



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



1st SUNDAY in LENT
21 February 2021 – Year B/1

**WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
WE PRAY FOR:**

Deceased Anniversary:

Jakica Bacic, Aida Freeman, Bartolo Paino, Joemel Delos Reyes

Recently Deceased: Gladys Yabsley, Valmai Sutton, Kata Bosnic

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In the gospel acclamation today, we hear that “No one lives on bread alone”, or in the Communion antiphon that “One does not live by bread alone”, and they go on to say “but on/by every word that comes (forth) from the mouth of God.” But what is *bread*? Something you eat? Yes, yet more: it is fruit of the earth and work of human hands. To eat it is to eat the earth and to honour the work of other people. So too with wine, so too with oil, and candles, and everything we use— even water that is collected and piped. And when we are conscious of the earth and of all things coming forth by the creative power of God, then we remember that it is by God we are and live.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 1st Sunday in Lent - Year B



Twice a year, we run a preparation program for 6-12 old children who would like to be baptised. This program includes the parents and child attending preparation sessions together in a small group with other children and families.

Our next Kids' Baptism Program will begin on **Sunday 7 March 2021**. If you would like to know more about this program, or would like your child to join, you can download the information and enrolment forms from our parish website.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

- Click on **Sacraments**
- Click on **Baptism** and then **Kids' Baptism**

Complete the enrolment form and email to angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

Within the Parish

MORNING PRAYER is back on Thursday mornings at 8.45am - Morning prayers can refresh and recharge your soul as you get ready to take on the day with help from the best place possible: Our Creator!

Morning Prayer “floods the heart with the breath of life and bathes it in the sunshine of God’s smile”. By giving God your day in prayer first thing in the morning, you get “the clear air of heaven,” flowing into your heart. Make morning prayers as much a part of your routine as getting dressed or eating breakfast. St. Augustine once said “as our body cannot be kept alive without nourishment, so our soul cannot be kept spiritually alive without prayer.”

SENIOR’S COFFEE MORNING BEGINS 4TH MARCH



We are back. After a false start last year, we are going to start up our Senior’s Coffee Mornings. The first one for 2021 is 10am on Thursday 4th March in the Magnificat Room. Please join us for a chat and some morning tea. Fr David will be joining us, so come and have a chat with him. If you would like any more information please contact Jan Hunter at gfiadino@bigpond.net.au.



MERCY COLLEGE UPDATE

This week we enjoyed our first College Mass at Our Lady of Dolours lead by Fr David Ranson. A lovely way to begin our school year including a welcome to our new teaching staff, our Year 7 students

and 6 Mercy Sisters.



CALLED TO BE A CATECHIST

If you think you would like to get involved in sharing your faith to all the children in State Schools, or you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Maricel by phone 9410 9029 or email at maricel.malapira@bbcatholic.org.au

THE COST OF APATHY AND INDIFFERENCE

Do you know that life is sacred, a gift from God to be cherished and protected?

It was long ago recognized that “the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men (and women) to do nothing.” (Edmund Burke, 1729 - 1797). The truth of this can be seen in our contemporary society by the dominance of secular and anti-Christian forces promoting values that are morally abhorrent and inimical to the Catholic faith. In many instances these values have shaped the laws that govern our society, a principal example being the abortion law passed in NSW in 2020 which allows for an unborn baby’s life to be brutally terminated at any time during a woman’s pregnancy. Now we face the prospect of a further attack on human life in the form of euthanasia/assisted suicide legislation. Christians including Catholics form a substantial portion of our community yet they have little impact on the laws that govern us, in part because too many remain indifferent and apathetic.

Our parish is endeavouring to ensure that all parishioners exercise their right as citizens to call upon the NSW government to repeal the abortion law and to refrain from legalizing euthanasia. We ask parishioners who have not yet signed the Protect Life petition to the Premier to do so as soon as possible. The petition is available in the main foyer of the church.

Parishioners are also invited to attend a

PRO-LIFE Talk

Sunday 21 February at 10.00 am or 11.30 am
in the Magnificat Room.

Light refreshments will be provided.

(Marian Catholic Action Group)

From Fr David

Dear friends,

We have begun our Season of Lent: it is a wonderful invitation for us to reflect more deeply on our lives, to recognise what we need to let go of, and leave behind, and to hear the call into the future in a new way. We have been blessed with a number of resources and activities to assist us in this endeavour. Hopefully, we might consider one of these so that the time ahead can be as fruitful as possible for us. A very special thank you to all those who made our Ash Wednesday so prayerful and meaningful; our servers, readers, musicians. Over the course of the four Masses, around 1000 people joined us. After such a long period during which we have not been able to gather this was very powerful.

