



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



5th SUNDAY in LENT
21 March 2021 – Year B/1

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

Deceased Anniversaries:

Mr Maria Rajakumar, Edna Kenna

Recently Deceased:

Madeleine Van Roie, Lord Brian
Madula



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The festival mentioned in the opening of the gospel (John 12:20-33) had earlier (11:55 and 12:1) been specified as the Passover. John has a peculiar habit of repeating: a series of units is not always truly sequential chronologically but are perhaps different aspects of a single episode, often threaded together by key phrases that may appear in other episodes too. Sometimes the Lectionary brings them together. Thus last Sunday's phrase "the Son of Man must be lifted up" (3:14) reappears today as "when I am lifted up" (12:28) and will be heard on Tuesday this week in "when you have lifted up the Son of Man" (8:28), but a variant echo early in today's pericope—"for the Son of Man to be glorified"—belongs to the pattern of overlapping nuances of verbs *offer*, *lift up*, and *glorify*; see also the reflection for the Second Sunday of Lent B. The last arises again near the end of today's reading with the voice from heaven saying "I have glorified [it] and again shall glorify [it]." The interweaving does not stop there; whereas the other gospels (except Luke's story of the twelve year old Jesus) mention Passover only in the final scenes, reference to it threads throughout John. And in today's pericope John also places both an element akin to the voice from heaven that the others have only at his baptism and transfiguration, and an echo of Jesus' anguish that the others place in Gethsemane. Thus in his own way John weaves here the theophanies at the baptism and transfiguration to prelude that which will unfold, whereby the single grain "dies" in order to bear many more.

Our Holy Week and Easter Mass times are now on the website. Bookings are essential, except for the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. If viewing this bulletin through enews, please click on this link: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/mass-times/easter-mass-times/holy-week-easter-mass-times>

Within the Parish



Eucaristías en Español

Our next **SPANISH MASS** is TODAY March 21, 2021 at 3 pm for this month. We will resume having it at 12:00 pm next month. Please invite your family and friends!

Nuestra próxima misa en español será el 21 de marzo de 2021 a las 3 pm de este mes. Volveremos a tener misa a las 12:00 pm el próximo mes. ¡Invite a su familia y amigos!

THE DAY OF THE UNBORN – Sunday 21st March 2021

As Catholics we need to stand up for the life of unborn children. We recognise that abortion is a tragedy for both the child and the parent. On Sunday 21st March parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in a procession to mark the Day of the Unborn Child in a peaceful and prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney from St Mary's Cathedral. Join us and others from across Sydney in College Street at the western side of the Cathedral (instead of the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral) as we prepare to process through the streets of Sydney under the banner of Our Lady of Sorrows.

The procession, which will start at 12.20 pm, is aligned to the Feast of the Annunciation which commemorates the day in history where Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ became Incarnate. On this day "the Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us." What better day than this to remember the plight of the unborn child in the modern world.

For people who have been affected by an abortion experience, Rachel's Vineyard offer retreats and other resources/assistance which bring spiritual and emotional healing - [Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Sydney:](http://Rachel's_Vineyard_Ministries_Sydney:) [Retreat](#) [Information](#) (rachelsaus.blogspot.com) - 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au

Baptisms This Weekend:

Selina Rose Crino and
Lorenzo Alessandro Stipo



PALM SUNDAY MARCH TO SUPPORT REFUGEES



A large number of refugees who were transferred from Manus and Nauru for medical treatment have been released without warning from hotel prisons across Australia. Many of them have been in inhumane detention conditions for up to 8 years.

Around 150 Medevac refugees remain in hotel prisons and detention centres. There are still over 250 refugees stuck on Nauru and PNG with little prospect of resettlement. The Biloela Muragappan family and their two children remain detained on Christmas Island, having spent two and a half years in detention.

Once released, refugees are only provided with three weeks of accommodation. Whilst they have work rights, they are ineligible for income support. This means that refugees are in the absurd situation of having only three weeks to secure accommodation and employment. This will force many to head straight from the trauma of detention into poverty.

Australia refuses to provide permanent visas to refugees who arrived by boat. They are forced to reapply for protection every three to five years. The onus is placed on refugees to prove that they still deserve protection. Refugees in Australia are kept in a permanent state of limbo, constantly living with the fear of being deported.

**SUNDAY 28 MARCH
2PM BELMORE PARK
NEAR CENTRAL STATION
LOOK FOR THE SOCIAL JUSTICE
AROUND THE BAY BANNER
AND MARCH WITH OTHERS
FROM BROKEN BAY**

From Fr David

Dear friends

As an outcome of our working bee last Saturday our church and grounds are looking very neat and clean. A very warm word of thanks to all those who were able to come together to assist. Your generosity of both time and energy was greatly appreciated. And special gratitude to Michael Mercer, our Facilities and Finance Manager for coordinating everything.

Our clean-up was well-timed for the marvellous celebration we enjoyed last Tuesday evening, 16 March when, with a full church, we hosted the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Christian faith in the Philippines. As a number of you would have seen our church was resplendent in colour and flowers. Some 15 clergy joined Bishop Anthony and Archbishop Yllana, the Papal Nuncio. Even the rain at the end of the Mass did not dampen the joy of the occasion. I want to pay tribute to Deacon Roberto Corpuz, our diocesan Filipino Chaplaincy Coordinator, and to the many, many people of our Filipino community at Chatswood who put so much work into making this such a special event. Their dedication and generosity are inspirational. To mark the occasion the Filipino community has donated a beautiful chalice, paten and ciborium to our parish. We are most delighted at this gift which will be a permanent commemoration of this most significant milestone and of the remarkable contribution of our Filipino people to our Chatswood community. We will maintain the banners from the celebration throughout our church over the remainder of the year.

