



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

20 June 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Anniversaries:

Anjnciacion Gadiane, Abraham
Gadiane, Kevin Bruce, Norman Wu

Deceased: Kyung-Sun Shin

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In the first reading (Job 38:1,8-11) God speaks to Job from the storm. It is readily apparent that these texts were chosen for the thematic link to the gospel story of the storm-tossed boat and the stilling of the wind and the sea.

Since John's Gospel is the most consistently clear in proposing the divine status of Jesus, it is surprising that it does not include this story, versions of which are also found in Matthew (8:23-27) and Luke (8:22-25). In fact, Mark 4:36-41 has several direct links with Jonah 1:3-15, in which Jonah flees by boat from God's presence (1:3), who sends so severe a tempest upon the sea that the boat comes near to breaking (v.4). Meanwhile, incredibly in such dire circumstances, Jonah is in the hold, fast asleep. The sailors each call upon their gods, and Jonah is roused by the captain to do the same so that they might not perish (v.6). Jonah eventually admits his fault and confesses his God to be the maker of the sea and dry land (v.9). Then the men were greatly afraid or terrified, and Jonah offers a solution: he must be thrown overboard. Echoes of this part of Jonah are heard also in another gospel story of the crossing of the sea (Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52 and John 6:16-21), but in each case the other evangelists, and John most thoroughly, carefully strip out the direct links to Jonah that Mark's has.

Mark's story is a creedal testimony from the nascent Church, but features within it also indicate that its members had grave fears for their wellbeing. Mark assures them that Christ is still present, and the forces of the world do obey him. While we might not expect miraculous intervention in the chaotic events of our lives, this story still has a power to refocus the mind and calm the heart to know that, come what may, Christ is present even in catastrophe.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig

Flowers this weekend donated for the
Deceased Anniversary of Norman Wu.

Within our Parish

THE PARISH PASTORAL AND MINISTRY COUNCIL met for their second meeting this year at 7pm on Wednesday 9 June at the Magnificat meeting room. The meeting started with study, reflection and then prayer inspired by extracts from the recent encyclical Fratelli tutti, Ch4, 'A Heart Open to the Whole World'. Our discussions resonated with the readings on the importance of the sense of belonging of all individuals within nations to our larger human family.

Fr David provided updates on parish planning of events for the year, and PPMC was provided a report from the Parish Finance Committee on precinct redevelopment. Preparation for the renovation of presbytery has also started, and an update on the renovation of the Church was provided, including testing of the Church sound system, which will be upgraded later this year.

A third focus of the meeting was to discuss the idea of a parish survey. If well formulated, there are great benefits to gaining feedback via a survey, and this survey will enable us to listen to the parish community and use this feedback to shape and guide our parish priorities. We are planning to introduce the survey in the coming months.

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council

SENIORS GROUP



Christmas in July and Singing with Louis. Please join us at our next get together to celebrate Christmas in July and sing some old hymns and favourite carols.

Thursday 1st July at 10am in the Magnificat Room.

For more information contact

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DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP is held every Saturday at 10 am. We have a box outside the Piety Stall for petition/thanksgiving letters to Our Blessed Mother. Why not drop a note of thanks into

the box if you have received a special blessing or a prayer answered from Our Lady or a note to seek her intercession? Your petitions will be included in our prayers at the weekly devotion.

To celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, please join us for morning tea on Saturday 26 June in the Magnificat Room at 10.45 am (after Benediction). Please bring a plate to share if you can.

Do not judge and you will not be judged

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VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

This weekend the Society of St Vincent de Paul is conducting its annual winter appeal. Deductions over \$2 are tax deductible.

Within the parish boundaries, there are significant pockets of public housing providing accommodation for mentally and physically disabled persons. Whilst the majority of these receive government pensions which cover everyday expenses, money is not always available for emergency or unusual situations such as white goods repairs/replacements and funeral expenses. Many of these residents lack life skills and have a lower level of education. The St Vincent de Paul Society receives many requests for help from these persons as well as from others in the community who are experiencing hardship. Help may include: financial or material assistance to overcome an emergency; budgeting advice; and referral to other agencies.

During the past six months, the Chatswood Conference of the Society received 32 requests for help from residents within the parish boundaries. Problems assisted with included legal, medical, pharmaceutical, gas, electricity, phone, domestic violence, housing, removal expenses and lack of food. Around \$5,000 was expended on these areas and a further \$1,500 was spent on the provision of white goods and furniture.

People seeking help can approach the welfare centre at our store at 285 Victoria Ave. The welfare centre passes these requests onto the Society members in our Parish who generally make home visits to assess their needs and the required assistance.

Our Piety stall now has eftpos facilities. Please come and have a browse at the many cards, rosary beads and religious items we have for sale. Open after all masses on the weekend.

Pietystall

If you can speak Croatian, please email Fr. Joey at joey.frez@bbcatholic.org.au

Please take a copy home of 'Our Sunday Celebration' fold out from the Church foyer. This includes Gail's 'Sunday Extra' page inside.

From Fr David

Dear friends

I am very grateful to Fr Matthew Bloomer and to Fr Ed Barry from the Prelature of the Holy Cross for their assistance this week while the clergy of our parish have all been away on conference.

