vary both due to holidays and last minute changes, but it generally follows this format:



YOUTH MINISTRY

We encourage our young people to be involved in every aspect of parish life, however, Sunday night 5.30pm Mass will continue to be our high school & young adult focussed Mass. Young adults 18+ are invited to join us for dinner on the 3rd Sunday night of each month after Mass, at different local venues chosen each month. Even if you're committed to a ministry at another Mass you can still come and join us. On the 4th Sunday of each month we'll continue to invite students from Mercy College and St Pius X College to take part in all the ministries of the 5.30pm Mass. This was a great success this year and we hope to continue to outreach to the families of the nearly 2000 students who attend these two Catholic high schools.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We would to offer the Stations of the Cross each Friday night during Lent. We're looking for people and groups who would like to lead the stations on one Friday night. You may use whichever version you like, and use any format, which will give the parish a rich variety of expressions of what Jesus' passion means. Please contact Fr John on 9410 9027 or john.puliparambil@bbcatholic.org.au to select which Friday you would like to lead.

BEAUTIFUL LITURGY

Do you appreciate the beauty of our church and of the Catholic liturgy? Are you a person who likes to help out behind the scenes rather than up front? We have a team of wonderful people who clean the sanctuary (the altar and its surrounds) each week, which includes arranging flowers, cleaning and ironing altar linen, and making sure the sacred vessels are well maintained. Could you help out for an hour one Saturday morning a month? Or could you take some washing home to wash and iron? Please contact the parish office, or see Fr Jim, Fr John or Deacon Kevin.

HOME ROSARY SCHEDULE (7.30pm):

- 7 February 12 Stan Street, Willoughby
- 14 February 45 Park Road, Naremburn

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Lisa McKee, Lo Chi Leung

<u>Deceased Anniversaries</u>: Franko Bacic, Denise Suplina, Mara & Ivan Martinovich,

Tertuliano Jimenez

Sundays	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Vigil	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr John	Fr John
7.30am	Fr Jim	Bishop David	Fr John	Bishop David
9am	Bishop David	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr John
10.30am	Fr John	Fr John	Bishop David	Fr Jim
5.30pm	Fr John	Fr John	Fr Jim	Fr Jim

CATECHIST COLUMN

We hope each one of you had a great holiday. A few weeks from now the Catechist Ministry of Chatswood Parish is about to begin a new fruitful and meaningful school year of 2020 with the new revised books and manuals for all the children in State Schools. We look forward to meeting your child in their Catholic Scripture Classes. This year, we are anticipating a bigger number of students and we need additional helpers/assistants.



If you are one of those people who can be involved in sharing their faith to all the children in State Schools, please have a look at these schedules and see if you can be a part of this

rewarding ministry. 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 at 11:35 AM to 12:40 PM in Mowbray Public School
- Wednesdays at 9:15 AM to 10:20AM in Roseville Public School
- Wednesdays at 12:00 PM to 1:05 PM in Castle Cove Public School
- Thursdays at 9:00AM to 11:00AM in Artarmon and Chatswood Public School

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

If you think you would like to get involved or you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact Maricel by phoning

9410 9029 or emailing maricel.malapira@bbcatholic.org.au

COMING EVENT FOR THE CATECHIST MINISTRY:

What: Term 1 Meeting

When: Monday 10 February 2020

10AM to 12PM

Morning tea starts at 9:30AM

Where: Magnificat Meeting Room

Please RSVP to Maricel on the contact details above.

Thurs 20th **9am Mass** will be the opening Mass for Our Lady of Dolours school. Adoration will commence a little while after Mass concludes.

St Pius X College P&F will join us for 5.30pm Mass on Saturday Feb 22nd.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE?

We extend a personal invitation to anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church.

There is a process through which people will be able, without pressure, to find out more about the church.

For those interested we will start with a program called Alpha which introduces people to the person of Jesus Christ and how we follow him in the Catholic Church.

This Program will run on Mondays starting from 17th February and will finish on Monday 6th April. The session times are 1pm – 3pm and 7pm – 9pm. You can choose which one is suitable for you.

Following this program, there will be further meetings for those inquirers who may wish to participate in a fuller development of their understanding of the faith and the beliefs of the Catholic Church.

If you wish to take a step in this direction contact the Parish Office on 9410-9000, or email Deacon Kevin on kevin.hale@bbcatholic.org.au for further information.

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.