In particular over this period may we avail ourselves of the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation. Reconciliation is available every Thursday evening between 7pm and 8pm and also on Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am. During Lent our Holy Hour of a Thursday evening will have a special Lenten character to it. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at Our Lady of Dolours each Wednesday during Lent at 11am and also each Friday at 7.30pm.

This Sunday we introduced a new Sunday resource: "Our Sunday Celebration". It is a brochure that has all the parts of the Mass and the Readings of the Mass. As well, the inside of the brochure will have very formative reading for us. I am very grateful to Gail Gill for her commitment to this weekly publication. Please do take it home or take some for friends as well.

The rich multicultural character of Our Lady of Dolours is a great gift: Fr Joey will celebrate Mass in Spanish this Sunday at midday and at 7pm our Indonesian Community will celebrate. This weekend marks the 9th anniversary of such a celebration for our Indonesian people. We thank them for the gift of their presence and for the undoubtable way the Indonesian culture contributes to the tapestry of our community life. Our Filipino Community celebrates the 500th anniversary of Catholic Faith in the Philippines this year. On Tuesday 16 March, Bishop Anthony will join us in a very special Mass to commemorate this extraordinary event.

Also, on Sunday afternoon, Bishop Anthony will celebrate the Rite of Election at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in Waitara for those to be baptised at Easter. We have some 17 people presenting for baptism this Easter and it will be my special joy to be with a number of them at the Cathedral. Our gratitude to Deacon Kevin for his coordination of our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme.

Our special congratulations to Daisy and Andrew Choi on the marriage of their son Joseph to Brittany on Saturday 20 February. We ask God's special blessing upon the newly married couple and all of the Choi family.

Please remember Valmai Sutton in your prayer. Valmai has been a very long-standing parishioner of our community, passing away last Sunday and we extend our sympathy to her family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Valmai will be farewelled from Our Lady of Dolours on the morning of Friday 26 February.

Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG



Thank You

from STREETWORK
for your generosity

You may recall Geoff Munday and Hugh Murphy from Streetwork speaking at all of the weekend Masses late last year. Geoff has asked that his deep appreciation be passed on to you. The parish forwarded \$3922.00 to Streetwork from the Christmas collection.

We're well and truly on deck and running hard at Streetwork in 2021.

Would you please pass on our deepest thanks for the Christmas collection donation? 2021 was a tough year for raising funds and demand for our services went through the roof.

Many, many thanks for the Bunnings BBQ donations which continue to be so deeply welcomed.

Geoff Munday

Thank you to Gillian Hawkins who has taken on the coordination of the Bunnings BBQs from Trish Wilson.

Also thank you to the many people who are part of the team who assist with providing the BBQs from preparation to actual cooking and serving. Your efforts provide much needed support for Streetwork's wonderful care for vulnerable local young people.

Two BBQs on 7 and 14 February raised \$2,445 for Streetwork – a fabulous effort!

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

It is important to keep track of when your Working With Children Check is coming up to Expiry. If you got your Working with Children Check (WWCC) in 2016 it could be time to renew. You can go to the Office of the Children's Guardian website to update your details and renew your check. Click here to renew –

www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check



First Sunday of Lent 21st February 2021



Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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Women & the New Testament

To celebrate International Women's Day which falls on 8 March in 2021, Dr Michele Connolly rsj will come to our parish to offer a presentation on Women and the New Testament which will also include space for conversation and questions.

SATURDAY 6 MARCH
2.30 TO 5.00PM
MAGNIFICAT ROOM

The focus is on women, but this is for everyone - women and men!
Two facilitated opportunities for conversation before 6 March will be offered, dates & times TBC.

Contact Gail
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WITHIN OUR DIOCESE

Parish Secretary, Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish – Full Time

Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish is seeking to recruit a full time Parish Secretary. This key role provides support in visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, general administration, financial processes, meeting and event organisation, and compliance requirements.

The ideal candidate will have excellent people and office administration skills; excellent Microsoft Office skills and database experience. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings. Previous experience in a similar position would be well regarded.

For further details, see the Diocesan website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant
Applications close: Monday, 8 March.

The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.

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Parish Secretary, Pymble Catholic Parish – Part Time

Pymble Catholic Parish is seeking to recruit a part time Parish Secretary (32 hours per week). This key role provides support in general administration, parish financial and bookkeeping processes, visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, meeting and event organisation, and compliance requirements.

The ideal candidate will have excellent people and office administration skills; excellent Microsoft Office and MYOB skills, and database experience. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings. Previous experience in a similar position would be essential.

For the full position description, see the [Parish website](#).

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a current CV and cover letter outlining your previous experience and suitability for the role to info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au. Applications close: Tuesday, 9 March 2021.

The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.