

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT
22 December 2019 – Year A/2

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2019:

Christmas Eve 24 Dec -

*Children's Mass – 5:30pm,

*Vigil Mass – 8:30pm;

*Midnight Mass – 12:00am

Christmas Day 25 Dec – 7:30am,
9:00am and 10:30am

*with Carols before

Parking via Kirk Street. There is
no evening Mass on Christmas
Day.

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Farewell Adrian: This weekend we farewell Adrian Brannan who has served Chatswood Parish as Youth Ministry Coordinator for the past seven years and has been a lifelong member of our parish. Join us as we say goodbye at the 5.30pm Mass this Sunday night and with dinner afterwards.

Farewell Sam: Sam French will conclude his placement as a seminarist in our parish on Christmas Day. Sam will return to the Seminary of the Good Shepherd for semester 1 next year. Join us as we farewell Sam with morning tea after the 9am Mass this weekend.

Christmas Carols: Well done to our children's & family group who spent the last 3 Sundays singing Christmas carols in local nursing homes after Sunday 9am Mass. What a beautiful way to share the joy of Christmas.

New Year's Eve Mass: Come and give thanks for 2019 and pray the new year in as we celebrate Mass at 7pm on New Year's Eve with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following until 9pm.

Reconciliation: The last of our additional Advent reconciliation times will be after 12.15pm Mass on Monday 23rd. Our regular times will continue through the Christmas season, on Thursday 26th at 7pm and Saturday 28th at 9.30am.

Weekday Masses: Mon 23rd 5.30am and 12.15pm. Tues 24th 5.30am (no 9am), Thursday 26th 9am and 12.15pm, Friday 27th 9am, Saturday 28th 9am.

We Need Your Help welcoming this Christmas... At Christmas time we will have a large number of visitors to the parish many of whom will be people living locally who do not ordinarily go to church. We only get one chance to make a first impression and we want it to be a great one for everyone who comes here. A welcome can make all the difference as to whether a person will come back and visit us again. We would love you to be part of our hospitality teams for the Christmas Masses and we can show you what needs to be done. We especially need help on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day itself. Please add your names to the lists in the foyer or email bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au

Christmas Day Collection: Every Sunday two collections are taken up, with the first collection supporting all the clergy of Broken Bay Diocese, and the second collection supporting all the other works of the parish including all ministries, maintenance, improvements and staff wages. To make things simpler on Christmas Day we will take up only one collection and then distribute 50% the loose donations of this to the clergy fund and 50% to the parish fund. The parish will be donating its part to our sister parishes of Bourke and Brewarrina in drought stricken western NSW. These are our social justice partnerships, and it is our privilege to support them in this way. And "Christmas Dues" envelopes go to the clergy fund only.

Catholic Mission Appeal: We will take up our annual Catholic Mission appeal on January 11-12. Envelopes will be available the week before and the weekend of the appeal.

WITHIN OUR PARISH

JOINING WITH SYDNEY ALLIANCE

Last weekend Fr Jim spoke about our parish joining Sydney Alliance next year as a way for the parish to engage with the wider community.

In 2018 our parish focussed on *Our Relationship with Each Other* and in this year *Our Relationship with God* from our Parish Vision Statement. Next year, our focus will move to *Our Relationship with the World*. Our parish will partner with Sydney Alliance, whom we worked with last July to provide the Table Talk on Changing the Conversation about People Seeking Asylum.

If you are interested in the next step of this conversation, you are invited to be part of introductory training in **Catholic Social Teaching and Community Organising** led by David Barrow, Lead organiser of Sydney Alliance. The training will cover, the Catholic tradition of community organising for the common good, how to bring people together across diversity and practical training on the one-to-one meeting. The conversations that build relationships for action within our parish and beyond.

Do join us if you have an interest in building strong relationships within our parish, and if you want to see Sydney live up to its potential with affordable and safe housing, employment, renewable energy and being a city of welcome for people seeking asylum.