2020 IGNATIUS DRAWS US TO JESUS

An Ignatian Journey with Fr Andrew Bullen SJ and

Alex Gorman. Commencing Monday 10th February 2020 for 10 weeks. Cost \$350.00 per person. For more information call Alex on 0415768330. Registration: www.trybooking.com/BHCNE.

Venue: St Francis Xavier Hall, 17 Mackenzie St, Lavender Bay.



Welcome Back to a New School
Year and lots of great activities
for you to get involved in here
at Chatswood Parish!

Our 9am Family Mass is a family and child-friendly liturgy oriented to families with young children. This Mass is central to our mission of empowering parents in their role of bringing their children into relationship with God through their connection to the parish community.

There are many ways you and your child can get involved in this Mass.

- Join the Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Sing in the Children's Choir
- Children from Year 3 and up can join the Prayer Reading Roster

But the best way to begin is to turn up, see how everything unfolds and join in!

First Reconciliation 2020

Enrolments for preparation and reception of First Reconciliation are now open via the parish website.



To enrol your child

Go 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 2020



The Children's Atrium

Of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

at Chatswood Parish

is such a place

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a beautiful child centred ministry that we have been providing for our children since August 2007.

We run sessions for preschool children during weekdays and primary school children after school during the week.

The age groups and times available are;

- 3-6 year olds: Mondays 10am-11.30am Mondays 4.00-5.30pm Tuesdays 4.00-5.30pm Fridays 10am-11.30am
- 6-9 year olds: Mondays 4.00-5.45pm
 Tuesdays 4.00-5.45pm
- 9-12 year olds: Mondays 4.00-5.45pm
 Tuesdays 4.00-5.45pm

To find out more visit our website using the following link.

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/the-childrens-atrium

or contact Angela or Rose via email: old.childrens.atrium@gmail.com

FEELS LIKE

Home is a place where love abounds

A place where we can laugh, feel safe, have fun, a place where we can relax and feel comfortable. Home is a place where we can be ourselves.

We are delighted to welcome you to our family

It's a blessing to have you here and we look forward to getting to know you. We know that it can be hard and scary to go to a new church because you don't know what you are going to get, and you don't know anyone there... yet. You might be thinking that you are not much of a church person; you haven't been to church for a long time or perhaps you haven't been to church at all. If this is you and that is how you feel, we want you to know that we are here for you. Just come as you are!

To belong means to come as you are

Jesus is the King of belonging, and belonging is essential to God's heart for each of us. Jesus knows the amazing power that can be released by belonging and connecting. We believe that Jesus is life-changing and he brings us joy and peace, he helps us experience loving and authentic relationships with one another. Come and experience the love of Jesus with us.

A place to call home

We hope our parish family will be a place where you feel loved, included, embraced, accepted, welcomed - a place where you can experience the power of belonging and grow in your relationship with Jesus and one another. There are no perfect people in our church family and there is no perfect church, but we strive to be a safe community of love and we would love to share that with you.



Have questions? Want to find out what's on, connect and meet others, get involved, register and join our parish family, sign up for a newsletter, reconnect, explore your faith, journey with us or find out how we do things around here? Please just ask, we'd love to help.

Connect with us

- Contact Bernadette (New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator) on 9410 9031 or email bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au.
 Bernadette is passionate about bringing people together and would love to connect over a coffee with you.
- Come and say hello to anyone on the parish team, anytime.
- Take a look through our website www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood. You'll find a welcome pack to download and we invite you to fill in a connect card.
- We have an Information Hub located on the forecourt every Sunday after the 9am Family Mass - a great place to ask questions and say hello.
- Join us for morning tea on the forecourt every Sunday after the 9am Family Mass. We hope you'll experience a warm welcome and meet friendly parishioners from different countries and backgrounds. If you have children, we're sure they'll enjoy playing games and meeting other children on the forecourt after Mass also.
- We invite you to join us at our Community Dinners held every Saturday night after the 5:30pm Mass (located in Harrington Hall). The dinners offer a wonderful opportunity to meet and make new friends. They are relaxed, family-friendly and a great place to enjoy genuine conversation, yummy food and have fun. Just bring yourselves, it's free and you can just turn up! No need to RSVP. Everyone is welcome.

We reach out with God's love to you and we welcome you with open arms. If there's something more we can do to help you feel at home, please let us know. Welcome to our beautiful parish family!



A moment to say thanks!