This weekend we are very honoured to have with us representatives from Streetwork who will speak to us at each of our Masses, sharing with us their extraordinary work with disadvantaged youth in our local city. StreetWork is a non-denominational, for-purpose, community organisation working with 'at risk' young people affected by crime, mental health issues and violence.

This is an excellent way for us as a community to enter the spirit of almsgiving at the heart of our Lenten practice. We will nominate a Sunday each Lent to keep us informed as to the mission of Streetwork.

For many years there has been an active Parish Social Justice Group chaired by Trish Wilson. Although Covid interrupted the regular meetings last year, support for many Social Justice initiatives continued. We would like to re-form a Parish Social Justice Group this year. An initial meeting will be held on Monday 22 March from 11am to 12.30pm in the Magnificat Room. You are most welcome to be part of this meeting. If you are interested in Social Justice but are not able to be part of this meeting, please let Gail Gill know. Her contact details are in the parish bulletin.

This Sunday, there will be a group representing our Parish marching for life in the city, the details of which are also in the bulletin. It is important that we are not passive in the face of social and political developments that we believe diminish human flourishing and God's intention for the world. If something is wrong, we must be ready to say so. We cannot leave this to others. We cannot rely on leaders simply to raise our concern. As the Church ourselves we must do this. Legislators are influenced not by the voice of Church leaders, but by the action of those who elect them. So do give some thought to being at the March for Life in the city this Sunday.

We are now in the final days of Lent and our journey towards Easter quickens. This weekend be sure to take one of our booklets introducing Holy Week and outlining the many ways by which we will enter this most important week. Our liturgy coordinators are already busy in their preparation. This year, thankfully, we will be able to celebrate Easter in our usual way with all of our ordinary practices. On Holy Thursday, at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will have the Washing of the Feet. Would you like to be a volunteer for this important gesture? We are looking for up to 12 people. Do let our Parish Office know if you would like to be a part of this significant ritual.

In preparation for Holy Week, this Wednesday evening, 24 March at 7.30pm we will celebrate the Second Rite of Reconciliation. This will be a communal acknowledgement of our need of God's mercy, followed by the opportunity for individual Confession. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Fr David

FLOWERS FOR HOLY THURSDAY

Parishioners are welcome to donate flowers and greenery for use on Holy Thursday and to decorate the Altar of Repose. If you are able to do this it will be greatly appreciated. Flowers can be deposited in the buckets provided at Our Lady's Shrine on Holy Thursday morning.



SENIORS GET-TOGETHER



Our next get-together is at 10am on Thursday 1st April in the Magnificat Room.

Gina Bradley from Ethica will be joining us with her goods and giving us a run down on how Ethica has got through the last year.

Join us for a cuppa, hot cross bun and some shopping.

For more information, contact Jan Hunter gfiadino@bigpond.net.au

Catholic Women Consultation

SHARE & CELEBRATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION
AND VISION OF THE CHURCH
AS CATHOLIC WOMEN IN AUSTRALIA

Catholic women are being invited to participate in an online national consultation. Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Bishop Michael Morrisey will be present to hear the voice of Catholic Women from around Australia.

SATURDAY 27 MARCH
2 – 4PM
VIA ZOOM

To register before 4pm Friday 26 March, please go to:

www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicwomen

The March consultation will inform the development and agenda of a national women's event in September.



A new podcast was launched on International Women's Day, 8 March. An initiative of *Women and the Australian Church* (WATAC) and *The Grail* in Australia, the podcast will highlight and share the voices of women breaking open the Word of God in ways that are meaningful for people today. <https://australianwomenpreach.com.au>

The podcast will run for the 30 weeks leading into the historic Plenary Council in October 2021.

The first podcast features Jacqui Remond, co-founder of the Global Catholic Climate Movement and Joint Coordinator of the Vatican's Covid-19 Commission for the Ecology Taskforce. Other early episodes will feature Cristina Lledo Gomez, Patty Fawcner SGS, Melinda Jolly and Tau'alofa Anga'aelangi. For further information, email australianwomenpreach@gmail.com

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday 21 March	3pm	Spanish Mass (Church)
	4pm	Acolytes and Senior Servers Meeting (Magnificat Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Culture Mass
Monday 22 March	11am	Social Justice gathering (Magnificat Room)
	6pm	'The Jesus I Never Knew' (Magnificat Room)
Tuesday 23 March	9.45am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Young Adults Lenten Program (Magnificat Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary Group (St Peter Room)
Wednesday 24 March	7.30pm	2 nd Rite of Reconciliation (Church)
	7pm	MenAlive Group (Magnificat Room)
	7pm	Faith Enrichment Group (St Peter Room)
Thursday 25 March	7pm	Lenten Holy Hour (Church)
	6.30pm	Vinnies English Conversations (St Paul Room)
Friday 26 March	10am	Meditation (St Paul Room)
	7.30pm	Rosary (Church)
Saturday 27 March	10.30am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
Sunday 28 March	9.30am	Lent Family Group gathering (Magnificat Room)



FANTASTIC WORKING BEE On behalf of Fr David and the Chatswood Parish, I would like to sincerely thank those people who helped out at the Working Bee on Saturday 13 March. Your enthusiasm, commitment and hard work was

outstanding and has presented our church in a fantastic condition, ready for the busy Easter period. It was nice to see a few new faces helping out alongside our usual committed parishioners.

Thanks also to the 'Men Alive' Group for constructing the new Garbage Bin Storage Units. This was a big effort. Thank you also to the ladies who shall remain nameless, for preparing the beautiful morning tea as well. God Bless, Michael.