Our week away has been a grace-filled one. Each morning, Bishop Anthony led us in an animated series of reflections on priestly identity and life, and in the afternoons, we benefitted from workshops from Evangelisation Broken Bay and Catholic Schools Broken Bay, as well as one on Complaint Handling. Through these it was delightful to be with one another again, to be in prayer together, and to enjoy our fraternity. We did this through the beautiful setting of Kooindah Waters at Wyong. So, a special thank you to you all for allowing us this time.

This is the last week of Term 2 for our schools, their students, teachers and families. It is hard to believe that we are now half way through the year! We pray that the term finishes well. We look forward particularly to giving gratitude to our wonderful Catechists next Sunday with a BBQ lunch

It will be quite a busy second half to the year as we implement a number of plans that we have been considering through our various committees.

Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION



This week the children in our Confirmation program have attended their first preparation session which invited them to reflect on what it means to belong to God's family.

They have been discovering more about their baptism day; what happened during the ceremony, the symbols of baptism and their meaning, who was there and how the day was celebrated by God and their families.

This weekend at the Vigil, 9.00am and 10.30am Masses, the children will be presented to the parish community. They will bring their 'Please pray for me' cards, which will be placed into baskets so that parishioners may collect one to pray for that child and their family during the preparation program.

We invite everyone to pray for these children and their families, and to come forward to take a prayer card to pray for a particular child and their family during this special time in their lives.



Pope Francis proclaimed 2021 as the Year of St Joseph and in his apostolic letter for this year, *With a Father's Heart* he named St Joseph as 'the special patron of all who are forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty. Since then, Pope Francis has also added to St Joseph's titles that of 'Patron of Refugees'.

Australia Needs a New Heart

It is clear that Australia's treatment of those who come to us seeking protection needs to change. For the past twenty years, refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia have experienced inhumane and cruel treatment.

We need to re-imagine what it is currently like to come to Australia and find the way to safety barred, to experience a toxic political atmosphere that describes parents and their children as 'illegals' and 'queue-jumpers' who are trying to manipulate the charity of Australia.

150 Days of Action Campaign

A coalition led by the Sisters of St Joseph has come together to initiate 150 days of action across Australia, to engage people and advocate to change our country's attitude and policies towards those seeking protection in Australia.

The campaign was launched on the Feast of St Joseph the Worker and will conclude with a Day of Lamentation and Call on Sunday 26 September, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

As part of the Campaign, the coalition will exhort the Federal Government to:

1. To provide income support and a financial safety net for all people seeking asylum in Australia.
2. To end temporary protection visa and create a clear pathway to permanent residency.
3. To ensure access to family reunion for refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia.

A Prayer by Sr Joyce Rupp

God of Mercy and Justice,
Bother us. Keep after us. Open our eyes.
Widen our hearts. Change our judgements.
Urge us. Chase us. Badger us, until we act
on behalf of the 70 million people
whose tears fall on foreign soil.

(Further information about refugees and people seeking asylum in Our Sunday Celebration.)

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

Joseph House

For young Catholic men







Joseph House is a young men's house of discernment, an innovative living space for young Catholic men to uncover the call to holiness that comes through baptism. Residents will contemplate, pray and actively discern their vocation, whilst being active in the world maintaining regular work, studies and daily life.

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**CATHOLIC
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BROKEN BAY**

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 21 June	11.15am	Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
	11.30am	Cenacle (Rosary) Prayer (Church)
	6.30pm	Spanish Choir practice (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Alpha (Magnificat & St Paul Rooms)
Tuesday 22 June	9.45am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary Group (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
	7pm	Parish Finance Committee (St Paul Room)
Wednesday 23 June	2pm	Mercy Charism Liturgy rehearsal (Church)
	6.30pm	Indonesian music practice (Church)
	7pm	Faith Enrichment Group (St Peter Room)
	7pm	MenAlive Group (Magnificat Room)
Thursday 24 June	10am	Mercy College/OLD Primary Biannual liturgy Mercy Charism (Church)
	6.30pm	Vinnies English Conversations (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Reconciliation (Church)
Friday 25 June	9.45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
	10am	Meditation (via on-line zoom)
Saturday 26 June	10.30am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	10.30am	OLPH Devotion Morning Tea (Magnificat Room)
Sunday 27 June	10am	Family Choir practice (St Peter Room)
	11.30am	Our Lady Help of Christians Assoc. (St Paul Room)
	4pm	Music Ministry practice for 5.30pm Youth Mass (Church)

FREE SEMINAR ON WILLS AND ESTATES FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BROKEN BAY. Clergy, parish leaders and interested parishioners are invited to a free seminar at The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara, on Saturday 17 July 2021, 2-3.30pm. The seminar is designed for those who need to prepare or update their Will, and to encourage supporting the future of our Catholic faith through a charitable gift in your Will. Cecilia Castle, principle of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 30 years. Cecilia is a regular speaker and writer on legal topics, and parishioner in our Diocese of Broken Bay.

For bookings go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BPNGJ> or email David Armstrong david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au