After an incredible Christmas Season, we extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped make our church so welcoming for the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the World. Thank you to all our wonderful parishioners who generously offered the warmest of welcomes to our guests. We appreciate you.

Hospitality is about making people feel welcome

Cultivating a welcoming spirit is something we value here at Our Lady of Dolours. But hospitality is about more than just having greeters at the door and coffee after Mass (though these are things we're glad we're doing more of). In 2020 we've started creating spaces for people with young children to feel at home, and having more activities for children after Mass so that parents can talk and connect with one another over morning tea.

But there are two things which we can all do right now to be more hospitable:



- making sure the church is tidy, with bulletins and rubbish cleared from the pews after each Mass
- making sure the toilets are clean and stocked with toilet paper and handwash. This needs to be done several times a weekend.

See Fr Jim for where the supplies are kept, and then help out whenever you can.



Throughout the year people contact the parish 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 both primary school and high school.

We will host several gatherings throughout 2020 with the first one being held on 7th March 2020, 10-11am in the Magnificat Room (Cnr Kirk and Archer Streets).

2020 Parent Connect Gathering Dates:

Saturday 7th March 10-11 am Saturday 4th April 10-11 am Saturday 16th May 10-11 am Saturday 13th June 10-11 am Saturday 8th August 10-11 am Saturday 12th September 10-11 am

To RSVP, please book online through the parish website www.bbcatholic/chatswood under the school's tab. For more information, email Bernadette bernadette.ho@bbatholic.org.au



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

At times, Catholic Social Teaching has been referred to us 'our best kept secret'. It is a formal body of papal teachings developed in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, written in times of social crisis or at great turning points in history.

FOUR SOURCES

Catholic Social Teachings draw from:

Scripture Reason Tradition Experience

THE FOUR KEY PRINCIPLES

Human Dignity The Common Good Subsidiarity Solidarity

Catholic Social Teaching brings the light of the Gospel to bear on the social dimensions of life.

PARISH FOCUS FOR 2020

In 2018 we focussed on our relationships with each other. Last year the focus was our relationship with God. Our focus this year is on our relationship with the world. Catholic Social Teaching will inform our focus throughout this year.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP WITH



On Tuesday 21 January, around 25 parishioners gathered for a meeting facilitated by David Barrow, the lead organiser from Sydney Alliance. David explained the work of Sydney Alliance. He guided us through several processes that offered a 'taster' of the training for community organising that will be available over the coming months. The Sydney Alliance approach to community organising draws strongly from the Catholic Social Teaching of the Common Good for all of its initiatives. In early March some of the those who

participated on 21 January will attend a Sydney Alliance Council Meeting. This will be a chance to meet and listen to other Sydney Alliance members.

During February and March others will take part in training. There is more to come! Keep an eye on the bulletin for future events.



WHAT KIND OF WORLD DO WE WANT TO LEAVE TO THOSE WHO COME AFTER US?

Pope Francis put this question to the global community in *LAUDATO SI Care for our Common Home.* It is now five years since Pope Francis wrote *Laudato Si* and positioned the document in the body of Catholic Social Teaching.

Have you read Laudato Si?

Are you familiar with the issues it addresses and its recommendations?

Pope Francis sees climate change and unresolved issues of global hunger and poverty as resulting in increasing conflict, violence and displacement of peoples.

He writes that "Peace, justice and the preservation of creation are three absolutely interconnected themes, which cannot be separated and treated individually ... Everything is related and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures ..." LS 92

Copies of *Laudato Si* are available in the Piety Shop for a discounted price.

SAVE THE DATES!

In May two opportunities for shared reading of *Laudato Si* will be offered.

Monday Evenings 7 - 8.30pm 4, 11, 18, 25 May, 1 & 15 June Thursday Afternoons 1.30 - 2.45pm 7,14,21,28 May, 4 & 18 June Both will be in the St Paul Room

Laudato Si is hopeful, reminding us that because God is with us we can strive both individually and communally to change course. We can awaken our hearts and move towards an "ecological conversion."

SHOW AUSTRALIA OUR CHURCH CARES



Join other
Broken Bay parishioners
at the Climate Change
Rally for Action
at 2pm
Saturday 22 February

Sydney Town Hall under the Social Justice Around the Bay banner

Laudato Si placards will be available
Also Pope Francis T shirts with the quote from Laudato Si:

'hear the cry of the earth..... hear the cry of the poor'

Contact Phil Jones if you would like a T shirt

0410 712 433 pfjones@tpg.com.au