TUESDAY 21 JANUARY
3 - 5PM OR 6.30 - 9PM (Includes BBQ)
MAGNIFICAT ROOM

Contact Gail for further information 9410 9021 or gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>
go to Adult Faith Formation
Sydney Alliance website
www.sydneyalliance.org.au/

TEEN YOUTH GROUP

Our teen youth group is for young people in Year 7-10 in 2020, including Year 6 graduates of 2019. We have a gathering once a month on Sunday mornings during school term, and day trips during school holidays. Our summer holiday outing will be ice skating on Wed Jan 22nd, led by our young adult (university student) leaders and Fr Jim. A permission form is on the website www.chatswoodparish.org.au or contact chatswoodparish@bbcatholic.org.au

DO YOU HAVE A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR OUR STRUGGLING SISTER PARISHES?

Each year a percentage of the Christmas collection is given to one of the parish's Social Justice projects. This year it will go to our sister parishes in Bourke and Brewarrina.

As you are aware these communities are experiencing one of the worst droughts in living memory leaving farmers struggling to cope and towns denied of the usual business opportunities. Despite the recent deluge of rain the region has not had the follow up rain to enable crops to be planted. The situation is dire but as one farmer says, "Each day is a day closer to rain!"

The money we donate to Bourke is given to MaryAnne who is engaged in pastoral ministry. Each week Mary Anne travels hundreds of kilometres to visit outlying communities taking the Eucharist and gathering groups together. She is inspired by their faith – faith in a loving God and faith that one day it will rain. Our parish's contribution last year enabled Mary Anne to provide hospitality at these gatherings and to foster a spirit of hope and well-being. In addition, she has purchased musical instruments which are used each week at Mass and some religious education resources for the children.

Our parish contact with Brewarrina tells a similar story about the effects of a drought affected community. Water is scarce, drinkable water is expensive and not always available. The parish community is small and money donated from last year has been used to meet utility costs. The community is most grateful for our financial assistance.

If you are in a position to provide financial help to our outback sister parishes at Christmas time your gift will be much appreciated.

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Anniversaries: Ivan Bosnic, Mollie Curtin, deceased members of the Curtin, Rolfe, Hughes and Egan families, Sheila Mary Prior AM, BEM, DLJ, Christopher Dignam

Recently Deceased: Robert Marin, Geoffrey Ranson (Fr David's father), Ian Smith (husband of Marcia Sommers)

Sick: Wanda Kwan, Katherine Liu, Helen Shortall, Rose Medina, Maria Schiavo, Helen McGrath, Moya Byrne, Judy Zak



Fourth Sunday of Advent - Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

We had a lovely display of flowers at Easter through the generosity of parishioners who donated flowers to the church. We invite people once again to bring flowers and Christmas bush which can be used to adorn the church for Christmas. Please drop them off in the Church or the Parish Office on Monday 23 December. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES

Our 6 Christmas Masses are an expression of our communal life as a parish. What ministry will you do at Christmas? Our musicians are already practicing, and some roles are already allocated, but we have need of the following:

- Parking attendants for the 5.30pm & 8.30pm vigils, and the 9am and 10.30am day Masses
- First aid officers for the 5.30pm vigil Mass
- A Minister of the Word for 10.30am Mass

Volunteer sign-up sheets for these as well as for Welcomers are in the foyer.

Contact Gerard Ryan on 9419 8310 or gerardryan@bigpond.com if you would like to serve or give Communion at a Christmas Mass or Susanna Siu on sansusanna@gmail.com if you would like to take up the collections.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We will be setting up the church for Christmas from 9am on Tuesday morning. We need your help to set up the crib, banners, Christmas tree and other decorations.



Please meet us in the Church at 9am and help us make our Church beautiful for Christmas.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Long serving members of the Parish Finance Committee Richard Wrona and Tony Di Mauro are stepping down from the Parish Finance Committee this year. We are seeking two or three new members to join the committee next year which requires 9 meetings per year on a Tuesday night. We are looking for people with expertise in accounting, management and governance who can assist and advise Fr Jim in his stewardship of the parish. Please contact Fr Jim on 9410 9022 or jim.mckeon@bbcatholic.org.au if you are interested.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who gave generously to the St Vincent de Paul Society last weekend. If you have brought an envelope back this week it can be placed in either collection basket.

Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Mass

Final 2 practices:



Sunday 22 December: in the Blue Room at 10.15am

Monday 23 December: Rehearsal in the Church at 3.00pm

Any enquiries about the Children's Christmas Mass please contact Angela in the parish office on 9410 9033 or Angela.Hague@bbcatholic.org.au

COMMUNITY DINNERS

Our Community Dinners are for everyone, Catholic and non-Catholic alike who want to share a meal in good company. It is a family friendly, smoke free and alcohol event at which everyone is welcome. We meet on Saturday nights in the hall across the school playground, also accessible from Ferguson Lane, 6.30pm – 7.30pm. We are continuing through to Dec 28th, then we will take a two-week break and return on January 18th.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY newspaper is back for sale in our parish and you can obtain a copy at \$2 each from the foyer of the church. Please leave your payment in the box marked "Catholic Weekly Payment" above the Perspex holder where the papers are located. Thank you.

Baptisms:

Nathan Ching,
Zoe Elizabeth Attwood &
Avila Therese Del Rosario



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT O.L.D.

Monday

2.30pm Christmas Eve mass rehearsal in Church
6.30pm Choir/Music practice in Church

Tuesday

9am Christmas set-up in Church
9.30am Bible discussion group in St Paul

Friday

12noon Filipino Chaplaincy end of year meeting in Magnificat

7.30pm Home Rosary at 12 Stan Street, Willoughby

Saturday

6.30pm Community Dinner in Harrington Hall

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

Filipino Mass (in English) 12noon; 1st Sun of month

Indonesian Mass; 7pm; 3rd Sun of month

Family Mass - 9am each Sunday

Children’s Choir at 9am Family Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month (Please arrive at 8.30am for setup and practice.)

Teen Choir at 9am Family Mass on 2nd Sunday of the month.

Kids’ Word - Children’s Liturgy of the Word for ages 3-6 & 6-10. Meet in Church at 9am every 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays. (Except long weekends & school holidays.)

Youth Mass - 5.30pm each Sunday

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.

Baptisms - Go to our website to book or contact Bernadette Ho. (*details on front page*)

Weddings - Contact the parish secretary.

For a **Marriage/Anniversary Blessing** at a Saturday/Sunday Mass contact Nicole in the Parish Office on 94109000 (at least 1 month before requested Mass)

SUNDAY MASS READINGS:

Entrance: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

1st Reading: Is 7:10-14 The virgin will conceive.

Responsorial Psalm: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

2nd Reading: Rom 1:1-7 Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

Gospel: Mt 1:18-24 Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS:

MON: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

TUES: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1:67-79

WEDS: **Nativity of the Lord**

THURS: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
St Stephen

FRI: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8
St John

SAT: 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
The Holy Innocents

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

		<u>21/22 Dec</u>	<u>28/29 Dec</u>
Vigil	5.30pm	Fr John(S)	Fr John
Sun	7.30am	Bishop David	Fr Jim
	9.00am	Fr John	Bishop David(K)
	10.30am	Fr Jim(K)	Fr John(K)
	5.30pm	Fr John	Fr Jim

	<u>5.30 pm Saturday</u>	<u>7.30 am Sunday</u>	<u>9 am Sunday</u>	<u>10.30 am Sunday</u>	<u>5.30 pm Sunday</u>
Week 5 28 & 29 December	Junior Server: Welton Ang Senior Server: Mike Kilkeary	Junior Server: Phoebe Thompson Eliza Thompson Senior Server: Gerard Ryan Rose Thompson	Junior Server: Emanuela Leung Viviana Leung Senior Server: Stephanie Ho Gabriel Yi	Junior Server: Kenneth Dizon Angeline Dizon Jasmine Dizon Francis Fabela Arwen Taqueban Senior Server: James Godfrey Paul Taqueban	Junior Server: Andrew Kim Margaret Kim Senior Server: Fernanda Carrillo James Godfrey

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*.